

The annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in connection with the Presbytery of Winnipeg was held last week. Mrs. Watt presided. Reports from auxiliaries were presented. The following officers were unanimously elected: Mrs. Watt, president; Mesdames Taylor, Duval, Hogg, Pringle, Conklin, Dodds, Hudson, McKenzie, Misses Clark and Scott, vice-presidents; Mrs. C. H. Campbell, secretary; Mrs. Hart, treasurer. A telegram was received from Mrs. Ewart, of Toronto, president of the General Society: Read Hebrews xiii. 21, 22. The Presbytery received a deputation from the ladies of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The following resolution was moved by Rev. Dr. Bryce, seconded by Rev. J. Pringle: The Presbytery receives with great pleasure the first annual report of the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and trusts that the movement so auspiciously begun during the past year may expand in accordance with the fervent hopes expressed in the report. The Presbytery is pleased to notice the considerable proportions already attained by the society in its eight auxiliaries and 163 members and trusts that an increase of members of 70 per cent during this year may be still further extended by the other congregations of the Presbytery organizing new branches. The Presbytery is delighted to see that the training of the young men in mission bands forms a prominent part of the work of the society, and would hope for a much nearer approximation to the true ideal Christian giving in the next generation through this means. The report, while stating that the increase of interest in home and foreign missions is an object of the society, yet brings out the fact very cheering to the Presbytery that the society though in its first year has raised the not inconsiderable amount for clothing to the Indians and contributions to the general fund of \$664.62. The Presbytery earnestly joins in the prayer of the report that God will pour out His richest blessing upon the work of the Church both at home and abroad. There are now eight auxiliaries with 163 members, and two mission bands with seventy members, making a total of 233, an increase of 145 members for the year; of these forty-eight are members of the general society, six are life members; two have been added this year. The total amount contributed for the year by auxiliaries is \$35,686. The total amount contributed by mission bands for the year is \$122.26, making a total of \$479.12. Clothing valued at \$185.50 for the Ojibwa school and reserve has been contributed. In the evening the Society held a joint meeting with the Presbytery. Tea was served by the ladies at six o'clock and two hours spent in social conversation, after which an adjournment took place to the church, when an interesting meeting was held. Rev. J. Hogg, Moderator of the Winnipeg Presbytery, occupied the chair and opened the meeting with devotional exercises. Addresses were delivered by Dr. King, Rev. J. Hamilton, Professor Hart, Dr. Duval and Rev. James Lawrence. The addresses were interspersed with musical selections artistically rendered by a quartette choir consisting of Misses Ferguson and McRae and Messrs. Shanks and Mitchell.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Presbytery met in Knox Church, Stratford, on the 11th inst., Rev. A. Grant, Moderator. Mr. Gordon, of Harrington, by letter declined the call from Marsden, in the Presbytery of Quebec, and the call was set aside. Mr. McKibbin presented the Sabbath school report; Mr. Cameron the report on Sabbath Observance; Mr. Tully the report on Temperance, and Mr. Pantou the report on the State of Religion. These reports were adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the Synod's Conveners. A resolution of condolence with Mr. McPherson was passed on account of the death of his daughter, Mrs. Fisher. Mr. Chrystal tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of Avonton and Carlingford. It was agreed to cite these congregations to appear for their interests at next regular meeting of Presbytery. Commissioners to next General Assembly were appointed, viz.: Messrs. Turnbull, McKibbin, Cameron, Perrie and Pyke, ministers, and Messrs. Chalmers, Taylor, Ramsay, Ross and Roy, elders. Mr. Pantou was invited to prepare a paper on the "State of Religion" for next meeting of Presbytery. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Knox Church, Mitchell, at half-past seven p.m. on the 12th of May next.—A. F. TOLLY, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—The ordinary quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held in Knox Church, Woodstock, on March 11, the Rev. R. Myers, Moderator, presiding. There was a full attendance of members. A call from Innerkip and Ratho to Rev. J. George A. Francis, of London Presbytery, was declined; a new moderation was granted, and Rev. W. A. McKay was appointed to that duty. A moderation was also granted to St. Paul's, Ingersoll, and Rev. R. Myers was appointed to preside. Rev. J. S. Hardie, with Messrs. Marshall and Goldie, were appointed to organize New Dundee as a mission station, and it was agreed to ask aid to the extent of \$100 a year towards support of ordinances there, the people themselves agreeing to raise \$8 a Sabbath. The following are the commissioners to the General Assembly: Rev. Messrs. Dr. Cochran, McGregor, Pettigrew, Myers, Munro and Hardie. The elders are Messrs. Wilson, MacVicar, Fleming, Bell and Goldie. The reports on the State of Religion, Sabbath Schools and Temperance were presented by the Revs. Messrs. McTavish, Cockburn and Beattie. Mr. Cockburn taking the place of Rev. R. Pettigrew, who was absent through sickness. In response to a petition from Onondaga, that station was put under the charge of Rev. J. C. Tolmie for twelve months. The Presbytery agreed to overture the General Assembly to abolish the scheme for the distribution of probationers. The report of the Woman's Foreign Mission Presbyterial Society was received from Miss Harvey, secretary, and read by the Clerk, showing that \$1,209.52 had been raised during the year, and thirteen auxiliaries and eighteen mission bands reported at the annual meeting. Dr. McMullen was directed to convey to the ladies the Presbytery's cordial appreciation of their work and congratulation on the success of the Society. The next meeting is to be held in St. Paul's, Ingersoll, on the last Tuesday of May at twelve o'clock.—W. T. McMULLEN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met on the 4th inst., and transacted a large amount of business. *Inter alia*, Rev. W. Frizzell was elected Moderator for the next year, and he entered on his duties accordingly. The Presbytery took up the resignation of Rev. W. Meikle, as tendered by him at last meeting. In relation thereto Messrs. A. Robertson, C. J. Marlett and J. Barclay were heard for the Session and congregation of Oakville, as also Mr. Meikle on his own behalf. And eventually the said resignation was accepted, to take effect on the 15th prox., with the understanding that there be granted to Mr. Meikle a retiring allowance of \$800, payable in four annual instalments of \$200 each. Rev. W. A. Hunter was appointed to declare the charge vacant, as also to be Moderator of Session during the vacancy. And Revs. Dr. Gregg, Dr. Caven and R. P. Mackay were appointed a committee to prepare a minute as to Mr. Meikle, and submit the same at next meeting. The Presbytery took up the resignation of Rev. R. Wallace, as also tendered by him before. In relation thereto Messrs. S. Sylvester, W. Carlyle and D. Millar were heard for the Session and congregation of West Church, and Mr. Wallace on behalf of himself. On motion made by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, and duly seconded, it was agreed to accept of Mr. Wallace's resignation, and to apply on his behalf for leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry, and to be placed on the list of annuitants of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, it being also understood that the congregation pay to Mr. Wallace the sum of \$3,500 as a retiring allowance. Dr. Gregg was appointed to declare the charge vacant on the last Sabbath of the present month; Rev. R. P. Mackay to act as Moderator of the Session during the vacancy. And a committee was appointed to prepare a minute in regard to Mr. Wallace, and submit the same at

