

unanimously passed, and later on an addition of \$200 per annum was made to his salary. It is felt that the congregation has done a wise thing in deciding to move to a site in the northern part of the city, and that by doing so they will succeed in retaining Mr. McGillivray as their pastor.

TORONTO.

At the annual meeting of Morningside Presbyterian Church, Swansea, in the absence of the Moderator, Rev. J. W. Rae, of Toronto Junction, Rev. W. D. Ballantyne was asked to preside. The reports of the session and several organizations of the church were of the most encouraging nature. The Treasurer reported an increase of the collections and all liabilities fully paid. The report of the Sabbath School was most encouraging, both as to growth of attendance and offerings. An innovation was made by the election of two ladies to the Board of Managers. Mr. James Brydson and Miss Ada Smith were elected to serve for the three-year term, and Mrs. James Rae for one year in the place of Mrs. Wm. Brydson, who has removed from the city.

The annual meeting of Old St. Andrew's congregation was presided over by Dr. Price Brown, and a very large number of the members were present. The meeting was of the most harmonious character, and the reports which were read showed that every department of the church was in a thoroughly healthy condition. During the year the floating debt has been cleared off, and after all the ordinary expenses had been met, a balance was left of \$335. The present membership of the church is 536. The statement of receipts and expenditures showed that the receipts had amounted to \$5,143 and the expenditures to \$7,039.

After twenty years of service, Mr. Archibald McMurchy has resigned the position of superintendent of the Sunday-school, and Mr. W. L. Symons has been appointed in his place. The new members of the Board of Management elected are:—Messrs. John G. Kent, Robt. Weir and J. H. McCabe.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church was presided over by the pastor, the Rev. G. R. Fasken, B.A. The reports show a very satisfactory state of affairs in the congregation. The total membership is now 243, a net increase of 22 during the year. The reports of the several treasurers show that \$2,555 has been raised during the year, exclusive of \$490 received from the sale of the old church site. Of this amount \$155 was raised for missionary and benevolent purposes. The full amount asked from the congregation for the schemes of the church was \$177, and \$20 more than that amount was allocated. At the close of the business part of the meeting the pastor, on behalf of the Board of Managers, presented Mr. Robt. Muir with a cheque for \$25 as a slight recognition of his self-sacrificing and valuable services as presenter. A pleasant feature of the meeting was the harmony and good feeling that prevailed, and the spirit of hopefulness that was manifest.

Rev. Alex. Gilray, the pastor, presided at the annual meeting of the College Street Presbyterian Church. Mr. C. R. Peterkin read the report of the Board of Managers, in which it was noted that there had been an increase in the weekly offerings, both open and by envelope. This was very encouraging, and they hoped that in a short time the increase would result in all current expenses being met by this method of contributing towards the support of ordinances, and leave all contributions from other sources to reduce the floating debt of the church. They had received in open collections, \$977.47; from envelopes, \$3,783.08; total \$4,760.55. It was announced that arrangements had been made whereby \$189 a year would be saved in interest account. The membership now stands at 849.

The following were elected to the Board of Managers:—Messrs. C. G. Smith, C. R. Peterkin, D. W. Clark, T. A. Wilson, T. P. Loblaw, three years; Josiah Bennett, two years; Messrs. Turnbull, Bastedo and Harcourt were re-elected Trustees, and Messrs. Merson and Nicholson Auditors.

At the annual congregational meeting of St. David's Church, St. John, N.B., Rev. S. Brown, pastor—the following gentlemen were elected trustees for the ensuing year:—Francis F. Burpee, Geo. R. Ewing, Wm. J. Fraser, C. J. Milligan, T. J. McPherson, F. Rodden, Jas. Seaton, Wm. Smith, and T. H. Somerville. The reports of trustees and session for 1898 showed the church to be in a very satisfactory condition.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Dr. Torrance, Moderator of the General Assembly, has been preaching anniversary services at Hensell.

The stipend of the Rev. R. E. Knowles, minister of Knox Church, Gait, has been increased from \$2,500 to \$3,000.

Rev. Thos. Wilson, London, has been lecturing on "Thirty Years with South Sea Cannibals," in St. Andrew's Church, Stratford.

The Rev. T. C. Tolmie, B.A., of Windsor, is announced to conduct anniversary services in Erskine Church, Hamilton, on the 8th prox.

The Rev. Dr. Boyle of Colorado Springs has declined the call to the First Church of Omaha, Neb. Dr. Boyle will be known to many of our readers as at one time minister of Knox Church, St. Thomas, Ont.

Of the recent anniversary services in the First Presbyterian Church, London, the Advertiser says of the preacher, the Rev. Prof. McFayden, of King's College: "The impression created by Prof. McFayden was extremely favorable. Manner unpretentious; matter strongly thought out; level-headed judgment; compact expression, so much so that the hearer needed to keep his mind awake lest he should miss something; and, withal, many subtle indications that the speaker was saturated with the best literature and the latest learning." The pastor, Rev. W. J. Clark, asked for a special collection of \$1,000 towards reduction of the church debt. The amount placed on the plates amounted to \$1,041.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Mr. J. Burt Sutherland of Montreal, occupied Knox Church pulpit, Lancaster, last Sunday evening.

Rev. Robt. Johnston, St. Andrew's, London, will preach in Calvinist Church, Pembroke, on March 5th, the occasion being the anniversary of the church.

Rev. W. S. McTavish, B.D., of Deseronto, has been invited to deliver an address at the meeting of the alumni of Knox College, Toronto, on Feb. 1st.

