

Rev. R. Fowlie presented his report on Augmentation and the amount asked was granted in full.

Rev. Hugh Matheson, convenor of Y. P. S. committee, gave his report which among other things recommended that a convention be held in November at the place of meeting of Presbytery, that members may attend. The recommendation met with hearty approval.

Mr. Boyle and Mr. A. G. Fowlie made application to be taken on trial for license by Presbytery, but the matter was deferred till meeting of Presbytery at Synod.

Church Union between the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches was fully discussed and a resolution was unanimously adopted favouring the same.

Western Ontario.

Rev. W. A. Wiley, of London, took the services at Hensall on a recent Sunday.

A new organ has been installed in St. Andrew's church, Niagara Falls.

Rev. Dr. Fletcher, moderator of the General Assembly, has been preaching in the First church, London.

Rev. Robert Fotheringham, Rothsay, has received a call from the congregation Pettypiece, Manitoba.

Rev. A. H. McGillivray has been elected President of the Chatham branch of the Lord's Day Alliance, with Rev. Dr. Battisby as Vice-President.

Rev. E. A. Henry, of Hamilton, gave a lecture on "The Boy" in Knox church, Ayr, on Thursday evening last. It was both amusing and instructive, and was much appreciated and well attended.

On May 3rd, Rev. R. F. Cameron lately of North East Hope, Ont., was inducted by Toronto Presbytery into the pastorate of Georgetown, where he has commenced his labours with most encouraging prospects of success.

Toronto Presbytery, "in the interest of our land, and of the welfare of our youth, respectfully and earnestly petition Parliament to expunge the clause in section 204, sub-section 2 of the code, whereby 'bets made on the race course of an incorporated association during the actual progress of a race meeting' are legalized."

The managers of Knox church, Hamilton, have decided to buy a new organ at a cost not to exceed \$500. The new organ will have 61 keys and each key will operate 25 pipes, and it is hoped that the new organ will be installed by Sept 1st.

The following commissioners to the General Assembly were appointed by Toronto Presbytery: Rev. E. F. Smith, Milton, to replace Rev. Armstrong Black; Elders, Peter Campbell, Milton; J. K. Macdonald, Toronto; Rev. J. A. Macdonald, Toronto; Peter Macdonald, Toronto; W. B. McMurrich, K. C., Toronto.

Toronto Presbytery has unanimously adopted an overture to the General Assembly, in favor of the payment of the traveling expenses of commissioners of the Church at large. The commissioners to the Assembly at present pay their own expenses, which is a great hardship on the delegates from the far West and the Maritime Provinces.

Rev. R. G. McBeth was inducted into the pulpit of Paris church on 2nd inst by the Paris Presbytery. At the close of the services the congregation presented Rev. Mr. Martin with a purse containing \$100 in gold in recognition of his services as Moderator of the Session. Rev. Mr. Martin arranged for the pulpit supply during the vacancy, which he did to the complete satisfaction of the congregation.

The induction of Rev. D. M. Buchanan, late of Lanark, into the pastoral charge of Jarvis and Walpole took place on the 21st inst. Rev. J. Robertson, of Port Dover, presiding. Rev. A. L. Howard of Cayuga, preached the sermon. Rev. T. L. Turabill, of Clanbrail, addressed the minister, and Dr. Wallis, of Caledonia, the people. Rev. C. H. Lowry, of Hagersville, brought greetings from his congregation. After the induction services a very cordial and honor-bestowing banquet was given for Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan. Mr. Buchanan is promised \$1,000 and a manse and two weeks holidays, the first instalment of salary payable at once.

Northern Ontario.

Rev. Mr. T. Hall was inducted into the pastoral charge of Salem, Doblington on April 28th. The circumstances of the induction were

rather unique. Through an unusual combination of circumstances none of those appointed to take part in the exercises were present except the clerk, who, with one elder constituted only representation of Presbytery. The conducting of service, addressing of the minister and of the people all devolved upon the clerk. Technically there was no meeting of Presbytery, as there was no quorum. Notwithstanding all the irregularity the settlement was a happy one. The people were hearty and unanimous and gave Mr. Hall a cordial welcome.

Annual Meeting of the W. F. M. S.

The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the W. F. M. S. of the Presbyterian church in Canada, western division, was held in St. James Square church, Toronto, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 3rd, 4th, and 5th, the president Mrs. Shortreed, presiding. The opening session, on Tuesday at 2:30 was largely attended, and all joined heartily in the opening Psalm, "Unto the Hills Around, do I lift up my Longing Eyes." The devotional services were conducted by Mrs. Gandier, Mrs. Cowan and Mrs. J. W. Gray, Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. McCosh, and the opening words were spoken by Mrs. MacAllister, of Iroquois, after which the Presbyterian reports were presented. The reports showed progress in every line, the total amount contributed was \$55,706.95, being the largest amount raised by the Society in one year.

In the evening a conference open to all members of the society was held, the subject "Work Among the Chinese in Canada," led by Mrs. Hall, Toronto, and on topics bearing on the general work of the Society. Wednesday morning the different Annual Reports were presented. The Board of Management by Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Foreign work, Mrs. Bell; Indian and Chinese Missions, Miss Craig; Home Work, Miss Jean Caven, Publications, Miss Parsons; Financial Statement, Miss George, Ewart Missionary Training Home, Mrs. Robinson, and Mrs. McGillivray, Editor of the "Tidings" spoke a few words.

