

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The financial statement was submitted by Mrs. W. A. McGaw. The revenue amounted to \$13,301.14, and the expenditure for management to the comparatively small amount of \$626.32.

SUPPLIES TO MISSIONS

It is with gratitude and thankfulness to our Heavenly Father that we are able to report the success that has attended this branch of our work during the past year.

Over 33,000 lbs. of strong, warm clothing, quilts, blankets, etc.; have been sent to the different reserves, and we are glad to learn from some of the Presbyterian reports, that the preparation of this clothing has been a means of blessing not only to the poor Indians, but also to some of our societies. Many who have hitherto taken little interest in missions, have, through helping to clothe the naked, been brought into sympathy with the whole work of our society, and have aided materially in lightening the burdens of our devoted missionaries.

It is the hope of our society that as these Indians become Christianized, they will be able gradually to dispense with these gifts, and be no longer children, "The Wards of the Nation," but men and women, able to provide for themselves and their families, but in the meantime it is our duty and also our privilege to help in this work, for this mass of Paganism existing in the centre of our Dominion is a menace to its peace and prosperity.

The number of quilts sent last year was very large, in some cases more than was required, but the supply of clothing for boys and also for old women was very deficient. Could the members of our societies see some of these poor old creatures, blind and feeble, their sympathies would be aroused in their behalf.

We would again appeal to our mission bands for help in providing gifts and prizes for the children in the schools, both in the Northwest and Central India. Surely out of their abundance they could spare something for these less fortunate than themselves.

We have again to report that the money paid for freight, amounting to \$783.39, has been refunded by the Indian Department. Our thanks are due to Mr. Hayter Reed, Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, for his uniform kindness and courtesy.

We cannot too heartily thank all our societies for their loyalty.

The gifts and prizes sent by the Mission Bands in Peterborough and Whitby Presbyterian Societies to Central India, gave great pleasure to the children in the schools there, and were highly appreciated by the missionaries.

We trust that in the new year, upon which we are entering, there may be increased success in every branch of our work. This will certainly be the case if our members realize how much they owe to the Gospel for the blessings which they enjoy, and will show their gratitude to God for His goodness to them by doing all in their power to bring the same blessing to those who "sit in darkness and the shadow of death."

C. M. JEFFREY.

Sec'y-Treas. of Supplies

Thursday, April 23rd.—At 10 o'clock this morning the Board of Management met in the school room of the church for the purpose of electing the officers for the year. The following ladies were selected to conduct the different departments of the society's work until the next annual meeting:—President, Mrs. Ewart; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. MacLennan, Mrs. G. H. Robinson, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. MacLennan, Recording Secretary, Mrs. Playfair, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. Campbell, Home Secretary, Mrs. R. Grant, Foreign Secretary, Mrs. Shortreed; Secretary of Supply, Mrs. Jeffrey, Secretary of Publication, Mrs. Telfer, Assistant Secretary, Miss Telfer, Secretary of International Conference, Miss J. Caven, Treasurer, Miss George, Leader of the Mrs. G. H. Robinson.

A devoted meeting was then held and the society subsequently met in regular session. The next place of meeting was discussed and Hamilton was finally decided on. An extremely interesting paper was then read by Mrs. MacNaughtan of Colborne, on "Mis-

sion bands, organization, preparation for meetings and manner of conducting them." Mrs. MacNaughtan is a good speaker, and her bright, practical address on a subject to which she had given much thought and study appealed to the soundest judgment of her auditors. Mrs. Steele of Dundas also delivered an able address on "Missionary Literature." The rest of the morning session was devoted to religious exercises.

When the convention reassembled at 2 o'clock the names of the executive and nominating Committees were announced as follows:—

Nominating Committee—Mrs. McQuesten, Hamilton; Mrs. McCrae, Guelph; Mrs. McCalla, St. Catharines; Mrs. Thorburn, Ottawa; Mrs. McLean, Guelph; Mrs. Playfair, Toronto; Mrs. MacLennan, Toronto; Mrs. W. B. McMurrich, Toronto.

Executive Committee—Mrs. J. J. Bell, Miss Clark, Mrs. E. Hall, and Mrs. Fraser.

The disposal of the money in the possession of the association was then considered. The sum of \$1,200 was given for woman's work in the New Hebrides and Trinidad, and \$43,179 was ordered to be paid to the Foreign Mission Committee of the church.

Votes of thanks were then passed to those who had shown courtesy to the society and facilitated the business of the convention.

After the question drawer had been disposed of, Mrs. Grant of Orillia addressed some closing words to the delegates. She reminded her hearers that they had much to be thankful for in the extension of the work abroad, and she appealed to them to take every opportunity during the year of assisting the labor the society had in hand.

Pointe-Aux-Trembles Schools.

To the Editor of The Review.

