

### WOMAN'S CONGREGATIONAL MISSION- ARY SOCIETY.

1. The first public meeting of this society will be held in Toronto, on Thursday afternoon, at three p.m. Papers will be presented by Mrs. D. McGregor, of Guelph, and Miss Unsworth, of Stouffville, and plans are being laid for some visitors from the States.

2. A prayer meeting will be held at ten a.m., to be followed by a business meeting.

3. At that time reports will be expected concerning woman's missionary work in each church, and that each church will send in their contributions to the memorial school for Mrs. Currie. The money should be raised before the union meetings. The secretaries for each Province are: For Ontario, Miss H. Wisner, Brantford; Quebec, Mrs. G. Robertson, Melbourne; Maritime Provinces, Mrs. C. H. Dearborn, St. John, N. B. MRS. D. MACALLUM, *President*.

*St. Elmo, P. Q., April 26, 1887.*

### CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

The annual meeting of the Union of Ontario and Quebec will be held, according to adjournment, in the Bond Street Congregational Church, Toronto, Ont., commencing on Wednesday, June 8, at half-past seven p.m., when the annual sermon will be preached by the Rev. Geo. Fuller, B.A., of Brantford.

The attention of pastors and churches is directed to the standing rules of the Union.

Arrangements are being made with the railway and steamboat companies for reduced rates. The secretary is prepared to furnish the necessary certificates to all ministers and delegates. He would be obliged if the applications were all forwarded in good time, and specified the lines by which it was intended to travel.

Ministers and delegates will please remember the request to send their names as speedily as possible to Wm. McCartney, Esq., 108 Oak Street, Toronto.

The Union Committee will meet at the Bond Street Congregational Church, Toronto, on Wednesday, June 8, at two o'clock p.m.

HUGH PEDLEY,

*Sec. Congregational Union of Ont. and Que.*

*Cobourg, April 20, 1887.*

### CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this society will be held (D.V.) in the Bond Street Congregational Church, Toronto, on Thursday afternoon, June 9, 1887, at two o'clock, when a report of its operations for the past year will be submitted, its general affairs discussed, and a new board of directors and executive

committee elected. For information as to membership, representation of churches, right of voting, etc., see Article III. of the Constitution, page 173, Congregational Year-Book, 1886-87.

The Executive Committee of the society will meet in the vestry of the above church on Tuesday, June 7, at two p.m.

The General Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 8, in the same place, at three p.m. A full attendance of the above committees is earnestly requested.

JOHN WOOD, *Secy. C.C.M.S.*

*Ottawa, May 4, 1887.*

### CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

I am instructed by the Board of Directors of the College to intimate to the churches that Mr. John P. Gerrie, B.A., a student of the fourth year, has been deputed to visit the churches in Ontario and Quebec for the purpose of presenting to them the work and claims of the college, and receiving contributions in aid of its funds. This action has been taken in response to a unanimous memorial of the students therefor, the spirit and object of which were highly appreciated by the board, who hereby beg to commend Mr. Gerrie and his errand to the favourable notice of the pastors, office-bearers and members of all our churches in Ontario and Quebec, and to enlist their sympathy and co-operation.

GEORGE CORNISH, *Secy. Cong. Coll. B.N.A.*

*Montreal, May 5, 1887.*

### FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation of the Canada Congregational Foreign Missionary Society will be held in Bond Street Church, Toronto, on June 19th, at the close of the meeting of the Home Missionary Society.

2. The Directors will meet in the same place, on Wednesday, June 8th, at five o'clock p.m.

EDWARD M. HILL, *Secretary.*

*Montreal, April 27, 1887.*

EXPERIMENTS have been made to determine the distance to which it is possible to work the telephone. This question has been answered by Dr. Wietlisbach. According to his estimate, a telephone line 1,250 miles long costs above £50,000, and it is impossible to speak over this distance. To make it pay, such a line must earn five shillings per minute, and hence a short conversation would cost two or three pounds. The telegraph works at about one-tenth the cost at such a distance. Up to about 300 miles the telephone beats the telegraph; at about 310 miles they run neck and neck; and over this distance the telegraph is the winner.