

DURING MARCH

Colds and chills are prevalent, and unless the system is strong enough to throw them off, serious illness, often ending in pneumonia and death result.

THE CAUSE

Of colds, chills and attendant dangers is found in the blood, poisoned by uric acid, which should be expelled by the kidneys.

THE EFFECT

Of this kidney-poisoned blood is far-reaching. Health and strength are impossible while it exists. The system is being continually weakened, leaving it open to the ravages of colds, chills, pneumonia and fevers.

THE CURE

For such a diseased condition is found in Warner's Safe Cure, which will restore the kidneys to health and enable them to properly perform their functions. There is no doubt about this. The record of the past is

PROOF POSITIVE.

The annual meeting of the congregation of Knox Church, Beaverton, was held in the basement of the church on the 17th ult., the Rev. M. N. Bethune presiding, and from the reports of the different branches of Church work presented, the congregation have reason to feel satisfied with the excellent standing of its finances. The debt on the church, which has been a burden for a number of years, is almost wiped out. Mr. D. Cameron, secretary-treasurer, reported the contributions for the year, as follows: stipend \$555.10, collections \$322.97, schemes of the Church \$155.90, manse debt \$124, church debt \$52, a total of \$1,209.97. Other branches reporting contributions were Sabbath school \$34.67, Mission Band \$30.14, Aid Society \$261.67, W.F.M.S. \$91, and clothing for North West Indians \$81, Christian Endeavor \$16.16, making a total from all sources of \$1,724.61. Rev. M. N. Bethune, the pastor, expressed his thankfulness, to the congregation for their kindness to him during his present illness. The Gamebridge section of the congregation is not included in this report.

Chalmers Church, Guelph, held its annual meeting lately, and was very largely attended. The ladies of the church provided a substantial tea from six to eight, which was greatly appreciated by all, particularly those who had to drive in from a distance. Rev. Mr. Glassford, pastor, conducted devotional exercises, and presented the report of the Session, which showed a steady growth in the membership roll. The resident membership at the close of 1894 was 561, and during the past year seventy-seven members were added, which is the largest number ever received in any one year in the history of the church. Reports were also presented from the treasurer, the Missionary Society, Wardrobe Auxiliary, Mission Band, Sunday-School and Bible class, Christian Endeavor, and Ladies' Aid Society. The total amount raised for all purposes during the year was \$5,506.58. On account of the urgent need for more seating accommodation the following resolution was put and carried without a dissenting voice, that the Board of Managers be authorized to proceed with the work of providing accommodation for the increasing membership at as early a date as possible, and in such a manner as they shall see best; and to provide for the payment of the same as they shall find to be most advisable.

FEDERAL LIFE MEETING.

The fourteenth annual statement of the Federal Life Assurance Company, the annual meeting of which was held on Tuesday afternoon last in the head office in Hamilton, gives a most satisfactory account of the company's business during the past year, and indicates what even in depression times can be done an absolutely sure business when the management is composed of enterprising and far-sighted men. The report showed that during the year 1,547 applications for insurance, amounting to \$2,128,557, has been received. Of these 1,362 had been accepted for \$1,830,050. The assets of the company had been increased a million dollars. The security to policyholders, including guarantee capital, was at the close of the year \$1,119,576, and the liabilities for reserves and all outstanding claims \$415,721, showing a surplus of \$703,855. Exclusive of uncalled guarantee capital the surplus to policyholders was \$84,151. The death claims amounted to \$92,500 (re-insurance deducted). Including cash dividends and dividends applied to premium reduction \$123,224 during the year. The shareholders showed their appreciation of the year's work by re-electing the directors, and at a meeting of this body the officers of the board were re-elected.

