

which does not shrink from saying that "God, for His own glory, hath fore-ordained whatsoever comes to pass."

It is not for us at present to say how Calvinists get over the "difficulties" connected with God's decrees and man's freedom, or even to say whether or not they profess to get over all these "difficulties,"—sufficient that we ask our young friend to "think," the more he does this we are sure the more he will be convinced that this "fore-knowledge" theory gets over none of those "difficulties" of which we hear so much, but has other and more formidable ones exclusively its own.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KINGSTON WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The annual public meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Kingston, was held in Chalmers' Church, on Saturday evening, Feb. 14th. The Rev. Principal Grant presided, and the meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Andrew Wilson. The Rev. Prof. Mowat read the annual reports, that of the Kingston Branch being as follows:

REPORT.

"The Kingston Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Kingston would express gratitude that the Society has now been brought to the beginning of the fifth year of its existence; and regret that, during the four years that have elapsed since its organization, it has not made greater progress. The members of the Kingston Branch feel that there is still, in this Presbytery, much room for extending the operations of the Society, and they hope that during the year now opening, and with the co-operation of the ministers of the Presbytery, new auxiliaries may be formed in congregations where as yet there are none existing, and that those which already exist may greatly increase in numbers and influence—a result which they cannot hope to obtain without the active aid of the ministers of the congregations.

"The Association regret to record the severance of the special tie which connected them with Miss Foster, towards whose support on the mission field their contributions have hitherto been applied. As the wife of the Rev. J. Fraser Campbell, she occupies a different position, and while still giving her valuable aid to the mission work, is no longer on the list of the lady missionaries sent out by the Church. While cordially rejoicing in the prospects of married happiness and usefulness that lie before one in whom they must still feel a warm and kindly interest, the Society regret the loss of a valued agent, and hope that, ere long, another may be found, able and willing to supply her place. In the meantime, while awaiting another appointment, their contributions will be devoted to the general objects of the mission.

"A correspondence has been going on during the past year between this Society and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery of the Church in Canada, Western Section, concerning a proposed union of the two Societies, in regard to which an overture was made by the latter named Society in the beginning of the year. As this Society did not regard the existing Constitution and mode of working of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Western Section, as a satisfactory basis for a general Society of the Church, several letters were exchanged with a view to so modify that Constitution as to render it a satisfactory basis of union, and the correspondence having been referred to the Foreign Mission Committee, the Convention, Professor McLaren, was appointed to confer with the members of the Society and ascertain their exact views. The Society has to thank Professor McLaren very cordially for his visit, which took place in December, and for his kindly words of encouragement and sympathy. They feel that while the correspondence has not yet resulted in securing a satisfactory basis for a proposed union, the free interchange of views has been productive of a greater cordiality and warmer fellowship between the two Societies than had before existed; and they hope that, in the good providence of God, a Constitution may yet be found which shall be acceptable to all, and form a worthy basis for a Society so large, extensive, and efficient as they trust that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of our Church will eventually be.

"The Society would render cordial thanks to Mrs. Junor, Fortinos, and to Mrs. J. Fraser Campbell and Miss Fairweather, in India, for the kind and interesting letters with which they have favoured the Society during the year, and also to Mrs. Harvie and other ladies who have submitted copies of letters addressed to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Western Section.

"A. M. MACHAR, } Secretaries.
"A. E. DICKSON, }

The reports of the Auxiliaries followed, and the Treasurer's report recorded \$350 as having been paid in to the Rev. Dr. Reid since Jan. 1st, 1879.

The Rev. Jacob Trushman then briefly addressed the meeting, touching more specially on mission work among his own people, the Jews, and upon the glorious future lying before them, in which the Gentiles also were so deeply interested.

The Rev. Principal Grant then made a few remarks, urging the Society to greater earnestness in their work; and the Rev. J. T. Stevenson, of Montreal, followed. He dwelt at some length on the fitness of

mission work for women by women, and also upon the more general subjects of woman's work, declaring himself in favour of opening freely to woman every avenue of usefulness, in the confidence that by such freedom she would certainly be most likely to find her right place and the work for which she was best fitted. He spoke also of the special importance of female mission work, carrying light and hope to those who could receive it only from her, like the secluded inmates of the Eastern Zenana. And he concluded by saying that even if Christianity could be shewn to be a delusion there would be reason to be thankful for the blessed delusion which had inspired Christian women to carry even a little light and a little of the elevating influences of Christian education into the misery and degradation of heathen homes.

The meeting was then closed with a hymn and the benediction by the chairman.

MUSKOKA.

Anniversary services were held at Bracebridge on the first Sabbath in February, and it was very gratifying to note the improvement which has taken place since my visit on a similar occasion two years ago. The inside of the church presents now an attractive appearance: a new pulpit, a neatly carpeted platform, and matting for the aisles, being among the improvements; better still, there is greater heartiness and hopefulness amongst Mr. Findlay's people, and, consequently, greater encouragement to him in his work.

Though Saturday night had been stormy, and Sabbath morning was bitterly cold, and the roads were drifted so that few could come in from the country, the services were very well attended. In the afternoon, I had the pleasure of addressing the children of the Sabbath school, a remarkably intelligent and attentive crowd of listeners, who sang exceedingly well under the leadership of Miss Gray. The improvement in the singing, both of the congregation and of the Sabbath school, is very marked, and is undoubtedly to be ascribed, in part, to the use of the organ—a small one, only—which has been recently procured.

