

BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL W.F.M.S.

The tenth annual meeting of the Barrie Presbyterial Society was held in the church at Barrie on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 27th and 28th. The ninety-one delegates registered represented all the branches, with two exceptions. The sessions throughout were inspiring, altogether this being the most successful meeting in the history of the Presbyterial. The excellent papers read and topics discussed will stimulate the workers to greater results.

Tuesday morning the session opened with a devotional meeting, Mrs. Clarke, of Bracebridge, presiding. Reports from all Auxiliaries and Mission Bands were read by their respective secretaries. Gratifying progress was shown in their work. One pleasing feature was the high average attendance maintained. The President, Mrs. R. N. Grant, Orillia, then gave her address, which was full of points for our benefit.

Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Gallie, President of Barrie Auxiliary, in a few well-chosen words, welcomed the delegates to Barrie. Mrs. Smith, of Bradford, made a very happy reply on their behalf. Mrs. McKimmell read a practical paper on "Perseverance Amid Difficulties," pointing out clearly that difficulties are good for us if rightly borne. Mrs. Needham, the secretary, reported twenty-eight Auxiliaries and nineteen Mission Bands, in all forty-seven branches; four of this number were organized during the year. A number of removals are reported, while the accession of new members leaves our roll much the same as last year. The thank-offering services were in many cases the feature of the year's work. Miss Robertson, Missionary Leaflet secretary, stated 549 Leaflets in circulation. The report of Mrs. Bailie, Gravenhurst, secretary of supply, was the best ever presented. 1,300 pounds of suitable clothing, valued at \$551, were sent to the North-west. The treasurer, Mrs. Stevenson, reported \$1,453.17 in contributions, \$205 in excess of last year, notwithstanding the period of depression. Surely the "Lord of Hosts" is stirring the hearts of our women. Mrs. McCrae, of Collingwood, gave an excellent address upon the "Ways, Means and Motives of Our Work." Mrs. J. G. Scott sang with much acceptance "A Song of Trust," after which Miss McKenzie (late of Honan) gave an interesting talk on Honan. "The Children's Hour," one of the most interesting features of the day, was ably conducted by Mrs. Moodle; the ready response to questions asked the Barrie Junior Band, showed how well children can be trained in church and mission work. Miss Isa Scott sang sweetly, "Open the Door for the Children." Specially interesting was it when Miss L. Stevenson recited the exact route by rail, steamers, and changes to be made, incident to a voyage from Barrie to Chu Wang, China. The session was brought to a close by a forcible address from M. S. Cameron on "The Value of Little Things," showing clearly the importance of children's work. The delegates and their friends adjourned to the basement, where the Barrie ladies had kindly prepared a bountiful tea. The hour was improved by meeting with old and new friends.

At 8 o'clock a public meeting was held in the church, presided over by Rev. D. D. McLeod, pastor. Rev. R. N. Grant, D.D., Orillia, was the speaker for the evening. His forceful address was based upon the words "Come over into Macedonia and help us," touching upon the Armenian question as well.

Wednesday morning, after the delegates had assembled, the subject of "Daily Calendars" was discussed. This silent reminder was commended to every member. It was strongly urged that the envelope contributions be used for no other purpose than sending the gospel to the heathen. Mrs. Garrett, of Bradford, introduced the subject of "Outlook of Our Young Women's Bands." Home influence was greater than any other. It was urged that presidents be thoroughly consecrated. Numbers are not always a sign of strength—these points were noticed specially. An instructive paper, full of suggestive thoughts on "Opportunity," by Mrs. Young, of Gravenhurst, was read by Miss Beck, of Penetang.

After luncheon in the basement the closing session opened at 1.30. Several important questions were discussed in the "Question Drawer." A pleasing feature of the Presbyterial meeting was the resolution to present Mrs. Carswell, of Burk's Falls, and Mrs. Smith, Bradford, with life-membership certificates, they having been intimately connected with the W.F.M.S. for many years. The Nominating Committee brought forward the following officers elected for 1897:—Hon. president, Mrs. R. N. Grant, Orillia; president, Mrs. McCrae, Collingwood; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Cameron, Allandale; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Clarke, Bracebridge; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. Smith, Bradford; 4th vice-president, Mrs. Webster, Jarratt's Corners; secretary, Miss Kean, Orillia; assistant secretary, Miss McConkey, Barrie; treasurer, Mrs. Cameron, Allandale; secretary of supply, Miss M. Young, Gravenhurst. It was with deep regret the resignation of retiring officers was accepted. Mrs. Webster addressed a few closing words, charging all "to keep close to the Master," if our work is to be successful. Hearty votes of thanks were tendered to the ladies of Barrie for their courtesy to the visiting friends, to the church officers, choir, etc. Prayer by Mrs. Ault, Barrie, closed the large gathering, to meet in Bradford, October, 1897.