next meeting. It was reported by Rev. G. M. Milligan that he had met with the congregation of St. Enoch's Church, and had moderated in a call, which was given unanimously in favour of Rev. G. C. Patterson, a minister of the church without charge. The call, on being examined, was found to be signed by fifty-three members and concurred in by twenty-three adherents. A guarantee for stipend was also read, promising \$1,200 per annum. The call was sustained and put into the hands of Mr. Patterson, who at a later stage delivered his acceptance of the same. It was then agreed to meet for his induction in St. Enoch's Church on the 27th inst., at seven p.m., the Moderator to preside, Rev. J. McP. Scott to preach, Rev. G. M. Milligan to deliver the charge, and Rev. Dr. McTavish to address the congregation. Agreeable to application made, authority was given to Rev. P. Nicol to moderate in a call from the congregation of Laskay and West King, and to Rev. Dr. Parsons in regard to the congregation of Eglinton. And so to Rev. W. Reid in regard to the congregation of Dovercourt. Commissioners were appointed to the next General Assembly, the following ministers and elders being so appointed: of ministers: Revs. W. Amos, R. P. Mackay, W. Frizzell, J. Fraser, Dr. Parsons, J. Argo, W. W. Percival, J. W. Bell, R. Thynne and T. T. Johnstone by rotation, and Revs. Dr. Reid, Dr. Caven and Rev. D. J. Macdonnell by ballot; and of elders, Messrs. W. Mortimer Clark, D. Fotheringham, J. K. Macdonald, Joseph Gibson, Justice Maclellan, James Brown, W. B. McMurich, H. Cassels, R. Kilgour, James Crane, D. McDonald, Robert Brown and James Sterling, the greater number of these by ballot. The Presbytery treasurer's accounts for the past year were handed in, and were afterwards reported on as found correct, showing a balance on hand of \$104.20. As Convener of the Presbytery's Committee on Sabbath Observance, Rev. Dr. Parsons submitted and read answers to certain questions on said subject as received from last General Assembly; the said answers were cordially approved of, and ordered to be sent to the Synod's Committee. As Convener of the Presbytery's Committee on the State of Religion, Rev. Dr. McTavish submitted and read a full and very valuable report, which was also cordially adopted, with thanks especially to the Convener, and ordered to be sent to the Synod's Committee. A letter was read from Rev. Frank Dann, a minister of the Baptist denomination, applying to be received as a minister of our Church. The letter was accompanied by several testimonials, all of them in favour of Mr. Dann, which were also read. And he himself, being present, was also heard. A committee was thereupon appointed, consisting of Rev. Dr. Parsons and others, to confer personally with Mr. Dann to consider carefully his testimonials, and to report in due time thereon. A petition was read from forty-nine members and adherents of our Church, praying the Presbytery to organize them as a mission station at or near the intersection of Bloor Street West and Ossington Avenue, as also to give them leave to erect a place of worship in that locality. In support of the prayer of this petition commissioners appeared, and were duly heard. A committee was appointed to visit the locality, and neighbouring Sessions were to be informed of the petition, with request to report their minds thereon at next meeting of Presbytery, which was appointed to be held on the first Tuesday of April at ten a.m.—R. MONTEATH, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF MINNEDOSA.—This Presbytery met at Minnedosa on March 3. Mr. James Lang, missionary, requested a special course of study with a view to license and ordination. A committee was appointed to consider the matter, and a report was submitted, and adopted instructing the Clerk to communicate with Dr. King anent the requirements for entrance to Manitoba College. Reports of missionary meetings were given by Messrs. McArthur, Stalker and Hodnett. Mr. McArthur stated that the Indians of Beulah desired weekly service, and that John Thunder was present to represent them. After hearing Mr. Thunder the matter was referred to the Home and Foreign Missionary Committees, who afterwards brought in the following recommendation which was adopted: That the Presbytery