

meeting, that the Presbytery be divided, and a new Presbytery be formed to be called the Presbytery of Collingwood and Alliston. It was agreed to hold a special meeting at Barrie on the last Tuesday of February, for consideration of Remits of the General Assembly, and to hold the next regular meeting on the last Tuesday of March, at Allandale, at 10.30 a.m. Rom. Moopie, Clerk.

### Presbytery of Paris.

A MEETING of the Paris Presbytery was held in the church at Norwich on Tuesday, Jan. 2th, at 29 p.m., for the ordination and induction of Mr. J. M. Millar, M. A., of Queen's University into the charge of Norwich and Bookton. The church was filled by a large and interested congregation. The moderator of Presbytery, Rev. E. Cockburn, M. A., presided. The Rev. R. M. Hamilton of Brantford preached the ordination sermon, after which the moderator put the prescribed questions and led in solemn prayer, in the course of which Mr. Millar was ordained by the laying on of the hands of Presbytery. The charge to the pastor on the duties and responsibilities of his sacred office was given by Dr. McMullen, and the address to the people was delivered by the Rev. Mr. McGregor of Tilsonburg. The services were throughout of a solemn and impressive character. A social meeting was held in the evening by way of a public reception and welcome to the new pastor.—W. T. McMULLEN, Clerk.

### Presbytery of Hamilton.

THIS Presbytery met in Hamilton on January 15th. A conference on Sabbath Observance and the State of Religion was held on the previous day. A committee was appointed to visit Carleton, and the congregation was urged as soon as possible to have a new church built, so that worship may not any longer be held in the present churches alternately. Mr. S. B. Hamilton and Mr. Langill were received under the care of the Presbytery, and the former was appointed to supply Ancaster for a year and be moderator of session. Mr. J. W. Mitchell's resignation of Thorold was accepted to take effect after February 2nd. A call from St. John's, Hamilton, addressed to Rev. Dr. Hayne, of Pembroke, was sustained, and Mr. James Murray was appointed to prosecute it. The report on the Book of Praise was received, and it was resolved to recommend the revision of the Psalter with the aid of the American U. P. revision or any other. Mr. Parker submitted a carefully-prepared report as to the best method of keeping the accounts of congregations; consideration was delayed. The Home Mission Committee was instructed to arrange for visiting the supplemented congregations.—JOHN LAING, Clerk.

### Presbytery of Maitland

Met at Wingham, on Tuesday, Jan. 15th. Rev. R. Fairbairn, moderator; Rev. F. A. MacLennan, clerk *pro tem*. The Assembly's remit on the draft Book of Praise was considered. It was carried that the psalter in its entirety should occupy the first part in said book. It was carried by a small majority that this Presbytery is not desirous for a new Book of Praise. It was agreed that selections from the prose version of psalms and other portions of Scripture for chanting be embodied in the new Book of Praise. The treasurer's and auditors' reports were received and adopted. Estimates of expenditure for the year were agreed upon. Rev. J. M. Millar declined the call to Kelgrave and Calvin, East Wawanosh. Rev. D. Perrie was appointed interim moderator of the sessions of Kelgrave and Calvin instead of R. S. G. Anderson, resigned. Mr. Perrie was authorized to moderate in a call when the congregations are ready. Leave was given to Mr. MacLennan to moderate in a call to St. Helen's and East Ashfield. Messrs. Sutherland and Murray were appointed to visit Pine River congregation in re augmentation of stipend. Committees on Systematic Benevolence and State of Religion were instructed to give in their reports at next meeting. The trustees of Trowbridge church property were instructed to effect a sale of said property.

It was agreed to hold a conference on Temperance in the Presbyterian Church, Wingham, on Monday evening, March 18th. Messrs. Hartley and Perrie were appointed to make arrangements regarding said conference. Messrs. A. MacNabb and Ballantyne were appointed to address the public meeting in connection with the presentation of the annual report of the W. F. M. S. at next meeting. Next meeting will be held in the Presbyterian church, Wingham, on Tuesday, March 19th, at 11.30 a.m.—J. MACNABB, Clerk.

### A Gaelic Communion.

DR. JAS. GARNICHAEL, of King, writes:—"A week ago I attended a Gaelic communion in the Township of Oro. It was a real Canadian winter Sabbath. The snow lay deep on the roads and on the fields; the air was full of the wild winter storms; but the brave Highlanders gathered from east, west, north and south, to sit down at the table of the Lord and to commemorate the undying love of the dying Saviour. One aged elder sat down whose years numbered four score and fourteen. Many years ago (half a century and more) these brave men and women left their beloved Islay to hew out a new home for themselves in the far Western wilds. They prospered, as they deserved to prosper. But one cannot help feeling how often they must have cast a longing look to the friends and the scenes they left behind."

"From the dim shelling on the misty island,  
Mountains divide us, and a world of seas,  
But our hearts are true, our hearts are Highland,  
For in our dreams we behold the Hebrides."

It did the heart good to hear the old Psalms sung to the good old Scottish tunes without any artificial aid from harp or organ, and awakened many tender memories of communion seasons long ago.

