

THE annual meeting of the Theassalon church was held on the evening of Tuesday, January 7th, in the church. Reports were received and read from the secretaries and treasurers of the church, Ladies' Aid, Christian Endeavor and Sabbath school. Report from the church showed increase of membership twenty-eight and receipts during the year of \$343.83; expenditure, \$324.09, balance on hand \$19.79. Ladies Aid reported great interest in the work by its members; receipts \$172.21, expenditure \$165.33, balance on hand \$6.88. Christian Endeavor showed steady increase, twenty-one active and thirty associate members; receipts \$22.47, expenditure \$19.35, balance on hand, \$3.12. The Sabbath school made a grand showing of an aggregate attendance of 3,609, with receipts \$31.31, expenditure \$47.01, balance \$34.30. Mr. Thompson was reappointed superintendent and appointments were made to fill all the vacant offices.

THE annual meeting of the Mimioo Presbyterian congregation was held on Monday evening, January 27th. Mr. McMillan, who is moderator of session, occupied the chair, and read the report of session, which showed the standing of the congregation to be about the same as last year. Mr. D. Hendry, treasurer, presented the report of the trustee board which showed a slight increase of receipts over expenditure. Mr. Slater on behalf of the Sabbath school reported a slight increase of revenue and attendance for the year. Mr. McMillan then gave a short address congratulating the people on their attendance and liberality during the year. The question of calling a minister was then taken up, and after considerable debate, it was almost unanimously decided to call Rev. H. Hamilton. Representatives from various boards were then appointed to prosecute the call before Presbytery.

At the annual meeting of the Napanee church, reports from the various organizations showed the church to be in a good financial condition. Mr. W. Templeton in his report says: We look with pride on the work carried on by the Ladies' Aid Society, and recognize the great assistance which their labors have yielded to the financial support of the congregation. The Christian Endeavor Society has grown to be an important auxiliary of our church and has proved a blessing to those connected with it. The work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been faithfully carried on, and the interest of its members in both home and foreign fields have been deepened. The treasurer's financial statement for the year show the income as follows: cash on hand, \$25.73; envelope, \$872.90; collections, \$335.73; insurance, \$2,000; Ladies' Aid, \$110.79; excursion, \$23.50; special collection, \$130.30. Total, \$1,518.95.

THE annual congregational meeting of St. Andrew's congregation, New Westminster, B. C., was held on the 16th inst. After devotional exercises, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Theo. Souler, Mr. J. S. Clute was appointed chairman. The reports of the session, managers, the Sabbath school and Bible class, the Ladies' Aid Society, the Y. P. S. C. E. and the choir were read. Notwithstanding the hard times, and condition of business in the city, the financial record was very gratifying. The W. F. M. S. had collected \$125, and the congregation through its various organizations, including the W. F. M. S., had collected for missionary purposes, home and foreign, \$600. The managers showed that after paying all liabilities to the end of the year, there was a shortage of only \$38, which, considering the removals from the city and congregation during the year was a remarkably good showing. Special contributions to the amount of \$650 had been received during the year, which greatly helped the finances of the congregation.

THE annual meeting of Calvin church, Pembroke, took place on Wednesday, January 15th. The attendance was large; the reports were all forthcoming and showed careful preparation. The utmost harmony prevailed, and everybody seemed pleased with the healthy condition of affairs. The Rev. Dr. Payne presided, and opened the meeting with devotional exercises. Mr. T. M. Skinner acted as secretary. Mr. A. Johnston presented the report of session; number of families, 159; and members in full communion, 465; twenty-three additions to the membership. The Sabbath school raised \$195.02 for library, missions and other per-

poses. An encouraging report on behalf of the Y. P. S. O. E. was presented. The W. F. M. S. raised \$140.74, and the Mission Band \$100.98, all for Foreign Missions. Mr. John P. Miller, trustee of the building fund, reported that \$620.25 had come in from all sources. A balance remained on hand amounting to \$359.75; and Mr. Alex. Miller reported that \$461.25 had been added to the manse fund through the efforts of the W. V. B. S., the latter society having raised for all purposes \$572. Mr. Hunter submitted the report of the treasurers. It showed the total revenue, besides the sums already reported—to be \$3,045 for 1895, as against \$3,002.93 for 1894, and \$2,999.12 for 1893. The balance on hand, as already reported, is \$276.04. The sum of \$357 had been raised for missions, besides the amounts reported by the various missionary societies.

THE annual meeting of Alma congregation was held on January 23rd ult., and was well attended. After tea had been served the business of the evening was proceeded with, Rev. T. A. Watson, the pastor, occupying the chair. The reports of the managers and the various organizations were very satisfactory, and on the whole showed increased interest and marked progress. The managers reported a "balance on hand" of \$77; the Missionary Association reported an increase of \$29 in the contributions for missions and the various schemes of the church; the W. F. M. S. reported an increase in membership and contributions, and called attention to the mission fund which they had recently organized, known as the "Wallace Mission Band"; the Ladies' Aid Society raised nearly \$100; the report of the Sabbath school showed it to be in a flourishing condition. During the year there has been a net gain of 12 members, making the present membership 134. After various other items of business were disposed of, the meeting closed with the benediction.

