

chair was taken by Rev. Dr. MacNish, Rev. Prof. R. S. of Montreal, spoke at some length on the subject of Missions generally, and Rev. R. Harkness extended greetings from the Presbytery to the delegates congratulating them on their efforts to spread the gospel in foreign parts. Rev. Mr. Weir of Avonmore, spoke on North west Missions, pointing out the imperative need for still greater exertion owing to the rapid increase of population in the west. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President—Mrs. A. Graham, Lancaster. Vice-Presidents—Mrs. K. A. Gollan, Dunvegan; Mrs. D. McVicar, Finch; Mrs. Scott, Martintown; Mrs. Fraser, Lancaster; Mrs. Harkness, Cornwall; Mrs. McLeod. Secretary—Miss Cline, Cornwall. Treasurer—Mrs. J. D. MacLennan, Cornwall. Leaflet Secretary—Miss Copeland, Cornwall. Recording Secretary—Miss McGregor, Martintown. Prayer by Mrs. D. McDermid and Bible reading by Mrs. C. Curn opened the afternoon session. Miss McCrimmon spoke on Mission Band work and Mrs. Thompson answered a number of pertinent questions that had been placed in the drawer. A few well-chosen closing words were spoken by Mrs. J. Fraser and prayer by Mrs. Binnie brought the meeting to a close.

#### Western Ontario.

Rev. H. Ross, Airline, is doing good work in his new field.

Rev. R. C. Tibb, of Toronto, filled the pulpit of Barns' church, Erin, on Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Strachan, of Guelph, conducted services in Melville church, Fergus, last Sunday.

Prof. Ballantyne, of Knox College, Toronto, preached morning and evening in Knox church, Guelph, last Sabbath.

Communion was dispensed in the Creemore charge last Sabbath by Rev. J. A. McConnell and twelve new members were added to the church.

The choir of Knox church, Tavistock, held a garden party and strawberry festival last week on the church grounds, which was a great success.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed at Chalmers' church, Woodstock, last Sabbath. Rev. E. Cockburn, M.A., officiated at both services.

Rev. Robt. Aylward, B.A., of Parkhill, conducted anniversary services at Innerkip last Sabbath. The congregations were very large and the offerings amounted to upwards of one hundred dollars.

Knox church, Milton, anniversary services will be held on Sunday, July 5th, instead of June 28th, as announced. Rev. A. MacWilliams, B.A., of Wentworth church, Hamilton, will conduct the services.

The pulpit of Knox church, Guelph, was occupied on Sunday by Rev. W. J. Hindley, formerly pastor of the Congregational church. Large congregations were present, and the sermons were listened to with great interest.

Mr. David Dix, theological student of Knox College, Toronto, is taking charge of the services in the Presbyterian churches at Drayton and Moorefield during the absence of Rev. C. Tait who is attending the meeting of the General Assembly.

The mission band of St. Andrew's church, Kippen, intend holding a lawn social on the lawn of Mr. James Chesney, third concession of Tuckersmith, early in July. They are securing the services of the Seaforth band for the occasion.

A most successful social and entertainment was held at the Baldoon Presbyterian church, Dover, of which Rev. Mr. McNeilly is the pastor. The purpose of this social gathering was to raise funds to supplement voluntary subscriptions by the congregation to build an addition to the manse and to brick veneer the building.

The pulpit of Chalmers' church, Woodstock, was occupied at both services on Sunday by W. A. Amos, B.A., eldest son of Wm. Amos. Mr. Amos is at present taking his theological course at Knox College, after having graduated at Toronto University. The young man was heard with much acceptance by the congregation with which his father's family have worshipped for many years. Large numbers of his former schoolmates heard him with great pleasure on the subject of character building.

Mr. Henry O'Hara, of Toronto, has been elected chairman for the ensuing year of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec. The fifteenth annual meeting of the Union met at London last week and all the reports were

very satisfactory. On Sabbath a number of the pulpits were occupied by representatives of the Congregational Union. The question that occupied considerable time at the sessions of the Union was the "Challenge to the Churches" from Britain. The Congregational Union of England and Wales have promised to give ten per cent. of any sum raised by the Canadian churches to pay off church debts, of which there are a number amounting to \$194,000. It was decided to take up the challenge, and a committee was appointed to plan out details of the scheme to be adopted. It is hoped that at least \$100,000 will be raised.

#### Northern Ontario.

The Rev. J. Becket of Sundridge conducted the services in the Burks Falls church on Sunday.

Rev. T. D. McCullough, Ph. B., pastor of Guthrie church, Harrison is in Vancouver attending the General Assembly. Mr. Bertram Nelles, M.A., who has lately returned from Edinburgh is taking his work during June and July.

#### Toronto Notes.

The Toronto Summer School at Knox college, for which preparations have been going on for some time past, will open on July 6th. Nine evening meetings are announced. An interesting subject at each in charge of a good speaker should arouse interest and attract a large audience. Among others Rev. Mr. Vessot, of Montreal, will speak on "Our Missions in Quebec," and Rev. Mr. Murdoch Mackenzie, of Hanan, on "Aspects of Missions."

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Tract and Book Society much good work was reported. During May the colporteurs of the Society sold in their many journeys 2,035 copies of the Scriptures, and of the best religious books, giving also to the destitute, wherever thought needed. Another new colporteur has been added to the staff, to labor in Northern Ontario. In the past few weeks a large amount of good literature has been sent out for distribution among the camps of volunteers, to poor Sabbath schools, and to far-off mission fields. The foreign mission work in Central China is being carried on in a very efficient way, as last year there were sold no less than 305,000 copies of Chinese Christian books.