### Annual Meetings.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's church, Arnprior, regret was expressed that the improvement looked for in the weekly prayer meeting had not been realized. At the beginning of the year the church had 271 members, which had since been increased by 36, 19 by confession of faith and 17 by certificate. During the year there had been a loss of 16, 10 becoming transferred and 6 paying the debt of nature, leaving a present membership of 291. For missions the sum of \$950 was collected. The total receipts for the year were \$2,195.76, the disbursements \$2,167.61, leaving a balance on hand of \$31.15. The building fund report was encouraging, the present debt on the church was shown to be \$1,400. \$150 had been willed this fund by the late Mrs. Robert Young.

### THE PARKDALE CHURCH.

Rev. D. C. Hossack presided at the opening of the annual meeting of the Parkdale church. Throughout the entire business of the gathering the greatest harmony prevailed. The report of the session showed that the attendance at the various church and Sabbath school meetings during the year had been very large. The missionary contributions had increased largely, one offering taken up during the year amounting alone to \$1,200, with 460 families contributing. It was recommended that the Sabbath school accommodation be increased. Six elders had retired during the year, four of whom had left to organize a new church. At the beginning of the year there were 67 on the church roll, and there were now on the roll 715, being a net gain of 58. The report of the managers showed the total contributions to have been \$2,622.03, being an increase of \$1,343.75 over last year. The yearly offerings amounted to \$7,431.46, of which \$1,362.13 was from special contributions, and \$6,072 from the ordinary collections. An appeal was made to reduce the mortgage debt on the church by \$1,000 during the present year, but by subse-

quent resolution it was decided to have the pastor make four special appeals from the pulpit, and that the debt be reduced \$2,000 if possible by collections. It was decided that the board of managers be increased to 18 instead of 15 as hitherto. The pastor's stipend was increased \$250 to \$2,500, in appreciation of his excellent work rendered to the congregation. The financial statements from the various societies showed the ordinary revenue to have been \$6,500.71. Reports from the societies and leagues showed a most satisfactory state of affairs. The new Board of Managers was elected as follows:—Messrs. Carlaw, F. N. Nicholson, and James Crichton, by acclamation; R. E. Jamieson, Haly, and Dr. Buck, for three years; A. Dole, to retire in 1897; W. C. Hewish, Dr. Sloan, and R. Forbes, for one year. Messrs. Alex. McMillan and D. C. Little were chosen auditors.

### EAST CHURCH, TORONTO.

The annual congregational meeting of East Presbyterian church, Toronto, was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at which the large lecture-room was well filled with members of the congregation. Devotional exercises were conducted by the minister, Rev. J. A. Morison, B.A., who also conducted the business meeting until after the reception of the session report, when the chair was taken by Mr. Culross, chairman of the board of management. The meeting was most harmonious and felicitous, and, although it was only in July that Mr. Morison's induction terminated a somewhat long vacancy, still the congregation evinces a very hopeful and healthy condition. The session report shows that during the year 33 members were added by certificate and 27 by profession of faith, a total of 60; 22 were disjoined by certificate and 4 removed by death, leaving a net gain of 34. There were 10 baptisms—8 of children, 2 of adults. The treasurer reported receipts amounting to \$4,095.94, disbursements \$3,973.07, leaving a balance on hand of \$122.87. Ladies Aid—This society has charge of the building fund, and by the 1st of March next will be in a condition to reduce the church debt by \$250. The Sabbath school membership roll is 338, average attendance 338. The Y. P. S. C. E., senior branch, commenced the year 1894 with 54 active and 14 associate members, a total of 68; begins 1895 with 74 active and 27 associate, a total of 101. Over 7000 tracts were distributed by the members. Junior branch—membership 53, an increase of 10 over the previous year, and an average attendance of 48. The juniors last year sent bags containing reading matter, through Rev. Dr. Moffat, to many of the boats on the lakes. They hope this year to raise money enough to support a missionary in China. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Auxiliary—membership roll 41, average attendance 21. An active interest was taken in missionary work. The Bible class under the tuition of Mr. Morison has an average attendance of 95. At this class two series of lectures have been given—one on the "Sermon on the Mount," and the second, which is now in progress, on the "Inspiration of the Scriptures." Towards the close of the meeting the matter of seating the congregation was given earnest consideration, which, owing to the increase in attendance, is becoming a necessary problem.

### ST. MARK'S, TORONTO.

Rev. J. C. Stuart presided at the annual meeting of St. Mark's church, King street west. The report of the managers showed receipts amounting to \$2,163.63, giving a balance over running expenses of \$270, which was applied to the debt on the building. The amount received from all sources was \$2,524, an increase of \$360 over last year. The report also showed that 80 new members had been added to the roll and 44 removed, the net increase being 36, and the total membership 222. There were 15 baptisms and two deaths. The various missionary organizations gave \$225 to missions. The reports from the Ladies' Aid Society, the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, the Boy's Brigade, the C. F. Society, and the Sabbath school were very gratifying. In the Sabbath school there are 470 children