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WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. James R. Mann, B.A., of Sturgeon Falls, is called to Auburn, Maitland, Presbytery.

The induction of Rev. Wm. Cooper, B. A., as pastor of Westminster church, Mount Forest, will take place on 26th inst.

Rev. Dr. D. H. Fletcher has been elected president of the Hamilton branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Depot Harbor Presbyterian Church announce an Ice Cream Social—the first of the season—for next Friday evening. Should the weather prove propitious it is sure to be a pleasant affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Ray and family have removed from Mount Forest to Toronto, and The Confederates says they will be much missed, especially in Westminster church, in whose affairs they took a very active interest. The loss of the Mount Forest congregation will be the gain of the church with which they may affiliate in the city of Toronto.

At a recent meeting of Barrie Presbytery, Dr. McLeod presented a report on Systematic Giving and Rev. Mr. Carr, of Cookstown, a report on Sabbath Schools. Both reports were fully discussed and proved very interesting and helpful. D. H. Middleton, of Elmvale, and Rev. H. Brown, of Wyevale, were appointed commissioners to the Assembly. Rev. Dr. W. Moore, of Ottawa, addressed the meeting in the interests of the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Consumption. Rev. D. C. MacGregor, of Orillia, and Rev. R. C. McDermid, of Stayner, recently inducted, were introduced to the Presbytery. J. A. Bell presented a report of the Hay Endowment Committee, which recommended the appointment of trustees for Mary Kirk, New Lowell, and advised that the money be paid to her trustees. Rev. Mr. Morris, of Bond Head, reported the organization of a congregation at Schomberg. The following resolution on the subject of Church Union was passed. Resolved that the subject of union now being considered, be laid on the table of the Assembly, that the churches negotiating agree to co-operate with one another in a Christian and honorable spirit and that the matter of organic union be postponed. Rev. D. H. Currie, of Hillsdale, presented the report of the committee appointed to audit the Angus Sabbath School books and the parties in the case accepted the finding of the report which Mr. Currie was appointed to read to the Angus congregation. The Presbytery adjourned to convene on first Tuesday in July.

Rev. H. S. Lee, of Apple Hill, exchanged with Rev. R. MacKay, of Maxwell, last Sunday.

The ladies of the Woodville Auxiliary of the W. F. M. have presented Mrs. Kannawin, their minister's wife, with a Life Membership Certificate in the W. F. M. Society.

Rev. W. Wilson, late of Balgonie, Sask., has accepted a call to Hanley in the same province. On leaving his former charge he was presented with an address along with a well filled purse.

Rev. James Sieveright, B.A., has been doing great things at Sebright, and the progress and hopefulness of the people and the glowing accounts they give of their minister's work indicate that the "deadline" does not necessarily come at fifty, nor till long afterward, in the case of a man of Mr. Sieveright's energy and optimistic spirit.

WOMEN'S F.M. CONVENTION.

The 32nd annual meeting of the W. F. M. S. (W.S.) was held in Westminster church, Toronto, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 5-7. These meetings will be remembered as among the most largely attended, enthusiastic and harmonious in the history of the society. Over 400 delegates from outside Toronto were in attendance, and these with the large number of representatives and visitors from the churches of the city, filled the large auditorium of Westminster church to overflowing at all the meetings.

The keynote of the meetings was given in the inspiring "Opening Words," by Mrs. Smith of St. Catharines, on "Vision and Service." She urged that not more organization, but greater spiritual vision was what was needed in our work.

It was very gratifying to everyone that President Mrs. Shortreed was so fully restored to health as to be able to preside at all the meetings. In her opening address, after extending a hearty welcome to the delegates, she reviewed briefly the year's work, and spoke of the progress made along every line of the society's activities. The duty of each and all who came in touch with this work, to use faithfully the talents given them, in the service of Christ, was dwelt upon. After referring lovingly to the many co-workers who had passed away during the year, the president called on Mrs. Andrew Jeffrey, who had so ably and acceptably filled the office during the absence of the president from office. In a few brief remarks she thanked the officers for their loyalty to her in fulfilling her duties, and urged that all strive to so live and work that their example will commend itself to the young women of our Church.

