

into the membership; 21 had been removed; leaving the present membership 359. The total amount raised was \$3,337.41. The following were elected to fill up the vacancies on the trustee board:—Wm. Griffith, J. S. Mackay, Geo. Innis and Alex. McGraw. Votes of thanks were passed to the members of the choir, and to the missionary collectors and their treasurer, Mrs. Dr. Brownlee, also to Mr. John A. Mackay, the church treasurer.

LANARK: The pastor, Rev. D. M. Buchanan in the chair. The session reported 83 families and 151 communicants. The total receipts were \$2,990. The expenditure was somewhat less, leaving a balance of \$94 in the treasury. During the past year and a half, a manse, costing about \$1,900, and sheds, costing over \$350, have been erected. The W. F. M. S. raised \$65.50, and the contributions of the congregation to the mission schemes of the church were \$178.43, making a total of \$244.29 for missions, being an increase of more than \$100 over last year. Mr. John McLean and Mr. David Headrick were elected managers.

VICTORIA, B. C.: There was a full attendance at the annual meeting, the Rev. Wesley Clay, B.A., conducting the devotional exercises. Mr. McMicking was asked to preside. The present membership, exclusive of adherents, is 281, and the gross revenue for the past year, amounting to \$5,868.11, when mentioned, was received with great enthusiasm. This sum did not include the amounts collected by the Missionary Society, which has not yet been reported. The following gentlemen were elected as managers in place of the seven retiring members, viz.: A. B. Fraser, James Hutcheson, James Paterson, John Jardine, Wm. Muir, James Russell and J. R. Robertson.

ST. MARY'S: The annual business meeting of the First Presbyterian Church took place Monday evening, Jan. 21st. The pastor, Rev. T. A. Cosgrove, presided. Reports from the Managing Committee, Ladies' Aid Society, Missionary Committee, Missionary Auxiliary (Woman's) and Sabbath School were very encouraging and showed the congregation to be on a better basis financially than for many years. Each individual report showed an increase. The report from the Session was very cheering. All the services, Sabbath and week day, in town and country, have been well attended during the year, that of the Wednesday evening service in town larger than in any year in the history of the congregation.

WINNIPEG: St. Stephen's congregation held its first annual missionary meeting in the Church on the evening of January 21st., the Rev. C. W. Gordon, B.A., in the chair. The report of the secretary, Mr. Robt. Thomson, showed the sum of \$290 raised during the year for the schemes of the Church. This was irrespective of over \$40 contributed by the W. F. M. S. The money was allocated to the different schemes in the proportions suggested by the Session. As the membership throughout the year was under fifty the interest shown in the Church's work by this young congregation must be regarded as very gratifying. Excellent addresses were delivered on the occasion by Hon. Chief Justice Taylor, Prof. Hart and the Rev. W. Gordon.

WINNIPEG: Mr. Stephen Nairn presided at the annual meeting of Knox Church. Rev. Dr. DuVal, pastor, conducted the opening exercises. During the past year there has been added to the communion roll 21 on confession of faith, 52 by certificates, total 73; dismissed to other churches 91, deaths 6, removed from roll 39; present membership, 747. Mr. H. E. Crawford prepared a report for the Board of Managers, which was ready by Mr. D. Philip. Improvements on the church building were made to the amount of \$4,246, and on this account \$1,000 has already

been paid. The receipts for current expenses were \$11,203.67, and expenditure \$18.72 less. The total amount contributed for all purposes was \$15,420.32.

WOODSTOCK: The annual meeting of Knox Church was held on the 16th ult., the Rev. Dr. McMullan in the chair. The total membership was reported at about 412. After paying all claims a balance of \$79.46 remained in the treasury.

QUEBEC: At the annual meeting of Chalmers Church the Rev. Donald Tait, B.A., occupied the chair and Mr. Archibald Millar acted as secretary. The ordinary revenue amounted to \$3,481.38. That for missionary and benevolent objects aggregated \$2,475. Total for all purposes \$5,956.38. This would give an average of \$60 per family. Appropriate references were made to the loss sustained by the congregation by the death of Miss Robertson, Mrs. Provan, Mr. Thomas Brodie and others during the year. The Board of Management for the present year is composed of the following members:—Messrs. D. H. Geggie, Archibald Miller, William Brodie, J. T. Ross, G. Muir, J. L. Bell, P. R. Miller, A. Foulds and Herman Young.

