

report shows amount collected to be \$507, and other contributions and special collections make a total of \$842.46. The average attendance at town Sabbath School is 140. This Sabbath School may well be called a missionary organization; the total contributions for the year are \$290, of which \$153 is given to missions. The managers report total actual receipts for the year to be \$2,207.74, which covers the expenditure less \$4. There was also paid on the Manse Fund \$230. The managers were instructed to prosecute the canvass and meet the whole during the present year. On motion it was unanimously agreed to continue to place a copy of the church Record in every home in the congregation. A most harmonious and interesting meeting was brought to a close, the Rev. Dr. Smellie leading in prayer.

PRESBYTERIAL W.F.M.S. MEETINGS.

The fifth annual meeting of the Owen Sound Presbyterial W. F. M. S. was held on the 13th of February. The secretary's report showed an addition of two mission bands, an increase of members, of attendance at meetings, and of contributions. Contributions reported amounted to \$877.19, an increase of nearly \$200, and clothing valued at \$377 was sent to the mission school at Portage la Prairie. The afternoon meeting was addressed by Dr. Marion Oliver, who gave an interesting account of the ways in which the native Christian women of India are helping in the evangelization of their heathen sisters. The members of Presbytery, which met the same day, were entertained to dinner and tea with the society, by the ladies of Division Street Church, where the meeting was held, to whom a most cordial vote of thanks was given for their hearty hospitality. The progress of the society has been encouraging and the outlook is hopeful. Com.

The ninth annual meeting of the Guelph Presbyterial Society of the W. F. M. S., was held in the Presbyterian Church, Hespeler, Thursday the 22nd ult. The church was filled with delegates and others from the auxiliaries and mission bands of the Presbytery. The forenoon was entirely devoted to business and hearing reports. In the afternoon, addresses were given by Miss McWilliams, who has recently returned from India; by Mrs. Watt, Mrs. T. Goldie, of Guelph, and other ladies. Miss Jeanie Davidson, of Fergus, gave an appropriate recitation, and Mrs. McCrae, of Guelph, conducted the question drawer. In the evening, Rev. Mr. MacVicar, of Hanan, China, Rev. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph, and Rev. Mr. Thomas, gave interesting and instructive addresses. To the ladies of Hespeler is due, in a very considerable measure, the success of the meeting. Their hospitality and kindness are deserving of much praise. The convenience and suitability of the pretty church in which the sessions were held, may also be mentioned as contributing to make the day of the Hespeler convention one of pleasant memories. The treasurer's report shows cash contributions of last year, amounting to \$2,140.84. Fifteen hundred pounds of clothing were also sent to the Indian school at Bittle, Man.

The ninth annual meeting of the Presbyterial Society of the Presbytery of Paris was held in the Presbyterian Church, Paris, on the 8th ult., and was the most largely attended of any meeting in its history. In consequence of the illness of Mrs. Cockburn, the president, Mrs. Thomson, of Ayr, first vice-president, presided. The address of welcome was presented by Mrs. McCosh, and replied to by Mrs. W. B. Wood, St. George. There are eighteen auxiliaries with a membership of five hundred and twenty, and twelve mission bands. \$700 worth of clothing was sent to the North-west last year, upon which \$37 of freight was paid. In addition \$1,688.84 was contributed and sent to the treasurer in Toronto. In the afternoon the attendance was upwards of 500. Greetings from sister societies in the town were given. Mrs. McLeod, of Woodstock, gave an interesting address on the "Model Auxiliary." Dr. G. L. Mackay, of Formosa, Mrs. Mackay and family, and the Chinese student were present. Mrs. Mackay gave an ad-

dress, interpreted by her husband, in which she explained woman's work in Formosa. The children sang a beautiful Chinese hymn. The Chinese student also spoke, followed by Dr. Mackay in an instructive address. At the evening session the church was crowded to its utmost capacity. Many failed to gain admittance. The Rev. E. Cockburn, M.A., pastor of the church, presided. An address of upwards of an hour was given by the Rev. Dr. Mackay, on mission work in Formosa, full of thrilling narrative and fervid appeal. Dr. Mackay's student again spoke, and the children sang a Chinese hymn to the great delight of the congregation. Great praise was deservedly given to the ladies of Paris, for their complete arrangements and the handsome manner they entertained the society and Presbytery. The proceedings of the entire day were intensely interesting, and cannot fail to give a great impetus to the cause of missions, and furthering of our Redeemer's Kingdom.

