

and Bible class and \$280 from the W. F. M. S. and the Mission Band, the rest being by the general contributions of the congregation. The ordinary contributions are nearly \$100 in excess of last year. The sum was distributed as follows:—Home Missions, \$629; augmentation, \$190; foreign missions, \$1,828; W. F. M. S. and Mission Band, \$280; French evangelization, \$80, and college, \$438.

The report of the mission noted the retirement of Mr. D. Mackintosh, who for sixteen years has been the faithful Superintendent of the work.

The election for managers for the ensuing year showed the following result:—For two years, Messrs. C. B. Peary, G. H. Meldrum, W. Campbell, J. M. Hamilton, R. Haslitt, R. Donald, F. C. Jones, R. Wilson; for one year, Messrs. A. H. Crawford, J. Hedley and Thomas Young.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, TORONTO.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church was presided over by Rev. Dr. Caven. The congregation keenly felt the removal of Rev. W. A. J. Martin from them, yet interesting reports were received from the various associations connected with the church. The present membership is 180 and the amount contributed during the year was \$1,816. A good work is being done by the Martin Mission Band. The following officers were elected:—To the Board of Managers, P. R. Miller, David Austin, John Wood, for three years, and John Gordon for one year. Auditors, J. B. Hagan and James Langskill. Mr. G. R. Fasken, B.A., graduate of Knox College, will be ordained and inducted as pastor on February 9.

BONAR CHURCH, TORONTO.

The sixth annual meeting of Bonar Presbyterian Church was held Jan. 27. The pastor, Rev. A. MacGillivray, presided. The report of the session spoke very hopefully of the prospects of the congregation and the excellent work done by the various organizations connected with it. During the year 43 members were received. The total membership is now 150. The number of deaths during the year was 11, and the number of members that withdrew by certificate 23. Three members were added to the session during the year. The report alluded to the gratifying increase in the attendance at evening service, Sunday School, prayer meeting and young people's meetings.

The financial statement, submitted by Mr. J. S. Smith, Treasurer, showed an encouraging advance on last year. The receipts show a total of \$2,920, leaving a balance of \$83.83. The capital indebtedness has been reduced by \$200. The sum of \$140 was expended during the year in decorating the church.

The Sunday School report showed 306 on the roll, 31 teachers and officers, a revenue of \$210 and an unexpected balance of 17c.

The Ladies' Aid held 15 meetings during the year, with a membership of 16; have assisted a number of poor families. They raised \$200 for the Treasurer of the church, and show a balance on hand of \$140.

The Young People's Association is in a very flourishing condition. The membership is 102. Considerable assistance is given to church work generally. The sum of \$100 is promised to the church debt fund for the current year. The Treasurer's statement showed a balance of \$6.29.

The choir, under the leadership of Mr. A. H. Greene, has a membership of 30. The choir furnishes its own music and has a balance in the treasury of \$5.70.

The youngest society in the congregation is the "Foundation Builders." It is composed of a number of children, who agree to save their "cents" as a nucleus for the building fund of the new church. They begin with a nest-egg of \$332.62.

The Board of Management consists of James Armstrong, C. Cumming, M. E. Cook, J. H. Dunlop, J. Gray, A. H. Greene, J. R. Forsyth, J. Lochrie, J. S. Smith, J. E. Webb, Chas. Wilson and John Wagborn. Messrs. Wm. Nelson and D. A. Lochrie were re-elected auditors.

KNOX CHURCH LANCASTER.

The annual meeting of the congregation of Knox Church, Lancaster, was held on Thursday, 21st inst. Rev. A.

Graham, B. A., pastor, in the chair. There was a good attendance and strong interest manifested. The session's report showed 91 families under pastoral oversight, 11 names were added to the communion roll, death had removed 4 and 2 were furnished with certificates to other places. 143 names were on the roll at the close of the year. The treasurer's report showed the church in a highly satisfactory condition financially, there being an increase over last year of about \$300. The total amount raised from all sources was over \$2400, \$830 of which was subscribed toward the several church schemes, and \$200 more going to other religious or benevolent purposes. By the energy of the ladies of the congregation \$132 was raised and appropriated to cleanse improvement and beautification. \$185 was raised by the W. F. M. S., \$100 by the C. E., and about \$89 by the Sabbath School and Bible Class. The Rev. Mr. Graham and his wife have been untiring in their zeal for the work, that appertains to the charge and in order to show their appreciation of this the congregation decided to increase their pastor's salary by \$100 per annum. A change will be effected in the interior formation of the church by moving the pulpit forward and placing the choir behind the same. This is a much needed movement and will afford better accommodation for the choir.

ST. PAUL'S, WINCHESTER.

The annual congregational meeting of St. Paul's, Winchester, was held in the lecture room, Thursday evening, January 6th.

There was a larger attendance than usual and the reports were all of an encouraging character.

