

Hymnal." Presbytery also favoured the incorporation of selections from the paraphrases, the omission of some of the present hymns, the addition of more hymns for the young appeal, invitation, relating to family religion, some relating to temperance, and also suggested a number of favourite individual hymns not now in the collection, including the national anthem. Presbytery expressed warm appreciation of the series of missionary addresses now being given to the congregations within its bounds by Rev. J. H. McVicar, missionary from China, and appointed a committee to arrange for a similar visit to the Presbytery by Rev. Dr. G. I. McKay, of Formosa, if practicable. A committee was also appointed to arrange for a Missionary Institute to be held in connection with the next regular meeting of the Presbytery, at Whitby, in April.

### Annual Meetings.

#### WINCHESTER.

THE annual meetings of N. Williamsburg and Winchester Springs were held during the second week of January. Reports of session were read by the moderator, Rev. A. Graham, B.A., who also presided at both meetings. The reports were encouraging, and gave special emphasis to the good work done by W.F.M.S., C.E. and S.S. The report of managers was also very encouraging, showing a marked improvement in financial matters. After meeting claims both treasurers have a balance in hand. In May, 1892, the present pastor was placed here, when the congregations were receiving help to the amount of \$150 from the Augmentation Fund. At the end of the first year they were self-sustaining, and in 1893 contributed over \$150 to the schemes of the Church. At N. Williamsburg, the church and manse have been repaired and larger sheds erected, costing in all nearly \$700, and this is all paid. At the Springs, new sheds valued at over \$100 became a necessity, and were erected free of debt. A marked feature of success is the S.S. work, of which much might be said. Both are now giving to missions, besides supporting themselves, and the attendance at the Springs has more than doubled during the past year. The communicants coming from S.S. into the church during the year numbered 21. The C.E. roll has risen in the one year of its existence from 13 to 54 members, and many of these are now giving systematically to missions.

#### SOUTH MOUNTAIN.

THE annual meetings of the congregations of Heckaton and South Mountain were recently held. The pastor, Rev. J. F. MacFarlane, B.A., presided. Reports of a very encouraging character were submitted by the various church organizations. Substantial progress has been made during the year in every department of work. The financial statement showed that after discharging the entire liability of the congregation a small balance remained. The zeal displayed by the members of the W.F.M.S. is worthy of special mention. Through their efforts, the missionary work of the church has been helped to the extent of one hundred dollars. The managers were re-elected for the ensuing year. All look forward with hope to the work of the ensuing year.

#### RAT PORTAGE.

KNOX CHURCH, Rat Portage, Ont. held its annual meeting on the 31st January. There was a good attendance. The pastor, the Rev. R. Nairn, B.A., opened the meeting with devotional exercises. After the pastor had spoken words of encouragement to the congregation and commended the people for their past zeal, diligence and liberality, he asked them to appoint their chairman. Mr. Margach was elected chairman. Reports from session, Christian Endeavour, Sabbath School, W.F.M. Society, Children's Mission Band, Ladies' Aid were given, all indicating growth, activity and spiritual life in the congregation. Mr. D. T. Ferguson read the managers' report, which was an exceptionally good one. It showed that while the congregation was increasing in numbers, individual liberality had also increased. The managers

were enabled to meet all liabilities in a most satisfactory way. Money raised from all sources, some \$2,600. At the close, coffee and cake were served by the ladies. At 10:30 the meeting was closed by the pastor, when all went home in good spirits.

#### ELORA.

THE annual meeting of Chalmers' church, Elora, was held on Wednesday afternoon, January 17th, the pastor, Rev. H. R. Horne, B.A., L.L.B., presiding. There was a large attendance, and much interest was manifested with proceedings. Reports were read from the various missionary societies, the Christian Endeavor Society, the Ladies' Aid, the managers and session, all of which were very encouraging, showing a growing interest and increasing activity in all departments of the work. The managers' statement, showed the total amount raised by the congregation for the year to be \$2,063. The finances of the congregation are in a very satisfactory condition, the total indebtedness being only some \$140, which will without doubt be cleared off before the present year closes. An encouraging feature of the meeting was the hopeful manner in which all looked forward to the work of the New Year, and the determination everywhere manifested to make the year 1894 a great advance on any year the congregation has yet known.

