

work, Presbyterian Societies, Mission Boards, and Board of Managers. The Reports, both local and general, were deeply interesting, and furnished evidence that this department of work has taken a firm hold upon the women of our church. The following summary speaks for itself. Twelve "Life Members," (each paying \$25.00 at once); 668 ordinary members (each paying \$1.00 yearly.) Total number of members, including the auxiliaries, 1690; Presbyterian Societies, three, namely: Hamilton with six auxiliaries, and six Mission Bands; Whitby, ten auxiliaries and one Mission Band; Peterborough, three auxiliaries. Total number of auxiliaries, *fifty-seven*, contributing \$3,792.37; of Mission Bands, *twelve*, contributing \$944.45. The total contributions for the year were \$5,732.54.

At a social meeting held in St. Paul's church on the Monday evening, addresses were delivered by Professor Maclaren and Rev. D. J. Macdonell. The following is a list of the officers:—President, Mrs. Euart; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Maclaren, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Macdonnell, Mrs. McLachlan, and the Presidents of each of the Auxiliary Societies; Recording Secretary, Mrs. MacMurchy; Home Secretary, Miss Topp; Foreign Secretary, Mrs. Harvie; Treasurer, Mrs. King.

"*The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Kingston.*" The Annual Meeting of this society was held at Kingston on the 22nd of March. Rev. James Cumberland, of Amherst Island, occupied the chair. The Annual Report was read by Rev. T. S. Chambers, of Sunbury, who expressed his sympathy with the Society's work and referred to the interest recently awakened at Sunbury, where an auxiliary had been lately formed by means of the information circulated by the Society. The Report stated that another new auxiliary had also been formed at Amherst Island, which had been in active operation since last June, and also that the Society this year divides its contributions between Dr. McKay's work in Formosa, and Mrs. J. F. Campbell's work in Mhow. It referred also to the pleasant and profitable union meetings of the various W. M. Societies of our church which "took place by its invitation and under its auspices during the sittings of the Assembly last June, and which, besides being a happy and stimulating reunion of christian workers, brought the work of the women before the Church, as a whole, and made each Society better acquainted with the work, the difficulties and the encouragements of sister Societies." The Report also referred to the loss which the Society had sustained, during the year, in the death of two beloved and valued members, Mrs. Kelso, President of the Roslin Society, and Mrs. Macdonnell, a member of the central Society at Kingston. The Rev. M. W. Maclean, and the Rev. D.

Mitchell, of Belleville, addressed the meeting in earnest and stirring speeches, commending the work of our own Missionaries to the active sympathy and support of Christian women.

Meetings of Presbyteries.

LUNENBURG AND YARMOUTH: April 25:—The congregation of New Dublin was recommended for a supplement of \$150. An ordained missionary is asked for Riversdale, where the people are ready to do all in their power. The congregation of Carleton and Chebogue, as well as Yarmouth, expressed a desire to be transferred to the Presbytery of Halifax. Intimation from the Presbytery of Halifax was received expressing willingness to receive the congregations named. The matter is accordingly left to Synod and Assembly. The financial report shows an increase of \$103 in the receipts for the schemes of the Church as compared with last year. Mr. Brown having resigned his commission to the General Assembly, Mr. Fraser was appointed in his place. D. S. FRASER, *Clk.*

WALLACE: May 2:—The demission of Rev. F. W. Archibald, of Amherst, was accepted on the ground of ill health. The congregation concurred with extreme regret. The Presbytery recorded their sense of the great loss sustained by Mr. Archibald's removal, and of the good done in Amherst during his very brief ministry. Application was made to the Supplementary Committee for \$100 for Springhill. Rev. C. G. Glass applied for leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry by reason of age and infirmity. Agreed to apply for leave to the General Assembly. Mr. Gillies was appointed commissioner to the General Assembly in room of Mr. Archibald. The Clerk introduced an overture to the effect that Synod should not remit its appellate and judicial functions to a committee. The overture was adopted and ordered to be transmitted. T. SEDGWICK, *Clk.*

PICTOU: May 2:—The bi-monthly meeting of Presbytery was held at New Glasgow. Mr. Stirling accepted the call to Clifton and Granville, P.E.I.; his connection with Scotsburn to cease on the 28th May. Moderation in a call was granted to Vale and Sutherland's River. In regard to West River difficulties, Presbytery recommended the congregation to make such arrangements with respect to the place of holding public worship in the congregation as will meet the desires of the petitioners who had wished to be restored to their previous status. Philip Brial, catechist, sent by the Free Evangelization Board, reported work done at Stellarton, &c. A public conference on Temperance was held in the evening. E. A. McCURDY, *Clk.*