There are about thirty-five Presbyterian families in Bracebridge, and twenty in Monck and South Falls, making in all fifty-five families, which furnish about one hundred communicants. Last year they paid off \$600 of debt on the church edifice, besides raising \$500 for congregational expenses, and, when the contributions to missions are all in, it is expected that there will be about \$115 or \$120 for the schemes of the Church. The ladies are going to work to raise money for a manse, which is much needed, and which will do greatly to the comfort of Mr. and Mrs. Findlay.

Business is very dull at present in Bracebridge—"worse than a year ago," was the unanimous testimony of business men. "But had you not a good harvest?" "No; we had frosts in August, and a very severe hailstorm which damaged the crops very much." If the proposed railroad is pushed northward without delay from Gravenhurst, it will benefit Bracebridge very much. Meantime, I learned from a gentleman who had just returned from the northern district of Muskoka, that a good many families have not enough bread to eat, and no money wherewith to buy more.

The other points in Muskoka at which we have ordained missionaries are Gravenhurst, which has rapidly increased in population during the last fifteen months, and where Mr. Dawson has had a commodious and elegant manse erected; Parry Sound, where Mr. McKay has been stationed since October, 1878; and Maganetawan, to which Mr. Thomson was sent in December last. Besides the four ordained missionaries, we had four catechists at work. Mr. Crasweller, at Rosseau; Mr. Hemming, in Stisted; Mr. Armstrong, in Hoodstown and McMurrich; and Mr. Clark, in the district immediately south of Lake Nipissing. Mr. Clark preaches in seven townships, and takes a month to go once over his field.

At the Bracebridge tea-meeting (the indispensable adjunct of anniversary services), I met Mr. Kaye, an elder from Port Sydney, from whom I learned that the Port Sydney church needs about \$125 or \$150 to make it habitable. Here are the estimates: (Will some of the members of our \$25,000 and \$50,000 churches look at them?)—Clapboarding, \$25; lathing and plastering, \$50; flooring, \$25; doors, windows, etc., \$50; total, \$150.

A few five-dollar bills sent by Mail to Mr. James Kaye, Port Sydney, Muskoka, to meet this expenditure would be very thankfully received, and the givers would have the satisfaction of hastening the completion of a good work.—D. J. MACDONNELL.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

History of the City of New York.

New York: A. S. Barnes & Co.

Part IV. of this popular work brings the narrative into 1777, the year of many battles.

The Westminster Teacher.

Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication.
Toronto: James Bain & Son.

The expositions of the International Lessons and Shorter Catechism in the March number are excellent.

The Hamilton School Magazine.

Hamilton: The Collegiate Institute.

This magazine is much improved. It is now, at least in form and general appearance, an imitation, on a somewhat reduced scale, of the "Canada Educational Monthly."

Church Rambles and Scrambles.

By a Perambulating Curate. Toronto: Hunter, Rose & Co.

The "Perambulating Curate" does not reveal his name, but he tells his mind, on a variety of subjects, by no means exclusively confined to "the Church," in a manner which is always captivating, and which sometimes makes a very near approach to earnestness and power.

Woman's Ministry.

Chicago: F. H. Revell. Toronto: S. R. Briggs.
75 cts.

Mrs. Needham, the writer of this volume, takes the position that where woman is duly qualified, she is authorized to preach or teach, when such teaching does not involve authority in the church. The discussion of the relation of man and woman as types of Christ and the Church is interesting and instructive.

Miss Priscilla Hunter.

By Pansy. London: J. C. Nimmo & Bain. Toronto: James Bain & Son.

This is just the sort of book that people like to take up at a leisure moment—tastefully got up, aptly illustrated, and not too large to be read at a sitting. It tells its readers in a very pleasing manner how Miss Priscilla Hunter, a poor seamstress, paid a church debt. No one is exhorted to follow her example, but the story is nevertheless eminently suggestive and calculated to provoke emulation.

The Pathology of Mind.

By Henry Maudsley, M.D. New York: D. Appleton & Co.

The intimate connection that exists between mind and body, their reciprocal action, the necessity for the objective study of brain, as well as for the introspective examination of mental states, in order either to construct a complete philosophy of mind or to lay a foundation for the proper treatment of mental disorder—all, render the researches of physiologists very valuable, even in the field of Metaphysics. The volume now before us, being the Second Part of the "Physiology and Pathology of Mind," first published in 1867, contains the more practical and useful portion of Maudsley's psychological writings, without his materialistic theories. It deals chiefly with the various phenomena of insanity, and has been enlarged by the addition of chapters on "Dreaming" and "Somnambulism."

The Presbyterian Review.

New York: A. D. F. Randolph & Co. London, Ont.: Rev. Andrew Kennedy.

From a glance at the first number of the "Presbyterian Review," we venture to say that it will worthily fill the position which it assumes as the exponent of the theology and life of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. This post was vacant, for the "Princeton Review" has, during the last two years, been devoting itself—with remarkable success—to philosophy, science, and general literature, and can no longer be classed among publications distinctively theological. The managing editors of the new quarterly are Dr. A. A. Hodge, of Princeton and Dr. Briggs of the Union Theological Seminary. The associate editors are Prof. Herrick Johnson, D.D.; Prof. S. J. Wilson, D.D., LL.D.; Prof. James Eels, D.D.; Prof. Francis L. Patton, D.D., and Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, D.D. They promise "to maintain and enforce Presbyterian polity over against Episcopacy and Congregationalism, Calvinistic doctrine over against Lutheranism and Arminianism," and to join with these "brethren in presenting a united and aggressive front to Romanism, Socinianism, Rationalism and Communism."