

THE MISSIONARY WORLD.

TORONTO WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Toronto Presbyterian Society of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (Western Division) was held Friday, February 27, in West Presbyterian Church, Toronto.

The morning session was well attended, nearly every Auxiliary and Mission Band having one or two delegates present, besides numerous friends. The meeting opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs. W. B. McMurrich, the president, and Mrs. Roberts.

Miss George, secretary, read the minutes of last meeting, and Miss Reid reported that the Auxiliaries had contributed \$4,489.22 during the year, and Mission Bands, \$1,341.99. Also that the increase had been very encouraging.

Mrs. J. C. Hamilton, Convener of the Supply Committee, read a paper on their work, telling how the Committee had distributed the donations of clothing and money received. Dolls, toys and small articles were also sent to Miss Rodger, of Indore, for prizes, to be given in the schools. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. A. Jeffrey, who very kindly put a room in his store at the disposal of the ladies and shipped and prepaid the cases for Mrs. Hamilton, saving her a great deal of trouble.

There are thirty-eight Auxiliaries, twenty Mission Bands, with a total membership of 2,093; members of General Society, 684; new life members, twenty-seven. Total contributions, \$5,902.25.

Nominations and election of officers was the next business, resulting in the president, secretary and treasurer being re-elected, all present being greatly pleased to have it thus: Mrs. McMurrich, president; Miss George, secretary; Miss Reid, treasurer.

While waiting for the scrutineers to finish their work, Miss McGregor, of West Church, sang very sweetly the missionary hymn, "Far, Far Away in Heathen Darkness Dwelling," and Mrs. Ritchie, of Deer Park Church, led in prayer. There was a little discussion on the question: "Should not the Society assist the Board of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society by paying the salaries of the missionaries' wives out of their surplus fund?" Many spoke and expressed their opinion that it seemed right to help the Board in this way. The scrutineers here appeared and announced Mrs. Grey, Brampton, first vice-president; Mrs. Brimer, West Toronto Junction, second vice-president; Mrs. Carlyle, West Church, third vice-president, and Mrs. Anos, Aurora, fourth vice-president. After singing a hymn all adjourned to the school-room, where a neat and sumptuous lunch had been prepared by the ladies of West Church, who evidently had gone to no little trouble to do all they could for the comfort of those present. All seemed to thoroughly enjoy the pleasant intermission.

The singing of Hymn 262 opened the afternoon proceedings, together with Scripture reading and prayer. Mrs. Breckenridge read a letter of welcome to the delegates, Miss Gilchrist answering it and returning thanks to the ladies of West Church, Toronto, for their kindness.

The next annual meeting was voted on, Bloor Street Church having the vote over St. Andrew's (East) and Erskine. The semi-annual meetings to be held in Streetsville in October. The contributions—\$5,902.25—were arranged to be sent to Mrs. MacLennan, treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and Mrs. Shortreed offered the dedicatory prayer most earnestly and impressively. Mrs. Argo read a letter from her sister, Mrs. Wilkie, Indore, telling how they had been received on their return from Canada, and reported great improvement every way.

Some very interesting subjects were brought up, one being "How best to distribute general knowledge of our mission fields." Various ways were suggested. "Officers to be thoroughly informed as to items, etc., of mission work," "more leaflets," "the names of missionaries and their fields to be on cards and placed on the walls of rooms," so that every person could be interested in the work, and know where each missionary was to be found. Several ladies spoke, all making suggestions on the subject. Mrs. Mortimer Clark read a carefully-prepared and interesting paper on the "Restoration of the Jews," which was well received. Several members of societies connected with other denominations were present, and gave expression to their cordial well-wishes. They were all engaged in the same work, though belonging to different branches of the Church. They were all united in their love and service of the one Father.

Collection being taken up, thanks were given to the ladies of West Church for their kindness. Also to those who had helped with the singing. All dispersed delighted with the proceedings, it being one of the best-attended for some time. Every one seemed to feel that it was good to be there.