W. F. M. S. PRESBYTERIAL MEETINGS.

At the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Society of Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery was held at Smith's Falls recently, Mrs. J. B. Stewart, of Perth, in the chair. After praise, Scripture reading and prayer, the retiring president gave an address. Pembroke was chosen as the place for holding the 14th annual meeting next year. A welcome from Smith's Falls to the delegates was extended by Mrs. Farrell and responded to by Mrs. Mitchell, of Almonte. At the dedication of the money for the year, prayer was offered by Mrs. A. A. Scott, of Carleton Place. A paper was read by Mrs. Edmison, of Perth, and a question drawer with conference was conducted by Mrs. A. H. Scott, of Perth. An inspiring address on features of the meeting was delivered by Mrs. McNachtan, of Cobourg. Another feature of the day was a presentation made by Mrs. McNair, of Carleton Place, in behalf of the society, of a life membership, worth \$25, to Mrs. Stewart, the retiring president. The new officers elected for '96-'97 are as follows:— President, Mrs. C. H. Cooke, Smith's Falls; Vice-President, Mrs. Campbell, Renfrew; Mrs. Stewart, Perth; Mrs. McLean, Arnprior; Mrs. A. A. Scott, Carleton Place; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Sinclair, Carleton Place; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Beatty, Pembroke; Mission Band Secretary, Mrs. Sinclair, Oliver's Ferry; Treasurer, Miss Findlay, Carleton Place.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Brockville Presbyterian W. F. M. S. held in Winchester, February 25th, was one of the largest and most successful in the history of the society. About seventy delegates and a large number of friends attended all the sessions, and the keenest interest was manifested throughout. The meeting on Monday evening was confined to the transaction of all business connected with the society, election of officers, etc., and closed with a concert of prayer. The forenoon session on Tuesday was given to the reports of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, which upon the whole were encouraging; also an excellent paper by Mrs. E. Aston, Merrickville, entitled, "Woman and the Gospel." The address of welcome in the afternoon was presented by Mrs. Camery, and responded to by Mrs. Blair. This was followed by the president's address and greetings from sister societies (Methodist and Baptist), also from Mrs. Kellock, a former vice-president, now of Richmond, Que. Two instructive papers, one by Mrs. Colquhoun, "Difficulties Attending W. F. M. S. Work in the Country," and another by Mrs. Scott, of Hull, "How the Work Grows," were well received. The children's hour was filled by an "Exercise on India," and choruses by the Mission Band, which reflected great credit on their leader. "Where is Heaven" was very feelingly rendered by one of the little folks. A few earnest words by Mrs. MacAlister closed this session. Many of the delegates took part in the devotional exercises. In the evening the chair was taken by Rev. D. Stewart, Dunbar, and the magnificent new church was crowded to the doors. Reports of secretary and treasurer were presented, followed by Mrs. Blair's paper, "Let There be Light." Rev. Wm. La Flamm, a returned Baptist missionary, then gave a stirring address on the Telugu Mission, and other parts of India. Addresses were also given by Rev. J. Kellock, "Paul as a Missionary Example," and Rev. J. Stuart, "Zenana Work," both of which were very instructive. Miss Blow, of South Mountain, gave two fine solos, and the choir furnished excellent music. A sumptuous tea was served to members of Presbytery and of the Presbyterian Society in the dining room of the church, and a souvenir picture of the beautiful edifice was given to each visitor. The kindest hospitality was shown by the ladies of Winchester, and the delegates will not soon forget this Presbyterian gathering. The social hour before tea was an exceedingly pleasant one, and not only gave the members an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with each other, but of forming plans for further extending the work. Contribution \$1,300.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Lindsay Presbyterian W. F. M. S. was held in Uxbridge, Tuesday and Wednesday, 18th and 19th ult. There were about sixty-five delegates present. Mr. Ross, Lindsay, the President, presided. The meeting was opened Tuesday morning by a prayer meeting and Bible reading. In the afternoon,

