

MONTREAL AND QUEBEC.

At the annual meeting of Melville Church, Westmount, reports were presented from all the organizations of the church, of a very gratifying nature, and all showed that the congregation was in a very flourishing state. There was raised for all purposes during the year the sum of \$8,366.81, leaving no floating debt or accounts unpaid. The following officers were elected: President, J. H. Shaw; vice-president, A. W. D. Howell; treasurer, G. H. Hanna; secretary, William Brown; managers, Charles Johnston, William Greig, Jr., R. F. Walker, W. S. Moore, Bruce Stewart, John Hendry, John McBayle, and D. A. Rolland; auditors, W. C. Jarvis and T. Waterston.

A special meeting of Presbytery was held in Taylor Church last Friday evening to consider the resignation of Rev. W. D. Reid, who has accepted the appointment of Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions for Alberta. A strong deputation, representing the various organizations in the congregation, earnestly pleaded that their pastor's resignation be not accepted, but without avail; and as the moderator, the Rev. Dr. Campbell, ruled that the call to Alberta having come from a commission of the General Assembly, vested with the powers of the assembly, the presbytery had no power to interfere with the resignation there was no course open but accept it. The Rev. W. D. Reid said that he had received many calls, but had at last decided to accept one when he found that it provided a broader sphere of activity. After strong protests and endeavors on the part of both congregation and presbytery to retain Mr. Reid, on the motion of the Rev. Dr. Scrimmer, the resignation was regrettably accepted.

The annual meeting of the Maisonneuve Presbyterian Church recently held, was very satisfactory. The minister, Rev. Peter A. Walker, presided. The total receipts for the year including contributions to the Building Fund, amounted to about \$2,800. The Ladies' Aid Society raised \$719 over \$500 of this amount being raised from their bazaar. The Christian Endeavor Society presented the church with a piano which they have finished paying for this year. A flourishing boys' brigade has been started with 47 names on the roll and with an average attendance of eighty-eight per cent. Excellent reports were read from the Sunday school and Woman's Missionary Auxiliary. During the year the new church was opened with appropriate services. The duplex envelope has been introduced and it is doing good work. During the year thirty-one united with the church making 119 additions during the present pastorate of five years. The minister reported officiating at twenty-two baptisms; thirteen funerals and nine weddings during the year. During the last five years a two manual organ and piano have been purchased and paid for. A mortgage resting on the old church has been paid. The old church enlarged and improved and a new church built costing \$15,000. The Presbyterian Union gave generous aid to build and St. Andrew's Church, Westmount, donated the pulpit and pews from their old church. The Maisonneuve church gave the pews of their old church to Tremblayville Church where their minister began the first Protestant service about two and one half years ago, and has since preached there every Sunday afternoon and where now there is a fully organized cause a neat frame church and four lots of land. The Union also assisted in building this church and the lots were the gift of a land company. Less than \$100 debt is now on the property worth \$2,500. The Maisonneuve church is an offshoot of Erskine Church, Montreal, and is looking to self support in the near future.

Rev. Mr. McCulloch, of Owen Sound, is engaged at present in evangelistic services at Lucan, Ont.

TORONTO.

The city churches have nearly all held their annual meetings and taken stock for the past year. The result, in most cases, seems to have been very satisfactory. Below will be found a brief summary:

Another successful year was reported at Erskine Presbyterian Church. Rev. James Murray presided. The financial report showed receipts of \$5,087.12, and expenditures \$5,077.83.

The membership of Albion Church is now 152, an increase during the year of 76. Receipts were \$3,006, and after all payments had been made a balance of \$29 remained.

Victoria Church, Annette street, reports a membership of 819. Receipts for the year from all sources totaled \$10,000. Since the resignation of Rev. Dr. Pidgeon, the congregation has been without a pastor.

Increased amounts raised for missions and general church purposes were shown by the reports presented at Cowan Avenue Church. About \$5,500 was raised, of which a small balance remains. The membership was increased during the year, and now stands at 425.

Since its organization a few months ago, the Rosedale church, (Rev. D. Strachan, B.A., minister), raised \$29,152, of which \$4,118 was ordinary revenue, \$4,920 for missions and \$20,000 for church building purposes. The Sunday School, which has a membership of 112, raised \$300 for missions during the year.

At College Street, the receipts from all sources during the year were \$14,750, with expenditures of almost the same amount, leaving a small balance. The membership was 1,285 persons, an increase over the preceding year. A warm vote of appreciation of the services of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Alex. Gilray, on the completion of the thirty-fifth year of his pastorate, was passed.

The changing of the population of the district from an English-speaking to foreign was responsible for a decrease in the membership of West Church. At the annual meeting it was shown that there had been 200 removals during the year, leaving the membership now 858. Total contributions were \$5,640, of which \$1,286 was devoted to missions.

