

the year was \$8157 81, being \$6867 05 received by the managers; \$1090 36 by the Missionary Society; and \$200 43 by the Sabbath school, being at the rate of \$15 60 per member for all purposes. The managers recommend to the congregation that steps be taken to make the present manse their own property. The total annual income is nearly \$2000 in advance of the income of last year.

CHICAGO.—The congregation of the First Scotch Presbyterian Church, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Dr. R. F. Burns, have done well since the settlement of Dr. Burns, less than a year ago. The amount raised for ordinary purposes (the mode of raising the money is by contribution envelopes) during the year was \$3675 72, and for the Building Fund, \$7847 00. The numbers in communion have increased to 145. All the operations of the church are carried on with vigour, and the prospects are highly encouraging.

GOULD STREET, TORONTO.—The annual missionary meeting of the Gould Street Presbyterian congregation was held on the evening of 13th January, the pastor, the Rev. Mr. King, in the chair. Mr. William Kerr, the treasurer of the society, read the report of its operations for the year, from which it appeared that \$414 82 had been collected during the year for missionary purposes, of which \$210 was given for the Home Missions of our church, \$140 for Knox College, and the remainder for various other schemes of the church. The treasurer stated that in addition to this amount the congregation had contributed during the year \$110 for scholarships to candidates for the ministry; \$50 for the Beachville debt; \$60 for the aged ministers' and widows' fund; \$50 to aid the Yorkville church—with \$69 88, contributed by the Sabbath School of the congregation, for various mission purposes—making in all \$754 70 as the contribution of this congregation for missionary and benevolent objects. The meeting, which was large, was ably addressed by the Rev. Mr. Gray (Orillia), Rev. William Inglis, Professor Cavern, and the Hon. Vice-Chancellor Mowat.

DUNDAS, KNOX CHURCH.—The congregation of Knox Church, Dundas, lately raised the stipend of their pastor, the Rev. John McColl, to \$1000 per annum. Besides the erection of the manse, they have also expended about \$1400 in the enlargement of the church. Most of the sittings in the enlarged church are already occupied.

DELAWARE.—The annual Soiree, of the congregation of St. Andrews' Church, Delaware, was held on the evening of Tuesday, the 4th February. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity, and many failed to obtain admittance. The chair was occupied by Dr. Agnew—Chairman of the Managing Committee. Tea, &c., was served in excellent style by the ladies of the congregation, after which addresses were delivered by the chairman, the Rev. Messrs. Simpson of Westminster, Hough (Wesleyan) of Mount Brydges, Fletcher of Falkirk, Duff, formerly of British Columbia, and Messrs. Ross, Editor of the *Strathroy Age*, and Moffat of Middlesex Seminary. Appropriate selections of music were sung by the Sunday School children, led by Mr. Beveridge.

Notwithstanding the uncomfortable crowding, the evening was spent agreeably and profitably. The amount realized was, \$95 free of expense.

A few years ago this congregation, then quite weak, built a substantial brick church, seating about two hundred. On the settlement of Mr. Grant, about four years ago, there was a debt upon the church of \$500, and a communion roll of only fifty members: now there are one hundred and eight on the roll, and the debt is reduced to about \$70. Had it not been that repairs and alterations were made this winter, the debt would have been extinguished.