Dear Sir,—The closing exercises of the Mission schools at Pointe-aux-Trembles took place on Tuesday, the 21st April. In the unavoidable absence of the chairman and treasurer of the Board of French Evangelization, the Rev. Professor Coussirat, presided. Among those present were the Secretary of the Board, the Rev. S. J. Taylor, the Revs. E. Scott, editor of The Record, R. P. Mackay, of Toronto, G. C. Heine, Convener of the Montreal Presbytery's Committee on French work, and Mr. Kerr, inspector of the Standard Life Assurance Company, Toronto. We were very glad to have these worthy brethren from the west with us, and we would have been pleased to have other brethren from Ontario see what we saw, and hear what we heard. Nor would we be surprised that the good report of these Toronto brethren will have the effect of inducing some of the devoted friends of this institution in the west to be present on some future occasion of a like kind. It is worth while coming all the way to witness it.

The opening exercises consisted of singing and prayer. The singing was specially good, being under the direction of A. Cruchon, one of the teachers, who wielded the baton with the confidence of a master. There followed an examination in the different branches of study, including reading, grammar, arithmetic, geometry, Latin, Greek, ending with scripture, history and doctrine. The attainments of the scholars were fully equal, if not superior, to those of former years. Specimens of their final examinations were on the table, and were inspected by the visitors present, with much satisfaction. They were models of neatness, and order and many were of a high standard. The whole examination reflected great credit upon both teachers and scholars, more especially upon Principal Bourgois, and Miss Haddow, principal of the girls' school. Last year Pastor Bourgois's life was almost despoiled of but we are thankful to see him again at his post and in such good health. The past was Miss Haddow's first year in the school, and it is only due to her to say that her oversight and work have been much appreciated and highly successful. It is to be hoped that her services may be available for this position for many years to come.

At the conclusion of the exercises several prizes were distributed to successful competitors, six of ten dollars

each, having been given by the Rev. Dr. Chiniquy, and four of like value, by the Association of former pupils. After short, congratulatory addresses by several of the visitors, the proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of the Long Metre Doxology, and the benediction.

But the results above given are not the most important, nor those which will be most appreciated by friends of the work. The spiritual culture of the pupils is the paramount thought and concern of all connected with this Institution, and their instruction in God's Word is a very important part of the curriculum of studies. As a consequence some twenty souls have professed their faith in Christ during the past session, and entered into full communion with the church. This is cheering news, and it produced a deep impression on the whole school for good. Indeed, one cannot pay even a casual visit to the Institution, without feeling that there is a distinctly spiritual atmosphere about it, which continues there from year to year, recalling the cloud which rested upon the church in the wilderness. Let the friends of the work not only continue to give for its support, but pray earnestly for larger conversions.

During the past session, 168 pupils were enrolled, exactly one half of them being children of Roman Catholics. A large proportion of these latter have rejected the church of errors and superstitions, in which they have been reared. For this reason many will not return home again where they would be persecuted, but find situations wherever they may be able. Seven have applied for work as teachers and colporteurs. Seven young men are studying with a view to entering the field of French Evangelization, and an equal number of young women desire to devote themselves to missionary work among their compatriots. We trust the first glow of missionary ardour will continue, and increase. Already over 3,600 have gone forth from the halls of this institution, and the stream is not lessening. Who can estimate the gospel light and heaven distributed by this large number, and this is the only way, we believe, to ameliorate the sad condition of our French fellow countrymen, and bring in a better day for them and for the land in which we dwell.

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Montreal, April 24th, 1896.

Mission to Lepers.

The meeting of the Toronto Auxiliary was held Monday, the 20th, ult., Mrs. S. Trees presided; after devotional exercises, prayer being offered by the Rev. J. A. Turnbull, the minutes of previous meetings were read and confirmed; Mrs. Trees gave a short sketch of Miss Reed's life and her work in Chandag, then requested Mrs. Barnett to read a letter from Miss Reed.

After introductory remarks by Mrs. Trees, relative to Almora and Pwinlia where there are asylums for lepers, Mrs. Wellington read two letters received from Mr. W. C. Failey, who visited India recently. He writes in praise of the work done by the Rev. Mr. Uffman, Mr. Bullock and the Misses Buddice; "money is required to repair the present buildings, which are over-crowded, three new homes are much needed."

Regarding "the work among the untainted children," a paper written by Miss M. McMurry, on behalf of "Old St. Andrew's Church" was read, which gave in a pithy manner the need of separate homes for children of lepers to save from this dreadful disease—leprosy. Twenty dollars will support a child for one year.

The Rev. Jno. Neil closed the meeting with prayer.

The *British Weekly* thinks that, as a "general rule, he who does not worship in God's house does not worship at all." Making allowance for the sick and infirm and for those who may be in localities where there are no houses of public worship, we think this holds good. A willful absence from church will generally find its cause in the indisposition to go, and Sabbaths in which the non-church going habit is the rule will generally be found to be the Sabbaths notable for their lack of proper observance.