

way and McAdam. The offering was liberal. Messrs. Peck and Taylor, returned missionary students, gave exceedingly interesting addresses. They had both spent the summer in the Northwest, and, judging from their account, the possibilities of the the boundless Territories are exceeded only by its religious needs. Many good points were made, and a number of instructive, pathetic, or humorous incidents were related.

#### PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

On Tuesday, Oct. 17th, a meeting of the Presbytery of Lindsay took place in Cannington. The main feature of the meeting was the conference held in the evening on subjects connected with vital religion. The discussion of the "obstacles which hinder the progress of religion," introduced by Rev. M. N. Bethune, Beaverton, was specially good. The address was supplemented by some members of Presbytery with observations and criticisms emphasizing hindrances which they thought worked most injuriously. A former pastor of the Cannington church, Rev. H. Currie, took up the second paper, "Religion in the House," which important subject was ably discussed. Rev. D. C. Johnson concluded by treating of "Systematic Benevolence," urging the adoption of the giving of one tenth. A fairly large audience attended. When well conducted these conferences are capable of doing much good.

The Presbytery of Minnedosa met at Neepawa on Wednesday, 25th ult. Rev. R. Paterson, B.A., was ordained and inducted to the pastoral charge of the Neepawa congregation under very auspicious circumstances, both for himself and the congregation. In the evening a very hearty reception was tendered to Mr. Paterson by the congregation. Mr. Colin McKerchar's request to be transferred from this Presbytery to that of Inverness, Cape Breton, N.S., was granted. Mr. Welwood had written from California, asking to be put on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' list; but as the sad news of his death had arrived in the interval, no action could be taken in the matter, and the Clerk was instructed to write a letter of sympathy to the bereaved family. The Convener of the Home Mission Committee reported, and his report was received and adopted. On motion of Messrs. Frew and Hosie, Mr. Cameron, of Russell, was added to the H.M. Committee.—Thos. Beveridge, Clerk.

The seventh annual meeting of the Barrie Presbyterial Society of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, was held in the Presbyterian church, Owen street, on Oct. 24th and 25th. The meeting was opened with devotional services at 1 p.m. Tuesday, when Miss A. McConkey, of Barrie, presented the report on credentials. Many important and interesting reports and addresses were presented and discussed during the two days' sessions. In the evening of Tuesday there was a well attended public meeting. Rev. D. D. McLeod in the chair. In his address the chairman combated the idea, so common, that missionary effort should be confined to home work until there is no more need for it, when the heathen may receive attention. He indicated that if the true missionary spirit existed in the hearts of the people they would carry on the work both at home and abroad. Rev. Mr. McIntosh, of Allandale, dwelt on the dignity of missionary work and the pride Chris-

tians should take in it. Colonel Major gave a very interesting account of his personal experience of missionary work in India. The earnestness and unanimity which characterized all the meetings, is an augury of continued progress and a fruitful harvest.

The Presbytery of Quebec met in Richmond on the 14th November. Rev. J. M. Whitelaw, Moderator. There was a large attendance of ministers, and a fair number of elders. A call in favour of the Rev. D. McColl, probationer, from St. Sylvester, and Leeds Village, was sustained by the Presbytery and accepted by Mr. McColl. The induction was appointed to take place on the 5th Dec. Rev. A. T. Love reported at length, anent grants, supply of vacancies and mission stations. Dr. Lamont was appointed to Metis for two years, and Rev. John Turnbull to Kennebec Road for a like period. Rev. D. Tait gave an interesting and full report of the work of French evangelization within the bounds. Rev. Ismael P. Bruneau, lately a Congregational minister at Holyoke, Mass., after answering the usual questions, was received as a minister of this Church, and appointed as missionary to the French Mission, Quebec city. Revs. John W. Tanner and W. Shearer were instructed to inquire into the advisability of organizing mission work in Coaticook and in the vicinity of Sherbrooke. Leave was granted to the congregation of Lingwick to borrow \$1,500 on the church property.—J. R. MacLeod, Presbytery Clerk.

