

The membership is made up of all who are members of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, whose purpose it is, if God permit, to become foreign missionaries. The original enrolment contained nearly one hundred names of graduates and undergraduates, from the Colleges in Halifax, Montreal, Kingston, Toronto and Winnipeg. This had to be written down considerably, as, prior to the formation of the Union, there had been no sympathetic oversight of this Student Missionary interest. Since the last annual meeting, six Volunteers have sailed for their fields of labor: Rev. D. J. Davidson, B.A., of Knox College, to Central India; Dr. J. M. Waters of Toronto University Medical School, to Central India; Dr. Lizzie McMaster, of the Woman's Medical College, to Central India; Rev. Harold M. Clark, M.A., of Pine Hill College, Halifax, to Honan; Rev. J. D. Mackay, M.A., of Pine Hill College, Halifax, to Demerara; and Miss Mary E. Robertson, of the Ewart Training Home, to Honan.

Since the formation of the Union, six years ago, *thirty-three* of its members have left for their fields of labor, and all of these, with the exception of five, went out to serve the missions of our own Church. *Five* others are now under appointment, and the applications of *seven* more are before the Committees of the Church. *Thirteen* new Volunteers have been enrolled since the last annual meeting. The present membership is seventy-five—14 graduates and 61 undergraduates—all from the different college centres of our country.

It aims also, by definite plan, to forward throughout the Church an interest in foreign missions, and particularly amongst the young. Certain Volunteers from the senior years in college—the strongest and the most suitable men available—are engaged to spend in deputation work from three to six months each, in the summer season. This work is done by Presbyteries, and under the local direction of Committees of Presbytery. These men receive a fixed and uniform remuneration, equal to that of a theological undergraduate at the Home Mission field, together with all legitimate expenses of travel and entertainment. It is an undertaking along safe lines, to stimulate an interest in foreign missions, and in no sense is it a propaganda to raise money. While the men in this work shall be guided largely by the Committee of Presbytery within which they work, they count it the policy of the Union to serve the country congregations, and particularly those less frequently visited by returned missionaries.

In this deputation work our representatives serve the cause of foreign missions:

- (1) By public addresses
- (2) By conferences with officers and workers in Y. P. S., S. S., W. F. M. S., M. Bands, etc.
- (3) By effecting necessary missionary organization.
- (4) By instituting the systematic study of missions.
- (5) By introducing missionary libraries and distributing missionary literature.
- (6) By enlisting all who will in definite prayer for missions.
- (7) By interviews with leaders in Christian work in congregations.

Some results for summer, 1903.

WORKERS:—Robert B. Layton, B.A., Pine Hill College, Halifax; Arthur W. Lochhead, B.A., Presbyterian College, Montreal; Gillies Eadie, B.A., Knox College, Toronto; Allen E. Armstrong, B.A., Knox College, Toronto.

Presbyteries Visited:—Stratford, Guelph,

Whitby, Kingston, Lanark and Renfrew, Lunenburg and Yarmouth, Wallace, and parts of the Presbyteries of Truro and Halifax.

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| Congregations visited..... | 150 |
| Addresses on Lord's Day and week day evenings..... | 470 |
| Aggregate attendance..... | 44,508 |
| Average attendance..... | 98 |
| Conferences held..... | 183 |
| Missionary organizations effected..... | 107 |
| Library books sold..... | 1,336 |
| Value..... | \$881.68 |
| Prayer Pamphlets sold..... | 1,546 |
| Enrolled in Prayer Circle..... | 729 |

The combined service of these men last summer would cover a period of *one year and eight months*.

In the past four years 18 Presbyteries have been covered in this work.

The enlisting of God's children in definite intelligent intercession is an important feature of the Union's work. Nothing in the work of the past four years promises so much in results to the missionary life of our Church as the enlistment of so many in the ministry of definite prayer. The number at present enrolled in the Prayer Union and who use as an aid and guide in this ministry the Prayer Pamphlet of the Union, is 2762.

In administering the work of the Union the utmost economy is aimed at. The money needed for this work has come largely from a few friends who have faith in this movement, and is not a new charge upon the givings of the Church. This work is done without charge to the congregation visited, and no collections are asked for or expected. The aim is to stimulate missionary interest and increase missionary gifts.

