

PARIS PRESBYTERIAL.

The 25th annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Paris was held in Chalmers Church, Woodstock. There was a very large attendance of delegates from all parts of the Presbytery. Most hospitably were they entertained to a lunch and tea in the lecture room by the ladies of Chalmers and Knox churches. Much business was discussed and reports from the various auxiliaries were read and were very satisfactory.

President—Mrs. (Rev.) McCullough, Innerkip.

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Kitchen, St. George; Mrs. Kilton, Woodstock; Mrs. A. S. Ball, Woodstock; and Mrs. (Rev.) Martin, Brantford.

Cor.-Sec.—Mrs. Martin, Brantford.

Rec.-Sec.—Miss Cameron, Ayr.

Treas.—Miss James Paris.

At the afternoon session the address of Miss Campbell, of Neenuch, India, was listened to with great interest. She spoke of the work that is being done in the girls' orphanage, those rescued from famine. She told of the progress made by the pupils in the institution. Miss Campbell barely referred to any discouragements, but spoke in most optimistic tones of the great work, and said, "That a spirit-filled church at home assisted the missionaries in their work." She spoke most earnestly.

In the evening the body of the church was well filled to listen to Rev. Mr. Shimmun, of Honan, China, now home on furlough. Rev. Dr. McMullen conveyed the greetings of the Presbytery to the Presbyterian Society. He said that the members of the W.F.M.S. deserved the credit of originating the work of the laymen's missionary movement. The women had been doing all the mission work and there was a blank for the men to fill up. Rev. Mr. Shimmun read from Romans, 8th chapter. The message in those verses formed the keynote of his offering himself for foreign mission work. A missionary has not only to study the Chinese language, but has to become most intimate with the Chinese character, then he can put the gospel more clearly before them. He spoke of the good points in Buddhism, Confucianism, and showed how Christianity was superior to all heathen religions. He answered most satisfactorily the question often asked him by those at home, "Do the Chinese become really converted?" He cited several concrete cases to prove that they do. Music was furnished by Chalmers Church choir and Miss Mae Moon sang most fittingly the solo, "The Saviour's Love."

LINDSAY NOTES.

A banquet is to be held in Lindsay, Dec. 8th, in connection with the Laymen's Missionary Movement. Rev. Canon Tucker and Mr. N. W. Rowell are to be the chief speakers.

Mr. W. L. Findlay, of Canington, and Mr. H. N. Koukie, of Souze, are assisting in the evangelistic campaign now going on in the Presbytery of Peterboro.

A fine new manse has just been completed by the congregation at Wick. It is worthy of the energy and thoughtfulness of the people, and will be a source of comfort to the Minister, Mr. MacKay, and the fair lady whom recently he brought from down by the sea, to be the mistress of the new manse. May they long live happily in it.

Miss Herdman, a missionary home on furlough from India, has been giving addresses in Beaverton and Kirkfield. Miss Herdman has looked out on life in India with a sympathetic eye, and has considered the people and their conditions with an understanding heart. It is worth something to hear her. If you cannot go to see India and the mission work there for yourself, then a very good thing to do is to ask Miss Herdman to tell you about it.

MONTREAL.

The ordination of Mr. M. A. Campbell, for some time assistant pastor of St. Gabriel Church, to the full charge, took place in the assembly hall of the Commercial and Technical High School (Sherbrooke street west). A large congregation listened to a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Mowatt, minister of Erskine Church, before the ordination ceremony took place. Dr. Mowatt's text was: "And some believed the things which were spoken and some believed not." (Acts xxviii, 24.)

The ceremony was in charge of the Rev. W. R. Cruikshank, who related the steps leading up to the ordination, and questioned the candidate as to his faith and his adherence to the polity of the Church. The ordination prayer was offered by the Rev. Prof. Welsh, after which the members of presbytery present extended to the new minister the right hand of fellowship.

The Rev. Principal Scrimger, who had been appointed by the presbytery to address the minister, explained the meaning of the ceremony. It was, he said, the sign of authority conferred by the Church and a consecrated life on the part of the minister. Education, benevolence, healing of body, comfort of mind and the proper housing of the people might be included in the ministrations of the preacher, but the salvation of souls was his first charge. As one had said, "the soul of all improvement is the improvement of the soul." The message of the preacher was a simple one of liberation for men from the bondage of sin. As the text had stated, all would not believe the good news but this must not affect the diligence and earnestness of the minister.

Mr. Cruikshank announced that letters of regret and congratulation had been received from the Revs. Dr. Campbell and Dewey, who were unable to be present. There were present on the platform the Revs. Drs. Mowatt, Scrimger, Scott, Welsh, Fraser, Gordon; the Revs. Messrs. Patterson, Bruncau, Helne, Cruikshank, Bennett and Montgomery. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. G. Colborne Helne.