KNOX COLLEGE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The fourteenth public meeting of the Knox College Students' Missionary Society was held last Friday evening in Convocation Hall. Before introducing the speakers of the evening, the chairman, Mr. Robert Gourlay, delivered a short address, presenting in a forcible manner the objects of the above Society, and showing how its work in the past had prospered and blessed. Two admirable addresses were delivered, the one on the "Encouragements and Difficulties of Canadian Missionary Work," by the able president of the Society, Mr. Thomas H. Rogers, B.A., and the other by the popular and efficient pastor of the Bloor Street Presbyterian Church, Rev. W. G. Wallace, B.D. Mr. Rogers stated that there were in the North-West Territories only 546 points at which the Gospel was preached. If these were placed in a direct line at equal distances they would fall about ten miles apart. This showed, in his opinion, that, while large amounts of money were being continually voted to, and while great numbers of young men were preparing themselves for the foreign field, there was a dearth of men and a significant lack of money to carry on the work of our Church in the destitute parts of Canada. While this was true, there were, on the other hand, encouragements which more than compensated the difficulties and discouragements. These were shown in the great advancement of the Home Mission work during the past ten years, in the increased interest of the Church at large, and especially in the untiring zeal displayed by our students in forwarding the interests of this important cause.

Mr. Wallace, in a masterly and forceful address, enumerated what he considered to be a few of the chief attributes of "The Ideal Missionary." The missionary needed a fixed purpose, an unflinching enthusiasm, an untiring patience, an indomitable courage and an abiding faith in God. These were, he considered, the constituent elements of that heroism which were at once the main stay and support of the ideal missionary.

MR. FREDERICK WELLS WILLIAMS, a native of Macao, China, says of the Chinese civilization "that, with such a cast iron system, any change must come from outside." Chinese statesmen recognize the radical nature of the change which is to come, one of whom declares it a greater change for China to find herself face to face with the nations of the far West than anything that has occurred in her history. How to adapt herself to this imminent transformation is the problem for years to come. The next two or three generations will be best employed in observing and applying the institutions of other lands. As a cat watches a mouse, China watches Japan, whose rapid progress irritates the Celestial and shocks his pride. Japan may be to China the hyphen, the copula, between the old life and the new. But we shall see no more than the beginning, for Asiatic civilization moves slowly, by centuries; yet some day a great destiny will be realized."

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS.

AT the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church, Barrie, held recently, the annual reports of the Session, managers, mission societies, etc., were presented and gave entire satisfaction. The managers were congratulated on the improved appearance of the interior of the church. James Webster and Mr. Cameron were elected managers. Mr. Woods was also elected, there being three vacancies. Mr. George Henderson was voted \$25 for his services in connection with the choir.

THE congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Perth, held their annual meeting in the church building recently, a good number being present. Mr. William Meighen occupied the chair, and Mr. Henry Taylor filled his place as secretary. Various reports were read, embodying all the schemes and work of the congregation during 1890. The receipts on expend account were \$1,458.90; disbursements, \$1,488.15. Receipts on contingent fund, through plate collections, \$604.68, expenditure, \$612.12. Sent to missions between five and six hundred dollars. The amount of funds in trust for sale of glebe lands, and lying on deposit receipts in the Merchants' Bank, is \$1,979. Messrs. William Meighen, R. J. Drummond and E. G. Malloch were re-elected trustees for the next three years.

THE annual meeting of the Streetsville Presbyterian Church, held recently, was well attended. The chair was occupied by the pastor, Rev. R. J. M. Glassford. Satisfactory reports were read from the Session, Sunday school, Mission Band, Ladies' Committee, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and managers. During the year fifty new members have been received, making a present total of 303 on the roll. Contributions to the Schemes of the Church reached the sum of \$530.70. The third instalment due on church repairs had been fully met, and the total liability of the congregation reduced to \$2,200. For all purposes the congregation had raised \$2,700. The following gentlemen, with the pastor, were instructed to gather historical facts relating to the early days of the congregation and report at the next annual meeting: Messrs. Murray, William Steen, Bealy and McClure.

AT the annual meeting of the Collingwood congregation, recently held, the state of the Church was seen to be very satisfactory. Members to the number of sixty-one were received in fellowship, making now a roll of 320. The pupils at the Sunday school are 554, besides a mission school with a roll of sixty. Amount raised for missions was over \$600. The Sunday school supports a pupil at Pointe-aux-Trembles School, and the young ladies support a missionary in Manitoba. Of the church debt over \$700 was paid, and the balance provided for, to be paid next fall. Altogether over \$3,000 were raised for church purposes. There is a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, a Mission Band, a Home Mission Association and a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour in excellent working order. This is decidedly a congregation of societies and committees. Dr. Campbell is a strong advocate of division of labour.