The Presbytery of Huron met in Brucefield on the 14th November. Messrs. Stewart and Shaw were appointed to address the meeting of the Woman's F.M.S. in January. A committee, consisting of Messrs. Martin, Mugrave, Fletcher, Dr. McDonald, ministers, and McLaren and Aikenhead and Mellis elders, was appointed to consider the action of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee in refusing to grant the supplement asked for Bayfield and Bethany and Leeburn and Union church, Goderich township. A call was sustained in favour of Mr. McLennan, late of Camlachie, from Bayfield and Bethany, and conditional arrangements made for his induction. Questions were submitted and approved, to be sent to our Christian Endeavour Societies. Committees were appointed to consider the Assembly's remits, and to report at next meeting. A conference on Sabbath school work is to be held at the January meeting. A suitable minute, which will be found in another column, was adopted by the Presbytery in connection with the removal by death of the late Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shaw was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant, and Mr. Stewart was appointed Moderator of Session. The following motion was unanimously carried: "That inasmuch as by the order of the Ontario Legislature, the electors of the Province will have on the first day of January next, an opportunity of voting for the prohibition of the liquor traffic, the Presbytery would therefore repeal the deliverance of the supreme court of our Church, that the general traffic in intoxicating liquors is contrary to the Word of God and to the spirit of the Christian religion, and that it ought not to be legalized by the votes of a Christian people. The Presbytery would express the earnest hope that our people will be found unanimously opposed to this great evil, and urges upon our ministers and office-bearers to bring this important subject properly before the people."—A. McLean, Clerk.

The regular meeting of the Presbytery of St. John, N.B., was held in St. Andrew's church, lately. Rev. Mr. Rainnie was Moderator, and the attendance of clergymen was very large. A deputation from Kincardine, Mr. Ledingham, applied for leave to moderate in a call, and stated that they had 147 communicants, 68 families, two churches, with manse and glebe, and were prepared to guarantee \$500 besides. Leave was granted and Rev. Mr. Ross, of Woodstock, appointed to moderate. A remit was read from the foreign mission committee with regard to the debt. Rev. Mr. McNeill made an appeal on behalf of the object, and a consideration was had of the best means to raise the \$1,000 allotted to this Presbytery by the Committee. With reference to Home Missions Dr. Macrae stated that the amount raised by the various stations here was \$2,184.82, and there were \$1,013.73 to be had from the central committee. Dr. Macrae gave notice of motion about the working of the home mission fields. He thought it should be done by committees in each of the four sections of the Presbytery, which committees would consider how each section should be worked. A general talk then ensued on how best to manage the home mission field, and it was decided to refer the whole management of home missions to the home mission committee, a meeting to be held and a report to be prepared before the next



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meeting of the Presbytery. Dr. Macrae resigned the Convenership and Rev. Mr. McNeill was appointed in his place. It was decided to hold, on the evening of the next meeting of Presbytery a Sabbath school conference, which will be open to the public. The mission station of Shemogue and Port Elgin was transferred to the Presbytery of Wallace by act of the Synod. A committee was appointed to act in the matter of the new hymnal which is being prepared. The members are Revs. Messrs. Macrae, McNeill, Rainnie and Burgess. Revs. Messrs. Bruce, Anderson and Fotheringham were appointed on a committee to consider the methods of appointing college professors. The Presbytery disapproved of the appointment of Synod evangelists. The report of the Women's Foreign Mission Society was read and the Presbytery expressed gratification at the progress made. The Presbytery adjourned to meet on January 16th, in St. Andrew's church.

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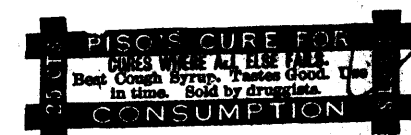
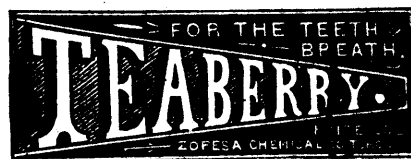
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