looks with favour on their desire and recommends the Foreign Missionary Committee of the Synod to grant their request as soon as practicable. Mr. Smellie, commissioner from Binscarth, requested the Presbytery to send a deputation to the field to investigate and re-arrange the same. The matter was referred to the Home Mission Committee, who afterwards recommended that a deputation consisting of Messrs. Stalker, Hodnett, McArthur and Dr. Robertson be appointed to visit Binscarth, and that Mr. Stalker spend as much time as possible in the field. Monday evening was spent in company with the Minnedosa congregation at their annual social. Mr. McArthur was appointed Moderator for the next six months. Mr. Smith, Moderator of Minnedosa Session, reported the progress made by the congregation towards the calling of a pastor, and the authority given Mr. Smith to moderate in a call at the convenience of the congregation was continued. Messrs. Colter, Stalker and Hodnett were appointed a committee to visit the Strathclair field. Mr. Flett was heard anent the appointment of a teacher for the Ojibwa Indian school, and the matter was referred to the Foreign Mission Committee. The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Presbytery of London, regularly transferring Mr. McTavish to the Presbytery of Minnedosa, when it was agreed to place Mr. McTavish's name on the roll of the Presbytery. On Tuesday evening addresses were given by Messrs. McArthur and Thunder on the foreign mission work. Mr. Hodnett presented the report on Temperance, which was received and adopted, and the committee thanked. An address on Temperance was delivered by Mr. McLean, of Pembina. It was agreed that the resignation of Mr. Hargrave continue to lie on the table until the next meeting of the Presbytery. Mr. Mowat requested leave of absence for one year beginning with the 1st of April, which request was granted. Mr. Murray reported that the Neepawa congregation had agreed to request the Presbytery to separate Glendale station from the present charge. It was agreed that the request be granted, to take effect after March 31, and that the supply of Glendale be left with the Home Mission Committee. The minute anent the resignation of Mr. Todd was read by the Clerk, received and adopted. The report on Sabbath Observance was read by the Clerk for Mr. Halliday, Convener of Committee, received and adopted, and the committee thanked. Mr. Mowat submitted the report on the State of Religion, which was received and adopted with the following recommendations: 1. That the duty of family worship be pressed upon heads of families; 2. That inasmuch as it appears from the reports that little work is being done by the elders of our congregations they be encouraged to a greater exercise of their gifts in the way of visiting the homes, reading and praying with the people and assisting generally in the pastoral oversight of the congregation; 3. That the children in the Sabbath schools be urged to memorize the Word of God; that the Shorter Catechism be generally used; and the duty of a Christian profession be enjoined upon all who have come to years of accountability; 4. That greater liberality to the support of the Church of God, both at home and abroad, be enjoined upon our people, not only as a duty but as an act of worship; 5. That, since all reports speak of the communities as being favourably disposed towards the Gospel, we work with faith and increasing zeal to extend the Master's kingdom. Mr. Murray presented the report on Finance and Statistics, which was received and adopted and the committee thanked. A letter from the Presbytery of St. John was read, giving notice of application to General Assembly to receive Rev. Thomas F. Fullerton, late of the Presbytery of Wagga, New South Wales, as a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. Notice of a similar application from Columbia Presbytery in behalf of Rev. W. W. Warren, D.D., of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church was read. Dr. Laing, of Dundas, Ont., was nominated for Moderator of the next General Assembly. The Home Mission report was presented by Mr. Stalker, received and considered serialim, and adopted as a whole. The appointments of missionaries were made for the next six months.

