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by the Christian Endeavor which is a pastor's right hand helper. Other subjects taken up were: "Our work, by Committees" by Mr. E. Sproul; "Christian citizenship" by Rev. Wm. Farquharson who urged Endeavorers to assume their responsibility as Christian citizens, prepare to discharge it intelligently, and make it a field for manly service; "Our Junior Work," by Mr. J. J. Hewitt to which he strongly urged immediate attention and in it faithful work. Rev. R. P. McKay being present was called upon to speak. He emphasized the great need of first receiving power from God by giving Him time in Bible-study and prayer each day to empower them; and then exercising that power in the active obedience that the pledge calls for. The next meeting was fixed for Hillsburg in the first week of next June. The evening session was devoted to missions, and ringing addresses were given by Rev. Mr. Dodds, a returned missionary from Mexico, and Rev. R. P. McKay. The power of Christian Endeavor for mission work, through definite consecration, systematic giving and individual response to God's marching orders, was the theme of Mr. Dodds' address, and Mr. McKay dwelt on the great need of medical missionaries, the glorious results of missionary effort, the need of consecrated supporters at home, and the importance of our people being well informed on this vital subject through missionary literature. The consecration meeting which followed was led by Rev. Mr. Bell and was in itself a benediction, the loyal responses from the eighteen societies represented, given so fervently, were at once impressive and inspiring. The delegates received a courteous and most cordial welcome from their Orangeville fellow-endeavorers, and were royally entertained.

The Whitby Presbyterian W. F. M. S. met last week in St. Paul's Church, Bowmanville, Mrs. S. H. Eastman, of Oshawa, presiding in the lamented absence through illness of Miss Drummond, the president. The attendance was large, upwards of 100 lady delegates being present from all parts of the Presbytery. Reports were received from seventeen auxiliaries, and six mission bands, with a total membership of 464. The contributions were slightly below those of last year being \$1,034.64, but the quantity of clothing sent to the Indians in the North-west was much larger, viz., over 900 pounds, valued at \$319.03. Mission Bands sent also boxes to India valued at \$231. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Mrs. McAuley, of Pickering. The programme included a Scripture reading, addresses, a question drawer, and solos. Greetings were given from the Disciples by Miss Manning, from the Methodist, by Miss E. L. Ruddle, from Trinity, by Mrs. R. Freeland, also from St. John's. There are sister societies in Bowmanville. Revs. R. Whiteman, B.A., and J. McLean and Mr. Morris conveyed greeting from the Presbytery. St. Paul's was well filled at the evening meeting, which was presided over by Rev. J. B. McLaren, Moderator of Presbytery. The choir of the church, assisted by some friends, furnished excellent music. Rev. Geo. B. McLeod, B.A., of Newcastle, and Rev. J. McMillan, B.A., of Lindsay, spoke, the latter, who has lately come East from Vancouver, B. C., giving some telling descriptions of missionary work and its results in the far West. The next annual meeting will be held in Oshawa.

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### WINTER CONFERENCE OF QUEEN'S ALUMNI.

Some years ago the Theological Alumni of Queen's initiated a ten days' conference, held in February, for the discussion of important questions, and this has not only been regularly continued since, but has been imitated less or more by other institutions. This year the Conference is to commence on February 11th at 7.30 p.m., persons intending to be present and desiring billets must apply by letter or card to Rev. John D. Boyd, B.A., Kingston, not later than February 7th. The committee will not provide accommodation for any who apply after that date. The programme for this year is appended. It will be noticed that of the ten graduates of Queen's who undertook, last February, to prepare papers, one at least whose presence was always an inspiration will be absent, because of illness. May he divide the spoil with the strong!

#### FORENOONS.

I. The Chancellor's Lectureship.—Lectures on the Philosophy of Religion of Kant and Hegel are postponed till next session, and in their place Professor Watson proposes to give a critical estimate of A. J. Balfour's "Foundations of Belief." Will those who propose to attend make themselves familiar with the substance of Mr. Balfour's book.

II. (a) Present-Day Problems of Canadian Preaching.—Discussions opened by the Principal. Book to be read: Sunday on Inspiration (Bampton Lectures for 1893.)

Papers to be written and sent in by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., and Rev. James Bennett, B.A.

(b) Other Present-Day Problems of Ministerial Work. Papers are invited on this subject, to be sent to the Principal by February 1st.

#### AFTERNOONS.

I. Sociology and Economics (under the guidance of Professor Short).

(a) General view of Socialistic Schemes (J. Rae). Paper by Rev. John Hay, B.D.

(b) Introduction to the Modern Industrial System (A. Toynbee). Paper by Rev. Salem Bland, B.A.

(c) Problems of Poverty (Hobson). Paper by Rev. John J. Wright, B.A.

(d) Problems of To-day (R. T. Lay). Paper by Rev. M. MacGillivray, M.A.

