

Congregationalist, Mr. John Cameron, of the *London Advertiser*, as chairman. His humorous, though kind remarks, in reference to old times, were much appreciated by the older members. He complimented the school, and made us all happy.

The week of prayer was observed by union prayer-meetings held alternately in the churches, our pastor, Rev. W. H. A. Claris, conducting the services here. Sickness in the neighborhood has had its effect on our congregations; still we are steadily increasing. Our Sunday school roll now numbers one hundred and forty-five scholars.

We have started a building fund. Sunday afternoon, five o'clock, is the time set apart for united prayer for this object. Friends, will you join us?—C. C.

TORONTO, OLIVET.—The Ladies' Aid Society of Olivet church, Toronto, held their annual meeting in the lecture room, Thursday afternoon, Jan. 4, when the officers for the year were elected, namely: Mrs. E. A. Beers, Hon. Pres.; Mrs. H. Wickson, Pres.; Mrs. Nicholls, 1st Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Drury, 2nd Vice Pres.; Mrs. D. Scott, Sec.; Mrs. E. J. Atkinson, Treas.; Social Committee, Mrs. G. N. Scott, Mrs. Tod, Mrs. C. Smith, Jr.; Visiting Committee, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Nicholls; Charitable Committee Mrs. Geo. Scott, Mrs. Wightman, Mrs. Dunkerly; Board of Directresses, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Varnel, Mrs. Macey; Collectors for Repair Fund, Misses Inabel Morrison, Helen Graham; Auditor, Chas. Matthews.

The society secretary's report for the year showed forty members on the roll; number of meetings held during the year, thirty-three, with an average attendance of seventeen. The meetings are held on Thursday afternoon of each week, and are the means of bringing the members more in contact with each other, as they gathered together with one object in view, in which they are all interested, to promote our growth spiritually, and to enlarge and develop all work in connection with this church, coming under the head of Woman's Work. The treasurer reported having received during the year the sum of \$471.47. M. A. SCOTT, Sec.

KINGSTON, BETHEL.—One of the largest and most interesting annual meetings which ever took place in connection with Bethel Congregational church, was held in its lecture room last Wednesday evening. After a substantial repast had been served by the Ladies' Aid Society, the regular business of the evening was taken up, and some one hundred members of the congregation listened attentively to the reading of the reports of the year's work, as presented by the officers of the

church and of the various societies in connection with it. The treasurer's statement was especially encouraging, showing, as it did, that notwithstanding the fact that the past year had been one of unusual stringency in money matters, affecting more or less all classes of the community, the finances of the church were in a most flourishing condition, and there was a balance in the treasury, after meeting all liabilities, of \$93.90. The offerings and collections for the year from all sources amounted to \$1,914.44, or nearly \$500 more than those of any previous year in the history of Bethel church. By the secretary's report it was seen that 41 had been received into fellowship during the year, all but three on profession. The trustees' report showed that an excavation had been made beneath church building, and a furnace placed in it, which improvements amounted to over \$500, on which about \$300 had been paid. On the vacant lot adjoining, the ground in front of the church, improvements had been made. The pastor in his review, referred to the harmony which had prevailed, and to the co-operation of the people in the work, and to the improved spiritual condition of the membership. By statistics of the Sunday school and Christian Endeavor it was seen that there was marked progress. In the course of the evening a purse of money, accompanied by an address, was presented to the pastor, Rev. J. R. Black. Mr. Black was greatly surprised, but made a fitting reply. The election of officers then proceeded, and the meeting closed with the singing of "Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow."

TORONTO, WESTERN.—Rev. William Johnson presided at the annual meeting on Friday evening of the Western Congregational Church. There was a good attendance. The pastor presented a short report showing that 26 persons had been admitted to membership, and there had been seven removals during the year. The membership now stood at 164, and there had not been a single removal by death during the year. The pastor alluded to the fact that he had now for sixteen months ministered to the spiritual wants of the church, and the happiest relations existed between the congregation and himself. The congregation was increasing gradually, its organization was as perfect as could be, and the utmost harmony prevailed on all sides. Treasurer J. W. Hewetson presented a financial statement, showing that the receipts amounted to \$2,701, and the expenditure to \$2,175, showing a balance in hand of \$526. During the year \$800 was raised by open collections, \$972 by weekly offerings, and \$119 by special subscriptions. The Ladies' Aid Society had subscribed \$385 in aid of the church funds, and donations to the amount of \$373 had been contributed. Mr. J.