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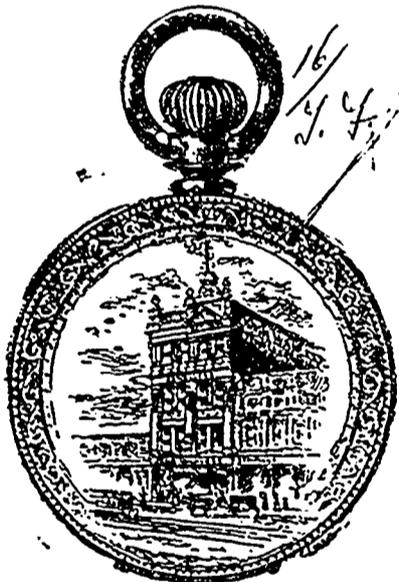


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THE next meeting of the Presbyterian Sabbath School Union will be held in the West Presbyterian Church, on Friday, 20th March, at eight o'clock. The International Bible lesson will be taught to a class by Mrs. L. J. Harvie, and a conference on "Higher Religious Instruction, its Objects and Advantages," will be led by Rev. John Neil, B. A.

THE Rev. D. J. Macdonnell left Toronto on Thursday for his trip around the world. There was quite a gathering of the members of his congregation at the Union Station to bid him farewell, and there was not a little show of feeling as the popular pastor started off on his prolonged tour. One and all joined in the expression of the hope that his health and voice will be completely restored before he reaches Toronto again. Mr. Macdonnell sailed from New York on the *Servia* on Saturday. Mr. John Kay and his son Frank are among his fellow-passengers from Toronto.

ON Thursday evening the following gentlemen, Rev. J. A. Turnbull, Rev. Robt. Wallace, Messrs. Carlyle, Sylvester, Cormack, Britton, Bailey, Miller, and Watt, representing the congregation of West Presbyterian Church, Toronto, met in the house of Mr. David Millar, 133 Bathurst Street, and presented that gentleman with a valuable silver tilting water pitcher and goblet in recognition of the able and efficient service he rendered the congregation in his capacity of session clerk during the recent vacancy in the pastorate. Ex-Alderman Carlyle presided and made the presentation. Mr. Millar feelingly acknowledged the compliment paid him. Congratulatory speeches and an excellent supper followed.

THE first anniversary services of the South Side Presbyterian Church were held on 22nd ult. The Rev. W. L. Scott conducted the services at 11 a.m. Mr. Theodore G. Malchiff at 7 p.m. The attendance was large on both occasions. On Tuesday evening, 24th ult., the Anniversary Social was held. The pastor, Rev. G. Burnfield, occupied the chair. After refreshments had been served in the basement an excellent programme was given in the church, consisting of music, readings and addresses. The Rev. J. Leishman of Chester and Rev. W. L. Scott gave brief and effective addresses, and Mr. T. G. Malchiff explained to the delight of the audience some of the customs of his native land, Bulgaria. On Wednesday evening, the 25th ult., the children's social was held. It was full of interest to all present. Mr. A. Coulter, superintendent of the Sunday school, occupied the chair and took charge of the meeting. At an early hour a most enjoyable social closed with the benediction.

THE monthly meeting of the Toronto Auxiliary, McAll Mission, was held last Thursday in the library of the Young Men's Christian Association, the President, Mrs. Edward Blake, in the chair. There was a good attendance of ladies. Letters were read from La Rochelle and Rochefort and also from Toulouse, the new station taken up by the Canadian ladies. M. Robert, the evangelist at Toulouse, writes cheerfully of the work; he is much interested in the Sunday school which he has established since going there, and wishes he had a magic lantern to aid him, the cost would be about \$20. Mrs. Brodie gave an interesting account of a Sunday spent in Paris, and her impressions of the noble work carried on by this mission. An article was read on the progress and need of the McAll Mission by Mrs. Dodds, editor of the *French Quarterly Record*, the magazine published by the mission. The treasurer stated that \$60 of the sum required, namely, \$1,500, was still needed; she had delayed closing her books hoping that it would be made up. Prayer was offered that the whole amount would be realized; \$23 was given in before the close of the meeting.

