

ing withdrawn on account of the special occasion in Knox Church. Two discourses of the learned Professor were highly appreciated by the large audiences. The first, convincing and expressive exposition of the Gospel given in plain, simple, yet most chaste English, without attempt at oratory or adornment by a minister of the Presbyterian body, was most attentively listened to and favourably commented upon. The tea-meeting held in the town hall the following evening was a decided success. Tickets were sold not only for a special effort made beforehand to ensure attendance, but a full house was secured by the exertions of the Church. After tea the Council Chamber of the audience was addressed by the Rev. R. H. Abraham, M.A., of Burlington, and Rev. A. B. Winchester, of Berlin. The gentlemen were well received and listened with interest. The topics taken by both were away from those usually, or at least often, chosen by speakers at social gatherings, and those present were treated to something far superior to the usual tea-meeting talk. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Rae, is to be congratulated on having secured these gentlemen for the meeting, and those present were fortunate in the privilege enjoyed. A standing vote of thanks was tendered through the chairman, Mr. Rae, to Messrs. Abraham and Winchester. Suitable music from the choir filled in the interval.

THERE was a large attendance in the basement of Chalmers' Church, Guelph, last week, to hear Rev. Dr. Torrance give some particulars of his world circling trip, the meeting being under the auspices of the Women's Foreign Missions Society of that Church. Mr. Tytler acted chairman, and called on Rev. Dr. McKay to open the meeting with prayer. An anthem by the choir followed, embracing solos from Miss Maitland and Prof. Maitland, excellently rendered. Dr. Torrance, who, in beginning his address, referred to the impossibility of discussing such a comprehensive subject as a description of "A Trip Round the World" in a single evening's talk with an audience, particularizing its embracing the West Hemisphere crossed; visits in Ireland and Scotland; ten days in the great city of London; six at ports in Spain, France, and Italy; Egypt travelled through; the continent of Asia skirted its east and west; from Arabia to China flowery a fertile; sail up the Mediterranean; through the Red Sea from Suez; through Straits of Babel Marb; past the wells of Moses, obtaining view of the Sinai mountain range; crossing the Indian Ocean from east to west, with its flying fish and its water spouts; across the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific which would better verify the title "errific"; through the China Sea and the Yellow Sea of Japan with all its attractions; through tropic regions with their fruits and flowers in variety a gorgeousness far beyond the descriptive power of word or pen; meeting individuals of every race, Singalese, Parsees, Afghans, Chinese, Japanese and many others. Even the rush of recollections of enumerations would occupy the time of my lectures and fill volumes. Speaking in line of the constitution of the Society under whose auspices he lectured, Dr. Torrance adopted as key to his remarks, a text or heading: All his experiences in my trip deepened and strengthened the conviction as to the natural in religiousness of man's nature. All religious Church organizations rest upon that assumption and many experiences in foreign lands with Christians and heathens were called up to prove that belief. After briefly describing a number of the points touched at in the interesting voyage, Dr. Torrance described the celebrated Buddhist temple, reputed to have one of the teeth of the Buddha referred to calls at Penang, Singapore, Hong Kong, Canton, Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe and Nagasaki. He referred to his regret at having to pass without description of these interesting regions and their cities and the missionary work there, and mentioned particularly the necessity of having most of the missionaries sent out, as far as possible, medical graduates, as at Hong Kong hospital, where the lady missionaries moved first about, in one year there were 18,000 native applicants for advice and treatment, next year, 22,000 and the following year, 24,000, which showed opportunities for reaching their souls through treatment of the body. A hearty vote of thanks moved by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Profr Hunt was carried unanimously, and conveyed Dr. Torrance. A solo followed by Professor Maitland, "The Old Musician and His Harp," rendered in his usual happy manner, and the benediction by the Rev. Mr. Kilgour, closed an interesting and instructive evening's meeting. Hope was expressed that Dr. Torrance would at a future time give all an opportunity of hearing further from him of his travels.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—This Presbytery met in Richmond on May 11. Session reads of Kingsbury, Whittom and Lingwick were read. Rev. Messrs. D. Tait, James Sutherland, D. Ferguson and Dr. Lamont were entrusted with the holding of missionary meetings. It resolved to make application to the next General Assembly for leave to ordain Mr. David Pugh, a catechist at New Rockland. Arrangements were made for the ordination of Mr. Adam Robson, B.A., missionary at Metis. A committee consisting of Revs. J. R. MacLeod, John LeLoed and Dr. Lamont, was appointed to visit Lingwick congregation. Arrangements were made for the induction of the Rev. William Sheariff Morewood, to Sherbrooke as follows: Induction to take place on May 26; Rev. John MacLeod to preside and address the congregation, Rev. G. Smith to preach and Rev. J. R. MacLeod to dress the minister. Provisional arrangements were made for the licensure and ordination of Hugh Craig, B.A., missionary at Sawyerville, Massachusetts. Revs. Dr. Lamont, Prof. Macadam, J. M. Whitclaw and George H. Smith were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly in room of others resigned. On motion Rev. D. Tait it was resolved, "That in future

