

again, but to the regret of all, could not accept. The results of the election were:— president, Mrs. Kirton, Woodstock; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Ball, Woodstock; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Thomson, Ayr; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. W. A. McKay, Woodstock; 4th vice-president, Mrs. Patterson, Embro; cor. secretary, Mrs. Watson, Ayr, rec. secretary, Mrs. Cameron, Ayr; treasurer, Mrs. Robertson, Ingersoll; librarian, Miss Anna McPherson, Glenmorris. As Mrs. McWhirter, who has been the faithful and esteemed cor. secretary for a number of years, is not now living within the bounds of the Presbytery, a resolution was passed expressing the deep regret that was felt in parting with her. Great interest was taken in the supply to be sent to the schools in India this year, and it was decided to make Paris the shipping point, and to invite the auxiliaries and mission bands to meet there and see the contributions sent in. The ladies of St. Paul's church provided a most delightful lunch in the lecture-room of the church. The afternoon session was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Hardie, of Ayr, and Mrs. Cockburn, of Paris. The president in her address, said that active interested work in Foreign Missions acted as a stimulus in all the other departments of church work, and spoke of the personal interest that the members should have in the twelve missionaries in foreign fields, who have been in one way or another associated with this Presbytery. The report of the secretary showed that all the societies were earnest and active in their work, that a very liberal supply of clothing had been sent to Regina school, the weight being 2,750 pounds, and the value \$1,166 83, a very large proportion being new material. There are now 19 auxiliaries and 14 mission bands, 33 in all. The total contribution sent in was \$1,728.53, a slight decrease from that of last year. Miss McCaughey sang very sweetly a sacred solo, and a little girl of the Mission Band touched the hearts of all by her recitation. Mrs. Harvie, Foreign Mission secretary, gave an eloquent address on the work in the Northwest, picturing from personal observation the sad condition and degradation of the Indian women, telling of the self-denying and successful work done by our missionaries and teachers in the Reserves, and of the incalculable amount of good that results from the supplies of clothing sent by the Women's Foreign Mission Society. At the evening meeting, the Rev. Mr. McDonald, of St. Thomas, in a very eloquent address referred to the prevailing lack of knowledge in regard to mission work as being one of the chief causes of the absence of interest in it, urged the necessity of circulating the facts and experiences of this work, and of keeping in constant sympathetic touch with the various mission fields. The Rev. Mr. Patterson, of Embro, who was appointed to represent the Presbytery, was unable to reach Ingersoll, on account of the state of the roads. Rev. Mr. Hutt, who occupied the chair, very ably presided and addressed the meeting, showing his hearty sympathy with, and appreciation of the work of the Women's Foreign Mission Society. The meeting was one of the most enjoyable ever held by this Society.—*Con.*

#### Sarnia Presbyterial W.F.M.S.

The eighth annual meeting of the Sarnia Presbyterial W.F.M.S. was held in the Presbyterian church, Watford, on February 11th and 12th. On account of the disagreeable weather fewer delegates were in attendance than would otherwise have been there, though nearly all the societies were represented. The president, Mrs. MacTavish, of Parkhill, occupied the chair, and, after devotional exercises, gave a short earnest address. Mrs. Alexander gave a warm welcome to the visiting ladies, to which Miss Stewart, of Napan, replied. The treasurer reported an increase in contributions over last year, the total being \$787, each year seeing us having more contributed. The secretary reported an increase of one auxiliary and five bands during the year, there being now fifteen auxiliaries and eleven bands, with 655 members. Clothing to the value of \$712 was sent to the Northwest. Many of our auxiliaries have their annual thank offering service, showing that there are realizing their privilege of giving as a thanksgiving for many blessings received. The Leaflet is taken in all the auxiliaries, though many were about take it. The principal feature of the afternoon was an address by Mrs. Ball, of Toronto, who spoke on the auxiliary with which she was pleased to be a local auxiliary. A paper on "The

Model Auxiliary," by Mrs. Myatt, of Beochwood, was read in her absence by Mrs. Towers, of Sarnia. At the close of the meeting a bountiful tea which all enjoyed was served in the school-room. The evening meeting was presided over by Rev. Mr. Graham, of Watford, who gave an interesting address, as did also Rev. N. McPherson, of Petrolia. The session on Wednesday morning was devoted entirely to business, the reports of the auxiliaries and bands being read, and many joined in some discussions that were brought up by some questions, so helping to get and give some good hints for the working of our society.

