

Canadian Church Missionary Association

In Connection with the Church Missionary Society

ANNUAL REPORT, 1896-97

The committee entrusted with the work of the Association during the past year have very great reason to praise God for what He has done through them since our last annual report was submitted.

This report shall deal first with the organization and work of the Association at home, and then will attempt to give a few words concerning what has been done in each of the fields in which it has pleased God to grant us the privilege of sending our missionaries abroad. The one is as pressingly important as the other in the furtherance of that great and blessed movement, the result of which shall be the bringing back of "the King."

I. THE WORK AT HOME.

There have been in all thirteen meetings of the committee held during the year, besides numerous gatherings of smaller sub-committees for the discussion of the business of the Association. In all these deliberations the one object of the committee has always been to strive to ascertain what God would have them do, and by His grace carry the same into effect. In addition to these meetings of the committee five public gatherings, under the auspices of the C.C.M.A., have been held.

On January 18th a farewell meeting to Rev. Wm. C. White on the eve of his leaving for China.

In the early spring a meeting, addressed by Dr. Hardie, whose subject was missionary work in Corea.

In June a meeting to hear an address on "Ceylon" by Mr. Ernest Carus-Wilson.

In July a farewell meeting to take leave of Miss Thomas before leaving for South America, and at the end of August another public gathering to hear addresses by Rev. Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Phillips on their way back to China.

In the early part of the year another vacancy was occasioned among the trustees of the Association by the death of Rev. Principal Henderson, of the Montreal Diocesan College. It has been found difficult to find any one to take the place of so valued a friend of the Association. The position has not yet been filled. No further vacancies or changes have taken place in the ranks of the committee and officers during the year.

As the result of repeated and increasing requests made by the Bishops of Northwest Canada that the Association should launch out more into work there instead of turning its attention so much to what is known as the