#### QUEBEC.

THE annual meeting of Chalmers' Church, Quebec, was held on Monday evening, and was very largely attended by the members and adherents of the Church. The pastor, the Rev. D. Tait, B.A., occupied the Chair, and Mr. A. Miller acted as secretary. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises, after which interesting and encouraging reports were presented from the different organizations of the congregation. The report of session was read by Mr. Robert Brodie; the manager's report was read by Mr. A. Miller; the Treasurer's statement was presented in a printed form by Mr. Thomas Brodie, which showed that after meeting all expenses there was a small balance in the Treasurer's hands. The report of the poor fund was presented in printed form by Mr. G. C. Hossack. Very interesting reports were also read from the Sabbath school and Bible Class; the Auxillary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, the Y.P.S.C.E., and the Mission Band, by Mr. Robert Cream, Mr. Archibald Foulds, Mr. J. B. Logie and Mr. P. A. Miller respectively. The report of the Missionary Society was presented by Mr. Jas. Young. From all these reports it appeared that while the congregation was contributing liberally to ordinary revenue, it was also giving a large amount for mission work beyond its bounds. The congregation contributed for ordinary congregational purposes \$3,347. In addition to this \$381 were given for Home Missions in the various departments: \$313 were given to Foreign Missions; \$110 to colleges and \$102 for other religious and benevolent purposes. Thus \$1,905 were contributed for missionary and benevolent purposes, being the largest amount contributed by this congregation for these objects for many years. The total amount raised for all purposes was \$5,253, being on an average at the rate of \$52 per family. Appropriate reference was made to the death of Rev. Dr. Clarke, and also to that of Mr. John Fraser, who kindly left \$750 to the Church and Sabbath school. It was decided that the above amount be applied in aid of a fund for a new building for Sabbath school and other church purposes. Messrs. D. H. Geggie, Archibald Foulds and G. Moir were elected managers, the present board being comprised of the following members: Mr. G. H. Geggie, chairman, Mr. Archibald Miller, secretary; Mr. Thos. Brodie, treasurer, and Messrs. Wm. Brodie, J. T. Ross, P. R. Miller, A. Foulds, J. L. Bell, Gavin Moir. Messrs. Amos Campbell and A. Forest were re-appointed auditors. After cordial votes of thanks had been passed to the choir, the board of management, the auditors and the family of the late Mr. Fraser, this pleasant and interesting meeting was closed with the Doxology and Benediction.

#### KNOX CHURCH, GALT.

THE annual meeting of Knox church, Galt, took place on Friday evening. The attendance was very large. Dr. Jackson occupied the chair, Mr. J. Y. Graham acting as secretary. The several reports were read and adopted. Messrs. Jas. Cowan, Geo. Hogg and Wm. McArthur, (Stono Road), were re-elected property trustees. The election of managers was by ballot, some twelve candidates being nominated. Those elected were Messrs. John Cant, Wm. Cowan, Geo. Hogg, A. F. Robb, Wm. Wallace, Andrew Elliott and Jas. Struthers. Messrs. Jas. E. Kerr and A. W. Falconer were re-elected auditors. The matter of re-allocating the seats was, on motion, left to the managers. The managers met for organization on Tuesday evening. Mr. A. C. Fraser was re-elected chairman; Mr. J. Y. Graham, secretary; Mr. Jas. Walker, treasurer. Finance committee—Messrs. Cowan, Douglas, A. Elliott, Hogg, Robb, R. Elliott and Struthers. Property—Messrs. Fraser, Cant and R. Elliott. The Sabbath school was granted three Sabbath collections during the year.

#### GUELPH.

THE annual meeting of Knox church, Guelph, was held on Wednesday evening, the pastor, Rev. R. J. Beattie, presiding. Mr. J. A. Scott was appointed secretary. Reports were read from the session, managers, treasurer, Sabbath School, Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Mission Band, Missionary Society, Benevolent Society and Y.P.S.C.E. Upwards of \$3,000 were contributed to ordinary and church debt fund, and \$1,053 to the missionary funds. The Bible Class pays \$250 to the support of a missionary in the North west and the Y.P.S.C.E. gives \$50 to sustain a native missionary in India. There are 205 families in the congregation, and 560 communicants. Messrs. R. Millar and R. Johnston were appointed auditors. Mr. Crawford was appointed leader of choir, and Miss Knowles organist. Messrs. A. Scott, Geo. Whitelaw, A. Hales, A. Maddaugh, G. Steele, A. Robertson, G. Amos, Jr., J. A. Scott, J. A. Lillie, W. Hamilton, Jr., R. Gordon, and T. Johnston were appointed as a Board of Management. Heartly votes of thanks were given to Mr. J. A. Lillie, treasurer, and Mr. R. Gordon, assistant treasurer, also to the choir, and the retiring board of managers. It was decided that the pastor be given a month's holidays the coming summer. The congregation will complete fifty years of its history next autumn. A committee was appointed to collect material for a short history of the congregation. Messrs. J. I. Hobson, G. W. Field, and J. A. McCrea were appointed to confer with the Managers and assist them in increasing the weekly revenue of the church. The meeting was closed at 9.45 with the doxology and the benediction.

### Morvyn House Examinations.

THE examinations of pupils in connection with "Morvyn House," 350 Jarvis Street, Toronto, have just been concluded, the result of which must have been alike satisfactory to the parents and gratifying to the Principal, Miss Lay. As a result of the examination many pupils have been advanced from the Primary to the Intermediate department. The staff of teachers, this year, is unusually strong, Miss Lay having been fortunate enough, not only to retain the most efficient of her last year's staff but also to secure Miss Washington for the Intermediate department. One of the chief advantages offered by "Morvyn House" is the happy combination of a thorough education with high moral training and home culture, the Principal never for one moment losing sight of the moral and religious side of the pupil's character. This fact should be borne in mind by parents when selecting a school for their daughters as, in most instances, it marks an epoch in their lives which tends to the building up or undermining of their spiritual life.

Trials are tests of character and faith, to prove whether we are fitted to receive larger duties and wider usefulness and blessing.