Reports presented at meeting of Parkdale church indicated a prosperous condition of affairs. The total revenue amounted to \$18,815.44. The congregation during the year provided the minister with an assistant, stenographer and lady visitor. The present active membership is 1,257, a net gain for the year of 54. The pastor's salary was increased by \$250, making it \$3,500.

The congregation of Old St. Andrew's in annual meeting confirmed the recent appointment of Prof. Law, as assistant to Dr. Milligan. The receipts for the year, including a small balance from 1908, amounted to \$1,085.87. Mr. McLaren, after 30 years' service as church officer, was voted \$1,000 gratuity. The membership of the church now stands at 777, a net gain during the year of fifteen.

The debt of the Avenue Road church was reduced by \$500 and the mortgage indebtedness now stands at \$33,530, with a floating debt of \$14,850. During the year fifty-three new members were enrolled, making a total membership of 586. The total receipts for all purposes amounted to \$13,133. Of this amount, \$1,529 was given for mission purposes. The stipend of the pastor, Rev. J. W. Stephen, was increased from \$2,250 to \$2,500 a year.

In report of session, Bloor Street church, appreciative mention was made in the address of session to the loss suffered by the congregation in the death during the year of Principal McLaren, Professor Gregg and Mr. David Fotheringham. The membership had grown from 978 to 1,020, weekly offerings amounted to \$13,240; contributions to the schemes, \$7,000; for missionary and benevolent work, \$9,500; the grand total of givings being \$37,000.

St. Giles Church now has a membership of 519, an increase of 65 during the past year. Receipts were \$5,033, of which \$967 went to missions. The pastor, Rev. M. Heribson, presided at the annual meeting.

In High Park Church the total receipts received from all sources were \$3,500, and the disbursements about the same. It was announced that the new church, now under construction, will be completed in about two weeks. The stipend of the Rev. S. C. Gray was increased, and advances were voted to the choir leader and the janitor.

The total amount raised from all sources in Riverdale Church, was \$2,651.60, and the expenditure was \$2,590.67, leaving a balance of \$60.93. The congregation was made self-supporting only last year. The mortgage was reduced by \$350. The salary of the pastor, Rev. J. A. Miller, was increased from \$1,000 to \$1,100 and it is felt by the congregation that the church will soon have to be enlarged.

The general receipts of the Eglinton Church amounted to \$2,298.63, an increase of \$450 over last year, with an expenditure of \$2,270.16. The schemes of the church netted \$235.64. Building account showed the total cost of the new church, including the lot, furnishings, etc., to be \$9,094.11, of which amount there is the small mortgage of \$2,500 unpaid. The pastor's stipend was increased from \$1,400 a year to \$1,500.

Chalmers Church is still progressing. The total receipts amounted to \$14,332. For mortgage reduction the sum of \$885 and \$5,000 borrowed from the Women's Association. The amount now due on the principal of the mortgage totals \$26,180, of which \$6,680 is for the Sunday School. The membership of the church is 1,100. During the year 172 new members had been received, while 132 left. An effort will be made to get 300 subscribers of \$10.00 each to wipe off the mortgage indebtedness. A movement of this kind should be quite successful in so liberal a congregation.

Session of Governor St. Church reported that the congregation had suffered from removals owing to the outward movements of families. The present membership is 593. The report notes the loss sustained by the death of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Crombie. The managers' report is one of the most satisfactory in the history of the congregation. The church debt was extinguished last April, and after meeting all liabilities the managers have on hand a balance of \$29.25. The total amount raised was \$8,985.38. The report of the Missionary Association is very satisfactory, the total contribution for all purposes being \$5,927.

At the Sunday evening service for men held in the town hall, Owen Sound, Rev. G. A. Woodslee, M.A., whose subject was the "Labor Problem," took a wide view of that vexed question. His thoughts centred around the verses, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling," and "When I became a man, I put away childish things." After showing the utility of labor for mere financial success, considered from the true, which is the permanent standpoint, he asked the question, "What is success?" and answered that for a man, success is to achieve true manhood, and as man was created in the likeness of God success was the result of earnest labor to follow in that image. He spoke of the instinct for worship innate in every normal human being, even in the so-called savage races, which showed that man's life had a religious centre and those who drifted away from that centre left their God-planned orbit and failed to achieve the purpose of their existence. Other things were changing, even the most substantial things of earth, such as the mountain. The only stable, safe foundation was the base-religion.

There were 140 additions to the membership of Queen East church. By unanimous vote the salary of Rev. W. H. Andrews, the pastor, was increased by \$300. The total receipts were \$4,450, with disbursements of \$4,271.88.