ON the 14th of January last the congregation of the Caledonia Presbyterian Church held its annual meeting in the church, beginning at seven p.m., Rev. J. G. Shearer in the chair and D. McGregor acting as secretary. After a formal opening by prayer and singing the business of the evening began. Report of Session showed 145 families in communion with the congregation, forty single persons not connected with the families, total members, 296; increase during the year of eleven; baptisms, seventeen; died, ten. The Session is composed of the following: George Elwood, Alexander Douglass, James Stewart, S. B. Weylie, William Brown, R. C. Aman, D. McGregor, Alexander Scott and William Scott. Managers for ensuing year are: John Scott, D. McGregor, S. B. Weylie, James Moore, John Thorburn, William Brown, James Patterson, C. Moss, H. C. Clark, John Earl, R. Shaw and William Scott. The following organizations are in good working condition: Missionary Association—Woman's Foreign Missionary Society numbers forty; Salem Cottage Girls' Mission Band, forty members; Boys' Band, thirteen members; Society of Workers for Christ, sixty-seven members; Sabbath school, number on roll, 200; also a branch Sabbath school at Kennedy schoolhouse, Oneida, fifty-eight on roll. Mr. R. C. Annan, superintendent. Contributions were as follows: By congregation for manse, \$1,348.50; by congregation for general fund, \$1,400; special collections for Schemes of Church, \$274; paid for manse (part borrowed) in full, \$2,478; paid for minister's salary, \$1,000; sundries, \$340; Schemes of the Church and other donations, \$374; contributed by Sabbath school, \$174; contributed by Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$116; contributed by Girls' Band, \$40; contributed by Boys' Band, \$14; contributed by individuals for Schemes of the Church, \$335. There is a balance of \$392 in the hands of the treasurer; balance owing on manse, \$968. This congregation was formerly two separate charges, but were united about four years ago. The total contributions for various purposes was about \$1,200. Rev. Mr. Shearer resigned his charge at this meeting, and takes charge of Erskine Church, Hamilton. The congregation is now vacant, but expects, before long, to be settled again. Mr. Alexander Scott, one of the elders of this congregation, at the last meeting of the Hamilton Presbytery, was certified to the Church as a lay catechist.

THE annual meeting of the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, was held recently. There was a very fair attendance. The pastor, Rev. W. A. McKenzie, B.D., opened the meeting with devotional exercises, after which Mr. Robert Grant was elected chairman, and Mr. William M. Powell secretary of the meeting. The minutes of last annual meeting were read and sustained. Then the various reports were received and adopted. These reports were of a very encouraging nature. Marked progress has been made by the Sabbath school. The average attendance of scholars during the year 1890 was 191, and the total number on the roll 260. A sum of \$234.71 was raised for missions. In response to the invitation of the teachers and the offer of prizes for committing to memory the shorter catechism, sixteen of the scholars successfully competed. One of the number accomplished the rare and difficult achievement of not only answering all the questions correctly, but also giving proof, book, chapter, and verse absolutely without error. Valuable and beautiful Bibles were the prizes awarded the successful competitors. These prizes were the gifts of the esteemed superintendent, Mr. John M. Gill, who has spared no pains to maintain and increase the efficiency of the Sabbath school. The reports of the various missionary organizations were very satisfactory. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Association and mission bands raised the sum of \$207.50, besides sending a box of clothing to the Indians of the North-West. The sum of \$784.36 was raised for missions by the congregation at its annual missionary collection, making a total from all sources, for missionary schemes during the year of \$1,225.50. By the financial secretary's statement it was shown that the amount raised for ordinary expenditure, through plate collections and envelopes, was \$3,576.89. The report of the treasurer showed a balance of \$278.40. The total amount raised by the congregation for all purposes was \$5,449.74. Good work has been done by the young people's societies in connection with the church and they are proving valuable factors in Christian enterprise. An addition of \$200 was made to the pastor's salary, raising it to \$1,500 per annum. Mr. McKenzie

took occasion to warmly thank the congregation for their generous kindness and for all the encouragement, sympathy and help they had given him in his work. A truly successful and harmonious meeting was brought to a close with singing and prayer.