LINDSAY.—The annual meeting of the W. F. M. S. was held in Cannington, on Tuesday, February 20th. Ninety-eight delegates were present besides the Cannington ladies, all but one of the twenty-seven societies being represented. Mrs. McKay, Woodville, secretary of supplies for the North-West, stated the amount received this year to be \$446.66, an increase of \$153.31 over last year. The treasurer, Mrs. McPhaden, gave her statement, followed by the report of secretary of literature, Mrs. McKay. After disposing of the business, Mrs. Johnston, Lindsay, in behalf of Mrs. McIntyre, hon. president, who was unable to be present, presented to the society a copy of the entire Letter Leaflet, bound in five volumes. The thanks of this society were expressed by Mrs. Frankish, Uxbridge, to Mrs. McIntyre, Lindsay, for her kind thoughtfulness in presenting the five bound volumes of the Letter Leaflet to the society. After singing the twenty-sixth paraphrase the president, Mrs. Hanna, gave her annual address, in which she showed the progress the society had made in the six years since it met in Cannington before. The secretary, Miss Smith, read her report which showed an encouraging increase in every department. Two new Mission Bands were organized during the year, one at Fenelon Falls and the other near Beaverton, making a total of 22 Auxiliaries and 5 Mission Bands. The membership has increased 65, making 616, with 112 members of General Society and 4 new life members, with an average attendance of 369. 340 members subscribed for the Letter Leaflet. The treasurer's report showed a total of \$1,454.08, an increase of \$292.64 over last year. After this report was read, two verses of the Consecration hymn were sung and the money dedicated to God in prayer by Miss Quigley, Leaskdale. Miss Oliver, M.D., of Indore, India, was then introduced. She spoke especially of the doors God was opening in India, the first being the railways, which all natives take advantage of and in which caste is completely broken down, as those sit side by side whose touch is unclean. These are very useful to the missionary, not only for getting about the country, but he can preach in the cars and at the stopping places. Another open door is the desire of the natives to study the English language. These and other doors are open and India is ripening so fast for Christ that if a great native leader like Luther were to arise, then millions would be turned to Christ. Mrs. Ross, Lindsay, gave an interesting talk on "The Chinese in America." The president elect was called to the chair and the meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Campbell, Grant's school. Tuesday evening a public meeting was held and the church was well filled. Rev. Mr. McKinnon, Fenelon Falls, occupied the chair and conducted the opening exercises. The Presbyterial report to Presbytery was presented by Rev. Mr. Ross, Cannington, who moved its adoption, which was seconded by Mr. L. Campbell, Woodville. Mr. J. A. Slimmon, of Knox College, was next introduced, and as he has labored in China he was able to tell us much that was interesting about the people and the work there and showed the great need of deeper earnestness in carrying the gospel to the regions not yet reached and urged upon every Christian to look at the necessity of carrying the gospel into these regions as their duty.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

The Presbytery of Whitby held an adjourned meeting at Whitby on Tuesday 27th ult., to dispose of two calls given to the Rev. Lewis Perrin, B.A., of Pickering. One came from the congregation of Gravenhurst, the other from that of Georgetown. After the usual preliminaries, and after parties had been heard for and against, Mr. Perrin was asked to express his views, and did so, to the effect that if Presbytery consented he was in favor of accepting the call from Georgetown. It was then unanimously agreed that the translation to Georgetown be granted, to take place after Sabbath the 18th of March. The Rev. John Abraham, Whitby, was appointed Moderator of Session during the vacancy. —J. McMECHAN, Clerk.

