

Sound Baptist church, and Rev. F. W. Mahaffy, pastor of St. Andrew's church, exchanged pulpits on Sunday evening.

Rev. Mr. Bennett, of the British and Foreign Bible Society, gave a very interesting illustrated lecture in Burns' Church, Martintown, on Monday evening.

TORONTO.

At a meeting of the men of St. Paul's Church last week the sum of five hundred dollars was contributed by those present for the purpose of reducing the mortgage debt on the church edifice. A committee was appointed to canvass the remaining members with a view to considerably increasing this amount.

An interesting service was held at Davenport Road Church on Sunday evening. The induction to the eldership of Messrs. John Codlin, W. H. Gemmill, S. McCormick, J. R. Montgomery and John Wanless took place. Rev. James Wilson, B.A., was in charge, and a large congregation assembled to witness the ordination.

Robert Lewis Stevenson

The life and work, the courage against tremendous odds, and the religion of Robert Louis Stevenson—these, as they may be seen in his private letters, formed the subject of a charming and intensely interesting address by Professor Fraser, of McGill University, at the Verdun Literary Society last week.

Prof. Fraser took the little known private correspondence of the great writer, the correspondence in which he seemed to abandon himself to the mood of the moment, revealing himself, his standards, and ideals, and troubles, in a way that one could never learn of from his published writings—and with these, he drew a picture of the tall, somewhat eccentric, big-hearted, childlike, high-minded, courageous writer, who preached such a splendid doctrine of cheerfulness in the face of days and weeks and months of bodily illness—such a moving living picture, that the spirit of Stevenson himself seemed to pervade the meeting, and the audience carried away a conception of the writer that will not soon be forgotten.

"With the possible exception of the letters of Frederick Robertson of Brighton," said Prof. Fraser, "I have never read any volume of correspondence with such intense interest, fascination and even inspiration, as the collected letters of Robert Louis Stevenson.

At the close of the address Mrs. J. G. MacColl sang some of Stevenson's delightful child verses.

Much enthusiasm was shown at the annual meeting of the Women's Home Missionary Society of Bank street church held last week. During the past year \$209 was raised for work in the northwest. Mrs. J. H. Turnbull gave an interesting address on "Strangers Within Our Gates," and a vocal solo was rendered by Miss May Hutcheson. Those elected to office for the coming year are:—Honorary president, Rev. J. H. Turnbull; president, Mrs. R. Tanner; vice-presidents, Mrs. J. H. Turnbull, Mrs. S. Stewart and Mrs. R. McGiffin; recording secretary, Miss Griffith; corresponding secretary, Miss M. Turnbull; treasurer, Miss Greenshield; helpers' secretary, Miss Leckie; supply secretary, Mrs. Harton; Pioneer secretary, Miss M. Dewar; press secretary, Miss J. Richards; pianist, Miss Robertson.

Two excellent papers dealing with "Missions in Honan" were given by Mr. John Shearer and Mr. Thomas McJanet before the meeting of the Laymen's Missionary Association of Knox church.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERY.

The pulpit of Stewarson church was occupied on Sunday by Rev. Dr. W. S. MacTavish, pastor of Cooke's church, Kingston.

Rev. W. A. McIlroy, pastor of the church, conducted anniversary services in Cooke's church.

Dr. MacTavish has been for seven years convener of the Assembly's Committee on Young People's Societies, and it was to the young people that he addressed himself at night, reminding them of their responsibility in the matter of missionary work. The sermon was interesting and eloquently delivered and was closely followed by a large congregation.

The following are the new life members of the W.F.M.S.:

Miss Beatrice Thompson, presented by Barrie Presbyterian, Bradford.

Mrs. Thos. Towers, presented by Sarnia Presbyterian, Sarnia.

Miss Janet Wilson, St. Paul's Auxiliary, Rapid City, Man., in memory of her sister, Mrs. C. M. Beattie, Ferguson.

Miss Amelius Berry, presentation Murray Mitchell Auxiliary, Toronto.

Mrs. S. K. Beaty, presented by St. Andrew's church Auxiliary, Streetsville.

Mrs. Wm. Fotheringham, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Brucefield.

Mrs. Christina McQueen, presented by W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Petrolia.

Mrs. Sally Hyndman, in memory of her late husband, Wm. J. Hyndman.

Mrs. R. J. Dougall, presented by Mr. Dougall on the 15th anniversary of their marriage, Hallville Auxiliary.

Mrs. M. H. Wilson, presented by Hallville Auxiliary, Mountain.

Mrs. Margaret Grieve Ballantyne, presented by St. James' Auxiliary, London.

Mrs. Wm. Ashfield, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Morewood.

Mrs. Archibald Currie, presented by W.F.M.S. Auxiliary to their first president of the 21st anniversary of their formation, Sonya.

Mrs. W. T. B. Crombie, presented on her departure, Bethel church Auxiliary, Macue.

Mrs. Alex. Rose, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Winchester.