The building committee brought in their final report. The new church cost \$16,000, and interest on loans during construction bring the cost to nearly \$17,000.

There is a debt of \$3,000 left against the building, but of this amount \$500 is assured by the Willing Worker's Society, so that there remains \$2,500 to be provided for.

The church was opened for public worship a year and a half ago.

It is probable that the balance of the debt will be cleared off at the anniversary in June.

The stipend list was increased \$125.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, LONDON.

The past two Wednesdays, Jan. 13th and 20th, were the crowning nights of a successful and encouraging year's work in connection with all our church organizations. Success all along the line, both financial, numerical and spiritual. Our Missionary Societies are graded to suit the ages of our earnest workers, and as the years roll by "promotions" take place from the lower—No! Younger to the intermediate and then into the Noble Society known as the W. F. M. S.

The juvenile societies are known as the "Outlook." This is in two sections—ages 3 to 7, and 7 to 10, and the "Murray Mission Band." The intermediate as "King's Messengers," and the adult as above stated, W. F. M. S.

Every Society reports an addition to its members and an increase to its funds. Notably the W. F. M. S., which has grown from 48 in 1895, to 104 members in 1896, and the subscriptions from \$155, to \$235, besides a quantity of garments and cloth sent to the North West and valued at \$250.

The Sabbath School's (4) reported like progress. The scholars in the Central School increasing to such an extent that in a short time a new school will have to be erected or the good work checked.

During the year our Mission at Pottersburg met with what was supposed to be a calamity, by the building being destroyed by fire, but Phoenix like, it has risen more gloriously out of its ashes—a substantial brick building having been erected at a cost of \$3,000, nearly all of which has been subscribed.

St. Andrew's Church engaged the Rev. Geo. Gilmour to work the Pottersburg and North Missions and his great success is gratifying to a large degree.

The church membership increased during the year 71 persons, and now stands at 819.

Our "second" annual meeting was held on Wednesday the 20th, and a most interesting one it proved to be, though an apparent deficit had to be reported. This however was small, only about \$500 and had a suggestion been acted upon which was made in the meeting that sum would have been subscribed on the spot. That deficiency was more apparent than real as it arose from additions and improvements which became an "Asset" of the congregation.

The manager's report referred to the valuable and successful, and untiring services of our pastor, the Rev. Robert Johnston, B. A. B. D., who beyond his preaching and pastoral work, conducts a Bible Class with over 200 members.

The church and manse are to be painted during the coming year, and the church is to be re-carpeted. The choir is to be strengthened by the introduction of four leading voices, and the persons selected will receive remuneration for their services. Managers to serve for two years were elected, and Mr. J. Gordon McIntosh, was appointed to succeed his late reverend father, Mr. Alex. McIntosh as the Secretary-Treasurer of the congregation at a salary of \$300. Various gifts to the church were acknowledged and the donors received the thanks of the meeting which closed with the benediction and doxology.

AVONMORE CHURCH.

The annual meeting of the Avonmore Presbyterian Church was held on Wednesday, Jan. 15th. The congregation was fairly well represented, officers were appointed for the present year. Reports were heard from the different societies connected with the congregation and adopted.

The Treasurer's report was very gratifying being the most favorable in the history of the church, since it became a separate congregation. The sum of \$1138.50 was raised during the past year for church debt.

Since Rev. Thos. A. Mitchell became pastor of this congregation, good work has been done. The church debt has been wiped off, and the congregation has been raised from an augmented charge to that of a self-supporting congregation.

MIMICO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The annual meeting of the Mimico Presbyterian Church was held on the 21st January. The pastor, Rev. Joseph Hamilton presided, and the attendance was satisfactory. The session report showed an increase of membership and the lively interest taken by the members to push forward the work. A Ladies' Aid, and a Weekly Prayer Meeting, at New Toronto have been organized which will add materially to the success of the Church. The Treasurer's report spoke encouragingly of the financial outlook for the coming year, although, owing to the removal of some prominent members the funds were somewhat depressed.

The Sabbath School report showed an increase in the attendance and was satisfactory in all details. It however, pointed out the want of a suitable library, and hoped ere long to have this want supplied.

The meeting was pleasant and agreeable throughout, showing perfect union between pastor and congregation.

John A. R. Forbes,
Session Clerk.

BOLTON W. F. M. S.

The Bolton Auxiliary of the W. F. M. S., held its annual thanksgiving meeting on the evening of the 26th Nov. The church was comfortably filled, although on account of bad roads many of the country people were prevented from coming. The meeting was opened by singing, "All hail the power of Jesus name," reading a portion of Scripture, and prayer.

The church choir sang several selections, followed by an address by Mrs. Grant, Home Sec. of the General Society. This address was just what was needed. It gave information as to the origin of W. F. M. S., its small beginning in membership and finances, but great in prayer and faith. It also told of continued progress through succeeding years; of the work done for women and children in foreign countries, and in our own North-West among the Indians. It recommended all women