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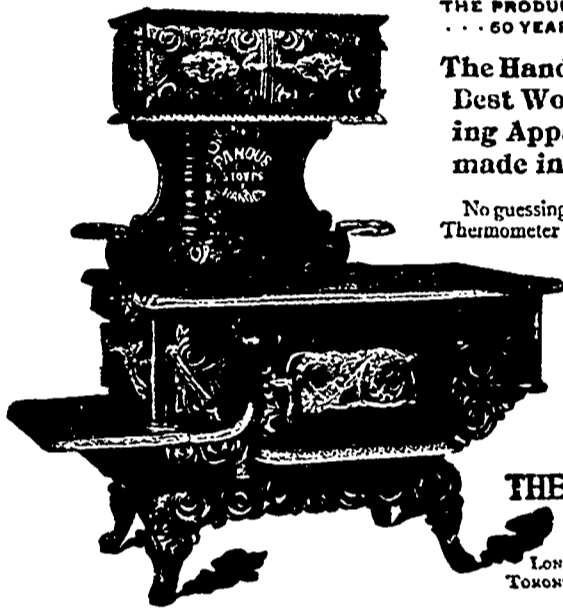
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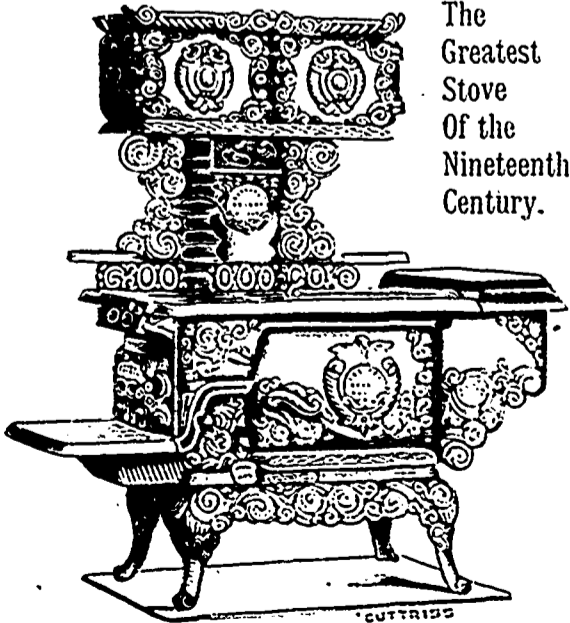
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THE McALL MISSION.

The annual thank-offering meeting of the Toronto Auxiliary of the Canadian McAll Association was held in room No. 9, Y.M.C.A., on Thursday, November 5th. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Howitt, Mrs. Duncan Clarke occupied the chair. After the usual devotional exercises, Mrs. Sutherland Stayner, in an informal address, gave some beautiful thoughts on thank-offering, and touched on the subject of individual work. A letter read by Miss McCallum told of the good work done by the McAll Mission boat—*Le Bon Messager*—during its recent summer campaign. Miss Joan Inglis gave a most interesting account of a personal visit to a mission hall in Paris. Owing to the extremely bad weather the attendance was smaller than usual, and consequently the thank-offering not as large as in former years. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Edward Blake.

A service of more than ordinary interest was held in the West End Mission, Deseronto, on the evening of Sabbath, Nov. 1st. Several things conspired to make the service a memorable one. On that occasion the first anniversary of the organization of the mission into a congregation was celebrated. This was in itself an event of no small importance. It is only about five years since the work was begun in that part of the town, but so greatly has it been blessed that there is now a flourishing and progressive congregation. To add to the interest of the occasion the congregation assembled in the mission hall which had just been so greatly enlarged and in every way improved that it is now as comfortable and commodious as could be desired. But perhaps the special interest centered in the fact that the meeting was intended to commemorate the life and work of the late Mr. C. H. Day, a young man whose life, so beautiful and full of promise, was lately cut off by an attack of fever. From the inception of the mission till the time of his death he labored with great tact, zeal and devotion, and his early death was deeply deplored. The enlargement of the mission hall was undertaken as a memorial of his earnest and unselfish labors, and a very beautiful tablet, suitably inscribed, was placed in position on the day before the meeting. The tablet is the work of Mr. A. Burns, a member of the mission, and is indeed a piece of artistic workmanship. Addresses suitable to the occasion were delivered by Mr. J. K. Clark, B.A., the student in charge; Mr. S. Russell, M.A., editor of *The Tribune*, and Rev. W. S. McTavish, B.D., pastor of the Church of the Redeemer. Mr. Clark, who has spent two summers in the field now returns to Queen's College to complete his studies. During his stay in Deseronto he has made many warm friends, and his zealous and faithful labors have been richly blessed.

The Presbyterian Church of Indianford, in the Glenboro Presbytery, was opened on Sabbath, October 25th, by the Rev. A. MacTavish, of Treherne, who preached thoughtful and practical sermons, morning and evening, to crowded congregations. The church is a neat and commodious frame structure, and is indeed a credit to the congregation. Its erection is largely due to the untiring energy, zeal and labors of the pastor, the Rev. John Mowat. Both pastor and people are to be congratulated on having such a comfortable place of worship, almost entirely free of debt. On Monday evening a social was held in the new church, which was filled to its utmost capacity by the congregation and their friends. The pastor gave a brief account of the steps which led to the erection of the church and the difficulties to be overcome. A number of clergymen were on the platform and gave short addresses. The choir of the Presbyterian Church, Treherne and the Buchbach family contributed largely to the enjoyment of the evening.

The session of Innerkip, at its last meeting, unanimously passed the following resolution: "The session of Innerkip Presbyterian Church records with deep sorrow the death of Mr. David McBeath, for about thirty-eight years a member of this session. We wish to express our appreciation of his high Christian character and the deep interest he ever took in this congregation and our loss in his removal from our midst, and we express our deepest sympathy with his bereaved wife and family, and pray that the God of all comfort may be with them, and that they may experience the truth of His Word, 'Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.'"

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