

## TORONTO.

In the young congregation of Chester the receipts were \$1,152.34; disbursements \$1,150.08.

The Bible Class of Westminster Church presented Rev. Dr. Neil with mission oak arm chair upholstered.

On Thursday of this week Rev. Frank Roe, recently from Scotland, will be inducted to the charge of Unionville.

The Eglinton congregation, while planning to raise off a small mortgage of \$700.00, are looking forward to the erection at an early date of a new edifice.

Port Credit Presbyterians, besides carrying on the ordinary work of the congregation, have completed the building of a manse at a cost of \$3,000.

By additions of 79 new names the membership of Queen street east Church is now 423. The contributions from all sources for the year totalled \$4,266.27.

Westminster Church reports receipts of considerably over \$20,000, including \$5,500 raised by the missionary association. The indebtedness on building fund has been reduced to \$19,700.

The membership of Cowan avenue Church is now 388, showing a gain of 57 during the year. Rev. P. M. McDonald's salary has been increased to \$2,000. The total receipts from all quarters amounted to \$4,846.60.

Wychwood congregation, only organized two years ago, has now 215 members—an increase of 90 during the year. Rev. W. A. McTaggart is pastor, and the future of the congregation is full of promise.

The membership of College Street congregation is now 1,03, and the treasurer's statement showed receipts of \$12,033.75. It was reported from the managers that the mortgage debt had been reduced to \$32,000.

The total receipts for the year as shown at annual meeting of Dover Court congregation were \$8,391, which include sale of the old church building at \$473. It was decided to increase the salary of the pastor, Rev. J. Wilson, by \$150.

The total receipts of Avenue Road Church amounted to \$9,466; and the membership is now 311. The mortgage indebtedness has been wiped off. A good move was increasing the minister's salary to \$1,800.

Bonar Church received 101 new members, 32 of these being from the Sunday school. The communion roll now stands at 532. Total receipts from all sources were \$5,692, leaving a balance on hand of \$326. The minister's salary was increased by \$300.

In spite of the handicap of being without a pastor during the past twelve months, the reports of St. Enock's Church showed that its affairs are in a flourishing condition. Total receipts were about \$7,000. Rev. W. B. Findlay of Niagara Falls South, is under call to this charge.

The Rev. Harold M. Clark, Presbyterian missionary to Honan, left Toronto on 12th inst on his way back to his field of labor. He came to Canada a few weeks ago alone, but he returns to China accompanied by a young lady, who, until a few days ago, was Miss Lillian O'Donnell of Doaktown, New Brunswick. The missionary and his wife will sail for Seattle on Jan. 22.

Knox congregation—soon to move into their up-town church home—has increased the minister's salary, making it \$4,000. The reports submitted to the annual meeting were of a satisfactory character. This congregation treats its treasurer decently, voting him a bonus of \$300.

St. John's congregation is preparing to build a new church, and have in cash and available subscriptions the sum of \$12,600. The membership is 580, an increase of 76 during past year. The gross revenue, without including contributions towards building fund, was \$7,295.46. Rev. McP. Scott has surrounded himself with a band of earnest workers, and anything they undertake will be accomplished in good time. Already the congregation sustains three missionaries in the foreign field.

The membership of the Bloor street church is now over 1,000. The pastors salary was increased to \$3,500. All the schemes of the congregation, the reports showed, were in a satisfactory condition.

The total contributions of West Church for the past year amounted to \$8,301.25, of which the sum of \$2,372.11 was disbursed for missions. Rev. W. A. Wilson is supported by the congregation as a missionary at Indore, India.

In St. Andrew's, King street, the reports presented of the year's work were most satisfactory. The collections for the year in the church proper were \$10,058.40, and the total contributions for all purposes \$15,638.95, a considerable advance on last year. There was a gain in the number of communicants on the roll, the total being 530.

The congregation of Erskine Church celebrated the banner year in its history. The entire mortgage debt, amounting to \$2,400, has been discharged. The receipts from all sources amounted to over \$11,000, of which \$3,163 were for missions. The report of the Session showed additions during the year of 127, withdrawals 119, leaving the present membership at 747.

The membership of St. Paul's Church increased to 413, there having been 128 new members added during the past year. Receipts from all sources were \$7,594.03; disbursements, \$7,394.03, leaving a balance of \$200. The ordinary receipts, namely, envelope and open collections, totalled \$3,273, and \$2,000 was paid into the building fund, while the revenue derived from the associations in the church amounted to \$1,560.

The past year has been a good one in every respect for Old St. Andrew's. It was decided that in order to mark the thirtieth year of Dr. Milligan's pastoral the mortgage amounting to \$15,000 should be wiped off. This was more than accomplished, and \$500 was added to Dr. Milligan's salary, making it \$4,000. The total receipts for the year amounted to about \$30,000.