Greetings were received from members of sister societies and kindred organizations.

At the Wednesday morning session, reports were received from the various secretaries. Foreign Secretary, Mrs. Bell, gave a detailed report of the work in India, China, and Formosa, referring especially to the opening of the Girls' Boarding School at Tamsui, and the hopeful outlook in all these fields.

Miss Craig, Secretary for Chinese and Indian work in British Columbia and the Northwest, showed how, in spite of the difficulties which have to be overcome by the missionaries, and the lack of sufficient workers, that encouraging results are being obtained, especially among the children and young people.

Miss Reid, Home Secretary, reported as follows:—Number of Presbyterials 32, an increase of 3; number of Auxiliaries 805, an increase of 39; number of Mission Bands 302, an increase of 36; total membership, including Mission Bands, 27,154; total contributions from all sources, \$68,397.56, an increase of \$2,883.41.

Miss Jamieson, Travelling Secretary, reported work done in several Presbyterials, including a six months' itinerating in the western provinces, and spoke with much appreciation of the earnestness and resourcefulness of the Auxiliaries which she visited.

Miss Parsons, Publication Secretary, reported a successful year for the "Foreign Missionary Tidings," so ably edited by Mrs. MacGillivray which has now reached a circulation of 21,650. She also reports an increase in demand for the books of the study courses, for Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. Special mention was made of the success of the Winnipeg branch of this department, under the management of Mrs. W. R. Watson. Mrs. Robinson, Secretary of Ewart Train-

ing Home, reported a busy and successful year in the Home. Nine students were in residence.

In the reports from Presbyterials a territory was represented which stretched from the eastern boundary of Quebec to the Pacific Coast, delegates being present from the extreme eastern and western districts. The reports showed that although a few had fallen off in the amount of their contributions in the older districts, this was easily more than balanced by the three new Presbyterials formed in the West.

During the Young People's hour, Mrs. Crawford of Niagara Falls gave a most interesting and helpful address on Mission Band work. This was followed by a model lesson, in which she illustrated the use of a series of colored charts, which she had specially prepared for this work. There was a very general feeling that this series of mission study lessons, as prepared by Mrs. Crawford, should be available for all Mission Band workers, and the Board has taken the matter into careful consideration.

The evening meetings were unusually well attended. The Tuesday evening meeting was given up entirely to an address by Dr. Chone Oliver, of Neenuch, India, who made her description of the work, especially the medical side of it, extremely interesting. Limelight views gave excellent ideas of the typical races dealt with, and the various forms of work. She concluded her address with an appeal for more young women to offer themselves for the service.

As the seating capacity of Westminster Church was not adequate for the number who were present on Tuesday evening, it was decided to hold the Wednesday evening meeting in Cooke's church, when upwards of 2,000 were present. Hearty words of welcome on behalf of the Presbyterian churches of the city were given by Rev. Dr. Neil, and Rev. Principal McLaren presented the leading facts of the reports as outlined in the report. Rev. Clarence McKinnon of Winnipeg held the undivided attention of the entire audience, in a stirring missionary appeal, in which he argued that missionary activity was of the very essence of Christianity itself. Rev. Wm. Gauld of Formosa expressed the gratitude of their mission staff to the W. F. M. S., for their generous support.

A short address on the newly undertaken work of the Presbyterian church among the Jews in Toronto, was given by Rev. S. B. Rohold, who has recently been appointed to that work. In addition to the addresses of evening meetings, Miss Jessie Duncan of Indore, gave a very interesting account of the work in her district, especially its educational and evangelistic departments.

Mrs. Gauld spoke of the urgent need for a hospital in connection with their work in Formosa; and Mrs. Harvey Grant referred briefly to their work in Honan.

Miss Gunn of British Columbia gave an interesting account of her seven years' work among the Chinese women and children of Victoria.

In the closing address, Dr. Chone Oliver dwelt upon the importance of vision and service, a very fitting message, and the same that had been given in the opening words and had been predominant throughout all the meetings.

It was unanimously agreed to accept the invitation to hold the next annual meeting in Ottawa in May, 1909.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Honorary Presidents, Lady Mortimer Clark, Mrs. McLachlan, Mrs. H.