THE annual meeting of St. James' Presbyterian Church, London, was held lately, the number of members present being rather small. Rev. Mr. Talling was in the chair, and N. McNeill acted as secretary. The usual reports contained some encouraging facts, and showed the Church to be in a very prosperous condition. The total amount raised by the Church during the year was \$2,187.39, not including unpaid subscriptions. The new lecture-room has cost \$850, on which \$488.41 has been paid; outstanding subscriptions thereto figure up to \$196. The Ladies' Aid Society have raised during the year \$91.48, not including a purse of \$90 presented to Rev. Mr. McGillivray on leaving here—a total of \$181.48. Sabbath school collections were \$95.40. The Mission Circle recently formed has raised \$29.30. Church envelopes have netted \$755.28; loose collections, \$371.05, total, \$1,126.33. During the five months the present pastor has been here, forty-nine members have been added to the Church, and the Sunday school membership has risen from sixty-five to 150. A Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour has been formed with a membership of eighty—thirty-six active and forty-four associate members. A Sabbath school Temperance Society has seventy-five members. The present debt on the church is \$5,500. Money borrowed, \$500; floating debt, \$207. A very pleasing portion of the evening's work was the presentation of an address to the retiring officers of the Ladies' Aid Society connected with the Church. The ladies who have withdrawn from office for the present are Mrs. William McCormick, president; Mrs. A. Melbourne, vice-president; Mrs. H. McKay, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. A. K. Melbourne, treasurer; Miss M. Summers, secretary. Mrs. McCormick has been president of the society for ten years past, during which time most of the officers just resigned have been associated with her. Rev. Mr. Talling, on behalf of the newly-elected officers and other members of the society, read the address, which was couched in most appropriate terms. It spoke of the Society's deep desire to express its admiration and sense of gratitude for the services rendered the Church as well as the society by those to whom the words were directed. There was scarcely a department of Church work but bore the impress of their hands. They had been most energetic in visiting the sick, and calling upon strangers, and also in the labours attending the raising of funds. The social life of the people owed much of its affability to the general spirit which they had sought to inculcate. The Board of Managers elected were: Messrs. J. Mitchell, W. Webster, T. P. Lucas, Hugh Wyatt, A. McLean, and Thomas Walton. Messrs. A. K. Melbourne and R. Shillington are the auditors for this year.

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As will be seen from the report in another column the Western Assurance Company was able at its annual meeting to present a most satisfactory account of the concern to its shareholders. It stands on a solid basis, is managed with prudence and energy. Its volume of business is so large that it is evident that the Western Assurance Company enjoys a full measure of popular confidence and the statement the directors are enabled to make is one on which they are to be congratulated.

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HOW TO ATTAIN HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The latter half of the nineteenth century will pass into history as one into which is crowded more inventions and discoveries for the benefit of mankind than in all the centuries that have preceded it. Among these discoveries none will take higher rank than those in medicine, calculated to relieve "the ills that flesh is heir to," restore vitality, and prolong life. Ladies everywhere will rejoice at the discovery of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, undoubtedly the greatest remedy for their peculiar ailments yet discovered. These pills are the result of an almost life study, and are a certain nerve tonic and blood builder, supplying the elements necessary to enrich the blood and transform pale, sallow, or greenish complexions, to the pink and glow of perfect health. These pills are an unfailing cure for nervous debility, palpitation of the heart, loss of appetite, headache and all the irregularities of the female system that entail so much misery and distress. Every suffering woman should give them a trial. For sale by all dealers, or will be sent, post paid, on receipt of price—50 cents a box—by addressing The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont. Beware of imitations.

HOW TO PREVENT CONSUMPTION.

"Life is sweet" is an old saying, and just as true as it is old. No one in his or her right senses courts death; all wish to prolong life to the utmost limit, and yet, in spite of this universal desire to live the allotted three score years and ten—and even longer—thousands upon thousands of people through carelessness and neglect are hastening the time when they must stand face to face with the grim reaper, and make the plunge alone into "the dark valley of the shadow of death." No disease on this continent claims so many victims as consumption, and reliable statistics prove that fully two-thirds of the deaths occurring from consumption had their origin in catarrh. Nothing but negligence caused this last disease to develop into consumption, and the person who neglects to promptly and persistently treat catarrh until all traces are eradicated is simply hastening the coming of death. Even should catarrh not develop into consumption, it nevertheless shortens life, as every breath the patient inhales passes over poisonous secretions and thus affects the whole system. For the cure of catarrh no remedy ever discovered equals Nasal Balm, which is recognized from the Atlantic to the Pacific as the only certain cure for this disease. It removes the secretions from the nostrils, stops the poisonous droppings into the throat and lungs, and makes the user feel that a new lease of life has been given him. This great catarrh remedy is on sale with all dealers, or will be sent on receipt of price—50 cents for small and \$1.00 for large size bottles—by addressing Fullford & Co., Brockville, Ont.