Delegates from the Jewish Mission, the Church of England, the Baptist, Methodist and Congregational Women's Societies, brought greetings, and Mrs. Horne, Elora, led in prayer.

Wednesday afternoon the opening exercises were conducted by Mrs. Mortimer Clark and Mrs. McKay, Madoc; Miss Indian of Indore, gave an address on "Work in the Indore Boarding Schools." Mrs. Livingston spoke on the work of the Ewart Missionary Training School, and Mrs. Jamieson led in prayer for our missionaries. Mrs. A. R. Gregory read a paper on "The Place of Foreign Missions in God's plan of salvation."

The Young People's hour followed and Miss Barr of Windsor spoke on "The organization and successful operation of a Mission Band," and Mrs. Ross, Lindsay, also spoke on the subject. A discussion followed. Wednesday night a public meeting was held in Cooke's church, Rev. W. A. J. Martin presiding. Rev. Dr. McLaren, Toronto, presented the report, and addresses were given by Rev. Principal Caven, D. D., and Rev. W. J. Clark, of London.

Thursday morning the board met for the election of officers, and a devotional meeting was conducted by Mrs. Cockburn, Toronto, this meeting was addressed by Dr. Marion Oliver, India. An invitation from the Peterborough delegates, that the next meeting be held at their city was heartily accepted. Prayer for the International Conference to be held at Liverpool on June 30 and July 1st 1904, was led by Mrs. Coburn, and the Question Drawer was opened and conducted by Mrs. McQuestion, Hamilton. Thursday afternoon there was the announcement of new officers and appointment of standing committees, Mrs. Grant, St. Mary's, led in prayer for the Board of Management. Dedicatory prayer for disposal of money was led by Mrs. Tait, St. Thomas, and Missionary Addresses were given by Miss Weir, Mhow, and Miss Thomson of Neemuch. Mrs. Steele, Peterborough, led in prayer, and Mrs. Steele, Dundas spoke solemn earnest closing words. The closing prayer was offered by Mrs. McLaren, Toronto, Hymn 478 was sung, and the meeting for 1904 was over.

"BENNIE BRAE."

Notes and Points.

At the public meeting in Cooke's church the Rev. Professor McLaren gave a sketch of the work of the society, comparing its position today with its early beginnings. The first year's

revenue amounted to about \$1,000, but the income had now reached over \$55,000. He was one of those who attended the first meeting of the society in Knox church 28 years ago. There were probably 50 people at that meeting, and it was some years before they ventured to go out elsewhere to form auxiliaries.

The statistical position of the society indicates steady growth. There are now 27 societies, 721 auxiliaries, with 11,829 members, 737 mission bands, with 8,182 members, the yearly membership is 3,887, and the total membership 23,698.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Shortreed, President; Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. G. H. Robinson, Mrs. Telfer and Mrs. Jeffrey, Vice-Presidents; Miss B. MacMurchy, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Martin, Recording Secretary. Miss J. F. Caven who has filled the dual post of International Conference and Home Secretary since the death of Mrs. Grant, former Home Secretary, was appointed Home Secretary; Miss J. J. Bell, Foreign Secretary; Miss Craig, Indian and Chinese Secretary for the North-west and British Columbia; Miss Thornton, International Conference Secretary; Miss Parsons, Secretary-Treasurer of Publication and Life Membership; Miss George, Treasurer; Mrs. MacGillivray, B. A., editor of Tidings.

The board has decided to appoint a Field or Travelling Secretary, whose work will be largely in the Northwest and British Columbia. The selection of this officer will be left to the Executive of the board and the Foreign Mission Committee.

Glad Tidings, the official magazine of the society, continues to grow in circulation and usefulness. Mrs. McGillivray, B. A., has been re-appointed editor, and no better could have been selected.

The wonderful expansion of the work in India and China is most noticeable. The Indian Government has at last consented to the erection of an orphanage at Neemuch. The hospital work of the mission at Indore station, as at all other places in India, has greatly increased, owing to the plague, but this very work, heavy and arduous as it is, gives many opportunities for Christian teaching. More than 15,000 women and children patients have been treated at this station alone during 1903. At Dhar more than 26,000 patients were cared for, and at Neemuch 11,500, and all these were women and children. The Society asks for a new missionary for Formosa.

It was stated at the conference on work among the Chinese in Canada that there are thirty-one (31) places in Ontario alone where active Christian work among the Chinese was carried on. It was essential that as a Chinaman learned English he should be brought to Christ, for if teachers failed in this the Chinaman could hardly even be won to Christ after he learned English. The workers among the Chinese at Ottawa and Carleton Place have sent out two converted Chinamen to assist the Rev. Mr. McKay at Macao, China, whilst the Christian Chinese of Ontario subscribed last year \$1,797 for Mr. McKay's work. Dr. Little from the Ontario Medical College for Women was being sent out to Mr. McKay by the Montreal branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and would be maintained at the society's charge.

The Treasurer's statement showed that with a balance of \$1,700 from last year, the total income amounted to \$17,307.15, which is an increase of about \$3,000 on the revenue of the previous year. The expenditure, which is exclusively for mission work among women and children, amounted to \$53,200.

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