

Presbytery. The call was signed by seventy members and forty-five adherents. Stipend promised, five hundred dollars and manse. Messrs. McFarlan and McLeish, from St. Andrews, and A. F. Cranston and Walker from Caledon East, were heard, and stated that the call was thoroughly unanimous. The call was sustained and ordered to be transmitted to the Owen Sound Presbytery, and, conditional on Mr. Fleming's translation being granted, arrangement was made for his induction at Caledon East on February 23rd, at 2 p.m., Mr. Campbell to preside, Mr. Farquharson to preach, Mr. Fowlie to address the minister and Mr. Hosack the people. Mr. Wells gave a very full and interesting report on the financial and statistical returns of congregations to last Assembly. Mr. Hudson tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of Dundalk and Ventry. Mr. Wells was appointed to preach at Dundalk and Ventry and cite the Session and congregations to appear for their interests at next regular meeting, when Mr. Hudson's resignation would be considered. The Clerk read a circular letter from Dr. Reid to the effect that this Presbytery would be expected to raise \$100 this year for the Assembly Fund. Mr. Turner, a commissioner from the congregation of Bethel Church, Price's Corners, asked liberty for the congregation to build a new Church on a site near the old one and to use for said building the material in the old church. Liberty was granted in terms of the request. Mrs. Pattullo and Mrs. Myers, delegates from the Woman's Presbyterian Foreign Mission Society, then in session, were received and heard. They stated that the work of the Society had progressed favourably during the past year. The amount collected was \$501, a sum not altogether so large as that raised in the previous year, owing to the fact that they had received several liberal donations the previous year. The Presbytery expressed their gratification at the continued success of the Society, and appointed Messrs. Farquharson and McRobbie to convey to the Society the congratulations of the Presbytery. Anent the remit on "Instruction for Catechists" the Presbytery decided as follows: First, instead of clauses three and four of recommendation second (the following be substituted, viz: That all Presbyteries shall encourage catechists labouring within their bounds to attend the lectures of the first and second years in Systematic Theology, Pastoral Theology, Apologetics and Old and New Testament History in some one of the Presbyterian Colleges and to pass the examination at the close of each session. Second, that clauses five and six be not approved. The following parties were appointed to visit the supplemented congregations: Mr. McRobbie to Grand Valley and South Luther; Mr. Wells to Dundalk and Ventry; Mr. McLeod to St. Andrews, Proton and Proton Station. The Presbytery held a conference in the evening, which was very interesting and instructive, when the following subjects were discussed: First, how to keep up a live prayer meeting; second, how to organize the young in Christian work; third, pastoral visitation—how to make it profitable. The next regular meeting will be held at Orangeville on March 31st, at 11 a.m.—H. CROZIER, Pres. Clerk.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS.

The annual congregational meeting of St. Johns Church, Toronto, was held recently, and the following is a synopsis of the proceedings: The various reports showed that \$2,125 65 had been contributed for the year 1891 by the congregation alone for all purposes, made up as follows, viz: Ordinary revenue, \$1,170.88; building fund for the purpose of paying off a floating debt, \$296.09; for missionary and benevolent purposes of all kinds, \$367.56; Sunday school contributions \$241.12; and a donation of \$50 to the organist, who has not hitherto been a salaried officer. In addition to the above they were supplemented by St. James Square, the parent Church, to the amount of \$560, viz., addition to the minister's stipend, \$300; interest on the mortgage debt, \$180; and unofficially for poor relief \$80—making a grand total of \$2,685.65. A proportion of the Sunday school contributions was applied to missionary and benevolent purposes, which makes the total for that object \$413.24, and in addition \$106.22 was expended for ladies' aid and poor relief, making a total of \$519.46. So it will be seen that while assisted to the extent of \$560, the congregation spent nearly that amount for work outside of themselves. The ordinary account and building fund had balances on hand at the close of the year of \$80.15, which will be applied on floating debt, which as yet amounts to \$200. The present membership of the Church stands at 180, a net gain of forty-eight during the year. The average attendance in the Sabbath school during the year was 290, and the staff of teachers and officers numbers forty-six, being an increase on both of fifty-nine over the year 1890. The Christian Endeavour includes fifty-two active and nineteen associate members in good standing. The auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society numbers twenty-six, and the boys' and girls' mission band fifty-six. The Ladies' Aid Society has assisted forty-seven families in this neighbourhood. The work of this Church has expanded in every direction, and there has been no drawback of any kind to retard the work. This, we are sure, must be very gratifying to the pastor, who is ever alert to supply the spiritual and temporal needs of his flock. After ballot duly taken, the following managers were declared chosen, viz., James Ross, James Trail, Thomas Black and Andrew Coulter.

