

STORMONT W.C.T.U.

The annual meeting of the Stormont County W.C.T.U. was held in Warner's Hall, Millie Roches, on August 20, beginning at 2 o'clock. The president, Mrs. Bigelow, called the meeting to order, and Mrs. (Rev.) Harkness, of Cornwall, gave a very helpful Bible reading, followed by a season of prayer, in which five of the members led.

In the absence of the recording secretary, Mrs. D. D. McIntyre, of Avonmore, Mrs. E. H. Brown, of Cornwall, was asked to take her place during the convention.

The following ladies were appointed a Committee on Resolutions: Mesdames Warner, Huff, McMillan, Jardine and Sheldon.

The reports of the different departments were given by the superintendents as follows: Mrs. (Rev.) Harkness, Cornwall, Evangelistic Work; Mrs. Jardine, Newington, Lumbermen's Missions; Mrs. Warner, Cornwall, Press Work; Mrs. McMillan, Finch, Anti-Narcotics; Mrs. Kirk, Finch, (read by Mrs. McMillan), Juvenile Work; Miss McLean, Finch, Flowers, Fruit and Delicacies; Mrs. Binnie, Cornwall, Systematic and Proportionate Giving; Mrs. Bigelow, Sheek Island, Scientific Temperance; Mrs. Cline, Cornwall, Railroad Work.

These reports were considered very satisfactory and were adopted.

The County Corresponding Secretary's Report, read by Mrs. Warner, showed that there were five unions in the county, with 104 regular and 27 honorary members, and four Bands of Hope, with 150 members. This report was adopted on motion of Mesdames Warner and Binnie.

The following unions reported: Cornwall, by Mrs. (Rev.) Sheldon; Cornwall, "Y," by Mrs. Sheets; Avonmore, by Mrs. Hough; Gravel Hill and Monkland, by Miss Robinson and Miss Coulter; Finch, by Mrs. McMillan.

A resolution of sympathy was ordered to be sent from the convention to Mrs. J. D. MacLennan, Cornwall, in this her time of sorrow and bereavement.

The President read a letter from Mrs. Stevens, Provincial Vice-President, showing the appalling condition of the white slave traffic in our land.

Shortly after 4 o'clock the children came in, filling the front seats. Miss Bigelow gave a fine recitation, and Master Marlin Manson delighted all by a sweet solo. Mrs. McMillan aroused the patriotic and manly spirit by her helpful talk, and Miss Robinson held them as under a spell while she taught some very important truths. Mrs. Binnie and Mrs. Harkness also said very encouraging words to the children. The singing of a spirited song brought a very nice children's meeting to a close.

The election of officers and superintendents of departments resulted in the re-election of all, viz:

President—Mrs. Bigelow, Sheek Island.

Vice-President—Mrs. Binnie, Cornwall.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. McDermid, Avonmore.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. D. McIntyre, Avonmore.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. J. McMillan, Finch.

Superintendents—Evangelistic Work, Mrs. (Rev.) Harkness; Scientific Temperance, Mrs. Bigelow; Temperance in Sunday Schools, Mrs. McGill, Cornwall; Mothers' Meetings, Mrs. J. D. MacLennan, Cornwall; Press Work, Mrs. A. E. Warner, Cornwall; Franchise, Mrs. Bigelow, Sheek Island; Systematic and Proportionate Giving, Mrs. Binnie, Cornwall; Lumbermen's Mission, Mrs. Jardine, Newington; Juvenile Work, Mrs. Kirk, Finch; Anti-Narcotics, Mrs. J. J. McMillan, Finch; Fruit, Flower and Delicacies, Miss McLean, Finch; Railroad, Mrs. J. H. Cline, Cornwall.

At the evening meeting an interesting paper on the late Frances Willard was read by Mrs. Fleming; and it was ordered that a letter be sent Sir Frederick Borden expressing appreciation of his stand regarding the matter of liquor in the militia camps.

WESTERN INDIAN MISSIONS.

At a meeting of the Indian Missions of the Presbyterian Church, held at Manitoba College, the work being done at the Jeffrey school, Swan Lake, Portage la Prairie and at Swan Lake was reported on favorably. Regret was expressed at the departure of Miss McIlvanie from Swan Lake (and Mr. and Mrs. Hendry from Portage).

Reverend Mr. Stephens reported good work at Pipestone. Missionary Coleman reported on Chinese work in this city, stating that there were 1,000 Chinamen here, of whom some 100 attended Sunday Schools.

The estimates for the schools of Pipestone, Rolling River, Okanes, Lizard Point, Birtle, Hurricane Hills, and other points were considered and passed. The general policy of the church in regard to missions was also considered and discussed.

The highly successful work done at the File Hills' reserve was a matter for special consideration. This year the 25 families of Indians, of whom the heads are ex-pupils of the school, are having marked success in their farming. It is expected they will harvest 90,000 bushels of grain as this season's crop.