CARLETON PLACE: The congregational meeting of St. Andrews Church was held recently, and it was one of unusual interest, as at this meeting the Board of Management was enabled to announce the church building free of debt. During the past year over \$2,000 had been contributed for this purpose. For missions and charity \$733 was given, besides the general expense of the church. Altogether \$4,689 was raised by the congregation during the year, the ladies societies alone raising \$700. Twenty-two new members were added to the roll during the year. The Ladies' Aid Society served refreshments at the close of the business, and a very successful meeting was closed in the usual way, the pastor, Rev. R. McNair, pronouncing the benediction.

BROCKVILLE: St. John's Church, of which Rev. C. J. Cameron, M.A., is the energetic pastor, has had a prosperous year. Mr. Robert Wright acted as chairman, and Mr. William Miller as secretary. The treasurer's report (Mr. W. B. Smellie) showed a balance on hand of \$50.59. A motion, moved by Hon. W. J. Christie, and read by Mr. Watson, owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Christie, and seconded by Mr. John McLean, increasing the pastor's stipend from \$1,100 to \$1,400 per annum, commencing from January 1, 1895, was carried. "That Mr. Cameron is deserving of this substantial recognition of his services no one will deny," remarks the Brockville Times. "It is mainly through his efforts that the Church occupies the proud position it does to-day, being one of the most influential in the community."

CARLETON PLACE: The annual business meeting of Zion Church congregation was held lately, and was one of the best attended and most successful meetings in the history of the church. The reports read show the congregation to be in a healthy condition both spiritually and temporally. There were added to the membership during the year 39 names, and 26 were removed. The total on the roll is now 363. During the year the sum of \$3,605 was contributed for the various schemes of the church, although no special effort was made. The debt on the manse was reduced by \$500, and \$957 was given toward missions. Refreshments were served by the W. F. M. S. and Mission Band, and after various votes of thanks the meeting was closed with the doxology and benediction.

PERTH: Mr. Wm. Meighan was called to the chair at the annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church; and the opening exercises were conducted by Rev. A. H. Scott, M.A., the pastor. The treasurer's statement showed a shortage of \$107 caused principally by special expenditure. The Sabbath School is in a healthy condition; so also the Society of Christian Endeavor. The Mission Band and the Brookside Auxiliary Mission Band reported that the sum of \$92.66 was available for the work of the organization at date. The Ladies' Aid Society had received since its organization the sum of \$311.07. The contributions for missions have averaged between \$113 and \$150 each of the four communion Sabbaths. Clothing to the value of \$56.25 had been sent to the West by the Auxiliary of Women's Foreign Mission Society, and the total net receipts of the society were \$110.25.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE: The W. F. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church here held their annual meeting in the lecture room of Knox Church on Wednesday afternoon, January 9th. The attendance was large and the meeting very interesting. The pastor, Rev. P. Wright, on this occasion, occupied the chair, and conducted the business during part of the meeting. The reading of the secretary's and treasurer's reports showed that the meetings had been well attended during the year and that the finances, notwithstanding the stringency of the times, were nearly as good as in the preceding year. The work done by this society for the advancement and improvement of the Indians around here is quite noticeable. Besides the good work being done at the Indian Industrial school here, and which is ably conducted by Miss Laidlaw and Miss Fraser, the ladies of the W. F. M. S. have volunteered to go in turns to the teepees of the squaws and teach them to knit and sew. Already a marked improvement is seen in the Indian home life and good results are looked for in time. At the close of the business portion of the meeting tea was served by the ladies, and all went away feeling that they had had a pleasant as well as a profitable meeting together.

HURON PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.

The 10th annual meeting of this branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held in Carmel Church, Hensall, on Tuesday, January 15th. The various auxiliaries and Mission Bands were well represented. The meeting was very interesting throughout and the reports on the whole satisfactory. Every branch is characterized by earnest, active service, and nearly all report deepening interest. The president's tour throughout the Presbytery has been productive of good results, and the reports show how much her zeal and energy are appreciated. Our Mission Band has been organized during the year making in all 14 auxiliaries and 7 Mission Bands. Thank-offering services are held by nearly all auxiliaries and Mission Bands and are not only productive of much good, but add largely to the contributions as well. Clothing, etc., valued at \$262, was sent to the Indians of the North west, and a box of gifts, valued at \$47, was sent to India. The total amount of money contributed during the year was \$1,367.18. Several excellent and intensely interesting papers were contributed by members of the Society, which we trust may be the means of quickening and strengthening the interest in the Master's work. At the close of the afternoon session, the delegates, members of Presbytery and others were most kindly and hospitably entertained at tea in the school room of the Church, and the hour of social intercourse was much appreciated by all. In the evening a public meeting was held, which was well attended. Rev. Mr. Henderson, pastor of the Church, presided. Good music was furnished by the choir and others. The principal feature of the evening, however, was an earnest, stirring and practical address, bearing upon "Our duty as Christians to mission work in general," delivered by Rev. W. J. Clark, of London. The address was listened to very attentively, and the earnest, heartfelt expression of Mr. Clark's ideas on this subject will no doubt make a deep and lasting impression upon the hearts and minds of those who were privileged to hear him. The meeting was closed with the benediction.

