

place of meeting were disapproved; and the proposals to have a Board of S.S. Publication and a General Committee to review estimates, etc., were approved.

The Presbyterian congregations in Winnipeg held their annual business meetings on the 19th inst.

Knox church, Winnipeg, has completed its 22th year. Its communion roll has 746 names—22 were added during the year by profession of faith, 44 by certificate and 3 by restoration. 37 were removed by certificate, 6 by death and 17 on revision of the roll. The Treasurer's report showed that the total receipts amounted to \$10,581, including weekly offerings \$6,243; open collections, \$1,300; special collections, \$416, special collection for church indebtedness \$1,460. The mortgage indebtedness has been reduced within two years from \$28,000 to \$22,000. The contributions to schemes of the Church were: Home Missions, \$402; Manitoba College, \$280; Augmentation, \$70; Foreign Missions, \$332; French Evangelization, \$50; Aged Ministers, \$30; Widows' and Orphans, \$20; Assembly Fund, \$10; total for schemes \$1,194. Mr. David Philip was re-elected Secretary; Mr. A. N. McPherson was re-elected Treasurer; Messrs. John McKechnie, Wm. Hunter, J. Scroggie, Wm. Clark and Wm. Blackwood were elected members of the Board of Management. The session was asked to arrange for the celebration in March of this quarter centenary of the founding of the congregation.

St. Andrew's church, Winnipeg, reports a communion roll of 931. During the year 117 were received into full communion—4 were removed by death, 44 by certificate, and 69 by leaving the city without certificate. The Treasurer reported that \$5,493 had been contributed by envelope and open collections; \$1,282 had been raised to reduce floating debts, \$2,005 received from other sources and \$1,142 raised for the Schemes of the Church. The Sabbath School has 612 scholars and 49 teachers with an average attendance of 490. Messrs. D. E. McKinnon, D. R. Dingwall, A. McCormick and W. F. Ross were elected managers.

Augustine church, Winnipeg, reports 15 additions to its communion roll and 10 removals. The congregation has no debt of any kind and its givings during the year have increased by 26 per cent. for congregational purposes and 70 per cent. for the Schemes of the Church. The Treasurer's statement showed that the income for the year had been \$2,750 and the expenditures \$2,737 in addition to which \$1,087 had been raised for Schemes of the Church; Home Missions, \$265; Augmentation, \$70; Manitoba College, \$180; French Evangelization, \$10; Foreign Missions, \$300, and to other schemes \$58. Messrs. Wm. Jackson, Andrew Curle and A. O. Archibald were re-elected as managers. Mr. H. M. Drummond was re-elected as auditor, and Messrs. J. G. Griffin and E. F. Stephenson were elected trustees.

St. Stephens church, Winnipeg, reports a net increase in membership of 43. Contributions for ordinary revenue amount to \$1,657; special collections, \$149; for debt and new buildings, \$322; for Sabbath school purposes, \$255; Congregational Missionary Society, \$603; W.F.M.S., \$138, etc., making a total of \$3,728. The members of the Board of Management and other officers were re-elected by acclamation, and the congregation resolved to reduce its debt by \$500 during the current year.

Westminster church, Winnipeg, has a membership of 232 on its communion roll. All current liabilities have been met during the year, and in addition the floating indebtedness has been reduced by \$300 leaving it now \$1,000. The total revenue was \$8,016. The ladies society raised \$731; the W.F.M.S., \$117; the Sunday school and Bible Class, \$207; Y.P.S.C.E., \$60; special for missions, \$20; special for Manitoba College, \$140. The following were elected deacons: Messrs. James Sjaart, G. R. Crowe, C. N. Mitchell, J. G. Harvey and R. C. Brown. Messrs. W. G. Scott and J. D. Morton were appointed auditors.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Saugeen, held in Mount Forest, on the

12th ult., the resignation of the Rev. L. W. Thom, of Arthur, and Gordonville, was accepted. The Rev. D. M. Ramsay, of Mount Forest, was appointed to declare the pastoral charge vacant on the 14th February. Mr. Ramsay was also appointed moderator of session during the vacancy. Parties wishing to preach in these congregations will please correspond with Mr. Ramsay.—S. Young Clerk.

The Presbytery of Inverness met at Baddeck, on the 20th ult. The question of winter supply of vacancies took up some time. Rev. M. A. McKenzie was continued at Little Narrows till the end of February. Mr. J. W. McPhail continues to supply Middle River. The clerk was appointed to preach at Port Hastings on the 14th of February, and at River Inhabitants on the 21st. Rev. A. McMillan will give Hastings a Sabbath at a later date. Further supply will be arranged for in due time. Applications for summer supply were laid on the table till our March meeting.

Visitation. The questions of the formula were put by the moderator. The answers showed that the pastor, Rev. D. McDougall, endeavors to preach the gospel faithfully, that he visits pastorally from house to house about once a year; that he visits the afflicted attentively, and with the elders, takes careful oversight of the affairs of the congregation generally, that the elders and the managers are doing their part of the work creditably, and that the people as a whole are much interested in the work of their church. Prayer meetings are well attended and much spiritual power manifested in them. Special meetings recently held proved a rich blessing. There are four or five Sabbath schools in the congregation and each of them doing good work. A.Y.P.S.C.E. was organized lately with good prospects. The treasurer, Mr. A. O. McDonald, reported \$1,472 raised for all purposes during the year, of which \$738.80 was for stipend. The envelope system is found helpful. The presbytery was gratified with the good work done during the year, and closed the visitation by pointing out where some improvements might be made.—D. McDonald, Clerk.