At Wingham, February 15th, the Presbytery of Maitland met *pro re nata*. Rev. David Millar, Moderator. Rev. Mr. Anderson, Convener of Committee on re-organization of field, reported that the congregations visited, viz: Knox Church, Belgrave; Calvin Church, East Wawanosh, Whitechurch and Langside, were favorable to the proposed change in relationship, if a satisfactory basis of union can be arranged. The Presbytery expressed its satisfaction with the report of the committee, and appointed a committee to visit Belgrave and Calvin churches, and another to visit Whitechurch and Langside, to arrange a basis of union between these congregations, and report to next meeting of Presbytery. Messrs. Ross and Millar to visit Belgrave and Calvin churches, and Messrs. Anderson and Malcolm to visit Whitechurch and Langside. It was agreed that a conference be held on Monday proceeding next meeting.

The Presbytery of Rock Lake held a *pro re nata* meeting at Deloraine, Thursday, 22nd ult., Rev. P.

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Fisher, of Boissevain, Moderator, presiding. The conduct of the clerk in calling this special meeting was unanimously approved. The court then engaged in a lengthened consideration of a request from the congregation worshipping in the town of Deloraine, praying to be detached from the other four outside stations, in order to secure the whole of Mr. Munro's labors, whereupon it was agreed to defer decision re this whole matter until the regular meeting of Presbytery next month. A letter was received from Mr. S. Sharp, formerly missionary at Cartwright, now a student of the McAllister Presbyterian College, Minneapolis, asking to be furnished with a certificate of the work done in the bounds of the Rock Lake Presbytery prior to his joining the Methodist Church here. The request was accorded to and the clerk instructed to furnish Mr. Sharp accordingly. Arrangements were made for an exchange of pulpits between several of the brethren whose congregations are on the augmentation list, in order that each charge might be appealed to, regarding the Assembly's regulations provided in such cases. —Winnipeg Tribune.

The Presbytery of Guelph held an adjourned meeting on the evening of the 19th February, in St. Andrew's church, the Rev. R. M. Craig, of Melville Church, Fergus, acting as Moderator. The business was almost wholly confined to receiving the last part of the report of its Committee on the proposed new Hymnal and disposing of the report as a whole. At the meeting in January, when the subject was under consideration, it had been agreed that the hymns for Sabbath Schools and for congregations should be bound up in one volume. This decision has been rescinded, and the recommendation of its Committee as originally made, adopted, that the hymns be printed in separate volumes. It was also agreed that wherever the name of "Jesus" occurs it be printed in full, and not in the contracted form "Jesu," and also that the Assembly be requested before sanctioning the new Hymnal that may be reported by its committee, to send it down to Presbyteries for their consideration and judgment. Dr. Torrance gave notice that he would move at the meeting in March, that the Presbytery overture the General Assembly to the effect that in its judgment when a Book of Praise has been adopted, and used in the church it is inexpedient that changes be made in the same unless satisfactory evidence has been furnished that they are called for by the members of the church in full communion, made known through Kirk Sessions and other Courts to the General Assembly.

The Presbytery of Owen Sound met in Knox Church, Owen Sound, Feb. 15th, and was constituted by Rev. R. Rodgers, Moderator pro tem. A circular was read from Dr. Reid regarding the Assembly Fund. It set forth that only nine congregations had contributed, although all congregations had received copies of the minutes of Assembly. The treasurer was instructed to correspond with all congregations which have not contributed, and urge them to pay the amount allocated. Mr. McLean laid on the table a call from Winton to Mr. S. Acheson, of Toronto. Representatives appeared from the congregation, who were fully heard. The call was sustained as a regular gospel call, and the clerk instructed to forward it to the Presbytery of which Mr. Acheson is a member. The salary promised is \$1,000. Mr. Jamieson presented his resignation of the pastoral charge of Hepworth and Cruikshanks on the ground of ill health. Messrs. Fraser, Somerville and Telford were appointed a committee to make full inquiry into the circumstances and report at the meeting in March. Mr. Somerville presented the report of the Hymnal Committee. The report was discussed at length and its recommendations were adopted. Dr. Robertson appeared before the Presbytery and gave an address on the missions of the North West. Thanks were tendered him, and the Home Mission Committee was instructed to correspond with all congregations with the view of increasing the contributions, so that the missionaries in outlying fields may not suffer.