LETTER FROM FORMOSA.

The following tells its own tale. The incident was referred to by Dr. Mackay in a missionary address given a short time ago at a missionary meeting in Central Church (Rev. Dr. McTavish's), and now by the kindness of Rev. R. P. Mackay we are enabled to give this account of it to our readers as sent by Rev. Giam Chheng Hoa to Dr. Mackay.—[Ed.]

Formosa, Ta'-ma'-ien, Nov. 24, 1894

My Dear Pastor Mackay:—

I want to tell you what occurred here. I crossed over to this place through wind and rain. The other morning when walking on the seashore I saw a sailing vessel slowly drifting shoreward, and in danger of being wrecked, for there was fog and a heavy sea. I hastened back to the chapel, and beat the drum to call the villagers to worship. As soon as it was over, I asked converts and heathen to go in their fishing boats as quickly as possible and let the sailors know they need not fear savages there, and if they wished to come ashore a chapel would be given them to stay in. The whole crew came ashore in the boats at once.

I gave your old room to the captain, his wife and child, and other accommodation to the rest. I then hurried away to a Mandarin and asked him to send men to protect the ship, and got a Military Mandarin to consent to send soldiers along also.

One afternoon at 3 p.m., the twenty-one Europeans and Americans, with one Chinaman, met with one hundred and forty-six (146) of our converts for worship. There were eight nationalities viz.:—British, American, French, Danish, Turkish, Swiss, Norwegian and Chinese in the crew.

They hailed from America with coal-oil bound for Shanghai, Hong Kong, etc. They said that no one ever dreamt of seeing such a neat, clean chapel, on the East coast of Formosa, and now seeing such zealous Christians made their hearts glad. I made known as best I could to them, the days of toil you spent in establishing these churches, etc. The captain said that a bell, lamp and mirror on board the vessel, he would like to present to this chapel, etc. (Sgd.) A. HOA.

Dr. Mackay adds the following:—The above is a translation of part of a letter just received from my first convert, Rev. Giam Chheng Hoa. Ta'-ma'-ien is the "Margaret Machar Memorial" Church on the sea coast in Eastern Formosa. Note well, twenty-five years ago that a crew would have been murdered, the vessel plundered and no one left to tell the tale. Glorious Christianity! Spread it all the world around.

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RICHMOND HILL VACANCY.

MR. EDITOR.—On 20th January I preached at Richmond Hill and Thorn Hill, and declared the churches vacant. Here is a fine opening for an earnest faithful minister who will visit the families regularly, and look after and draw forth the young people, and thus greatly increase the interest and the membership. They have a very fine new manse, and several acres of land to keep horse and cow, and \$900 a year, the whole worth about \$1,100 a year. Some speak of increasing the salary. The Rev. C. A. Campbell, of Maple, Moderator of their session, and Rev. Jas. Grant, of Toronto Junction, have charge of supplies. Probationers going to Richmond Hill station on G. T. R. should remember that the station is 3 miles from the village and should ask for the sleigh or



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ROBERT WALLACE.

The Young People's Presbyterian Union, of Toronto, will hold its annual meeting on Monday, 11th February, in Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bloor Street East. The usual annual reports and financial statements will be submitted and the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. At the last business meeting notices of motion that additional work be taken up by the Union were referred to the Executive Committee, and will come up at this meeting, together with the committee's report, for discussion and for action to be taken thereon. This should ensure a full attendance.

Central Presbyterian: To us Winter has its uses of incalculable value. Opportunities it brings of a closer domestic cheer and a wider social life that all men need. Hours for reading come that we cannot command in busier seasons, with times of leisurely reflection, in which we may recount the past and forecast the future. New plans are made, with farther reach and higher ends than ever before. Not the least of Winter's uses to us are the demands it makes upon compassion for the poor, and the charitable and self-denying aid we give to those in need.

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