THE Morrin College Students Missionary Society, with its usual enterprise, has undertaken the support of two students during the coming summer, one of whom is to visit the settlements along the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway, and the other to be stationed at Chicoutimi where he will hold divine services as well as at Ha! Ha! Bay and L'Anse-au-Foin. This society had these places visited last year, by which it was furnished with very interesting facts; at Chicoutimi there are twelve Protestant families, at Ha! Ha! Bay there are three, and at L'Anse-au-Foin two, who are so situated that one pastor might minister to the spiritual wants of all with no unusual inconvenience, but who have no one appointed among them to call them together on the Sabbath and lead them in the public worship of their Maker. Among these however may be seen some of the most excellent Christians struggling against the kingdom of the oppressor, but who, especially the rising generation, are suffering from the negligence of the Protestant Church. About Lake St. John many were found who, admitting that they had once been Protestants, with no little shame confessed that they had now become Romanists. And one cannot but be pained to see throughout this country, standing as monuments to the vigilance of Rome and the negligence of Protestantism, men with such names as Blackburn, Grant, Harper, Harvey, McLeod, McKenzie, McLean, Robertson, Ross, etc. Among those, who, speaking the French language worship a God of dough and recognize a man, the Pope of Rome as the gate-keeper of Heaven, and who, burdened to the ground with a heavy load of ordinances, rites, and ceremonies of empty bodily service and licking the dust from the feet of their oppressors, drink deep draughts from the poisonous cup of salvation by works and purgatory, and although it is not advanced that these ever were in the best sense of the word Protestants, yet it must be admitted that by their embracing the Roman creed we have lost the opportunity of unfolding before them the glorious gospel of Salvation through Christ, which opportunity we had so long as they continued even professedly Protestant. This Society respectfully requests the prayers of those whose prayers "availeth much" and hopes

that many will also come forward with financial aid to assist in the carrying on of the good work undertaken by it. Any contributions will be gladly received by the treasurer, Mr. John Lindsay, Morrin College, Quebec.

THE third annual meeting of the Bruce Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held at Port Elgin on Feb. 19. The president, Mrs. Gourlay, occupied the chair, and conducted devotional exercises, assisted by Mrs. Johnston, Paisley. A large number of delegates was present, all the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands except two being represented. A hearty welcome was tendered to the visiting members by Mrs. Joseph A. Thomson, on behalf of the Auxiliary, and suitably replied to by Mrs. Little, Underwood. In the president's address regret was expressed that there are not yet Auxiliaries in all the congregations of the Presbytery, although in some of them there are societies more or less interested in mission work. The advantages of regular attendance upon the monthly meetings as a means of gaining information and spiritual blessing, as well as affording sympathy and encouragement, were specially emphasized, and an earnest appeal was made to all to be more faithful than ever in the prosecution of the work, and in prayer for its success. Reports were received from the secretaries of the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, nearly all of which indicate that there has been steady progress during the year. A very complete and carefully-prepared report which was presented by the secretary, Miss James, shows that there are at present in connection with the Presbyterian Society eight Auxiliaries and three Mission Bands. The report notes that there has been a better attendance at the meetings, and also that the thank-offering meetings in October are being owned and blessed of God as means of refreshing and quickening. The treasurer reported that the contributions for the year amounted to \$710, being an increase of \$207. Besides the money contributed, three large bales of useful clothing were sent to the Indians of the Muscowpetung and Pasquah Reserves. Owing to the fact that the attendance at the meetings in midwinter has been so often interfered with on account of the stormy weather, it was agreed that the annual meetings of the Society should henceforth be held in September, and the next annual meeting was appointed to be held in Paisley—at the invitation of the Auxiliary there—on the first Thursday of September next. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Gourlay, Port Elgin, president; Mrs. Johnston, Paisley, first vice-president; Mrs. Little, Underwood, second vice-president; Miss James, Walkerton, secretary; Mrs. McLaren, Paisley, treasurer. A public meeting was held at eight p.m., when Rev. J. Gourlay presided, and introduced the speakers, Rev. Messrs. J. Eadie, North Bruce, and D. McKenzie, Tara, both of whom delivered addresses suitable to the occasion. Rev. J. Johnston, of Paisley, also took part in the meeting. The meetings were interesting and profitable and were well fitted to stimulate and encourage the members.