all ministerial commissioners to the General Assembly from this Presbytery shall be appointed by rotation." In view of the great amount of work which falls to the Clerk's lot, his allowance was increased by \$30 per annum. The Presbytery met again in Montreal on May 13, during meeting of Synod. A call from Three Rivers in favour of Mr. Alexander Barclay, licentiate, was sustained, and accepted by Mr. Barclay. The induction was appointed for June 2, Rev. A. T. Love to preach and preside, Rev. D. Tait to address the minister, and Rev. C. A. Tanner the congregation. The next meeting was appointed to be held in Morrin College, Quebec, on August 25, at three p.m.—J. R. MACLEOD, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—At the bi-monthly meeting of this Presbytery on the 19th ult., held in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, under the Moderation of Rev. R. J. Beattie, there was a large attendance of members, both ministers and ruling elders. Dr. George Smellie called the attention of the Presbytery to the presence of Dr. Robert Torrance, their Clerk, who arrived at his home in Guelph a few days ago, after (his) absence on a voyage of much interest, and, with appropriate remarks, moved in the terms following: That the Presbytery place on record the expression of their thankfulness to God for His goodness in preserving and protecting their highly-esteemed friend and brother, Dr. Torrance, during his recent travels on sea and land, and of their joy in receiving him back to this place and work among them in renewed health and strength; and also the expression of their joy and gratitude in consideration of the marvellous preservation of the life of Mrs. Torrance on the occasion of the railway accident in which she sustained the serious injuries which, they learn with sincere regret, are still the cause of much suffering and inconvenience; which motion was seconded by Mr. J. C. Smith, and carried unanimously. Dr. Torrance thanked the Presbytery for the leave of absence they had granted him, for their welcome of him to their midst, and for their kind reference to Mrs. Torrance and their expressed gratification at her escape from a sudden and shocking death. Mr. J. B. Mullen called the attention of the Presbytery to the serious accident, occurring a few days ago, by which Mrs. Smellie's life was greatly imperilled, and in which she sustained much grievous bodily injury, and moved, seconded by Mr. M. L. Leitch, that the Presbytery record the expression of their sincere and earnest sympathy with Dr. and Mrs. Smellie in their afflictions occasioned by the accident in which Mrs. Smellie sustained injuries of a very serious character, and of their joy and thankfulness in learning that, besides being happily preserved when her life was in great danger, her suffering and inconvenience, are, by the blessing of God, much abated, and that there is good reason to hope that she may be restored to a condition of comfort and ability to engage in her wonted Christian exertions; which motion was carried unanimously. The names and standing of students in the bounds were reported, and the Presbytery's Committee on the Superintendence of Students was instructed to prescribe to them subjects for written exercises to be prepared by them during the summer. Mr. Milligan and Mr. Strachan, Commissioners to the next General Assembly, having expressed their desire to be relieved, their resignation was accepted, and Dr. Torrance and Mr. Hamilton were appointed in their place. Mr. Macdougall, ruling elder, having tendered resignation as Commissioner, the Presbytery accepted the same and appointed Mr. Charles Davidson in his place. The Session of Eden Mills having recommended the name of Mr. Joseph Hagen in place of that of Mr. Ramsey, and Hesperer the name of Mr. Robert Dickie in place of Mr. Grant, the Presbytery approved of the same. The Clerk reported the returns that had been made by congregations and mission stations in the bounds, of their statistics and finances for the year 1890. Mr. Strachan reported the supply provided for the First Church, Eramosa, and it was further reported that Mr. Moore was supplying the mission stations of Dracoon and Metz, Mr. Henry that of Drayton, and Mr. Anderson the station recently opened in Preston. Payment was received from those congregations that were prepared to hand in the contributions for which they were in arrears to the Synod Fund. A call from the congregation of Knox Church, Stratford, to M. L. Leitch, of Knox Church, Elora, signed by two hundred and eighty-three members and one hundred and two adherents, accompanied with a guarantee of stipend, at the rate of two thousand dollars a year, payable monthly in advance, with four weeks holidays, without a house, and a copy of Reasons of Translation, was submitted and considered, when it was resolved that Mr. Mullin preach in Knox Church, Elora, on Sabbath first, and cite the Session and congregation to appear for their interest at an adjourned meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, on Thursday, the fourth day of June, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. A deputation was appointed to Mission Fields in the Presbytery requiring assistance with a view to their rearrangement. Notices were read from several Presbyteries of their intention to apply to the General Assembly at its first meeting for leave to receive ministers applying from other churches. A request was presented by Mr. E. L. Hunt that application be made to the Assembly for the privilege of writing on the examinations of the Second Year Theology at Knox College without attending the lectures of the course. The request was granted, and Drs. Middlemiss and Torrance were appointed to support it at the meeting of the Supreme Court. At the request of the Presbytery, Dr. Torrance gave a brief account of what he had seen bearing upon the spiritual condition and prospects of the people, among whom he had travelled in his recent excursion, after which it was unanimously agreed that the Presbytery extend its cordial thanks to Dr. Torrance for the very interesting and instructive address in which he has enabled us to see somewhat, through his eyes, of the life and work of our missionaries in Japan and China, and the evils introduced by foreigners against which they have to contend. Next regular meeting was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, on the third Tuesday of July, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon.