During the sessions Rev. Dr. Hart occupied the chair, and Rev. Jas. Farquharson acted as secretary. Rev. Principal Patrick also attended and the following outside delegates: Rev. Mr. Strachan, Arcoia; Rev. M. McIvor, La Riviere; Rev. F. A. Clare, Balcarres; Rev. Mr. McLaren, Birtle; Rev. Thurlow Fraser, Portage la Prairie; Rev. M. Stephens, Reston.—Manitoba Free Press.

U.S. RELIGIOUS CENSUS.

Standing out as a conspicuous feature of a bulletin issued on 29th August by the census bureau entitled "census of religious bodies," is the fact that out of a church membership in the United States in 1906 of nearly 33,000,000, males formed considerably less than half of the total.

Of the total church membership reported by the various religious bodies, and classified by sex, 41.1 per cent. were males and 58.9 per cent. were females. Among the Protestants the difference was greater, only 39.3 per cent. being males, while in the Roman Catholic Church the males formed 49.3 per cent. of the total membership.

Fewer males than females were found among the Latter Day Saints, the Lutherans, Disciples, Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians and Protestant Episcopalians, the percentage of male members decreasing in the order shown, and there being but 35.5 per cent. male among the Episcopalians. Among the Christian Scientists, only 27.4 per cent. were males, and of the Shakers, but 21.3 per cent., but in the Greek Orthodox Church, 93.9 per cent. were males.

Other salient features of the report show that there were a billion and a quarter dollar invested in church edifices, and that every day eight new churches sent their spires skyward.

Of the total estimated population of continental United States in 1906, the church members formed 39.1 per cent., as against 52.7 per cent. in 1890. Of this, 6.4 increase, the Roman Catholic Church is credited with 4.4 per cent., and the Protestants with 1.18; the remaining being divided among all other denominations.

The total church membership for 1906 was 22,936,445, of which number the Protestants were credited with 20,287,742 and the Roman Catholics with 12,079,142. Of the Protestant bodies the Methodists numbered 5,749,837; the Baptists, 5,662,234; the Lutherans, 2,112,494; the Presbyterians, 1,830,555, and the Disciples or Christians, 1,142,359. The rate of increase shown for the Roman Catholic Church is 93.5 per cent., which is more than twice that for all the Protestant bodies combined.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The Zionists of Constantinople entered the name of Enver Bey, one of the most prominent of the Young Turks, in the Golden Book:

Sir Wm. Macgregor, late governor of Newfoundland, who is accompanied by Miss Macgregor, has been on a visit to Aberdeenshire.

The death is announced at Belfast, of the Rev. Dr. Petticrew, aged 78, one of the leading ministers of the Irish Presbyterian Church.

Rev. D. Mackintosh, St. Kentigern's Lanark, having translated the National Anthem into Gaelic, set to music, sent a special copy to the King, and received a reply.

Lord and Lady Aberdeen visited Lurgan and took part in the opening of a public park. The countess later in the day received and replied to an address from 2,500 school children.

The number of persons in receipt of poor law relief in London on July 17 was 116,877—527 fewer than at the corresponding date last year, and representing a rate of 24.2 per 1,000 of the population.

The city of Abesha in Central Africa now has the French flag hoisted over it, after some hard fighting. The population of this town is about 10,000, composed chiefly of Mohammedan negroes and Arabs.

Professor Robinson, Professor of Anatomy in Birmingham University, was recently appointed to the Chair of Anatomy in Edinburgh University in succession to the late Professor D. J. Cunningham.

Last month was so unusually wet, even for Ireland, that farmers were unable to spray their potato crops properly, with the result that blight has made its appearance. Fortunately, however, it has not proved general.

Lack of work in New Zealand is driving many to emigrate to Australia. The government has been spending \$12,000,000 a year on works for the unemployed; this year only \$7,000,000 is available. At present 130,000 persons, or nearly one-seventh of the population, depend on the state for their livelihood.

It is reported that Persia has now offered the ex-Shah Mohammed Ali an annual pension of \$75,000 on condition that he will release the jewels enumerated in the national inventory or inform the government how he disposed of the missing gems. It is believed that Mohammed Ali will accept this new offer and that he will go to Russia within a few weeks.

About 1,500 towns and villages in Germany still own, and have owned from the middle ages, so much common land that their inhabitants pay neither rates nor taxes. Five hundred of these towns and villages derive so great a rental from their lands that they are able on New Year's day to pay every citizen a bonus of from \$25 to \$100 as his share of the surplus revenues.

Pathetic indeed is the condition of the young Shah of Persia. His father, the late Shah, has been deposed, and the boy, who is only eleven years of age, weeps incessantly for his father. His advisers insist upon his immediate marriage, which he resists. A rumor that he had attempted suicide was put in circulation, but it is now stated that it was an attempt by his father to assassinate him. The boy ought to be at school instead of being the centre of reported intrigues. Such a condition can only arise in nations not governed on Christian principles.

He who catches the one great thought of purpose in life has heard the first syllable of God's message to him. And after the struggle by which he consents to God's will in him, renouncing selfish desire, welcoming trying conditions, accepting a stern commission, always the angels come and minister to him. You shall know you have seen yours; for he will have brought you heaven's sure token, a heart at rest.