THE eighth annual meeting of the Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held at Pembroke a short time since. On Monday evening a fine reception to welcome the delegates and members of Presbytery was held in the basement of Calvin Church. There a very pleasant hour or two were spent, ample justice being done to the beautiful spread so kindly provided by the young ladies of the mission band. On Tuesday a meeting was held at ten o'clock a.m., Mrs. Irving in the chair. After the usual opening exercises, in which Miss Thomson, Renfrew, assisted the president, the minutes of the last meeting were read and the roll called by Mrs. S. S. M. Hunter. Forty-three delegates and friends were present, all the Auxiliaries but six being represented. In the course of Mrs. Irving's remarks many good suggestions were given, one being that if one of the meetings each month was devoted to a different mission field the interest in the work would be greatly strengthened. She also advised more united work and that one letter-leaflet at least should be taken by each Auxiliary. The treasurer, Mrs. C. B. Frost, asked that each Auxiliary send in quarterly returns, but after some discussion it was left to the discretion of the treasurers whether they be returned half-yearly or quarterly. A very thoughtful paper on "Mission Band Work," by Miss Gordon, Pembroke, was much appreciated. After prayer by Mrs. J. P. Millar, resolutions of condolence were passed with the following: Mr. J. B. Stewart, Perth; Rev. Mr. Mackay, Douglas, and Mrs. and Miss Macklam, Lochwinnoch. The officers for the year are: Mrs. Irving, Pembroke, president; Mrs. Cooke, Smith's Falls, 1st vice-president; Mrs. J. P. Millar, Pembroke, 2nd vice-president; Miss Bell, Pembroke, corresponding-secretary; Miss Stewart, Renfrew, recording-secretary. Mrs. C. B. Frost, Smith's Falls, Treasurer. The afternoon session was opened at two o'clock in the usual manner, Mrs. Patterson, Eganville, leading in prayer Mrs. W. W. Dickson, on behalf of the Pembroke Auxiliary, extended a cordial welcome to the visiting members, to which Mrs. Robertson, Perth, responded in suitable terms. After the minutes had been read and sustained the president delivered her annual address. She said "that all young people should familiarize themselves with the lives of devoted men and women, and should accustom themselves to doing good, be it ever so small. God has placed in our hands a precious inheritance, and He will help us to be faithful in our trust. The corresponding-secretary's and treasurer's reports were then presented. The Presbyterian Society consists of thirty-one Auxiliaries and eighteen mission bands. During the year nine bales and two cases weighing 1245 pounds were sent to the North-West. Total amount contributed after payment of all expenses, \$2,502—eighty-six dollars in advance of last year. It was with great pleasure that the ladies listened to an earnest address from Mrs. S. C. Williams, Montreal, who brought greetings from that branch of conference. Mrs. Ellingham, Pakenham, gave an interesting paper on "Woman's Influence," and Miss Bell read a paper prepared by Mrs. Patterson, Almonte, who was absent. Owing

to the lateness of the hour the question drawer had to be abandoned. Votes of thanks were tendered the following: (1) The railway company for their courtesy; (2) the ladies who assisted; (3) the young ladies of the Mission Band; (4) the ladies of Pembroke for their kind hospitality. The meeting closed with singing "God be with you till we meet again." In the evening a large public meeting was held in Calvin Church. The corresponding-secretary's and treasurer's reports were read by Rev. Mr. Crombie, Clerk of Presbytery, and the ladies addressed by Revs. Hugh Taylor, Lochwinnoch, and Dr. Robertson, Winnipeg.

THE sixth annual Presbyterian meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Paris was held in Chalmers Church, Woodstock, recently, the president, Mrs. McMullen, in the chair. The morning session was devoted to business. Reports of the secretaries of the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands connected with the Society were received, almost all showing progress and increased interest in mission work. The officers elected for the year are: Mrs. Thomson, Ayr, president; Mrs. Cockburn, Paris; Mrs. Munro, Embro; Mrs. McKay and Mrs. McMullen, Woodstock, vice-presidents; Mrs. Robertson, Ingersoll, treasurer; Mrs. McWhirter, Woodstock, corresponding secretary; Miss Whitelaw, Woodstock, recording secretary. The meeting was adjourned till 2 15 p.m. Lunch was served in the lecture-room of the church, and the delegates spent a pleasant social hour together. There was a large number of delegates and friends present at the afternoon meeting. After devotional exercises, conducted by the president and Mrs. Munro, Embro, the visiting delegates were very cordially welcomed to Woodstock by Mrs. McKay, on behalf of Knox and Chalmers Church Auxiliaries, Mrs. Beattie, of Gobles, responding. The president, in a pleasant, conversational way, reviewed the work of the Society for the year, emphasizing the power of prayer for our missionaries and for ourselves. A fine solo, "The Contrite Heart," was well rendered by Miss McMullen. The annual reports of the secretary and treasurer of the Presbyterian Society showed no great increase of membership, but much greater interest in the work done at home and in the foreign field, the circulation of the "Leaflet" having been doubled this year. The prospects for the new year are most hopeful. There are twelve Auxiliaries and fifteen Mission Bands, with a membership of 704. The amount contributed, \$1,359.56, being a slight increase on last year's contribution. Besides this, a bale of clothing, weighing 830 pounds, was sent to Cote's Reserve, North-West Territory. The address of the afternoon was given by Mrs. McQueen, of Hamilton. Her earnestness of word and manner made an impression which will not soon pass away. She was listened to with intense interest as she spoke of the great need of work which only women can do. The need of more thorough consecration to Christ in our home life first; the inconsistency of the individual weakens the whole. A very pleasant feature of the meeting was the kindly words of greeting from the sister societies of the Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal and Congregational Churches. Interesting, carefully-prepared papers were read by Miss McKnight, Ayr, on "Open Doors"; by Mrs. Brown, Paris, on "Our Work in China"; by Miss Baxter, Ingersoll, on "Our Mission in India." The Question Drawer was conducted very ably by Mrs. Scott, of Glenmorris. Mrs. McMullen was appointed to represent the Society at the coming annual meeting at Kingston. A cordial invitation to meet next year at Ayr was accepted. The evening meeting was well attended. The chair was taken at eight o'clock by Rev. Mr. McKay, pastor of the Church. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mr. Munro, Embro, and Dr. McMullen. An anthem was sung by the choir, and after a few opening remarks by the chairman, Rev

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