#### Toronto City Mission.

The monthly meeting of the Toronto City Mission was held on Thursday afternoon, in the board room of the Toronto Young Men's Christian Association. The president, Dr. W. B. Geikie, occupied the chair. Mr. Robert Hall, missionary, had just completed his eleventh year's service under the auspices of this mission; and presented his 132nd monthly report, which was of more than ordinary interest, being full of incidents of conversions in the different departments of his work. He has certainly proved the great need of extending this Gospel work among the homes in Toronto by house to house visitation. During January he held twenty-three services throughout the city, conducted eight Sabbath school services in the common jail, also services in the Mercer Reformatory, Industrial Refuge and Convalescent Home. Many cases of destitution were found, even among respectable families. These were instantly relieved by the missionary, who received in voluntary gifts from Christian friends for this purpose during January the sum of \$37 47, and expended \$46.35, of which sum \$22.39 was for fuel and the balance for provisions. Ninety articles of clothing were given to those who needed them. The committee strongly feel that this part of home mission work does not receive the attention due to it, and that this mission has special claims upon the city churches, seeing it was organized by them and is still under their control and direction through the committee in charge, and more especially that God is so abundantly blessing this work. Offerings sent to the missionary, 41 Hayden street, or to the treasurer, Mr. H. L. Stark, 26 Toronto street, will be duly acknowledged.

A. J. GEIKIE, Secy.

#### Correspondence.

##### Music in the Presbyterian Church.

Editor PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW.

SIR.—A remark or two in the letter of Mr. Arthur H. Greene on the above subject in your issue of the 23rd ult. calls for attention. He says, "If any one will take the trouble to look into this matter thoroughly it will be found that just in proportion to the number of restrictions and rules laid down for the guidance of the choir will be the poor quality of music rendered, and just in proportion as choirs are encouraged and not thus hampered will the music and service of praise be improved." These rules are made and this hampering we are told, is done by sessions who, Mr. Greene says, "know very little or nothing on the subject of music." As a choir master of over thirty years experience, I have no hesitation in saying that the very reverse of these extraordinary statements is the truth. Having been for so many years under the influence of various sessions in town and city, I can safely say that the elders as a body are musical in the same proportion numerically as other office-bearers or church workers, and some very much more so. It is also my experience "after looking into this matter thoroughly," that where the choirs adhere to the rules of sessions, the quality of music is such as most conduce to spiritual-mindedness and growth in grace. Under any circumstances it is false to say that the fewer the restrictions the better the music. Permit me also to say that the service of praise in the Presbyterian Church as a whole is not in such a wretched state as it is said to be. I admit that as a Church it has not advanced so far as some Churches on the line of introducing separate and other frivolous airs into its service, but for harmony and the manner of its execution it compares favorably with any other branch of the Christian Church in the Dominion. In all departments of church work there is room for improvement, and it is useless to put the blame upon others or

other office-bearers. "Let all the people praise Him," is the command, and let us bear in mind that our God is to be worshipped in spirit and in truth. The motive is not to be to please "strangers," or to tickle the ears of young people, however desirable it may be to keep these in the Church. I am strongly of the opinion that this "young people" cry is something of a myth. It may have been true to a certain extent years ago, but at the present time we have surely reason for thankfulness that a very large proportion of our young people are loyal and faithful to their church home.

In closing permit me to say that I am quite sensible of the importance of good music. I have striven for its improvement for many years, and am doing so still, nevertheless we should not forget that it is a part of the service only, it should not be allowed to overshadow other parts. Is the reading of God's Word, and the prayer, and the preaching too, are they of no importance? Most assuredly they are, quite as much so as the singing. Let us not then blame a whole service because the music is not up to our ideas. Let everything be done decently and in order.

EX-PRECTOR.

The Rev. Peter Nicol was recently inducted into the charge of Tottenham and Beeton.

#### Home Mission Committee.

The regular half-yearly meeting of the Home Mission Committee will be held in St. Andrew's church lecture room, Toronto, on Monday, the 23rd March, at 7.30 p.m.

All claims for the past half year should be forwarded to the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Warden, not later than March 15th.

Ministers, Licentiate, Students and Catechists, desiring appointment during the ensuing summer months or for longer periods, must have their applications in the hands of the Secretary by the same date. Blank forms can be had on application to the Secretary. This is absolutely necessary, in order that a complete list of applicants may be prepared and printed before the date of meeting.

Presbyteries and congregations are again reminded, to forward without delay their contributions to the Home Mission Fund, that the Committee may know exactly, before the day of meeting, what funds are available to meet the claims for the past half year. These should be sent to Rev. Dr. Warden, Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

In the appointment of missionaries, preference will be given to Theological students, offering their services for a period of 18 months.

WM. COCHRANE,  
Convener,  
Home Mission Committee.

Brampton, Feb. 22nd, 1896.

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