WHITBY PRESBYTERY.

The regular quarterly meeting of this Presbytery took place on the 19th Jan., at Oshawa. There was a full attendance of ministers, and a large representation of ruling elders. The Moderator, Rev. J. B. McLaren, constituted Presbytery by prayer. Mr. John Radford, Licentiate, at present stated supply at Ashburn and Utica, conducted divine service and by appointment of Presbytery, gave an address on the phrase "Ambassadors for Christ," 2 Cor. 5:20. Subsequently on motion of Mr. R. D. Fraser, Presbytery thanked Mr. Radford for his pointed and practical address and invited his presence and counsel in the further work of the day. Previous minutes were read and sustained and docket adopted. The Moderator's year of office having terminated, on motion made and seconded Mr. R. Whiteman, was elected to the chair for next twelve months. On motion of Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. McKeen, thanks were tendered to Mr. McLaren for his efficient and impartial conduct as Moderator. Session records for Pt. Perry, Claremont, Whitby, and Bowmanville, were presented, examined by committees, and endorsed by clerk, as carefully and correctly kept as recommended.

A deputation from Ashburn and Utica congregations was present to try and secure the continued services of Mr. Radford. Presbytery directed that the matter should lie over until the next regular meeting.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. John MacLean tending the resignation of his charge at Claremont owing to the continued ill health of his wife in Scotland. Clerk stated that he had issued a citation to the congregation to appear for their interests. Mr. John Reid appeared for Session and congregation stated that the citation had been duly read and that in the circumstances no opposition would be offered. After some deliberation it was moved by Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, and agreed "That the resignation of the Rev. John MacLean, of the pastoral charge of Claremont, be accepted, said

resignation to take effect on the 20th of January inst., and that the Rev. Alexander McAuley declare the pulpit vacant on the 24th inst., and act as interim Moderator."

The Clerk was instructed to grant Mr. McLean the usual Presbyterial certificate, moved by Mr. Eastman, seconded by Mr. McLaren, and agreed "That Messrs. McAuley, McKeen and Abraham, be a committee of supply with the Session during the vacancy." The resolution following, prepared by Messrs. Eastman and McLaren was adopted unanimously. "In accepting the resignation of the pastoral charge of Claremont, by the Rev. John MacLean, Presbytery desires to put on record an expression of their warm esteem for their brother, their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by his too brief pastorate, and their regret that the pastorate has so soon to be dissolved, and to express their sympathy with him owing to the illness of his wife, and pray that she may be soon restored to health." Presbytery also desire to express their sympathy with the congregation in the loss of a beloved pastor so soon after his ordination and induction and hope that they may be wisely guided in the choice of a successor."

The Presbyterial W.F.M.S., in annual session now sent in their yearly report, when Presbytery appointed Mr. John McAllen and the Clerk, a committee to examine and draw up a resolution on the same. Subsequently the committee reported, warmly commending the zeal and successful efforts of the Association, and wishing them in increasing prosperity. Presbytery adopted the resolution and directed committee to return the report and read the resolution to the ladies. At the request of the President, the Association expressed their acknowledgment of Presbytery's sympathy and interest by a standing vote. The remits for General Assembly were taken up and considered. Presbytery adopted the proposal to reduce representation at the Chief Court to 1-6 instead of 1-4 as at present.

A committee appointed to consider the remits abolishing billeting, having a fixed place of meeting and providing funds for paying travelling expenses to the delegates to General Assembly, reported through Mr. McKeen, convener, against a fixed place of meeting and recommended that the Assembly meet alternately in Toronto and Montreal as convenient centres, also that ways and means should be provided for increased expenditures of commissioners, the expenses being understood to mean the necessary actual outlay for travelling to and from the place of meeting, and shall not include sleeping cars or state-room fares, or meals by the way, etc., etc. "That this fund be known as the Assembly's Commissioners' fund be distributed by a small committee to be appointed annually by the General Assembly," and further suggest that for convenience of commissioners a local committee when the Assembly meets collect and furnish such information as will assist commissioners in finding suitable accommodation during the meeting of Assembly. On motion of Mr. McKeen, seconded by Mr. McLaren these recommendations were adopted as the mind of the Presbytery.

Mr. Whiteman submitted report of the Y.P.S.'s annual meeting at Pickering, containing names of officers of the several societies, and of the amounts contributed for missions and general purposes, namely, \$151.18; disbursements, \$132.28, balance on hand, \$12.90. The evening session was extremely profitable, and the young people showing marked ability in their discussion. Report received and convener thanked.

Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Renfrew, was nominated as Moderator for next General Assembly. On motion of Messrs. Eastman and McLaren it was resolved "That Presbytery tender their cordial thanks to the pastor and office bearers of this (Simcoe St. Methodist) church for the use of their church so kindly granted for the quarterly meeting of Presbytery."

Presbytery adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Whitby, on Tuesday, April 20th, at 10 o'clock a.m. Mr. Eastman to conduct devotional exercises and deliver address. The Moderator pronounced the benediction.—J. McKeen, Clerk.