

present oundation, and with instructions to go forward with all possible dispatch. The meeting was unanimous in every motion passed. The following are the members of the building committee: P. S. Archibald, (chairman), A. L. Wright, J. L. Harris, James McAllister, William Christie, W. A. Davies, W. O. Schwartz, Rev. J. M. Robinson, John Edlington, Fred W. Givan, D. I. Welch and J. H. Marks.

#### ST. MARK'S, MONTREAL.

THE annual meeting of St. Mark's church, Montreal, was held on January 21st in the hall of the church, and in spite of the disagreeable weather was largely attended. The Rev. John Nichols, the pastor, occupied the chair. After devotional exercises the various reports were read and approved of by the congregation. Not the least pleasing part of the evening's proceedings was the report of the treasurer, which showed (notwithstanding the dulness in trade) a surplus in hand after paying all mobile mess. The congregation voted the surplus to the pastor. Rev. Mr. Nichols then thanked the congregation for their kindness. Messrs. W. C. White, Joseph Reid and Albert Jones were unanimously re-elected managers. Mr. George Moore was likewise elected manager in the place of Mr. Stott, who had resigned. After the close of the meeting with the benediction the Y.P.S.C.E. of the church furnished the congregation with refreshments. This ended one of the pleasantest meetings ever held in St. Mark's church.

#### GALT.

At the annual meeting of Central church, Galt., a letter of resignation was read from Mr. Gavin Hume, who for so many years has so satisfactorily filled the office of treasurer, in which that gentleman stated his reasons for resigning and regretted the necessity for his doing so. After hearing the letter read, the following resolution, moved by Hon. Jas. Young and seconded by J. D. Moore, M.P.P., was adopted by a standing vote of the congregation: "That in view of Mr. Hume's long and valuable services as treasurer, having held the office continuously since the union of Melville and Bayne congregations, he be tendered the cordial thanks of the congregation, and that the managers be instructed to prepare a suitable address to Mr. Hume, conveying the congregation's appreciation of his services."

#### SARNIA.

THE first annual meeting of the Albert street church, Sarnia, was held on the 25th ult. Rev. Mr. Nichol was appointed chairman and Mr. James Hyndman secretary *pro tem*. The moderator presented an encouraging report from the session, showing that during the year 113 members had been received, 90 by certificate and 23 on profession of faith. One member had been removed by death and five by certificate. The average attendance at communion was twenty-five per cent. of the membership. Four of the congregation died during the year. Twenty-one were baptized. The average attendance at prayer meeting was 45. The session has placed on its record a resolution of thanks to Mr. J. C. Douglas, the late superintendent. The managers' report, presented by the chairman, Mr. Thos. Houston, showed that all the financial obligations of the church had been met, and a balance remained on the credit side. C. T. Peate and Z. Grace were elected managers for three years. Mr. George Shand, in the treasurer's statement, showed an income from all sources of \$1,206.60, including \$201.78 to the schemes of the church. Mr. Robert Irvine was elected chairman and Miss M. Ross secretary-treasurer of the Missionary association. The Sabbath school report showed 130 on the roll with an average attendance of 105. Eleven scholars joined the church. The income was \$110.81, and the balance \$9.35. The Ladies' Aid showed a balance of \$72.10. The C. E. Society gave \$28.06 to missions, and has a membership of 39. William Ross and Robert Irvin were re-elected as auditors. After the business meeting, refreshments were served to ladies, to whom a vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Vidal and seconded by John Paul, sr. The best of feeling prevailed and all

were encouraged at the success of the year's work.

#### EMBRO.

THE annual meeting of Knox church, Embro, was held on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 17th. Rev. G. C. Patterson, M.A., the pastor of church, presiding. The attendance was larger than usual. The various reports submitted showed that there had been much activity and gratifying success in every department of the church work. During the year the membership was increased by twenty-three. The Sabbath school reported a considerable increase in attendance and contributions. The W. F. M. Society had a good year—the best in its history. This Society is growing steadily in members, in interest and in influence. The amount contributed during the year was \$167, a marked advance over preceding years. The district visitors collected for the schemes of the Church and Record \$543.34. This department of the work requires much self-denying efforts, but during the year the duties seem to have been cheerfully performed and the results are certainly encouraging. The Ladies Aid expended \$450 in renovating the basement of the church. The work has been done very thoroughly. Their receipts for the year were \$260.80. The Y.P.S.C.E. made good progress during the year. The membership has doubled and the attendance at all of the meetings has steadily increased. Much interest has been manifested in these meetings and it is believed much good has resulted from the workings of this society. The trustees reports showed that their receipts for the year were \$3,127.50. The total amount raised by the congregation for all purposes in 1893 (including balance carried over from 1892) is \$4,271.25. All the reports were considered satisfactory and the congregation appears to be in a very prosperous condition.

