

MISSION SOCIETY IS DOING GRAND WORK

Reports Read Showing That Success Is Crowning the Efforts of Ladies.

WEST IS CRYING FOR HELP

And a Determined Effort Will Be Made to Carry the Gospel Into All Districts.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery of London commenced yesterday afternoon with a large attendance of members from all over the district. The delegates were warmly welcomed by Mrs. McCrae, president of the W. F. M. S. and by Mrs. Inkster.

Reports Read.

In the absence of Mrs. MacQueen, the corresponding secretary's report was read by Miss L. M. Fraser. The report of mission bands for 1909 was also presented by Miss L. M. Fraser, who stated that the year had been a most prosperous one. She commended the work done by the Busy Bees of Ivan, the Cheerful Givers, of Hamilton road, and the Chelsea Green Band.

The new Sunshine Band in Port Stanley organized in February, did splendid work under the guidance of Mrs. (Rev.) J. P. Scott, and beside contributing to the fund added to the general fund more than \$20.

The "Day Star" Band of Kintore, has been reorganized, and "The Sunbeam" band of Ailsa Craig, presented a former member, Miss Annie McKay, with a certificate of life membership. This year the "Excelsior" Band of Knox Church carried off the banner, their contribution to the general fund being \$141.47.

The contribution to the general fund from all the bands amounted to \$567.67, an increase of \$290.29 over last year. The membership is 612, with an average attendance of 331.

The mission band contribution to the Northwest sales was \$49.75, and the secretary of supplies, Mrs. McEachern, wrote "Excellent" on every invoice.

An effort will be made to have a foreign mission band in every congregation of the Presbytery of London.

The report was found to be most satisfactory, and was unanimously adopted.

Address on Mission Work.

Mrs. McGilvary, of Toronto, gave an address on mission work that was of great interest.

"The responsibilities we have undertaken are immense," she said. "Every year makes it greater. The year has been one of splendid growth. Some of the signs of the times which show the need are the great development in foreign countries, and at home. The whole condition of things has changed in the last twenty years. India, our oldest and most difficult field, is a problem, because, as a British nation, we have made the mistake of trying to give them civilization before giving them Christianity. India's women are the stronghold of heathenism. When they are won, the men soon will be."

Mrs. McGilvary spoke particularly of the work of Marion Thorburn and the college named after her. The Presbyterians, she said, are doing great work in India.

"The great caste system in India," she said, "is being broken. In China there are great changes. Student bodies were never more plentiful. An effort is being made there to bring about a national day of rest. China is beginning to take a stand in regard to the opium and liquor traffic."

"In Honan alone," said Mrs. McGilvary, "the W. F. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church have 4,000,000 women and children to be reached."

"In Japan fourteen members of the Legislature are Christians, and full permission is given to teach Christian doctrines in the schools."

"In the home field splendid work is being done among the Indians. I cannot understand," she said, "how any Christian woman can fail to appreciate what Christianity has done for women and pass it along for other women."

"The question from the west is, 'Can you not do something to bring us closer together?'"

In order to do this it is likely independent boards will be established for different parts. The general executive board will be composed of representatives from the different provinces.

Address to Children.

During the afternoon a solo was rendered by Mrs. Stewart, and was greatly enjoyed.

At a special hour for the mission band, from 7 to 8 in the evening, Miss

Campbell, of India, addressed the children and gave them a most interesting account of the work that is being done there.

At 8 o'clock there was a public meeting in the church which was largely attended.

A report of the work of the auxiliaries prepared by Miss L. M. Fraser, was read by Dr. Ross, and was most satisfactory.

Miss Fraser pointed out that there were in the Presbytery of London 42 auxiliaries, with a total membership of 912.

There are now nine life members, including that presented to the president, Mrs. McCrae. The average attendance at monthly meetings was 488, and there are 105 members of the general society, and 32 scattered helpers, who contributed \$56 to the general fund. The value of the clothing sent to the pupils of Alhama School in British Columbia was \$124.12.

The Silver Anniversary.

The silver anniversary of last year has given the work a great impetus, inasmuch that 1909 was the banner year for the auxiliaries and mission bands combined have reached more than the \$3,000 aimed at, and totalled \$3,277.92, of which \$2,596.87 was from the general fund from auxiliaries, and \$681.05 from mission bands. This is an increase of \$406.19 over last year.

Ladies Complimented.

Dr. Ross, in speaking of the report, complimented the ladies warmly upon the great work they are doing. He also made a brief report of the meeting of the committee of the general assembly which he attended this week.

An address was given by Rev. Dr. McCrae, who also complimented the W. F. M. S. on the splendid work they are doing both at home and abroad.

Miss Campbell followed with an interesting address on the work that is being done among the children of Central India.

During the evening Mrs. Dochstader sang very beautifully, "Abide With Me."

The Officers.

