

Mr. Cockburn, of Paris, presented the congratulations of the Paris Presbytery to the Society, dwelling strongly on the fact—which seemed to be the key-note of the whole day's proceedings—that the pecuniary results were but a small part of the work done by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Rev. W. J. Clarke, London, in a forcible, practical address, spoke of "Hindrances to Mission Work," the chief of which were ignorance, indifference, indolence and the iniquity of the nations, keeping the close attention of the audience throughout. The Rev. Mr. Hutt, of Ingersoll, gave a powerful, eloquent sketch of the life of William Carey, and the results of his constant, self-denying, faithful work, as shown in missions of to-day. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the ladies of Woodstock for their kindly, hospitable reception to the delegates and their friends. The musical part of the programme rendered by the choir and the solos of Misses McMullen, Young and McKay gave great pleasure to the listeners. The selections were most appropriate, brightening the whole day's proceedings. The doxology was sung, and Rev. Mr. McKay, of Parkdale, closed with the benediction what all felt to have been a most enjoyable, profitable meeting.

**PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.**—This Presbytery met on the 3rd inst. Rev. J. Frazer was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months, and he took the chair accordingly. The Presbytery took up the resignation of Rev. D. Mackintosh, as tendered by him at last meeting. Commissioners appeared from his congregations and were severally heard who stated in substance that while appreciating his personal worth and official fidelity, yet in view of his very infirm health they would offer no opposition to the acceptance of his resignation. It was then moved and agreed to, that the Presbytery are constrained in the circumstances to accept the resignation of Mr. Mackintosh, and, at the same time, recommend that he be placed by the General Assembly on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund (with leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry) and that his annuity date from the time of his retirement, viz., the first day of April. Rev. R. Wallace was appointed to preach to the congregations concerned in this matter on the first Sabbath of said month, and to declare the charge vacant. Rev. R. Thynne was appointed Moderator of the Session during the vacancy. The Presbytery also took up the resignation of Rev. T. T. Johnston, and after hearing the parties concerned it was moved and agreed to accept of his resignation, said decision to take effect on and after the next Sabbath. Rev. K. MacLennan was appointed to preach to the congregations concerned on the 15th inst., and to declare the charge vacant, and Rev. J. M. Cameron was appointed interim Moderator of the Session. Application was made by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell for leave of absence from his pastoral charge for the space of three or four months, and the leave applied for was granted to him with the hope that the long tour he proposed to take would materially serve to benefit his health. It was reported by Rev. J. A. Grant that he had met with the congregation of Bonar Church, Toronto, and had moderated in a call which was given unanimously in favour of Rev. Alex. MacGillivray, minister of St. John's Church, Brockville. The call on being examined was found to be signed by seventy-five members, and concurred in by seventy-nine adherents. A guarantee for stipend was read, accompanied by a copy of reasons for translation. The conduct of Mr. Grant in this matter was then approved of. Thereafter commissioners appeared for the congregation and were severally heard in support of the call. On motion made the call was unanimously sustained, and ordered to be transmitted, together with relative documents, to the Presbytery of Brockville, and Revs. J. A. Grant and G. M. Milligan were appointed on behalf of their own Presbytery to prosecute the call before the Presbytery aforesaid. An extract minute of the Presbytery of Barrie was read, setting forth in substance that a call from the congregation of Angus and New Lowell in favour of Rev. J. D. Leishman, of Chester—their former pastor—had been sustained by said Presbytery, and ordered to be transmitted, together with relative documents, to this Presbytery, and that Rev. J. Burnett, Messrs. Paton, Mather and Golan had been appointed to appear before this Presbytery in prosecution of the call. The call and relative documents were produced and laid on the table, and Rev. G. Burnfield was appointed to preach to the congregation of Chester, and cite them to appear for their interests at next meeting of Presbytery, the other parties concerned to be duly notified thereat. Agreeably to application made leave was given to Rev. J. Alexander to moderate in a call from the congregations of Georgetown and Limehouse. It was moved by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, seconded by Rev. Dr. McLaren, and agreed to, that the Presbytery recommend to Kirk Sessions within their bounds that a special collection be made on an early Lord's Day for the benefit of the families of the men who perished in the mine at Springhill, N.S. The following were appointed commissioners to the next General Assembly: Ministers by rotation, Revs. D. Camelon, W. G. Wallace, J. Mutch, G. E. Freeman, Walter Reid, John Neil, D. B. Macdonald, Dr. McTavish, J. W. H. Milne, W. A. Hunter, R. Hadlow, R. J. M. Glassford. Ministers by ballot, Revs. Dr. Reid, Dr. Caven and Dr. McLaren. Elders by nomination, Messrs. J. A. Paterson, James Brown, R. J. Hunter, and W. T. McCutcheon. Elders by ballot, Messrs. Hamilton Cassels, J. K. Macdonald, W. M. Clark, Joseph Gibson, R. McClure, Justice MacLennan, John Milne, Gilbert Jaffrey, A. L. Gillies, John Winchester and R. S. Goulay. According to notice previously given, an overture to the Supreme Court of the Church was submitted for adoption by Rev. R. P. Mackay, but, after a brief consideration of it, it was left for further consideration till next meeting of Presbytery. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet again on the first Tuesday of April, at ten a.m.—R. MONTGOMERY, Pres. Clerk.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.**