The first annual meeting of Stewarson Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, was held on the evening of the 28th of January, 1892, Mr. D. B. MacTavish, Q.C., chairman of the Managing Committee, presiding, and Mr. James Skead acting as secretary. Reports of a very satisfactory nature were read from the Kirk Session by Mr. I. B. Halkett, Session Clerk; the Building Committee and Sunday school by Mr. W. W. Stephen; the financial statement by Mr. J. S. Durie, treasurer; and the man-

agers' by the Secretary. The progress made has been most satisfactory, the membership being at the beginning of the year twenty-six, and now seventy-eight, while all money engagements have been promptly met. Much to the regret of his attached people the esteemed young pastor, Rev. R. E. Knowles, B. A., was, through serious illness, prevented from being present—a great disappointment to him. To, in a measure, make up for his absence, he sent, and there was read by his brother, Mr. James Knowles, barrister, an exceedingly kind pastoral letter, the affectionate terms of which, as the chairman aptly remarked, were, if possible, more than reciprocated by the congregation. It is the earnest prayer of the Church that Mr. Knowles will soon be restored to his wonted health, long spared to go in and out amongst a loyal and attached people. Beginning in a small, unsuitable school house, Stewarson Church now worships in a neat, beautiful brick building, and has made such progress that, in the not far distant future, it will have to be enlarged or another edifice erected. Situated in one of the best suburbs of the Capital, having an increasing population, and in charge of an eloquent, genial minister, with the utmost harmony and good will subsisting amongst the membership, there seems nothing to prevent this congregation becoming one of the largest and most influential in the Church.

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church, Norwood, was held in the Sunday school of the church recently. There was a large attendance. After the meeting had been opened by prayer by the pastor, who presided, the report of the Session was read and showed that there had been added to the membership during the past year, by certificate four, on profession of faith ten. There had been on the other hand, by deaths, removals and suspensions, twenty-one names dropped from the communion roll, leaving a membership of 193. Mr. A. R. Anderson, chairman of the Board of Management, presented his report. Its recommendations were adopted seriatim, one of which was that the organist should receive a salary. The gratifying item of the report was that the sum of \$2,200 had been raised by the congregation for all purposes, thus liquidating a floating debt of \$500 which hung over the congregation. Mrs. Andrew Davidson read the report of the Ladies' Home Mission Circle. Four hundred dollars had been raised by them for various congregational purposes and the sum of \$477 was in addition collected by them towards the cancelling of the floating debt. Eight hundred and seventy-seven dollars was the total amount raised—a very creditable showing for the ladies. The Sabbath school report showed that the average attendance was seventy-one, and the amount collected for the maintenance of the school \$62.25, and for missions \$53.27. Miss B. Roxburgh read the report of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour. Thirty-six names were on the roll during the past year, twenty-two of whom were active members. The Society had given \$25 towards the securing of additional books for the Sunday school library. Mr. W. E. Roxburgh, secretary-treasurer of the Board of Management, gave a detailed statement of income and expenditure for the past year which showed that the amounts for congregational and missionary purposes were considerably in excess of any previous year. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: The retiring managers, Messrs. John Finlay, James Cumming and Dr. Pettigrew, were re-elected. Dr. Moffat and Mr. J. A. Harper, auditors. The Board of Management elected the following officers: Mr. A. R. Anderson, chairman. Mr. W. E. Roxburgh, secretary-treasurer. A most hearty vote of thanks was tendered the ladies of the Home Mission Circle for their strenuous and successful efforts in so materially assisting the managers. The meeting was a most harmonious and happy one. One pleasing feature was the serving of refreshments by the ladies of the Church.