The officers of the society are: Hon. president, Mrs. Murray, London; president, Mrs. McCrae, Wilton Grove; vice-presidents, Mrs. Weir, Glenora; Mrs. Watson, Thamesford; Mrs. Currie, Belmont; Mrs. Malcolm, Dutton; treasurer, Mrs. Donaghy, London; 538 Colborne street; recording secretary, Miss McAdam, St. Thomas; acting secretary, Mrs. McQueen, London; mission band secretary, Miss L. M. Fraser, London; secretary of supplies, Mrs. McEachern, London; tidings secretary, Miss Gibson, London.

Committee on resolutions: Mrs. Marshall, London; Mrs. Raymond, London; Miss McColl, South London; Mrs. Taylor, London.

Committee on resolutions: Mrs. (Dr.) Munro, Birr; Mrs. Scott, Port Stanley; Mrs. Rollins, London.

CAN OPERATE TRACKS WITHOUT BOOKMAKING

Evidence of Expert Says That Gambling Is Not Absolutely Necessary.

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—Spurgeon Gammon, of New Glasgow, at this morning's sitting of the anti-gambling committee, gave evidence as a horseman of eighteen years' experience as to the raising of thoroughbreds. He said there was a great market for "standard-bred" horses in Nova Scotia.

Mr. Raney—I've heard racing described as a sport and a pastime. Is that a good description of racing in Nova Scotia?

"Well, yes."

"You mean it is not conducted just for the betting?"

The witness told of one man, Andy Welsh, who controls several tracks in the Eastern States, and yet who does not, he said, depend on bookmaking.

"In fact, he does not allow bookmaking and he is still in business?"

"But this man is telling us about things in the States, where the witness has not been. As a matter of fact, Andy Welsh is the greatest bookmaker in the business."

"I think," replied Mr. Raney, "that my learned friend is confusing the tenses. He should say that Welsh 'was' a big bookmaker, not 'is.'"

"You're wrong," snapped Mr. Meredith.

"Well," continued Mr. Raney to the witness, "does Andy Welsh, so far as you know, conduct a circuit of race meets without support from betting?"

Ab. Orpen, owner of the Dufferin race track in Toronto, said there were probably four handbook men in Toronto with probably 20 or 30 semi-professional handbook men doing a thriving business, such as grocers or tobacconists. He did not know of one case of a handbook man going to a factory to do business. He saw no wrong in betting or pool selling, but he would not say the same of the business of giving "tips." It was not honest. He meant, he said, tipsters at racetracks. When he was a bookmaker, he was paid the fee was \$100 per day. A bookmaker has few assistants.

In answer to Mr. Stratton, he said that the least harm of any would come from betting if confined to the racetrack. He said there were no professional bookmakers in Canada. About 25 or 30 per cent of the horses at the Woodbine and Hamilton would be Canadian-owned, about 29 per cent would be Canadian-bred.

Orpen said he did not consider there was anything shady about the metropolitan track. He also said a track could not be operated without betting. He was in favor of fifteen-day meets.

VETERAN ENGINEER DEAD

Driver Clappe, for 37 Years With the Michigan Central, is Dead.

St. Thomas, Jan. 20.—A veteran locomotive engineer died here today in the person of L. H. Clappe, who for 37 years had been in the employ of the Michigan Central running one of the first trains through here on the old Canada Southern.

BONSPLEIN PRIMARIES.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 20.—Grand Rapids curlers will represent the western district in the coming big bonspiel at O'Ontario next month, as a result of the Ontario primaries decided on the Detroit Curling Club's rink last night. The furniture city Scots earned the right to compete with the best that can be sent against them in Toronto. Six cities were represented in the primaries, Detroit and Grand Rapids in Michigan, Toledo, Ohio, and the Canadian towns of Windsor, Chatham and Sarnia.

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BOOST THE ASSESSMENT TO LOWER TAX-RATE

Hamilton People Have Hit Upon an Idea Which May Be Carried Out.

Hamilton, Jan. 20.—The tax rate was increased last year, and Mayor McLaren intimated to the board of control that this would be followed this year with a big boost in assessment. What brought the matter up was the mayor's request that the board fix the salaries of the new assessors, H. G. McLaren, W. T. McLaren, and J. McLaren, who were to be paid \$1,165, the same salary as the other assessors. Controllers Cooper and Bailey thought that was hardly a fair deal to the old assessors, and they suggested that the two new men start at \$1,000 each.

"That would degrade the position," objected Mayor McLaren, who argued that \$1,165 was not too much. He said that Mr. McLaren was a capable man, and had announced that he would not continue on the job unless he made a success of it and liked it. "As to Mr. McLaren, I told him not to undertake the job unless he was willing to be assessed at \$1,165," said Mr. McLaren. He predicted that the new men would prove more capable than the old.

Controller Allan told of his experience when he tried to secure some lots in the west end for the disposal works. Each of the lots was assessed at \$80 and the owners wanted from \$500 to \$1,000 for each lot. Then there were 25-foot lots near the carpet factory assessed at \$25 a lot.