The following are also suggested: General Principles of Economics (J. L. Laughlin); Modern Political Society (F. C. Montague, P. Leroy-Beaulieu); Development of the Labor Problem (L. Brentano); Money and the Mechanism of Exchange (P. W. Evans); Monopolies and the People (C. W. Baker); Social Diseases and Worse Remedies (T. H. Huxley).

II. Social Reunions of the members of the Conference, with visits to the Library, the Museum, and the new Laboratories.

#### EVENINGS.

The Old Testament Conception of God. Rev. Dr. G. M. Milligan.

Influence of Rome on Christianity. Rev. J. A. Sinclair, M.A.

Influence of Greece on Christianity. Professor McNaughton.

The Apologetic for the Times. Professor Ross.

The Present Position of O. T. Historical Criticism. Professor Mowat.

### HOME MISSION FUND.

Allow me to remind congregations and Presbyteries, that all contributions to the Home Mission Fund should be in the hands of the treasurer by the 15th of March. The necessity of having the funds in hand before the Committee meets is still overlooked by many of our congregations. The Committee can only discharge its obligations according to the money in hand, and congregations neglecting to forward their moneys by that date, not only embarrass the Committee, but prevent the Missionaries being paid at the proper time, and possibly with a reduction of the amounts promised. From the state of the funds at the present date there is great fear that there will be a large deficit. Many of the congregations, on account of the financial state of the country, are unable to give as much as last year; those who are in better circumstances should therefore try and bear heavier burdens. Last year at the date of the Committee's meeting, there was deficit of \$18,-



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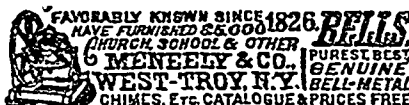
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000. By a very special effort \$10,000 was raised which enabled the Committee with other contributions, to meet their liabilities, but this cannot be repeated again.—WM. COCHRANE, Convener H.M.C.

### DEATH.

At Douglas, on Saturday, January 18th, Alexander D. M. Nab, late of Breadalbane, Glangarry Co., aged 62 years.

### PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

TORONTO: This Presbytery held its first regular meeting in 1896 on the 14th inst., the Moderator, Rev. J. Neil, in the chair. Members of Presbytery were appointed to visit the aid receiving congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery in the interests of the Home Mission and Augmentation Funds. A call was presented from the congregations of Tottenham and Beeton, in the Presbytery of Barrie, to Mr. Peter Nicol, minister at Unionville, etc. After parties had been heard for and against his translation and Mr. Nicol had stated his desire to accept the call it was agreed to grant the translation, to take effect on and after the 15th day of February next. The following motion was unanimously passed in reference to the late Joseph Gibson: "The Presbytery of Toronto desire to place on record their sense of the great loss sustained by the Church, in the death of Mr. Joseph Gibson, an esteemed elder of the congregation of Deer Park. Mr. Gibson's great interest in the spiritual work of the Church led to his being often selected by the different courts of the Church for investigating, determining and harmonizing adverse interests. These duties he ever discharged with the greatest acceptance. His willingness, devotion and self-denial were ever manifest, and most highly appreciated. The members of this court who have labored with him, will all bear witness to his great efficiency, as a co-Presbyter and also to his hearty devotion and loving self-denial in the Master's cause. The Presbytery would heartily sympathize with the congregation, who have lost a most valued member and office-bearer. They do heartily tender their deep and prayerful sympathy with the bereaved family, and commend them to the precious consolations of the God of all comfort and peace.—R. C. TIBB, Clerk.

### TORONTO CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC.

The past year of the Toronto Conservatory of Music has been attended with unusual success, as shown by the report submitted at the General Annual Meeting of the shareholders held recently. During the eight years of its past successful history, public confidence has been so established in the Conservatory's stability, facilities and management, that a yearly increase in the attendance of students from all parts has been secured, more being in attendance in 1895 than in any previous year. The standard of scholarship was never so high as at the present time, the number who took and passed examinations being 100 more than in any former season, indicating an increasing desire for the thoroughness of instruction which the Collegiate Course of the Conservatory affords. In the various departments of Music—instrumental, vocal and theoretical, elocution and physical culture, 23 diplomas and 373 certificates were awarded, making a total of 396. Gold and Silver medals and scholarships were awarded to the value of \$1,200. Mr. Edward Fisher, the Musical Director, and his capable staff of teachers have much reason to feel gratified at the unqualified success which has attended the work of this progressive institution, as shown by the foregoing report. The Spring Term opens on Feb. 3rd, which is a most favorable time for pupils to enter for study.

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N.B.—The last issue of the *Monetary Times* contains a notice that the "Annual general meeting of the Company will be held at its head office, 22 to 28 King street west, Toronto, on Friday, the 31st inst., at 10.30 a.m.; participating policy-holders are entitled to be present and have one vote for each \$1,000 of insurance held by them in the Company."

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