

*CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.*

1. The annual meeting of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society will be held in the Congregational Church, Hamilton, on Thursday, June 11, at two p.m. All persons who annually subscribe \$2 are members of the corporation, churches subscribing annually \$20 may be represented by one delegate and those subscribing \$50 by two delegates.

2. The annual public missionary meeting will be held on Thursday evening, when addresses will be given by the Rev. Dr. Stevenson and the Rev. Charles S. Pedley, B.A., and a collection taken for the funds of the Society.

3. A meeting of the General Committee will be held on Wednesday, June 10, in the vestry of the Hamilton church, at four p.m.

4. The Executive Committee meeting will be held in the vestry, Hamilton, on Tuesday, June 9, at two p.m.

5. The last half-yearly reports from pastors and all applications from churches for missionary aid must be in the hands of the Secretary on or before the 1st day of May next. Those who may require blank forms for the same will receive them on application.

6. The Treasurer's accounts will be closed for auditing on or about the 15th day of May, therefore the collections from all the churches and the proceeds of trust-funds should be in his hands at that time in order to appear in the accounts of the year.

SAMUEL N. JACKSON, *Secretary.*

*Kingston, April 20.*

*CANADA CONGREGATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.*

The annual meeting of the Society will be held in the Congregational Church, Hamilton, on Thursday, June 11, at four o'clock p.m. As there are likely to be matters of great importance brought before the Society it is hoped that there will be a large attendance of all who are interested in the foreign work.

A meeting of the Directorate will be held at four o'clock, p.m., on Wednesday, June 10. All the gentlemen on this Board are urgently requested to attend.

HUGH PEDLEY, *Secretary.*

*CONGREGATIONAL PUBLISHING COMPANY.*

The annual meeting of the Congregational Publishing Company will be held in the Congregational Church, Hamilton, on Friday, June 12, at four o'clock p.m.

W. H. WARRINER, *Sec.-Treasurer.*

*Bowmanville.*

*OBITUARY.*

After a lingering illness, borne with Christian resignation, on the 29th of March last, Mr. Robert Thompson, of Guelph, entered into rest. "He was the oldest survivor of the early settlers of Guelph, first seeing the site of the future city in 1827, when founded by John Galt." He was born in Belfast, Ireland, and came to this country in 1823. During his long residence in Guelph Mr. Thompson filled many important offices, such as town councillor, justice of the peace, and town collector. In the year 1841 he united with the Congregational church, in which he was Sunday School Superintendent for a number of years, and a deacon also. The cause of temperance found a strong advocate in Mr. Thompson. Every movement calculated to do the community good, and to stir it morally and spiritually, he always encouraged. Strong in his convictions, and fearless of criticism, he endeavoured according to the measure of his ability and opportunity to promote the best interests of the church and denomination with which he identified himself. Always ready to take part in the prayer and social meetings of the church, Mr. Thompson did much to encourage and stimulate others to "sing or speak or pray" for Jesus. He was not sparing in his denunciations of all useless forms and ritualistic tendencies wherever these manifested themselves in the Christian church. He had always a holy dread of the world getting into the Church, believing that in that case, the world would exert a more powerful influence upon the church than the church upon the world.

Mr. Thompson's familiar presence at our Union meetings will be missed. He leaves a wife who devotedly ministered unto him during his last illness, also a son and daughter, both married. The funeral service was held in the Congregational church, where his pastor delivered an appropriate address from the words, "To die is gain."

Life's labour done, as sinks the clay,  
Light from its load the spirit flies;  
While heaven and earth combine to say,  
How blest the righteous when he dies!

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*THE GROWTH OF LONDON.*

It may indeed be safely asserted that London is the greatest city this world ever saw. Never before in this planet's history has there been gathered together such a concourse of human beings. Nineveh might boast of a population, according to the Book of Jonah, of 800,000 or 900,000; Rome, which, like most of the olden cities, resembled London as the centre of a world-wide empire, never reached a third part of its population, good authorities setting down the highest number its people ever reached, which was in the days