greeting, were given by the local societies — Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalians, and the society of "The Friends." The secretary's report showed the number of Auxiliary members 576; general society members 69. During the year the Cambray Auxiliary had been re-organized, and a Mission Band organized at Wick to be called the "Leask-McMillan" Band. Altogether there were reported 21 auxiliaries and 6 Mission Bands. The supply sent to the North-West was double that sent last year, amounting to 1,240 lbs of clothing, valued at \$488.82. About 400 copies of the *Letter Leaflet* have been circulated throughout the members and a baby organ was sent to Miss Calder during the year, from whom a very interesting letter was read acknowledging the organ and giving some account of her work in India. The treasurer reported the total contributions to be \$1,407.78. On account of illness Miss Sinclair, who was to have spoken at the afternoon meeting, could not be present, and although it was a keen disappointment to all, her place was most acceptably filled by Mrs. Ross, the president, who gave a very interesting address, basing her remarks on the motto of the Society "The World for Christ," and telling something of the work done in each field, and showing the vast amount of work there is still to be done. Tea was served in the school-room for the delegates and their friends, provided by the Uxbridge Zephyr, Leaskdale and St. Andrew's, Scott, ladies. In the evening a public meeting was held, Rev. Mr. Hanna, of Uxbridge, presiding, at which addresses were given by Rev. J. W. MacMillan, Lindsay, on the work in British Columbia, and Rev. Dr. Smith on work in Honan, and a short address by Mr. McKay, of Sunderland. At the Wednesday morning's meeting the time was devoted to business. Reports were read from the different Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. Miss Dunoon read a very interesting letter from Miss MacLaren of the Birtle School, acknowledging the clothing sent from Lindsay, and giving a full account of the work of the school. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Bethune, Beaverton, for special guidance in the election of officers. After discussing the business in connection with the Lindsay Presbytery, the questions remitted by the Board were considered. It was thought it would be well to read the Presbyterian reports at the annual meeting at the time suggested by the Hamilton Presbytery; that this Presbytery would recommend no change in the allotment of the money and that a mission secretary be appointed. On Wednesday afternoon the opening exercises were conducted by the President, followed by prayer by Miss Quigley. A paper, written by Mrs. McKinnon, of Fenelon Falls, on "Spiritual Benefit of Mission Work to the Workers at Home," was read by Miss Ross, Cannington. Mrs. Grant, of Toronto, gave a very interesting address on "The Work in India From an External Point of View." This was followed by a duet from the Misses Gould, Uxbridge. An interesting paper, on "Plea for Mission Band Work," was given by Miss Florence Fair, of the Joy Mission Band, Lindsay. This was followed by a discussion as to the best way of carrying on Mission Band work. Mrs. Grant gave some helpful and novel suggestions. "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" was sung, after which Mrs. Jas. Walt, of Uxbridge, closed the meeting with prayer.

STEPHEN: A SOLDIER OF THE CROSS.

Probably no book has ever attained a larger circulation within a year than Mrs. Kingsley's "Titus: A Comrade of the Cross," of which last year more than a million copies were sold. The remarkable popularity of that story leads interest to the announcement that a new book by the same author is soon to appear, published simultaneously, in the United States by Henry Altman, of Philadelphia, and in Canada by William Briggs, of Toronto. This new story, which is a continuation of "Titus," will be entitled "Stephen: A Soldier of the Cross." It presents, in the form of a historical novel, the life of the early Church to the beginning of the ministry of Paul. The author's style is vivid and dramatic; the chapters follow each other like scenes in a tragedy. Annas, Caiaphas, Saul of Tarsus, Stephen, Peter, and a host of minor characters, are made to enact again those deeds that have been the wonder and the inspiration of Christendom. A pleasing feature of Mrs. Kingsley's stories is the absence of the ostentatious display of learning that burdens so many works of this class. She tells her story in simple, choice language, but it is tense with vivid dramatic strength and marked by almost faultless literary finish.



Catarrh in the Head

Is a dangerous disease because it is liable to result in loss of hearing or smell, or develop into consumption. Read the following:

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At the annual meeting of Augustine Church, Winnipeg, the reports were of a highly satisfactory character. The congregation has no debt of any kind whatsoever, and after making a special grant to the Sabbath School showed a favorable balance in the ordinary revenue of \$132. The amount given from all sources to the schemes of the church was \$593, being some \$70 in excess of last year. At an adjourned meeting held a week later, after hearing from the managers a full report of the financial standing, the congregation decided by unanimous vote to raise the salary of the pastor the Rev. R. G. MacBeth from \$1,500 to \$2,000. The congregation is in the principal residential suburb of Winnipeg and though as yet numerically small is exceedingly active and devoted in the work.

The annual meeting in connection with the Cobourg Presbyterian Church showed the congregation to be in a flourishing condition. In opening the meeting Mr. N. F. McNachtan, in the absence of the pastor, conducted devotional exercises, and Mr. John Fisher was appointed chairman. These reports were then read:— Session, Mr. McNachtan; Sabbath School, Mr. H. Treblecock; W. F. M. Society and W. A. Mission Band, Mrs. Hamilton; Y. P. S. C. E., Miss Duncan; Missionary Association, Mr. R. Gowans; Ladies' Aid, Miss Vair; Daily Mission Band, Miss P. Feir; Y. P. S. C. E., Miss Bowman; Bible class, Mr. Wm. Isaac; managers, Mr. Spence. Mr. Burnet then gave the treasurer's report of the finances of the congregation. Mr. R. Gowans and Mr. John Orr were added to the staff of managers. The total receipts from all sources amount to nearly \$3,500.

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