At the last regular meeting of the Presbytery of Kingston, the Rev. Robert Campbell, D.Sc., of Renfrew, was unanimously nominated for the moderatorship of the next General Assembly.

The Packet says: The Rev. W. Johnston, of Millbrook, filled the pulpit of the Orillia Presbyterian Church very acceptably on Sunday. Rev. Dr. Grant preached anniversary sermons at Millbrook.

St. Andrew's Church, Carleton Place, is making steady progress. There was raised the sum of \$3,000, nearly \$1,000 of which was for the church schemes. All the reports presented were of an encouraging character.

The Presbytery of Glengarry has sustained the call from Kenyon to Rev. Mr. Golong, of Otonabee, Ont., for a salary of \$1,000. Arrangements were made for the induction, in the event of the call being accepted.

At a recent meeting of the Coldwater Presbyterian Church, Mr. Howard Chester was elected Elder, and the Board of Managers, Mr. W. J. Leatherdale, Dr. Currie, Dr. J. A. Harvie, Mr. Steinhoff and Mr. A. Paterson, were re-elected. It was decided to open a Sunday-school. Mr. Chester was subsequently ordained to the Eldership on Sunday.

The new St. Andrew's Church, Perth, will be opened next Sunday, the 29th inst. The Moderator of the General Assembly, Rev. Dr. Torrance, of Guelph, and the Rev. Dr. Robert Campbell, of Montreal, will preach morning and evening respectively. On Monday evening a social meeting will be held, interspersed with addresses and music. We regret that it is out of our power to accept the pastor's kind invitation to be present.

The annual meeting of Zion Church, Carleton Place, was largely attended. Rev. A. A. Scott, the pastor, presided. The reports presented were most satisfactory and showed that the congregation was steadily growing. The large sum of \$1,363 was contributed for missionary schemes during the year, and \$1,916 was raised for congregational purposes, besides \$150 towards the Manse debt and \$785 on the organ fund. The total amount raised by the congregation during the year was \$4,502.

The annual congregational meeting of St. Andrew's Church was held in the lecture room of the church on Thursday evening, the pastor, Rev. H. Gracey, presiding. Encouraging reports were presented from the session and

the various societies connected with the congregation. The mortgage debt now stands at \$1,100. Officers and committees were appointed for the current year, upon which the congregation enters full of hope and trust that the material and spiritual prosperity which crowned the year 1898 may be even more fully realized during 1899.

MONTREAL.

The recent union of the two churches at LaSalle, so happily consummated by the Presbytery of Montreal, is bearing good fruit. Already the best of feeling prevails, and congregational work is being carried on with hearty unanimity.

At the annual meeting of the Montreal West Presbyterian Church, the Rev. S. J. Taylor, Moderator of Session, took the chair. After some preliminaries, including an address by Mr. Douglas, of the Presbyterian College, the Moderator asked Mr. W. H. Warren, chairman of the Board of Managers, to preside over the meeting. All the reports submitted indicated progress. The Ladies' Aid has a membership of 25 and collected over \$100. Seventy-two pupils are on the Sunday-school role, and Dr. Kelly awarded prizes to eight scholars, who had never missed a lesson. Thirteen new names had been added to the membership, which now numbers sixty-two. Over \$1,500 had been collected from all sources during the year, and the assets exceeded the liabilities by about \$40.

A statement has been issued by Rev. R. P. Mackay, Presbyterian Foreign Mission secretary, in which he says: "There are twenty students expecting to graduate next spring from our Presbyterian Colleges who are volunteers for foreign mission work. Of these at least ten will be able to satisfy the committee as to their fitness. The church has been asked to give \$65,000 this year to maintain the work already in hand; if to this \$5,000 were added, these ten men could be sent." Mr. Mackay is endeavoring to get ten wealthy individuals or congregations to guarantee the support of the ten new men.

It is said that a large number of the members of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, favor giving a call to a brilliant young preacher now settled in a city down by the sea.

Literary Notes.

The Rev. Dr. Chiniquy was up to the time of his illness engaged writing a new book, a companion volume to "Fifty Years in the Church of Rome," entitled "Forty Years in the Church of Christ." This is nearly completed, only a few chapters remaining to be written. And now it will likely be completed by his son-in-law.

To the mind that is capable of appreciating the best efforts of modern periodical literature, the month's reading without "Blackwood" is incomplete. The January number now before us contains no single page the reading of which leaves behind it the feeling of regret on the part of the reader of having so passed his time. The opening story, "No Man's Land," is a weird, eerie, tragic story of Scottish Highland belief in the mystical continuation of "The Autobiography of a Child" gives a prompt glimpse of child life passed within the walls of a Roman Catholic convent; the description of the actual flogging of a frail, delicate child of eight years, administered by a lay sister, under the untrusting eyes of the superiors; of the same child, with others of the same age (eight years), preparing herself by the study of a "manual" for her first confession; the visit of the bishop to the convent; the administration of the rite of confirmation to the children of the convent; all these descriptions in the pages of any less carefully edited magazine, we should have regarded as unreal, and condemned the writer for an unwise pandering to an unhealthy appetite for hysterical sensationalism; but coming as they do in the pages of Blackwood, we fear they are portrayals only too truly delineated of scenes of actual conventual life. There is also an admirable article on "Men who have kept a diary" which ranges over the whole distance from Peppy to Grant Duff; and another interesting paper, Montrose and Argyll in fiction, drawn forth by the recent tales of "John Splendid" and "The Ansel of the Covenant," which discusses critically the different ways in which these two heroes of Scottish history have been portrayed by writers of so-called historical novels.