British and Foreign.

OF the 3,100 ministers of the Free Church of Scotland, 650 profess to be total abstinents.

THERE are at present no fewer than nine missionaries' sons in the Medical Missionary Institution in Edinburgh.

THE Rev. Caleb Scott, principal of Lancashire College, is to receive the degree of D.D. from St. Andrews.

THE Rev. Lauchlan MacLean was the Gaelic preacher at the last monthly service in Crown Court Church, Covent-garden, London.

SIR WILLIAM MUIR declares that it is the morality produced under British rule by the Gospel that has enabled it to hold India.

DR. GLOAG, Moderator of Assembly, presided at the united meeting at Galashiels, addressed by Dr. Arthur T. Pierson of Philadelphia.

MR. S. J. MCKAY, a licentiate of Route Presbytery, has accepted a call to the congregation of Drumgooland, Rathfriland Presbytery.

THE Rev. Henry Osborne, of Holywood, has gone to the south of Europe for the benefit of his health, his congregation generously bearing all expenses.

AN African missionary, writing on 10th December, says that upwards of one hundred Makalolo were slain in the Kuo engagement with the Portuguese.

THE Faculty of Geneva College, Penn., has conferred the degree of D.D. on Rev. Robert Nevin, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Londonderry.

THE Rev. Dr. Hugh MacMillan, of Glasgow, preached recently in St. Enoch's Church, Belfast, and on the following evening lectured in May Street Church.

THE Rev. A. B. Connel, M.A., of Lochee U.P. Church, Dundee, late examiner in Mental Philosophy in St. Andrews, is about to be made a D.D. by that university.

THE family of the late Dr. Christlieb, of Bonn, are left so poorly provided for that they propose to take half a dozen British and American boys into their family to educate.

ONE of the most interesting philanthropic meetings of the year—the annual meeting of the Irish Presbyterian Orphan Society—was held lately in the Assembly's Hall, Belfast.

TWO Free Church ministers in Dumfries have been engaged in a newspaper controversy as to which of their respective congregations contributes more liberally to Foreign Missions.

THE Rev. James McNeill, of Drambo, Ireland, a minister much beloved and esteemed, has died at the early age of forty-nine, leaving a widow and a young family of eleven children.

