

ANNUAL MEETING.

The 59th Annual Meeting of the Grande-Ligne Mission was held on the 10th of October, 1895, at 2.30 o'clock, p.m., in the French Baptist Church, (l'Oratoire) in the city of Montreal.

Mr. A. A. Ayer, the President, occupied the chair.

The meeting was opened with singing and prayer.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and adopted.

The Secretary then presented the 59th Annual Report, which was partially printed for the convenience of those present. The Missionaries, were invited to give explanations if need be.

The Report was adopted.

The Treasurer presented the Financial Statement, also the Report of the Endowment and Building Fund, which on motion was adopted, and referred, as well as the Secretary's Report, to a Committee for publication.

The following persons were, on ballot, elected members of the Board for the ensuing year :—

A. A. Ayer, Rev. T. Lafleur, Joseph Richards, Rev. Donald Grant, Rev. A. L. Therrien, Rev. G. N. Massé, Rev. M. B. Parent, Rev. W. B. Hinson, Rev. W. T. Graham, Rev. J. H. Hunter, Coaticooke, James W. Tester, J. C. Sims, Joseph Picard, Rev. A. T. Dykeman, Digby, N. S., and the President of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec.

The following were elected as Advisory Board :

Rev. John Gordon, D.D., Phila. ; Rev. W. N. Clarke, D.D., Hamilton, N.Y. ; Rev. D. D. MacLaurin, D.D., Detroit, Mich. ; Rev. A. G. Upham, D.D., Cleveland, O. ; Thos. Leeming, Brooklyn, N.Y. ; S. P. Hibbard, Boston ; John A. Cameron, Ottawa ; W. A. Marsh, Quebec ; Geo. Foster, Brantford.

The Board met at the close of the meeting and elected Mr. A. A. Ayer, President ; J. Richards, Treasurer ; Rev. T. Lafleur, Secretary ; Rev. E. Bosworth, Field Secretary.

At 8 o'clock, p.m. a platform meeting was held, at which Mr. A. A. Ayer presided. There was a large attendance. Interesting and stirring addresses were delivered on the difficulties, necessity and encouragements of the work by Revs. W. S. Bullock and A. J. Lebeau in English, and by Rev. T. Lafleur in French.

Rev. H. F. Laflamme, Missionary to the Telugus, gave the meeting a kindly greeting, and Prof. Herbert Marceau sang a selection from Elijah in his best form.

At 10.30 a.m. the Missionaries met for Prayer and Conference. It was like a family gathering and it was good to be there. Toward the close of this service the President of the Board addressed the Missionaries and Colporteurs in kind loving words, which at the same time were very searching, as he spoke of the necessity of their leading their people, in renewed evangelical effort, in a Forward movement, in looking for new fields, in the mission churches increasing their contributions, and generally in setting an example before their Catholic neighbors and all the world.

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