

the organ and showed what fine music could be produced on the excellent instrument that had been installed in the church. A most excellent address on what might be called the evolution of music was delivered by Rev. Mr. Hay. The only thing that the people did not like about the address was its brevity.

Rev. W. A. McKenzie, B. D., of New York, occupied the pulpit of Lyn last Sunday, when there was a large congregation.

At the annual meeting of the Almonte branch of the W. C. T. U., the following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. P. C. McGregor; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Jas. Robertson; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. R. Young; recording secretary, Mrs. R. Cochran; corresponding secretary, Mrs. L. W. Shipman; treasurer, Miss Anderson.

At last meeting of Whitby Presbytery calls from Melville church, Scarborough, and from Pickering and Brougham in favor of Rev. H. G. Crozier, of Ralston, Man., were sustained and forwarded to Mr. Crozier, and provisional arrangements made for his induction in October. Rev. James Hodges, B. A., Oshawa, was elected Moderator.

#### Northern Ontario.

Windermere, where there were two services on Sunday during the summer season, will now have only one.

Rev. A. Thompson, B. D., has been elected moderator of Owen Sound Presbytery for ensuing six months.

Presbytery of Lindsey will hold its next regular meeting in St. Andrew's church, Lindsay, on 18th December, at 11 a. m.

The congregation at Parry Sound, where a new church is being erected, has been granted permission to borrow \$5,000.

Owen Sound Presbytery agreed to ask \$3.00 per week for P. Esboro, and for the continuance of the grant of \$100 to Markdale.

Rev. D. Currie, Keedys, has been visiting friends at Guelph and Puslinch. His pastorate in Keedy has been productive of much good.

Rev. Stuart Acheson, M. A., Warton, preached in Knox church, Owen Sound, last Sunday, and ably presented the claims of the Century Fund.

The members of Court Cairn, I. O. F., attended a special service in St. Andrew's church, South Lancaster, last Sunday afternoon, which was conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. U. Tanner, B. A. The sermon was appropriate to the occasion.

Rev. S. H. Eastman, at the December meeting of Owen Sound Presbytery, will move (1) for a larger proportion of commissioners to Assembly, being chosen by rotation; (2) for a limit as to amount to be paid for travelling expenses; and (3) for opening exercises to be limited to half an hour.

At the Owen Sound Presbytery the Sabbath school committee was asked to divide the Presbytery into S. S. districts coterminous with the Young People's Society; and Messrs. McNabb, Smith and Armstrong were instructed to consider the question of forming a Presbyterial S. S. Association, and to report in December.

At the North Bay Presbytery it was resolved to send a strong appeal to the Home Mission Committee for \$500 to assist in carrying out a scheme whereby the Presbytery would supply the lumber camps during the season with gospel ordinances. Dr. Findlay was appointed to support it at the meeting in Toronto next month.

At the meeting of North Bay Presbytery much regret was expressed at the removal of Rev. D. Johnston, Sunridge, from the bounds. Mr. Johnston goes to the Sarnia Presbytery, and will be found a valuable addition in relation to everything that makes for the uplifting of man and the glory of God. Rev. S. Childerhose and Dr. Findlay submitted reports on Home Mission work, which were very encouraging; churches are being built, new fields opened up, etc.

The following are the conveners on church schemes committees in Owen Sound Presbytery for current year: Home Missions, Dr. McLaren's Augmentation, Dr. Waits; Foreign Missions, Dr. Fraser; A. and I. Ministers' Fund, S. Acheson; Widows and Orphans, J. L. Simpson; Colleges, S. H. Eastman; French Evangelization, J. Hunter; General Assembly, T. Smith. Conveners of Presbyterial Committees: Finance, Rev. D. Currie; S. S., Rev. P. McNabb; Sabbath Observance, Rev. S. Acheson; Church Life and Work, Rev. T. Smith; Y. P. Societies, Rev. J. S. Davidson; Nineteenth Century Fund, Systematic Beneficence and Remits, Rev. Dr. Fraser; Statistics, Rev. J. Somerville, D. D.; Examiners, Rev. S. H. Eastman.

Pressure on our news columns compels us to leave over notes from Maritime Provinces, and other matter.

#### Ottawa.

At the Glebe church, Rev. J. W. H. Milne conducted a bright service for the young.

Rev. Norman A. MacLeod, B. D., has gone to Guelph, where he will be one of the speakers at the Ontario Christian Endeavor convention.

In the evening at Bethany church, Hintonburgh, Rev. Robert Eadie deduced a number of useful lessons from the words, "Ye are the salt of the earth."

A paragraph in the city press insisted to awaken anxiety about the safety of the Geological Survey building. It is said the walls are in danger of giving way. If this be true, a number of lives are endangered. The government should at once see that the difficulty is remedied.

There was a special children's sermon in St. Andrew's church Sunday morning. Dr. Herridge read the story of the child Samuel, and the raising of Jarius' daughter, and took for his text 11 Cor. 9:15, from which he preached an impressive sermon, well suited to the occasion.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong, in St. Paul's church, took for his theme in the evening "How to do our work with pleasure." Whether we be a mechanic or professor we should try and take pleasure in our work. To take pleasure in our work we must have a high motive. We all have work to do, and we will find pleasure in work if it is congenial.

#### Montreal and Quebec.

Rev. Dr. Patterson, of St. Andrew's, owing to advancing years, has placed his resignation in the hands of Montreal Presbytery.

The people of Lost River and Lakeview congregation, Que., have lately shown their good will to their missionary, Rev. Colin McKerchar, by making him a present of a handsome covered buggy.

Mrs. Asa Gordon, of Ottawa, is announced to give an address in the Presbyterian church, Aylmer, Que., this (Wednesday) evening.