THE annual meeting of St. Paul's church was held Jan. 14th, and was well attended. Rev. Dr. Armstrong presided and Mr. W. J. Irvine was secretary. The report of the church session presented by the pastor showed that 36 new members had been added during the year. The temporal committee's report stated that over five thousand dollars had been raised by the congregation towards the building fund and church purposes. The collection for the sustentation fund amounted to \$2,500 while \$2,600 had been raised for the building fund. The treasurer of the mission schemes of the church, Mr. James Dunnett showed that over four hundred dollars had been given towards missions, a considerable increase over the sum for the same purpose last year. Encouraging reports were presented by Miss Matthews for the Ladies' Aid Society and Mrs. Dr. Thorburn for the W. F. M. S. The report of the Sabbath school was not presented. Three members were elected for a term of three years to the temporal committee as follows: R. A. McCormack, John Robertson and T. R. Davis.

THE First church, Brantford, held their annual meeting in the schoolroom on Wednesday evening, Jan. 6th. After devotional exercises, the Rev. R. M. Hamilton, pastor, was elected chairman and Mr. Fred. Gray, secretary of the meeting. The report of the session dealt with matters pertaining to the spiritual life and welfare of the church, and showed that sixty-three members had been added to the roll, but death had during the year claimed ten members and twelve adherents, twenty-two members were disjoined by certificate and otherwise, leaving the present membership on roll 352, being an increase of thirty-one for the year. The board of management presented a very satisfactory report showing amount raised from all sources to be about \$2,400, an increase of nearly \$1,000 over previous year. There was a marked increase in the voluntary offerings by envelopes of \$1834 over 1894. The various societies of the church, viz., the Ladies' Aid Society, Senior Y. P. S. O. E., Junior Y. P. S. O. E., Auxiliary Foreign Missionary Society and Sabbath school have all been very active and all show balances on the right side. The debt reduction scheme proved a success, as did also the talent. There was some forty-two \$1 bills distributed to parties during February, March and April, with instructions to invest and turn over the amount as often as possible, and from all accounts the results prove the scheme a success. Thirty-four have so far

reported with a total of \$316 paid in. Special mention was made of the success of two adherents of the church, one having handed in \$56 from her talent of one, and the other \$23.50 without a talent. Several increased their little one to \$10, some to \$15, and very few, if any, have hid theirs in a napkin. The vacancies in the board of management were filled. The usual votes of thanks were passed and the meeting closed with devotional exercises.

THE adjourned annual meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, London, was held on January 20th. The meeting was interesting, as it showed that the year had been most prosperous under the guidance of the new pastor, Rev. Robert Johnston. During the year \$2,798.60 had been raised for mission purposes alone by the different societies and bands. The Murray Mission band, organized in September at the north end Sabbath school as a memorial to Rev. J. A. Murray, reported progress with its membership of thirty-five, and the Outlook band, with forty-two members, had raised over \$20. There was an increase of thirty-nine in the average attendance at the Sabbath school (exclusive of the pastor's Bible class), nearly one-half of which was credited to the primary class. The attendance of Chinese had fallen off, owing to the removal of several from the city. The north end school has eighteen teachers and officers, an average attendance of 100 scholars and a balance on the right side. The London West school, held in the Temperance hall, has forty-five scholars and ten teachers and officers. It raised \$50.31 in the year.

THE annual business meeting of the congregation of the Church of the Redeemer, Toronto, was held in the church on the evening of Thursday, January 9th. There was a good attendance. The Rev. W. S. McTavish, B.D., the pastor, opened the proceedings with devotional exercises, after which S. Russell was appointed chairman for the evening. I. D. Bruels was elected secretary. The various reports were presented. These, notwithstanding that the pulpit was vacant for the greater part of the year, were of a very encouraging character. The session report showed that during the year 21 members had been dismissed, chiefly by removal of families to other places; however 26 new members had been added to the roll, 13 by profession of faith and 13 by certificate, leaving a slight gain. The collections for the schemes of the General Assembly were slightly in advance of the previous year. The envelope and plate collections were about equal to those of the preceding year, a state of affairs very creditable, considering the protracted vacancy. The Ladies' Missionary Society and Golden Rule Mission Band reported the most successful year in their history, the attendance and interest having both been increased to a marked degree. The former society have contributed \$81.92, and the Mission Band \$141.56 to mission and other funds of the church. The Christian Endeavor Society's report was deeply interesting and encouraging; the financial sheets showing a slight increase. The Sabbath school report was also very cheering. The report of the West End Mission was listened to with very marked interest, it is in a prosperous condition. Its people raised \$142.40 an amount most creditable to all concerned. The different reports all united in expressing gratitude to God for the success which had crowned the year and for the satisfactory settlement of Rev. W. S. McTavish as pastor of the congregation, and the assistance he had already given the different societies in their work. Before the close of the meeting Mr. McTavish thanked all for their kind references in this respect and for the encouragement he was receiving from all in his work. R. Miller, Dr. Newton and I. D. Bruels were elected to fill the vacancies caused by those retiring from the board of managers, and Wm. Stoddart was chosen to succeed C. W. Tocker, who had removed from town. A. D. McIntyre and G. W. Wright were chosen auditors. After a vote of thanks to the chairman, the meeting was closed with the doxology and the benediction.

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