British and Foreign.

NINE pickpockets in clerical disguise were arrested at Archbishop Magee's funeral.

A MEMORIAL is in course of signature in Edinburgh asking Mr. Moody to revisit Scotland.

MRS. HUMPHRY WARD's new novel, to be published this summer, will be called "David."

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In the Tasmanian Congregational Union it was desired to nominate a layman to the chairmanship, but no layman could be induced to stand.

PROFESSOR LINDSAY, of Glasgow, preached the annual sermon of the National Temperance League in the Presbyterian church, Regent Square.

DR. WALTER MORISON, of London, has a volume of poems in the press entitled "Through the Postern." It will be published immediately.

EACH member of the Protestant Churches of Europe and America on the average gives less than one tenth of a cent a day to Foreign Missions.

SIR J. STERLING-MAXWELL laid the foundation stone of Thornliebank Church with Masonic honours, representatives of twenty-one lodges attending.

THE Rev. William Watson, of Dumbarton, has been inducted as successor to the late Dr. Alexander McLeod in Trinity Church, Cloughton, on 28th ult.

MR. E. DAVIES, son of the late Mr. D. Davies, M.P., has given \$500 a year for three years in aid of an evangelistic mission by the Presbyterians at Cardiff.

THE Rev. R. G. MacInlyre, M.A., B.D., of William, has been unanimously elected to St. Andrew's, Birkenhead, vacant by Dr. Macleod Symington's death.

MR. A. M. MACARTHUR, Free Church licentiate, Glasgow, has been unanimously called to St. Paul's, Millwall, London, where he has been officiating for two months.

DR. CHARLES WATSON, of Largs, has published, through Messrs. James MacLehose & Sons a volume of Lectures on "I John," intended to serve as a popular commentary.

MISS HESBA STRETTON, the authoress of "Jesse's First Prayer," is one of the most active members of the managing committee of the Friends of Russian Freedom in London.

THE ablest picture by a Scottish artist in the Royal Academy's exhibition, London, this season, is "The Ordination of Elders in a Scottish Church," by Mr. J. H. Lorimer, A.R.S.A.

IN consequence of the attack by Rev. Archibald Cross upon a brother elder in Morningside Session, during the Disestablishment debate in the U. P. Synod, the latter has sent in his resignation.

A GAELIC name has been found for the proposed Highland Eisteddfod. "Am mod Gaidhealach," a harder nut for English speaking people than even the name of the Welsh festival, is Gaelic for "Highland Court."

THE Rev. John MacQueen, of Daviot, near Inverness, who was the first minister of the floating church on Loch Sunart, where the proprietor refused a site, died recently. One of his sons is minister at Kiltarn, Ross-shire.

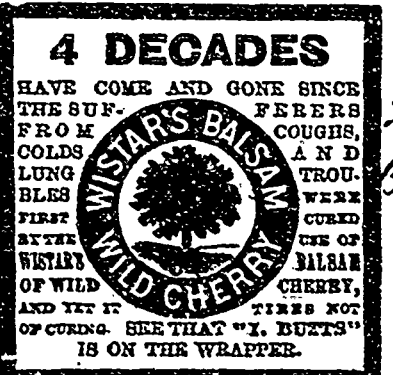


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