"The idea of a lot in Hamilton being assessed at \$25!" he exclaimed. "If the property was properly assessed we would not have a tax rate of more than 18 mills. The small house up to the value of about \$1,500 is assessed up to the hilt, but above that many are not assessed for more than 50 per cent of their value."

Mayor McLaren said the owners of fine big houses should not be taxed for the fine work on the house, but simply on the basis of what a plain house of the same size would be worth. He said that one assessor covered the whole city south of King street, and the only wonder was that his work was not worse.

"The assessment commissioner and I will change them around this year, and give them different books," he answered.

"Hide their old books," counselled Controller Cooper.

"A man was telling me, Mr. Mayor," said Controller Cooper, "that he had just sold a house for \$2,800 which was assessed for \$1,200."

The mayor also intimated that if anyone could produce any proof of the incompetency of the assessors he and the commissioners would deal promptly with it.

"Show it to us and we'll soon change it," he said.

In the course of his aeronautical experiments M. Bleriot has met with 50 accidents.



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TRAVELERS' GUIDE

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

SARNIA TUNNEL TO SUSPENSION BRIDGE AND TORONTO.
Arrive from the east—3:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m., 11:12 a.m., 11:25 a.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m.
Arrive from the west—12:00 a.m., 12:35 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:10 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 6:25 p.m.
Depart for the east—12:14 a.m., 3:43 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9:50 a.m., 11:10 a.m., 2:05 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 6:35 p.m.
Depart for the west—3:35 p.m., 7:40 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 1:40 p.m., 8:15 p.m., 11:30 p.m.
LONDON AND WINDSOR.
Arrive—10:05 a.m., 4:05 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 11:05 p.m.
Depart—6:55 a.m., 11:05 a.m., 2:05 p.m., 4:15 p.m.

STRATFORD BRANCH.

Arrive—3:25 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:25 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 11:25 p.m.
Depart—3:30 a.m., 10:25 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 4:55 p.m.

LONDON, HURON AND BRUCE.

Arrive—10:00 a.m., 6:10 p.m.
Depart—8:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m.
Trains marked * run daily. Those not marked, daily, except Sunday.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Arrive from the east—11:35 a.m., 6:05 p.m., 10:02 p.m., 10:52 p.m.
Arrive from the west—4:45 a.m., 12:35 p.m., 6:55 p.m.
Depart for the east—4:55 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 5:12 p.m.
Depart for the west—11:32 a.m., 12:40 p.m., 11:00 p.m.
*Daily, 10 days, except Sunday.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILWAY.

Arrive—6:55 a.m., 11:10 a.m., 5:10 p.m., 9:55 p.m.
Depart—7:20 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 9:45 p.m., 10:25 p.m.

PERE MARQUETTE RAILWAY.

Depart—5:00 a.m., 7:10 a.m., 9:40 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 12:40 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:35 p.m., 8:45 a.m., 11:20 p.m., 1:50 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 9:20 p.m.
*St. Thomas only. *To Walkerville. Trains not started to and from Port Stanley. *From Walkerville.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP TICKETS

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CAMP FLOWER OF DUNBLANE

Sons of Scotland Installed Officers Last Night.

There was a large gathering of the members of Camp Flower of Dunblane, No. 166, of the Sons of Scotland, last night when Dr. McCrae, grand chief of the order, installed the following officers: Chief, P. J. Watt; chief-tain, D. F. Campbell; chaplain, W. P. Taylor; marshal, George Terry; standard-bearer, A. McGilvary; senior guard, A. Scott; junior guard, J. Mcintosh; recording secretary, G. T. McCombie; financial secretary, Wm. Reid, 767 York street; pipe major, J. Hamilton.

At the conclusion of the regular business of the camp was held, at which speeches were made by Rev. Dr. McCrae, Past Chief McPherson, Past Chief R. K. Cowan, and solos were rendered by Misses, B. G. Cowan and W. Cameron. The Sons of Scotland Chorus rendered a number of selections during the evening in a most delightful manner, and an exhibition of dancing was given by Miss Russell. Following the banquet a dance was held which concluded the gathering.

BAR OUT LOBBYISTS

Hamilton, Jan. 21.—The board yesterday morning decided to ask the legislative committee to pass a bylaw shutting lobbyists out of the retiring room of the council and from the floor of the council. Controller Allan said last year one man got behind him when a vote was being taken and punched him in the ribs while imploring him to vote for a motion.

"Yes," said Controller Cooper, "one man punched me in the ribs when a vote was being taken and said: 'Vote for that; you're a friend of mine.'"

The legislative committee will be asked to make the rule so that no one will be admitted to the floor of the council or the aldermen's room except by permission of the mayor or council.

ROADS ARE BAD.

The farmers in this vicinity are beginning to have their troubles with bad roads, and not a few cases of sleighs being overturned are reported.

It is a load of hay belonging to John Irwin, a Westminister farmer, was upset on Hamilton road, near Manalson street, the fodder being thrown on to the sidewalk. The driver went with it, but was not seriously injured