

Lecture.

The lecture delivered last Friday evening, at the Baptist Church, by C. T. Paul, President of the Toronto School of Languages, proved most instructive and interesting. The learned and eloquent gentleman was greeted by an audience which though appreciative was not as numerous as the high character of the entertainment merited.

The subject, "Thibet and the Thibetans," is of peculiar interest for various reasons, and particularly in this, that the inner portion of this country is almost a *terra incognita*, as not only the missionaries of the gospel, but all travelers, are rigidly excluded, and only a very few, and they most carefully disguised as natives, have ever succeeded in penetrating so far as Lhasa, the capital. The lecturer is the editor of a periodical called *The Thibetan*, and counts among his most intimate personal friends Mr. Petrus Rheinhardt and his wife, Dr. Rheinhardt, both from Ontario, who, as missionaries, have, within the last two years, worked their way into Northern Thibet, and who, though in imminent danger of their lives, when last heard from, were determined to push on still farther inland, if the Mahomedan rebellion, then in progress, did not cut them off. The lecturer's account of the people, their religion, manners, customs and laws, was highly entertaining, and the closing portion of the lecture set forth the unwavering faith and indomitable courage of Missionary Rheinhardt, who had gone to that distant land unsupported by any society and dependent entirely on voluntary contributions made in answer to prayer. The many instances in which those prayers had, against all seeming human probability, been providentially answered, were so clear and striking as to greatly strengthen faith, and the pathos and eloquence of the learned lecturer's peroration found few, if any, unresponsive ones in his audience. The proceeds of a liberal collection at the close were devoted to the aid of the Rheinhardt mission.

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Annual Meeting of St. Thomas Church.

ST. THOMAS.—There was a large attendance at the annual roll-call and business meeting of the Church of Christ last night. Excellent reports were read by the treasurers' and secretaries' of all the societies. The reports indicated marked yet a steady growth in each department of work. In response to his name at roll-call, Mr. Chas. Mann, the oldest member of the congregation, gave a brief history of the church.

The treasurers of the various societies reported receipts as follows:

Junior Endeavor and Pearls, \$28 02; Y. P. S. C. E., \$89 80; Golden Reapers, \$109 83; Ladies Auxiliary, \$56 55; Ladies Aid, \$246 88; Sunday school, \$142 24; Mission S. S., \$24 11; Church, \$1,714 60. Total receipts, \$2,512 03. Of this sum \$463.38 was raised for missions.

The secretary of the Junior Endeavor reported ninety-eight members. They visit the Thomas Williams' Home regularly.

The Y. P. S. C. E. report 85 members, 75 of whom are active. They maintain a mission Sunday school and a cottage prayer meeting.

The secretary of the Sunday school, reported an enrollment of 248, with an average attendance of 175, and the school flourishing.

The Mission S. S. at Yarmouth Heights has had an average attendance of forty-two, with fifty-six enrolled.

The present membership of the church is 267. There were added during the year 131. 135 are heads of families. Thirteen were baptized who took membership or remained in other churches. The seating capacity of the church and S. S. are taxed to the utmost, and enlargement is talked of.

Two young men from the congregation are in Hiram College, preparing for the ministry. Others are in the Bible school preparing for the same work. As evidence of the deep missionary spirit of this congregation, nine of its number have volunteered for foreign work. The average per member given for missions is \$1.74 (this aside from individual contributions.) During the year two members went to join the church triumphant; Mr. W. A. Smith and Mrs. G. W. Smiley. The Bible school, under the leadership of Rev. T. L. Fowler, was reported to be in a flourishing condition. Students are coming in from a distance, and the outlook is very hopeful.

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