

creased, the interest has in no way diminished, but rather seems on the increase. The monthly collections amounted to \$12.33. The total receipts for the year amounted to \$85.10 an increase of \$1.43 over last year.

As we enter the coming year we feel the needs of the mission field, pressing more and more upon our hearts, and are determined to do even more if possible. So we go forth, strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might, knowing that his strong right arm, which has been our greatest pillar in the past, will always continue to be so in the future.

ANNIE E. TRAWNI.

BOYS' MISSIONARY CONGRESS.

The following suggestion is taken from one of our exchanges:—

During a recent visit in Albany, Oregon, we heard about this, which the members consider the most important organization in the city. Its sessions have been held since January only, but thus far "it works." Knowing that our readers are always looking for something suggestive, we gathered the following facts concerning this Congress:

Eighteen boys and the pastor, organized as a legislative body, constitute the Congress. The officers are elected for three months, and are a Speaker who presides, and a Clerk who keeps the Journal of Congress.

The Pastor is Chaplain, with duties extraordinary, holding office for life or during good behavior. Each boy is a Representative in Congress from a missionary land—e.g., Siam, Korea, or Persia. Each Representative takes the name of a missionary hero of his country, or at least takes the hero for his hero, and has the interests of his country always at heart.

The Speaker appoints each boy upon one of four committees (the Speaker and Chaplain being members of all), as follows:

- A Committee on Work.
- " " " Fun.
- " " " Help.
- " " " Ways and Means.

The Committee on Work plans the programme of each session of Congress. The Committee on Fun plans for the fun. The Committee on Help helps the Pastor and Church, e.g., in the publication of weekly announcement sheet, etc. The Committee on Ways and Means plans how to raise money, individually or by fairs, etc. Each committee meets once in two weeks with the Chaplain.

Congress holds session every two weeks—Tuesday—from 4.30 to 6 o'clock p.m., giving half the session to work, the other half to fun.

Two-minute speeches by each Representative, about his own country, makes a good programme. Two minutes each for drawing off-hand a map of his country, etc.

A stimulus of some little prize to the boy who does the best each time is considered helpful. They have different ways of determining who is best—sometimes by vote, sometimes by calling in an outsider for judge.

The Speaker has a gavel, the Clerk a large journal, and they try to follow parliamentary law. The Congress has a simple Constitution.

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