

ERSKINE CHURCH ECHOES.

Board of Missions.

The old officers of the Board were re-appointed to carry on the work during the year 1897. It was agreed at a meeting to hold Missionary meetings on the first Wednesday in June, September and December. The first of these was taken charge of by the Pastor, and a splendid paper on India read by Miss Louise Lawson. The Rev. R. P. MacKay, B.A., Foreign Missionary Secretary, addressed the congregation on Missions on the 20th of December. During the year the Pastor preached several times on Missions.

The Board has much cause for gratitude to God for putting it into the hearts of His people to give so liberally to the cause of Missions during 1896. Never before has so large an amount been contributed. The contributions for 1896 are over one hundred dollars in excess of those for 1895. The special Christmas offering for Foreign Missions amounted to the large sum of \$70. The Board hopes that the congregation will continue the good work of christian giving for the coming year, and would urge upon all members to set aside a special part of their income for Missions. Let everyone who is at all able contribute something each month by pink envelope.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. GILL, *Secretary.*

Financial Statement.

Amount collected during the year....\$ 506 82
Balance from 1895..... 4 97
Interest on Bank Account..... 4 48

Making a total of.....\$ 516 27

Which has been allocated as follows:

Foreign Missions.....\$ 187 55
Home Missions..... 133 00
Augmentation..... 22 00
French Evangelization..... 25 00
Knox College..... 12 00
Manitoba College..... 12 00
Montreal College..... 6 00
Knox College Students Missionary Society..... 15 00
Minister's, Widows and Orphans.... 10 00
Aged and Infirm Ministers..... 20 00
Jewish Mission..... 4 00
Lepers Mission..... 5 00
Goforth Fund..... 10 00
Armenian Relief..... 28 00
Rescue Home S. A..... 13 50
Mr. Bone..... 11 00
Mr. Yoseph..... 1 52

Total.....\$ 515 57
Balance..... 70

\$ 516 27

WILLIAM BROWN, *Treasurer.*

Boys' Brigade.

The Company numbers 9 Non-Commissioned Officers and 22 Privates, with an average attendance of 25. During the year several of the Boys have become members of the Church, and several members of the Christian Endeavor, some stating that the Rules of the Company have been a source of strength to them in resisting the temptations placed before

them by other boys. This year, in addition to the regular drill and amusements, there has been a half-hour devotod to the study of the Life of Christ, whose example it is hoped the boys will be led to copy, and for whose ideal life their admiration will be stimulated.

The Officers would again ask the hearty co-operation of the parents in helping the boys to carry out their duty to the Company, particularly encouraging them in the use of the Bible and the exercise of prayer. There has been such revelations made of the temptations to which the boys are subjected, and the baited evil traps into which they so easily fall, that it is absolutely necessary that some special effort be made for the saving of these boys from the evil one.

RECEIPTS:

Forward from 1895.....\$ 4 27
Fees..... 11 50
Subscriptions..... 2 00
Collection from Lecture..... 7 58
Missionary Collection..... 92

\$26 27

EXPENDITURE:

Paid for Supplies.....\$ 5 71
Paid Missionary Committee..... 7 92
Grossman's Sons, for Cord..... 1 00
Rev. Dr. Hunter's Expenses, ... 2 00
Headquarters Fund..... 5 00
Car Fare to St. John's..... 1 10
Balance on Hand..... 3 54

\$26 27

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. SOUTER, *Sec'y-Treas.*

Auxiliary, W. F. M. S.

As we meet to record the work of another year, we do so with gratitude and thankfulness to the Giver of all good, who has owned and blessed our weak efforts to enlarge and help forward the work He left for His children to accomplish.

We have 42 members enrolled with an average attendance of 28. The meetings during the year have proved very interesting as well as instructive, and it is most encouraging to find so many ready and willing to take some part in the meeting. The Programme Committee has proved very helpful in assisting the President in her duties. We have lost some members by removal but have gained others so that our membership is as large as any previous year. We are pleased to report that our offerings are larger than in any previous year. The total amount contributed being \$135.53, in addition to which a parcel of clothing valued at \$16.10 and \$5 cash were sent to the Indians in the North West.

It is with renewed zeal and energy that we enter upon the work of another year, hoping and trusting that in it we will be able to do greater things than ever before. Let us consecrate anew our time, money and opportunities to the blessed work of extending the Maker's Kingdom.

The officers for 1897 are:

President, Mrs. Shearer.
Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Clunas, Mrs. Mc-Allister, and Mrs. T. Patterson.
Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Brown.
Treasurer, Miss Annie Munroe.
Programme Committee, Mrs. Gill, Misses Souter, Lily Lawson, Mrs. Woodruff, Miss McBean and the Officers.

JENNIE GILL, *Secretary.*

Treasurer's Statement.

RECEIPTS.

Monthly Offerings.....\$114 21
Yearly Fees..... 14 50
Leaflets..... 4 92
Bookmarks..... 2 50
By a member (*et alii*) for the new Hospital at Dhar..... 15 00

\$151 13

EXPENDITURE.

Paid for envelopes..... 50
Paid for Bookmarks..... 2 00
Paid Regina Industrial School... 5 00
Paid Thank Offering Envelopes 60
Paid Leaflets... 6 00
Paid Miss Shaw Presbyterial Expenses..... 1 50
Balance to Miss Shaw (W.F.M.S.) 135 53

\$151 13

A. MUNROE, *Treasurer.*

Auditors' Report.

We have examined the books of the Treasurer of the Church, Sunday School, Mission, Mission Band, Y. P. S. C. E., (Junior and Senior), Board of Missions, Session Fund, Ladies' Aid, W. F. M. S., Boys' Brigade, and Sunday School Building Fund, and have found them carefully and correctly kept.

JAMES GILL, } Auditors.
A. M. WILSON, }

In Affectionate Memory of

COMMUNICANTS:

Samuel Burns,
Mrs. Hugh Nichol,
Robert W. King,
Mrs. Henry Eland,
Wm. H. McGaw,
Donald Campbell.

ADHERENTS:

Mrs. McIlroy,
J. McDonnell,
Miss Annie Gentle.

BAPTISED CHILDREN:

Lizzie Tufford,
Mary Doubrough,
Kenneth Sconlie New,
George Franklin Bull
Wm. John Burwall,
Thomas Toll.