#### BONAR CHURCH, TORONTO.

THE fourth annual meeting of Bonar Presbyterian church was held last week. The attendance of members and adherents was large, and the liveliest interest was manifested in the proceedings. After devotional exercises the pastor, Rev. A. McGillivray, was called to the chair, and Mr. James Lang was chosen secretary. The session report reviewed the work of the congregation in every department for the year. The membership stands now at 154, a net gain of 25 for the year. The attendance at the various services steadily increased during the year. The report of the board of managers, submitted by Mr. Lang, showed a substantial increase in the ordinary revenue of the congregation, as compared with former years. A plan was suggested that will at once be adopted, by which the revenue will be increased, and income and expenditure equalized. The financial statement of the treasurer, Mr. Scott, showed receipts, for ordinary congregational and building fund purposes, to be \$2,527.68. The Sabbath school report was read by Mr. Smith, secretary, and showed that there are on the roll, teachers and officers, 30, scholars, 250, receipts for the year, \$192, expenditure, \$165; leaving a balance of \$26.57 in the treasury. For the last few months the attendance has been steadily increasing, and has averaged about 200. The report of the Young People's Association was read by the vice president, Mr. Wm. Beasley. The society was organized last October, and has at present a membership of 63. The association has undertaken the payment of the furniture and carpeting of the vestry and bible class room. The report of the Women's Aid Society was submitted by the president. The society has a membership of 26, which it is expected will be considerably increased. The members have taken up with great enthusiasm the "Talent" scheme, the proceeds of which are to be applied to the reduction of the church debt. The following gentlemen constitute the board of management, viz.: Messrs. Barton, Beasley, Kimpton, T. Wilson, J. Lochrie, Scott, Lang, Dunlop, Black, Mann, Welch and Crawford. The auditors are: Messrs. J.S. Smith and D. Lochrie (re-elected). Cordial votes of thanks were passed to the volunteer choir, to Miss Rankin, organist, and to Mr. Jaffray, leader, for their valu-

able services, and to the various officers of the church, for their work. The greatest heartiness and unanimity characterized the proceedings, and the congregation enters upon the fifth year of its history in a very hopeful spirit. It is confidently believed that with the return of better times the locality will rapidly fill up. The congregation had been receiving a grant from the Augmentation Fund, but the pastor, believing the necessities of other congregations to be greater, has decided to decline for the present any further assistance from this source.

#### SOUTH SIDE, TORONTO.

THE annual meeting of the members of the South Side Presbyterian church, Parliament street, was held last week, in the lecture hall of the church. Rev. J. G. Potter, pastor, presided, and the attendance was large, nearly all the members being present. The report of the session showed that the church work had prospered during the year. Two members died, nine had lifted their certificates owing to leaving the city, and three had withdrawn owing to having moved to other parts of the city. Forty new members were added during the year, leaving the total membership one hundred and fifty. The financial reports showed that \$1,301 had been raised for general purposes, and \$1,278 for the building fund. The total debt, including the mortgage, is only \$7,337, and this amount is being steadily reduced. Reports were presented from the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour, which showed that the society had a membership of 50, and raised for church purposes during the year \$35. A great deal of visiting and tract distribution was accomplished by members of the society during the year, and valuable aid given in assisting the Sabbath school library. The Ladies' Aid Society raised over \$200 for church purposes. The Sabbath school has had a most successful year. There are 119 adult scholars and 126 infants on the roll, with 23 teachers. The Bible class connected with the school has 26 members, and there are several hundred volumes of books in the library. Four vacancies on the board of management had to be filled, the elections for which resulted in the appointment of Messrs. J. McGavin, J. Marsh, S. Mitchell, and J. Reith. The full board now consists of the above named gentlemen, and Messrs. W. M. Sutherland, M. A. Harper, D. McClay, A. Park, John Baird, Wm. Buik, W. K. Colville, treasurer; and Joseph Kennersley, secretary.

#### PETERBOROUGH.

THE annual meeting of St. Andrew's church, Peterborough, was held on the 25th ult. The pastor, the Rev. A. MacWilliams, B.A., presided. After devotional exercises, the pastor presented the report of the session, which expressed gratitude to God for the rich blessings of the past year, for the large increase of membership, but especially for the manifest growth of spiritual life in the congregation visible in the large attendance and interest in all the meetings of the sanctuary and all the societies, and in the perfect harmony prevailing, etc. Dr. R. W. Bell then read the report of the board of managers. This report showed the finances to be in a most healthy condition, the revenue exceeding that of last year by \$202. Reports were then read from the W.F.M.S., the Ladies' Aid, the Y.P.S.C.E., the Sabbath school and the Junior C.E. All of these reports were most gratifying. The W.F.M.S. raised \$100, sent clothing to West, etc., the Y.P.S.C.E. supported a native missionary in the Hebrides, raised money for a second, sent \$25 to a church at Morris, Man., besides doing much for the sailor's mission and lumber camps; the Junior C.E. raised \$25 for the missions and made a quilt for the West; the Sabbath school has made great progress—has 30 officers and teachers, 325 names on roll, an increase of 75 over last year, there being 92 in pastor's bible class. The school raised \$248, supports a native missionary in India and gives 898 to missions, etc. Mr. R. M. Gray, John Stanger and Fred. Henback were elected managers; Dr. Bell was re-elected chairman of the board; Messrs. White and Johnston were elected auditors. Votes of thanks were