MR. APPLETON, who is to manage Mr. Stanley's lecturing tour, undertakes to pay him at least \$150,000 for the United Kingdom alone; the tour will extend to America and Australia.

THE Rev. William R. Thomson, B.D., of Earlston, has received a unanimous call to be colleague and successor to Dr. Robert T. Jeffrey, in Caledonia Road Church, Glasgow, in which he was himself reared.

THE sisters of the late Mr. Biggar, M.P., declined to allow their brother to be interred in a Catholic cemetery, and he has accordingly been laid in the family burial-place attached to a Presbyterian Church at Belfast.

THE Irish Presbyterian Church suffers a great loss in the death of Mr. John Gailey, J.P., an elder in Rathgar, Dublin, and a member of the firm of A. & J. Gailey, of St. Dunstan's Hill and Hoop Lane, London.

ROBERT BROWNING has left \$83,870; he held stock in the Italian national debt and shows his love for Italy by expressly forbidding his executors to convert this into other stock. Tennyson is one of the witnesses to his will.

SHREWSBURY Presbyterian congregation has called Rev. W. B. Thompson, of Woolwich, late missionary in China; and Dudley congregation is about to call Rev. F. Stubbs, formerly pastor of a Baptist church at Newcastle.

THE Rev. W. Hanson Pulsford, of Dumfries, son of the late Dr. William Pulsford, of Glasgow, is about to spend two months in the United States and Canada; for a month he will supply the pulpit at Montreal formerly occupied by Dr. Stevenson.

THE Edinburgh University Club, of London, offers a prize of twenty guineas, open to all graduates of Edinburgh of not more than two years' standing, for the best essay on "The Progress of Biblical Archaeology During the Last Thirty Years."

THE Irish Assembly's Education Committee calls attention to the fact that, in consequence of the growing prosperity of Queen's College, Belfast, the class rooms require to be enlarged, and that other improvements are necessary to its efficiency.

THE Rev. P. Mearns, of Coldstream, at the social meeting of Eglinton Street Church, Glasgow, gave an interesting address on "The Cameronian Dream," and its author, James Hyslop, whose poems have found an efficient editor in Mr. Mearns.

DR. JAMES MARTINRAU will publish in March a work entitled "The Seat of Authority in Religion," in which he endeavours to make clear to himself the ultimate ground of pure religion in the human mind, and the permanent essence of the religion of Christ in history.

THE Rev. J. P. Lilley, of Arbroath, has gained the first of three prizes offered by Mr. I. T. Morton, London, for an essay on, "A Christian Minister's duty with reference to the Sabbath." The value of the prize is \$250. The competition was open to all Free Church ministers.

DR. PIERSON, in one of his sermons in behalf of missions in Dumfries, made a happy reference to a local worthy, John G. Paton, whose autobiography he characterized as the most fascinating work of the kind which had probably ever been issued from the press of this country.

DR. T. W. WILKINSON, the new Roman Catholic bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, seceded from the Anglican Church while attached to St. Saviour's, Leeds, a church built and endowed by Dr. Pusey, and from which no fewer than nine vicars and curates have passed over to Rome.

CARDINAL NEWMAN entered recently upon his ninetieth year, when the usual rejoicings took place at the Edgbaston oratory. He is now unable to hold a pen for any length of time, though there is energy and brightness left, joined with a healthy disbelief in the burden of his great age.

THE prospectus of an Aberdeen brewery about to become a limited liability concern lays stress on the fact that for a quarter of a century it has supplied the Queen and the Hereditary at Balmoral and Abergeldie with their beer and stout. Her Majesty is the owner of the Lochmagar distillery.

DR. DRUMMOND, Moderator of the U.P. Synod, presided at the celebration of the semi jubilee of Albert Street Church, Glasgow, at which Mr. Brunton, the pastor, was presented with a cheque for \$1,025, a silver salver, and a consulting table, the last named the gift of the young men of his Bible class.

At the trial of Bishop King his advocate put in an old book containing a picture of the coronation of William III., showing two lighted candles on the altar; and as the king left in his state barge for the abbey at seven in the morning, it was argued that it must have been broad daylight, the month being April.