Rev. Dr. Wm. Patterson, of Philadelphia, Pa., preached to his former charge in Cooke's church last Sunday, and hundreds could not get within the doors. Mr. Patterson's presentation of the "Old, Old Story" proves as taking as ever, and his former friends never tire of hearing the message from his lips.

Many thoughts are turning these days to the sick-bed of Principal Caven. He has fought a brave fight with the angel of death, and has been greatly weakened in the struggle. As we write his condition is unchanged, and still critical.

The funeral of the late Rev. Dr. Dewart was largely attended, showing the deep respect felt for the departed divine in the community in which he spent so many years of a faithful life. For more than 20 years he ably edited the Christian Guardian, the organ of the Methodist church. His death came very suddenly, in the 75 year of his age.

The dials of the fine clock in the tower of the City Hall is soon to be illuminated. When the requisite plant is installed it is expected that Toronto's will be the best lighted clock in America. The illumination of each dial will be furnished by 120 eight-candle-power incandescent lamps, aided by a galvanized iron reflector the size of the dial, 20 feet 6 inches in diameter. The lamps will be inserted through holes in the reflector 2 1/4 inches in diameter, and will be handled from the inside. They will be 17 inches apart and 20 inches from the dial.

Toronto Presbyterians have entered on aggressive city mission work. Under the auspices of a union representing largely the laymen of the churches, tent services have been begun. The services will be continued every evening for a month, after which the tent may be removed to some other site. The idea of tent services was suggested by similar work under the Presbyterian Union in Philadelphia, New York, St. Louis and other American cities. It was taken up here by the recently organized Toronto Presbyterian Union, of which Mr. G. Tower Ferguson is president, and which represents the aggressive elements, lay and clerical, in city Presbyterianism. The committee having charge of the tent work is led by Rev. J. McP. Scott, the devoted pastor of St. John's church. The ar-

rangements are quite complete, and provide for an extensive evangelistic movement during the summer months. At the opening service more than three hundred were present. Rev. M. N. Bethune, a preacher of marked evangelistic power, is in charge, and other city ministers and church workers are in active co-operation. The cost of this work is borne by Presbyterians in the city who are in sympathy with such a movement. The work is recognized by the Presbytery, and those having it specially in hand are greatly encouraged by the prospects. Similar work in Philadelphia during the past three years has been very effective.

St. Andrew's College closing exercises and presentation of prizes was extremely well attended, and the garden party thoroughly enjoyed by all. The proceedings were opened by Rev. Dr. MacLaren, and speeches were also made by President London, Professor Baker of Toronto University, Rev. H. J. Cody, and Rev. Armstrong Black, who gave advice at once judicial and humorous to the boys, who testified their approval in true boy fashion. Principal Macdonald alluded to the purchase of twenty-three acres for a new building, but it had been discovered by the board that the work of erection must be delayed for a short time. The school was in a most prosperous and successful condition.

#### Montreal.

The Rev. J. Patterson, of Montreal, has been preaching in St. Andrew's church, Lancaster.

The Board of Governors of McGill University has made several important appointments to the staff. Among others Prof. John MacNaughton, M.A., professor of Greek in Queen's University, Kingston, was appointed Hiram Mills professor of classics in the place of Professor Carter, who resigned at the end of the last session.

A. Gordon Dewey, son of Rev. F. M. Dewey, of Stanley street church, was "dux" of his class at the recent High School exams.

The garden party given last Saturday by the ladies of St. Giles church on the grounds of Mr. F. Hyde, Outremont, was greatly enjoyed by a large number of members of the congregation and their friends.

Last Saturday was a red letter day for the young people of Knox church. The weather was delightful; and the Sunday School scholars, their teachers, parents and friends passed a pleasant day at Sherringham Park, an ideal place for such a gathering.

Rev. John MacKay, M.A., of Cre-cent church, who has been taking in the General Assembly, is expected to occupy his own pulpit next Sabbath.

#### Quebec.

The congregation of English River and Howick is still hearing candidates. Rev. Mr. Kinnear, Holton, is moderator of session.

The Presbyterian church, Fernham, has been repaired both inside and out and now presents a decidedly improved appearance. The lawn social given by the ladies on Thursday evening was a brilliant success, notwithstanding the unfavorable turn of the weather.

The quarterly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Pres. Church in Canada was held on the ninth of June in the church, Georgetown. Fourteen auxiliaries sent representatives. At the afternoon session Mrs. J. A. MacMaster occupied the chair. After an address of welcome given by Miss C. A. MacKeracher and responded to by Mrs. Dunton, Mrs. Amaron gave an excellent paper on the nature and needs of the French work. Letters were read from pupils supported by the society in the schools at Pointe-aux-Trembles and from our missionaries in Macao—Dr. and Mrs. MacKay. A Question Box was conducted by Mrs. Paul. A bountiful tea was served in the basement of the church at the close of the session to which all were cordially invited to remain. In the evening the Rev. G. Whillians, B. A., pastor of the congregation presided, Miss Dewey gave an address on Home Missions and the Rev. F. G. Johnson of Montreal, one on Missions. Miss I. J. MacMaster who had favored the ladies in the afternoon with a beautiful solo—Consider the Lilies, again sang, this together with music by a choir completed a most enjoyable and helpful program.

#### Winnipeg.

The new St. Stephen's church, Winnipeg, of which the Rev. C. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor) is pastor, was dedicated last Sunday. The opening sermons were preached by the Rev. Dr. Gordon, principal of Queen's Kingston.