THE annual meeting of Bonar Presbyterian Church was held the other week and the different reports presented showed beyond the shadow of a doubt that there is a promising field for the operations of this enterprising congregation in that growing neighbourhood. The number of members now on the communion roll is seventy-seven; at the organization of the congregation a little over a year ago the members numbered forty-nine, so that good progress has been made during the first year. The total amount collected for all purposes during the year was \$2,139.23; \$1,426.40 was expended in the erection of a new place of worship. The Building Committee have succeeded in completing a commodious edifice which is capable of seating 400 and is so planned that the seating capacity can be doubled without much inconvenience to the worshippers. The Session consists of five members and the Board of Managers comprises a membership of nine. The Sabbath school has over 100 scholars on the roll and an efficient staff of fifteen teachers and officers. A library in connection with the school consisting of 400 volumes is about to be put into circulation. There is also an energetic Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour doing a noble work among the young and has done much to stimulate the work of the congregation during the year. An efficient choir has also contributed much to the success of the past year. Mr. R. W. Prittie, of Toronto, besides rendering substantial aid to the congregation has presented them with a beautiful and costly communion service, a gift which was greatly appreciated by the congregation. A most important step has just been taken when at the last meeting of the Presbytery an enthusiastic call was extended to the Rev. Alexander MacGillivray, of Brockville, and it is to be hoped that the reverend gentleman will see it to be his duty to accept the call to the pastorate of such a promising and deserving congregation. There is in that growing part of the city a field for labour such as is seldom presented, and the interests of the whole Church require that a good and experienced man such as the congregation have chosen should take hold of the work and prosecute it with vigour. The results of the past year without a pastor speak volumes for the success of the future with a pastor.

**SPEAKING** of the Annual Report of the Federal Life Assurance Company, which appears in this issue, the *Monetary Times* says: Admirers of the plan of insurance as pursued by the Federal Life, of Hamilton, and it has many among young people, will find that a goodly number of persons has been added to that Company's list of policy-holders during last year. Upwards of 1,000 applications, covering \$2,367,000, were favourably received, and the number and amount might have been increased by 131 and \$321,000 respectively, but, not coming up to the required standard, were declined. This result for 1890 makes the aggregate amount of insurance at force on 31st December, \$11,026,587, represented by 4,337 policies. The net sum paid out last year for death claims was \$94,850, and the income from premium receipts and other sources reached a total of \$245,565 31, or something more than \$30,000 of an increase over 1889. Exclusive of the uncalled guarantee capital there is an apparent surplus in favour of policy-holders of \$80,000, or about \$160 of assets to every \$100 of liabilities. With the uncalled capital added the surplus would be nearly \$700,000.

A CONCERT of unusual excellence and attractiveness was given in the Pavilion last week under the management of Signor D'Auria. It was a combination of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and the Toronto Choral Society, both of which organizations are now under the direction of that thoroughly accomplished and enthusiastic musician. The principal effort of the evening was concentrated on Hofmann's cantata "Melusina," which was ably interpreted by Madame D'Auria, Miss Dick, Mr. H. M. Blight and Mr. E. W. Schuch and the members of the Choral Union. Fine selections were also given from the masterpieces of Gounod, Weber, Beethoven, Strauss and others. Signor D'Auria's "Recollections of Scotland" were rendered with fine effect and delighted the large audience assembled.

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MR. SPURGEON's health is again causing some anxiety to his relatives and friends.

DR. THOROLD, during the thirteen years he was Bishop of Rochester, received and answered 101,000 letters.

AN English organ of the Bengali Christians has been started with the title of the *Hengal Christian Advocate*.

MR. CAINE announced at the Memorial Hall, London, that above 10,000 liquor-shops had been closed in India.

DR. M'CAW, of Jersey, intimates his intention to retire at an early date from the active duties of a settled pastorate.

MRS. ROBSON, widow of Dr. Robson, of Wellington Street Church, Glasgow, died recently in her eighty-fifth year.

HON. AND REV. A. T. LYTTELTON, master of Selwyn College, has been elected Hulsean lecturer for the present year.

PROF. CHARTERIS will be one of the British delegates at the Evangelical Alliance meetings to be held at Florence from April 4 to 12.

DR. T. W. JEN BLAKE, formerly headmaster of Rugby, a Broad Churchman and a picturesque writer on art, succeeds Dr. Plumtree as dean of Wells.

MR. J. W. MACKAIL, so well known for his prose translation of Virgil, will probably succeed the late Prof. Sellar in the Chair of Humanity in Edinburgh.

MR. V. H. QUILLIAN, the founder of the mosque at Liverpool, numbers among his English converts some half-dozen ladies, one of whom is secretary of the Society.

THE Rev James Pittendrig, M.A., of Pittendrig, has been granted twelve months leave of absence in order to take a voyage to Australia for the benefit of his health.

DR. SCOTT, in the current number of *Life and Work*, says: We have made the ministers of all churches that originated in secession because of patronage eligible for our vacant parochial charges.

PROF. EDWARD CAIRD has concluded his course of Gifford Lectures at St. Andrew's. They have been remarkably well attended. Professor Max Muller has also concluded his lectures in Glasgow.

MR. CAMPBELL FRASER, who has for thirty-five years occupied the chair in which he succeeded Sir William Hamilton, intimates his resignation. For several sessions he has been unable to preserve order in his class-room.

THERE are eight retreats for inebriates in England, all organized since 1879; of these three are for women only. The Manchester retreat is the largest of the three; and, like all the others, it is quite full. Fresh applications pour in daily which have to be refused.

DR. THAIN DAVIDSON, who is a native of Broughty Ferry, where his father was parish minister, received a specially warm welcome at Dundee, when he lectured in the Kinnaird Hall under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. His lecture was entitled "Wonderland; or, A Trip to the Verge of the Universe," and proved a most attractive and graphic discourse on astronomy.