In the absence of the Moderator, the Rev. James A. Grant was chosen to preside at the regular meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto, held on Tuesday the 6th February. A resolution expressive of the sincere sympathy of the Presbytery with the Moderator, the Rev. W. A. Hunter, in his recent sore bereavement, and placing on record its sense of the loss sustained by the church in the death of so devoted a worker as Mrs. Hunter, was unanimously sustained by the Presbytery. The congregation of the church of the Covenant was permitted to transfer the church property to trustees, duly appointed. It was agreed to grant the request of these congregations of Eglinton and Bethesda, and appoint the Rev. W. S. Ball to the charge of these congregations for the following three months. Through an oversight the application on behalf of the charge at Sutton, etc., for augmentation, had not been made. It was agreed to reaffirm the request made, that this charge shall receive a yearly grant of \$100. It was agreed to recommend that the request of Chester congregation for a grant of \$4 per Sabbath from the Home Mission Committee be granted. The request of Dovercourt for the appointment of Mr. S. Carruthers for another year, as missionary in charge, was cordially sustained, and it was agreed to apply for a grant of \$5 per Sabbath for this congregation. Dr. Brown gave notice of a resolution from the Session of Knox church, Scarborough, to be presented at next meeting of Presbytery, agent the Augmentation Fund. Taking up the consideration of the proposed Book of Praise it was

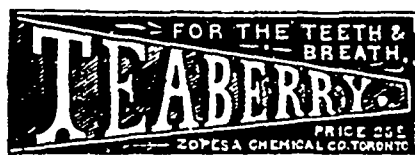
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agreed to accept the selections from the Psalter suggested by the Hymnal Committee, and to recommend that Psalm 76 be added. It was also agreed to accept the selections from the Paraphrases suggested by the Hymnal Committee and to recommend that Paraphrases 15, 42, 43 and 56 be added. The hymns submitted in the Draft Book were then taken up in detail, and the recommendations of the Hymnal Committee substantially adopted. The most notable changes suggested are, that hymns 43, 53, 61, 69, 70, 103, 109, 115, 145, 171, 193, 242, in the present hymnal be retained; that hymns 20, 59, 69, 75, 91, 117, 124, 127, 135, 199, in the present Children's Hymnal be retained and that the following of the hymns it is proposed to add be omitted: 13, 14, 35, 52, 57, 58, 61, 65, 66, 70, 95, 96, 98, 99, 108, 109, 114, 117, 121, 131. It was unanimously agreed on motion by Dr. Gregg, that while adopting the resolution approving of selections from the Psalter being incorporated in the proposed Book of Praise, it is the judgment of this Presbytery that the Psalter now in use should also be retained, without alteration. It was also recommended that simple harmony, and one in keeping with popular requirements, should be secured for the new Book of Praise. A call from East Church, Toronto, to Rev. W. A. J. Martin, of St. Paul's, Toronto, was presented and sustained. The congregation will be cited to appear at next meeting of Presbytery. A call from Georgetown and Lamhouse to Rev. Lewis Perrin, of Pickering and Brougham, in the Presbytery of Whitby, was presented and sustained, and ordered to be transmitted Messrs Robert Waddell and H. Walker were approved as catechists, and recommended for work in the North-west. —R. C. TIER, Pres. Clerk.

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