

Mr. Bennett was much appreciated. Rev. Dr. Stevenson presided. Rev. James A. Pettee, deputation from the A. B. C. F. M., gave an interesting address on Japan, and exhibited a number of interesting curiosities from that country, and Rev. Geo. Willett spoke on our home mission work.

The association resumed its session on Wednesday morning. After the usual devotional service, Rev. Dr. Stevenson read a most interesting paper on "Revivals: their advantages and dangers." Most of the brethren present took part in the discussion that followed. As some of the churches in this district are at present enjoying seasons of spiritual awakening, the subject was timely and practical, and the views expressed by the essayist met with general concurrence. We hope that this paper will come before our churches through the pages of THE CANADIAN INDEPENDENT.

Rev. E. M. Hill read a criticism on "current errors of speech," which was an able plea for the preservation of the purity of the English language. Simplicity of speech was advocated, also the avoidance of slang and the loose utterances of the street. Regret was expressed that some of the old expressive religious works, such as *Pietz*, *Conversion*, *Sanctification*, and the like, were falling into disuse in the pulpit. This paper was discussed at some length, after which Mr. Hill was appointed critic, to note all errors of speech, which should form the subject of a paper at our next meeting. As a result of this appointment it is expected that the members of Quebec Association will endeavor to set a watch upon their lips, at least when in the company of our esteemed brother, the pastor of Calvary church.

The question of union with the Free will Baptists was introduced. The recent steps taken towards such union in England and the United States were referred to, the principle meeting with cordial approval.

Rev. Dr. Stevenson referred to the desirability of a mutual understanding between the various christian bodies in their home mission work, so as to prevent the multiplicity of churches in small villages and sparsely settled districts, and the hope was expressed that the proposed movement in that direction between the Presbyterian and Methodist churches might become more general, and extend to all evangelical churches.

Reports were received on the state of the work in the churches at Cowansville, Danville, Waterville, and Emmanuel, Zion and Calvary churches, Montreal, all of which were hopeful and encouraging.

Plans of sermons on the text. Eph. 3, 19, were read and discussed.

It was decided to hold the September meeting either in Cowansville or Granty, and Rev. Messrs. McIntyre, Sanderson and Purkis were appointed essayists.

This interesting session was brought to a close by a very enjoyable social meeting, given by Emmanuel church to the members of the association and the sister churches in Montreal. The lecture room, which had been tastefully decorated with Canadian, British and American flags, by the young men of the church, was well filled by 8 o'clock. Geo. Hague, Esq., was called to the chair, and short addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Sanderson, Stevenson, Purkis, Pettee, McIntyre and Willett. Ice cream and other refreshments provided by the ladies were served, and the rest of the evening was pleasantly spent in social intercourse.

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WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

The next meeting of the above association will be held in the city of Brantford, April 6th and 7th. Meet for organization on Tuesday, 6th, at 3 p.m. Divine service in the evening. Preacher, H. D. Hunter; alternate John Morton. The following are among the papers expected:—"Historical sketch of the Western Association," by the Secretary; "Experiences of a Missionary Pastor," by W. H. A. Claris; "Review of Progressive Orthodoxy," by John Morton. Churches please appoint delegates, and send names to Rev. Geo. Fuller, Brantford.

C. S. PEDLEY, Sec'y.

Mission Notes.

Get more of the missionary spirit into our churches, and the tone of piety among their members will greatly improve.

A number of young men and ladies connected with our churches, are thinking of devoting themselves to mission work in the foreign field.

Mr. Currie has finished his trip among our churches. He met with a welcome and uniform kindness from our people.

Missionary boxes ought to be in all our families. They are good educators, and a splendid means of collecting missionary funds.

North Toronto Sunday school has a thriving "F.M. Band." There ought to be one in connection with each of our schools; especially in Toronto.

A class of deaf-mutes in Toronto, is to contribute toward the support of our work in Africa.

Bond-st. Sunday school is to provide a mule for use in our mission field.

Rev. Willet has supplied a large package of seed, for sowing in our mission garden, in Bailundu.

Mr. B. W. Robertson has sent in fifty dollars, toward our missionary's outfit.

"Mechanic" wanted to go as a missionary to Africa, but could not. He is still interested in the work there, and in proof sent Mr. Currie ten dollars, to use for the work as he thinks best.

Our Sunday school in St. Johns, N.B., is not large, but its last quarterly collection for our foreign missionary society amounted to ten dollars.

A farewell social, under the auspices of the young people's circle of Zion church, was given to Rev. W. T. Currie and Mrs. Currie, on the eve of their departure from Toronto.

Our missionaries are to be in Boston by the 16th of March, in order to purchase their outfit, and pack up in time to sail for Africa by the close of the month.

One who ought to know, says that our missionary could not have found a better helper, had he searched the whole Dominion.

The people in Brantford declare, that Mr. Currie is carrying off the best lady worker in the church.

Over four hundred paid the admission fee to the missionary entertainment held in Brantford, February 25th.