Mrs. Kenneth Kerr, Harrington Auxiliary, Fairview.

Mrs. John Holms, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Fletcher.

Mrs. Rev. G. E. Loughheed, presented by W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Stonewall.

Mrs. Robert Montgomery, presented by Erskine church Auxiliary, Hamilton.

Mrs. F. M. Earl and Mrs. E. Halliday, presented by W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, McGregor, Man.

Miss Jessie Copeland and Elizabeth Gertrude Campbell.

Miss Margaret Hartstone, Westminster Auxiliary, Winnipeg.

Mrs. J. D. McArthur, Augustine Auxiliary, Winnipeg.

Miss Jessie Walker, presented by St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Guelph.

Mrs. James Paulin, St. Andrew's church Auxiliary, Arthur.

Mrs. Mary Sutherland, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Windsor.

Miss Rose, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Morrisburg.

Mrs. Walter Fairbairn, St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Kippen.

Mrs. Mary Riddell Ballagh, St. Andrew's church Auxiliary, Cobourg.

LAYMEN OF THE WEST AROUSED.

The campaign of the Laymen's Missionary Movement which began at Fort William on October 17th, swept over Western Canada to the Pacific, and ended at Dauphin, Manitoba, on December 2nd, has aroused in all parts of the west a missionary enthusiasm not before known. During this time a deputation of 25 men has been actively at work, 60 centres have been visited, and in all these places resolutions have been passed indicative of unprecedented financial effort in the near future.

The following statement made to The Globe by the Rev. A. E. Armstrong, Assistant Foreign Missionary Secretary, who was with the deputation for the greater part of the time, and who has just returned to Toronto,

indicates the plan of campaign followed and the consequent success:—

"The success of the Laymen's Missionary campaign in western Canada has been highly gratifying. An important feature of the movement is that it is not a financial one. Not a dollar is collected to pay even the expenses of the tour. About half of the deputation paid their own expenses, and the remainder was so divided that it fell heavily on no one. The deputation comprises laymen, laymen's missionary secretaries, mission board secretaries and missionaries. They are as follows:

"Thos. Ryan, G. W. Baker, G. H. Grogg, A. B. Stovel, T. R. Crowe, of Winnipeg; C. C. Knight, Geo. F. Gibson, A. McCreery, Prof. Odium, J. W. Graham of Vancouver, Hon. W. H. Cushing, of Calgary; T. F. Harrison, of Kingston; Hon. W. A. Charlton, W. C. Senior, Hon. A. B. Morine, K.C., of Toronto. Laymen's Missionary Movement and Missionary Board Secretaries are: H. K. Caskey, R. W. Allin, C. E. Manning, F. W. Anderson, W. T. Stackhouse, W. T. Guin, Canon Tucker, J. G. Brown, E. D. McLaren, A. E. Armstrong, Toronto. Other Church officials assisted locally, including G. A. Wilson, of Vancouver; C. C. McLaurin, of Calgary, the Archbishop of Rupert's Land, and the Bishop of Keewatin. The foreign fields were well represented by Rev. S. Gould, M.D., of Palestine; J. U. Waters, M.D., of India; and H. M. Clark, of China.

"Many interesting incidents were met with illustrating what has been and is being done. One man said he would undertake to support a missionary. His whole town, with four churches, did not contribute one-third that amount to all missionary objects last year. A congregation in a city where the movement was started last year gave very little to foreign missions, but this year is supporting a missionary in China, a missionary among the Chinese in their city, and states its readiness to undertake the support of another missionary next year and a third the following year. Besides this, fifty of their men are assisting in their Chinese mission. A small city congregation, not wealthy, is giving at the rate of \$25 per member this year.

"A banker said, 'This is the biggest business there is that you men are engaged in. It will save the men of British Columbia from materialism to have a part in giving to such a worthy cause.' A Cabinet Minister said, 'I believe it is the greatest movement in the world to-day.' A city paper stated that 'the most remarkable feature of the deputation is the fact that so many of them are successful business men who have given up their time, as well as money, to help the movement along.'

"An ex-M.P.P., having large lumber interests, said, 'Canada paid last year for intoxicating liquors \$77,000,000, for tobacco products \$30,000,000, and for home and foreign missions, \$2,200,000. If we got only five per cent. of the money wasted on liquor and tobacco we would have enough money for missions.' An ex-city Police Magistrate said, 'If we didn't have Christianity as our religion in western Canada, one-half of the people would be under arms protecting the other half.' A medical missionary said that statement would be truer if the word 'protecting' were substituted by the word 'oppressing.' He spoke from twelve years' experience under Mohammedan rule.

"One of the speakers in an address at the banquet in Nelson, B.C., said, 'I started out to give a week to this campaign, but I have become so interested in it that I am going to stay with it for the whole six weeks, and am seriously thinking of selling out my business and putting my money and time into this work.'

Duty is simply doing the will of God. In the line of duty, God is with us, and we are with God.