Chalmers' Church people may well be proud of the excellent showing made by the congregation at the annual meeting. The keys of the new Sunday school, costing \$16,000, were handed to the pastor, Rev. H. A. MacPherson, to whose salary \$100 was added, making it \$2,400. The total membership is 1,297. The year's receipts show:—Building fund, \$6,908; all other revenue, \$11,838; expenditure, \$15,155. The mortgage has been reduced to \$21,000.

The receipts of St. James' Square Church amounted to \$20,802.21, including \$10,973.27 of ordinary revenue and notwithstanding an extra expenditure of \$3,242.58 for redecoration, etc. The year was closed with a balance of \$186.14. Some time ago the Young Men's Club started a mission west of Toronto Junction, and now the pastor, Rev. Alfred Gandier, is urging that they erect a building and support a missionary at that point. This will no doubt be done at no distant date. To plan is with the pastor of St. James' Square to carry out. Although now a "down town" congregation St. James' Square people show no signs of weakness or decay. The present membership is now 773.

At the annual meeting of Parkdale Church it was shown that the revenue amounted to \$15,588.91, made up as follows:—Envelope offering and other collections \$11,745.13; missionary offerings \$2,334.06; Sunday school \$941.89; Ladies' Aid Society, choir, Y. P. Guild, Y. M. Association and Boys' Club \$567.90. The revenue of the church last year was \$891.17 more than in the previous year. The debt was reduced by \$2,000. The membership, 1,181, was increased by 138 in the year. A new organ pulpit and choir platform are being installed at a cost of \$5,000. The energetic pastor, Rev. A. Logan Geggie is greatly encouraged in his work.

## LONDON AND VICINITY.

The season for annual meetings is now on, and congregations are being interested in past progress, present conditions and future prospects as may be indicated by the various reports submitted.

First Presbyterian church, London, met last week, the pastor, Rev. W. J. Clark, in the chair. Mr. Lawrence Gibson, clerk of session, in his statement, reported increase in members, there being now a membership in full communion, of 529. Gratifying reports were received from the Board of Managers, Treasurer A. M. Hamilton, the Sabbath school, General and W. F. Mission Societies, Ladies' Aid, Women's H. M. Circle and Mission Bands, all of which showed a satisfactory condition of things, and hopeful outlook for the future.

St. Andrew's church, London, has also had a prosperous year. The commencement of the meeting held last week was made exceedingly pleasant by the presentation of a nurse to the pastor, Rev. James Ross, D.D., and of another to Mr. C. E. Wheeler, the organist. Both of these were surprises of a most gratifying nature. The report of the managers showed everything in a very flourishing condition, and Treasurer Macintosh reported an increase in general revenue of about \$500, with a handsome balance of over \$2,300. Over \$5,000 has been paid on the new school house which was built a year ago. It is believed a similar amount will be clipped off this mortgage next year. Mr. I. G. retires from the treasurer-ship, which he has held efficiently for many years, and is succeeded by Mr. Alex. Calder.

Passing from the city to the country, reports come of a no less gratifying nature. Chalmers' church, Dunwich, a little congregation of staunch Presbyterians, held its annual meeting last week. Besides contributing generously to the current revenue, meeting all the requirements of the year, with something over, they gave to the schemes of the church somewhere between \$6 and \$7 per family—a noble example to others quite as able. Rev. S. Lawrence is pastor.

The sister congregation, MacBride, in the same charge, shows an equally gratifying state of things, having contributed a rate of \$18.40 per family for ordinary purposes, and a rate of \$5.25 per family for the schemes of the church. All this has been done besides carrying a decent balance over to the new year. It is true that farmers are enjoying good results for their labor and good markets for their produce, but it is a good sign of inward grace when we see these tangible indications of a correspondingly increasing liberality in regard to the things of Christ's kingdom.

## QUEBEC.

The annual meeting of the Georgetown and English River W. M. S. was held in Knox Church, Howick, on the 15th inst. During the year the amount of \$372.84 had been raised, and large bales of clothing sent to the schools at Pointe aux Trembles, and two French Protestant missionaries in the city of Montreal. Two new life members were added—Mrs. E. G. Sills, of Belleville, and Mrs. George McClenaghar. The following were elected office bearers for the year: Hon. president, Mrs. C. M. MacKeracher; president, Mrs. Whillans; vice-presidents, Mesdames J. McKell, William Ogilvie and Mrs. C. A. MacKeracher; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Kellook; treasurer, Mrs. Shanks; representative on executive, Mrs. C. M. MacKeracher and Miss C. Tait.