The thirty-fifth annual meeting of Zion Presbyterian Church, Brantford, was held in the lecture room of the church recently. The chair was occupied by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Cochrane, and the attendance was good. Reports were read regarding Ladies' Aid Society, Ladies' Benevolent Society, Ladies' Auxiliary, Missionary Society, Sabbath school, Session Clerk, Board of Management, the St. Andrews Building Fund, and the general financial statement of the Church. Messrs. Watt and Wallace were re-elected, and Mr. R. W. Robertson added to the Board of Management. The Session Clerk, Mr. Thomas McLeish, presented the report as to the membership, showing that 114 had been received to the communion of the Church, seventy-five dismissed to other localities, nine had been dropped from the roll or had left without certificates, and that eight had died, leaving the membership at date 725. Reference was made in the report to the building and dedication of St. Andrews Mission Church, and to the extra work that this new enterprise entailed upon Dr. Cochrane, whose pastoral duties were discharged with the same fidelity that has characterized him during his long pastorate. Dr. Cochrane presented the reports of the different associations carried on by the ladies of the Church. The Missionary Association had raised during the year \$1,735; the Women's Home Missionary Association, \$212; the Ladies' Aid, \$97; the Ladies' Benevolent Society \$121, and the Foreign Mission Auxiliary \$73. Mr. James A. Ogilvie presented the report of the Sabbath School Association. It showed that in the three schools, Zion Church, St. Andrews and Half-four Street, there were eighty-four officers and teachers, with 667 scholars on the roll, and an average attendance of 365. Zion Church and Half-four Street schools gave \$400 to missions during the year. Dr. Nichol and Mr. John Gilchrist are joint superintendents of the Church school, the former also teaching a Bible class for young men. Mr. William Carpenter is superintendent of Balfour Street, and Mr. W. N. Hossie, of St. Andrews Mission School, with Dr. Nichol in charge of the

evangelistic work connected with the latter. Mr. W. Watt, sr., presented the report of the St. Andrews Mission Committee, showing that \$1,958 had been paid in towards the erection of the building, in addition to the \$1,500 paid last year for the purchase of the ground. Mr. J. F. McLaren, treasurer of the Mission, reported that \$214 had been received towards the furnishing of the Church and maintenance of the Sabbath school since the opening of the Mission. The report of the Christian Endeavour Society was read by Mr. W. Loch ad. It gave interesting details of the attendance and work accomplished during the year. The last report presented was that of the treasurer, Mr. William Grant, who has for a long term of years faithfully served in the capacity and showed that the receipts for the year amounted to \$9,004, and that after all claims had been paid the sum of \$300 remained to reduce the mortgage on the church. Mr. James A. Wallace followed with a statement on behalf of the Board of Management. After all the reports had been read and adopted, on motion of Mr. W. N. Hossie, seconded by Mr. John Montgomery, a hearty vote of thanks was tendered all connected with the different Boards and Missionary Societies, including the choir for their services during the year. Messrs. Andrew N. Ogilvie and Thomas Watt were appointed auditors for the year, and Messrs. William Watt, sr., and J. A. Wallace re-elected for three years to the Board of Management, and Messrs. C. K. McGregor and R. W. Robertson added to the Board. The direction and care of the organ and sacred music was placed under the Board of Management. The meeting, which was throughout exceedingly interesting, was then brought to a close by singing the doxology and the benediction by the pastor.

OBITUARY.

MISS HANNAH GIBSON.

At the residence of her mother, 48 Rose Avenue, Toronto, on January 15, passed to her reward Miss Hannah Gibson. She was daughter of the late William Gibson, and niece of Hon. J. M. Gibson, of Hamilton.