The interest of the Union and the direction of its work is in the hands of an Executive Committee composed of the following persons: Rev. J. McP. Scott, B.A.; Rev. Alfred Gandier, B.D.; Rev. Prof. Ballantyne, M.A.; Joseph Henderson, Esq. and Herbert Langlois, Esq.

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Pointe-aux-Trembles.

The annual gathering of the Pointe aux Trembles Mission School was held last week under the presidency of the Rev. A. J. Mowatt, D.D. The hall was filled by enthusiastic friends of this fine Presbyterian institution, which is doing such splendid work among the French-speaking population of Quebec.

The meeting having been opened with prayer, the public examination of the children took place. The thorough teaching of the Bible and the doctrines of Protestantism form the basis of the educational work of the schools. The answering in the viva voce tests submitted was of a high character and testified to the thoroughness of the past session's work. The afternoon's business was interspersed with a large number of songs, quartettes, trios and essays, some in English and others in French. Principal Brandt called upon various clergymen to present the prizes gained for special excellence in the written examination that had been held during the past week.

The prizes are obtained from the following sources; \$30 offered by three ladies of Montreal, Mrs. L. Duntton, Mrs. John Campbell and Mrs. Jas. Robertson. Bourgoins' prize of nine dollars, being the interest on three hundred dollars subscribed by old pupils. Fifty dollars given by the Missionary Society of the old and new pupils; twenty

dollars offered to the first pupil of the school by Dr. Vilda Groulx, of Valleyfield, an old pupil. All the afternoon speakers emphasized the fact that the present buildings are totally inadequate and unsuited to the successful carrying on and extension of the work. Sixty thousand dollars is required to extend or rebuild, and towards this a sum of about twelve thousand dollars is promised. The hope was expressed that the Presbyterian Church would awake to its responsibilities in connection with the work at Pointe aux Trembles.

Among the great number present were the Revs. Dr. Coussirat, Dr. Amaron, R. P. Ducloux, G. Rondeau, S. J. Taylor, Dr. Mowat, F. M. Dewey, James Fleck, G. C. Heine, D. J. Graham, J. Mackay, Dr. Campbell, J. L. George and Professor McLeod and Messrs. G. Bernic, C. Cayford and Walter Paul.

Literary Notes.

The April Studio is a specially good number, containing many beautiful illustrations. The opening article is one by the editor on "Japanese Flower Painting," an interesting and somewhat new subject, well handled. Thomas Oldfords writes of "George S. Elgood's Water-Colour Drawings" and C. Lewis Hind discusses "Ethical Art and 'Mr. F. Cayley Robinson.'" Other articles are: "Modern Russian Art: Some Leading Painters of Moscow"; "The Modern French Pastellists: Alfred Philippe Roll" and "Joaquin Sorolla and Spanish Painting of To-day." In Studio-Talk considerable space is given to a description of the work being done by the Women's Art Association of Canada and "Our Handicrafts' Shop" in Montreal. 44 Leicester Square, London, England.

The first place in the April number of The Nineteenth Century and After is given to George Harvey's article on "The United States and Great Britain" in which he discusses their past, present and future relations. Under the heading "Last Month" the political situation in England is dealt with by Sir Wemyss Reid and by Edward Dicey. C. B. Several articles deal in some way with the war—"Japan's Financial Position"; "Coming Continental Complications"; "The History of Port Arthur"; and "Russia's Charge against Japan." Reginald J. Farrer's "faithful study" of the Geisha is most interesting, showing the Geisha girl in what will be a new light to most of us. Perhaps the most striking feature of the number is Andrew Carnegie's "Britain's Appeal to the Gods"—not on account of the value of what he has written, but simply because his name is so well known to all. The following extract from the Author's letter to the Editor is given: "My aim has been to show your countrymen how absurdly grasping they are, how unreasonable. Never has the world seen such a nation, and there is much excuse for the feeling that Britain is entitled to continue to inherit the earth. She still wants more, when what surprises everyone conversant with her position is how she ever succeeded in getting and doing so much. I am impressed every time I look into the figures." Leonard Scott Publication Company, New York.

The Prayer Pamphlet to which reference is made in an article in this issue may be procured by writing to the Rev. J. McP. Scott, B.A., 20 Simpson Ave., Toronto.