We have our troubles in Lindsay Presbytery; one of them is to keep our congregations supplied with ministers. Mr. McEachern, late of Leaskdale, is the fifth we have given to the Presbytery of Maitland. Leaskdale, Cambray, Halliburton and Glenarm are now vacant. Mr. James Ross has tendered his resignation of Cobocook. Mr. Findlay of Leamington has been called to Selkirk. Presbyteries are nominating our Mr. Wallace, of Lindsay, for a chair in Halifax College, and something always happens next, if not sooner. I suppose it is all right for these needy people to take away our good ministers; but they must be careful to leave us a quorum.

The Guelph Presbyterial of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society closed a successful annual meeting in Galt with the election of the following officers:—President, Miss Smellie, Fergus; First Vice-President, Mrs. Brown, Fergus; Second Vice-President, Mrs. K. MacLean, Guelph; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Wm. McKenzie, Galt; Corresponding Secretary, Miss McLehlan, Guelph; Supply Secretary, Mrs. Houston, Berlin; Tidings Secretary, Miss Kay, Galt; Mission Band Secretary, Miss Thompson, Elora; Treasurer, Miss Cant, Galt.

The anniversary of Knox Church, Pingal, is to be held on Sunday, Rev. James Rollins, of King Street Presbyterian Church, London, will preach at both services. On Monday night a concert is to be held in the church.

The next ordinary meeting of Lindsay Presbytery will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, on Tuesday, 14th Dec., at ten o'clock forenoon.

Rev. H. A. Macpherson, pastor of Chalmers Church, is ill at his residence with typhoid fever.

MR. MOTT IN TORONTO.

The second anniversary of the inauguration of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, was marked by two addresses from Mr. John R. Mott, one of the greatest missionary enthusiasts in America today, and by the decision reached by those in attendance at the evening banquet that the amount to be raised for the cause during the coming year should be increased to nearly half a million dollars, \$450,000 to be exact.

Discussion took place as to the way in which this amount should be divided among the different denominations, the following apportionment being decided upon: Methodists and Presbyterians, \$120,000 each; Anglicans, \$25,000; Baptists, \$50,000; Congregationalists, \$6,000; other Protestant bodies, \$12,000, and interdenominational societies, \$30,000.

In his afternoon's address Mr. Mott spoke of the great conference in Edinburgh arranged for next year. This he thought, would see the unification of the 500 missionary agencies of the world, which would enable the present staff of workers to do at least double the work which is at present being accomplished. He warned all against placing too much faith in the great movement with which they are identified. The great danger of such organizations is that it might lead people to put too much reliance on the human, and disregard the great superhuman force which is behind the whole movement. It is motor power that is needed, not mere machinery. Everything vital in movements such as the one with which the laymen have identified themselves comes from the superhuman. It is a disregard of this which is the cause of so many failures. They are not due to any weakness in the gospel, for the experience of twenty years has proved no field to be too difficult for God. The lack of success, where there had been such lack, must be a reflection upon the character or the efficiency of the workers. Possibly they devoted too much time to the formation of plans, and too little to the discovery of God.

In the evening Mr. Mott told of his recent trip throughout the countries where missionaries were at work. He had seen the need of the people there, he knew them to be in the plastic mood now, but material things are assailing them on every side, and unless they are influenced now a great chance may be lost.

TORONTO.

Sunday was the first anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. Taylor in Cooke's Church. He preached at both services, in the morning on "The Place We Fill," and in the evening.

The Chinese Christian Endeavor Society in connection with Cooke's Church, have sent the following communication to the Association of Chinese Workers:—"We the members of the Toronto Chinese Christian Endeavor Society, in view of the present unfriendly attitude of many towards our Chinese countrymen in Canada, while sincerely regretting the recent sad occurrences in New York city, would hereby express our heartfelt gratitude to our many friends in the various churches, and especially to our teachers in the different Chinese Sunday schools, and would beg their continued help by prayer and effort on our behalf, that we may not only be blessed, but may become a blessing to many others at home and abroad. Signed—M. T. Won, John Lee, President; George P. Mark, Vice-President; Thomas Yuenshing, Secretary; Ing Fook, Ing Shone, Lee Soon, Quanz Seung, Lem Chong, Lum Hong, Lem Hay, Quan Soo, Mark Chong, Lem Tuck, Mark Sing."

It was reported at the meeting that the nine classes were fairly successful, but irregularity of attendance is noticeable. Recent attacks on the methods of conducting these schools have had the effect of inducing the withdrawal of some lady teachers; but to a much smaller extent than was feared.