Not many were the years of her pilgrimage, but her labours were many. Never physically strong, but delicate her whole life through, and finally, worn out with protracted suffering, she nevertheless did much for the Master. Of her it may fitly be said: "She being dead yet speaketh," for through her instrumentality many were led to the Saviour she so faithfully followed.

Benevolent and sympathetic, she early took an active interest in Sabbath school and mission work. A sufferer herself, she was a benediction in the "sick room," and when able to do so, her visits were frequent and always accompanied with tokens of her kindness.

St. Pauls Church, at Sparrow Lake, Muskoka, owes much to her memory. The Winchester Street Mission, which has become St. Enoch's Church, Toronto, was the scene of multiplied labours. She taught the "hard class" in the Sabbath school, visited strangers, the poor and the sick of the mission, and, with some others, instituted a night school for a class of poor, neglected boys.

By her will \$200 are bequeathed to St. Enoch's Church and \$200 to the Home Mission Fund of the Presbyterian Church, to be used for the North-West Indians.

Cheerful and patient to the last, she sank to rest in full confidence of an eternity spent with Jesus.

GEORGE COULL, A.M., OF ST. SYLVESTER.

Prof. ssor Campbell, Montreal, writes as follows: The prevailing epidemic has taken away many illustrious victims, and has brought heavy grief to many hearts and homes. I do not know how many mourn the removal from our Church life and work of the 3rd of February, when the Rev. George Coull closed his eyes upon a world that was not worthy of him, in the quiet parish of St. Sylvester; but I feel that I should be untrue to the memory of my departed friend, were I to fail in giving my humble tribute to his sterling worth, or in expressing the sorrowful feeling of personal loss felt by the inner circle of his brethren in the ministry. The scenes of his eventful life in Scotland, in Asia Minor, and in different parts of Canada, I must leave to others to portray, as I trust they will. My

friend had little to say about himself. No more modest or unselfish man ever lived. The personal friend of many successful men in the world of letters and of commerce, he never intruded himself upon their notice, but held on his quiet course of faithful Christian ministry and studious application. Caring little or nothing for publicity, and left to serve his Divine Master, whose character and work none appreciated more than he, in humble fields of labour, he dignified the scenes of his retirement with the genius of his learning and the grace of his ripened Christian character. So honest, transparent, and simple hearted was he in all his acts and converse that I might apply to my friend the words spoken of Benaventura, *conu. Isradita in quo Adam non peccasse videtur*. He was no accuser of the brethren. Spite of many a severe provocation, no harsh word, no unkind expression, ruffled the gentle flow of his kindly intercourse with men of every estate. Fit to peer with the highest in learning and social culture, he could yet condescend to men of low degree, even to vulgar souls unable to understand, far less to appreciate his value. In his own line of scholarship he had not his equal in the Church nor in the land. What other visitor to my study ever carried off my Greek Pausanias for summer reading, and read it through? Ancient and modern Greek were to him as his mother tongue. He read his Hebrew Bible from beginning to end every year, and could speak the language with ease and fluency. Eminent as a classical scholar, he was also versed in French and German, in Italian and Spanish, while Turkish, Arabic, and other Oriental languages were not unknown to him. An intense lover of the Bible, he was, at the same time, no slave to the letter; an ardent Presbyterian, he could see farther than the subordinate standards and polity of the Church. Yet, so far as I know with all his broad charity, he never disturbed the traditional faith of those to whom he ministered, seeking rather to help their joy. His last letters spoke of the pleasure he enjoyed in teaching the Hebrew classes in Morrin College, and his friends in the ministry hoped that, at last, the Church would discover the mine of learning it possessed and turn it to good account. And now, the accumulations of many studious years and of various experiences are lost before they were publicly found, while heaven is the richer by them. Of the loss to his own family I cannot trust myself to write, but there is a vacant chair in my study that it will take many forgetful years to fill, and, in the manse at Cornwall and other ministerial homes oft brightened by the charm of his genial society, there is silent lamentation for him who has entered the House of many mansions and into the joy of his Lord.

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