Mr. Stewart, student missionary at Lochaber Bay, occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's church, Buckingham, on Sabbath morning last.

The death at Toronto is announced of Mrs. Cruickshank, wife of Rev. W. R. Cruickshank, recently of St. Matthew's church, Montreal. The illness was of short duration, and Mr. Cruickshank, who was absent at the time in Manitoba, will have the warm sympathy of many friends in his sudden bereavement.

#### Foreign Mission Committee Notes.

The Foreign Mission Committee met on the 25th and 26th instants. There were present Doctors Moore, MacLaren, MacVicar, Johnston, McTavish, Fraser, Thomson, Warden and Mackay, and Messrs. Martin, McNeillie, Mackenzie, Curry, Baird, Glassford, Scott, Jeffrey and Cassels.

After the escape in Honan the members of the presbytery met at Shanghai on the 27th July, and opened their meeting appropriately by reading the 103rd Psalm and devout thanksgiving for their deliverance. The first action taken was the adoption of a resolution of thanksgiving to God for their escape from so great peril.

It was agreed at their meeting that Messrs. Simmon and Mitchell should accept appointments offered them by the British government as interpreters, and that Miss Wallace, M. D., should accept appointment as nurse at Wei Hai Wei. Dr. McClure was instructed to hold himself in readiness to care for the interests of the mission, especially in pressing claims for indemnity when the suitable occasion arose.

All the records of Presbytery were lost and the Foreign Mission Committee is asked to supply a copy of the minutes on file from the time of the Presbytery's organization, which the Committee has undertaken to do.

Much anxiety was felt, and is still felt, as to the fate of the native converts, some of whom endangered their own lives in order to help the missionaries in their escape.

The secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee reported attendance on a conference in New York on the 21st September, called together in order to consider the situation in China. There were twenty-one Boards represented, and for five hours the representatives were engaged in earnest discussion upon the many aspects of the situation.

It was reported at the conference that the A. B. C. F. M. lost all their missionaries in Shansi; that in all they had lost thirteen adults and seven children.

The Presbyterian Board North lost thirteen men, two women and three children. The C. I. M. lost twenty adults and twelve children, so far

as reported, but were cut off from all communication with sixty more who labor in the province at Shansi. Eight societies reported property lost, but others had not as yet received definite information.

It was believed by the conference that mission work could be resumed at an early date in the treaty ports and along the coast, but that some time might elapse before work could be taken up inland. Some missionaries, it was stated, were urgent in their desire to return immediately, and it was believed that a good deal of discretionary power could be given to men who feel strongly impelled in that direction, even if the risk taken be great.

It was recommended by the conference that the week beginning 28th October should be set apart as a week of prayer throughout all the churches in the United States and Canada, and a committee was appointed to prepare a circular letter to be issued in time to be read from the pulpits upon that day. It was also asked that special contributions be made during that week or subsequently, in order to re-establish missions that have been destroyed.

The Presbyterian church in Canada needs such special contributions inasmuch that the treasurer, Dr. Warden, reported that the funds are in a worse state by \$15,000 than at this date last year.

The Honan missionaries appeared before the Committee, and statements were made by Rev. Murdoch Mackenzie, Rev. Jonathan Goforth, Rev. James Menzies, M. D., and Dr. William Malcolm.

After an interesting and tender conference with the missionaries, there was read to them a resolution of sympathy and appreciation, adopted by the committee at a previous sederunt.

It was also intimated to the missionaries that the Committee had decided to present each of them who had lost the Bible personally to the Committee at their ordination and designation, with another Bible inscribed by the Committee. As all had lost their Bibles this act was very much appreciated by the missionaries.

It was reported in a letter received from Mr. Griffith that a Chinese Christian had taken a journey of one hundred miles to discover the situation in the Honan mission, and reported that the buildings at Chang te were not destroyed, but had been sealed by the magistrate. All the contents however were looted. There was no report as to how far the native Christians suffered. Many testimonies were given at the New York conference as to the faithfulness and heroism of many of the native converts in different missions in behalf of the missionaries, and throughout the American churches an appeal is being issued for contributions to aid the Chinese Christians who have been hunted from their homes. The request is that the Christian public in America manifest a spirit of generosity towards these Chinese Christians, such as was shown to famine sufferers in India during the past year.

The pressure upon our missionaries in India is greater than ever. They have received up to the present time two thousand two hundred and forty children, but how to care for them is the difficulty. The Presbytery is giving their most earnest attention to this problem. A cablegram was sent home by the Presbytery, asking that some of the Honan men be sent to their assistance. Rev. Murdoch Mackenzie was asked by the Committee if he would be willing to go to India until the door again opens in China, which invitation Mr. Mackenzie promptly accepted. The Committee agreed to propose to Mr. Mitchell who is now employed as interpreter in China, that he should also go to India. Some of the missionaries at present in India are breaking down under the strain. Dr. Buchanan writes that he has the authority, he would have c-lered one or two of them to the hills at their last meeting of Presbytery in August. Rev. J. R. Harcourt and Rev. John Wilkie will go out this fall and strengthen their hands, besides four ladies, Miss Duncan, Miss Ptolemy, Miss Leach and Miss McCall, the latter two being new appointments. Rev. J. Fraser Smith appeared before the Committee and made a valuable statement as to mission work in India generally, and particularly in our own mission. It is much regretted by the Committee that Dr. Smith has been compelled to withdraw after twelve years of most faithful work. He has happily much improved in health, and is quite able to undertake the responsibility of a congregation in Canada; and it is believed that the congregation will be fortunate who will secure his services. He is regarded as a man of not only much more than average ability, but of great tact in dealing with men, and ardent faithfulness in the discharge of duty.

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