

neighbouring district north of the Ottawa. Communications were read from several Presbyteries ament the reception of ministers: from Halifax, Rev. W. S. Archibald; from Montreal, Rev. Calvin E. Amaron; from Hamilton, Rev. P. A. Tinkham; from Victoria, Rev. Joseph Hamilton; from Brandon, Rev. F. Lamb; from Kingston, Rev. C. E. Dobbs. Ament the latter it was noted that he had applied last year through the Presbytery of Lanark and Roufrew, and that his application was withdrawn at the last General Assembly, and the clerk was instructed to advise the Presbytery of Kingston and the clerk of Assembly of the fact. The report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery was read by the clerk. This was a cheering report as it notes progress all along the line. The union auxiliary in the city of Ottawa has been replaced by six, which has greatly increased the membership, and there are, besides, two other new auxiliaries, making in all an increase of eight new branches with an increase of about 100 members. The money sent to the General Society is \$1,049 10, besides gifts of goods to Indore and to the Indian missions in the North-West. The ladies deservedly received the best thanks of the Presbytery. The clerk read also the report of the committee on statistics. This too was a cheering report as in almost every column increase is shown. The membership has increased 237 and the givings for all purposes over \$10,000. There is noted a more general contributing to the schemes of the Church by the several congregations, although there are still a few congregations that are more interested in themselves than the demands of the whole work of the Church necessitates. The committee think that congregations flourish none the worse because they strive to help to bear the burdens of others. The Foreign Mission Fund is the only Fund with a reported decrease, but this is almost made up by the increase in the givings of the W. F. M. S. The report was an elaborate one and the committee received the thanks of the Presbytery for their diligence. On the remit ament the appointment of theological professors, there was a very unanimous opinion that appointments were made without a sufficient guarantee of fitness, and it was felt that some such plan as obtains in Germany whereby men who consider themselves fit get a chance to prove their ability before they get permanent appointments. The finding of the Presbytery was that this Presbytery regards the mode of appointment as a secondary importance, provided that suitable measures be taken to secure competent men, save that in any case the Assembly retains the power of veto. The Presbytery is also of opinion that some way should be devised whereby professors can be tested as to their ability to teach, guide, and inspire students before they receive permanent appointments. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the moderator during the meeting of Synod at Carleton Place next week.—JAS. H. BEATT, Clerk.

Presbytery of Orangeville.

Met on May 1st, at Orangeville, Rev. R. Hughes, moderator, in the chair. Dr. McRobbie reported that Rev. E. A. Harrison's charge had decided to become self-sustaining. Moved by Mr. Farquharson, seconded by Mr. McKenzie, and agreed—That the Presbytery expresses its gratification at the report from Dundalk and Ventry, stating their willingness to raise their minister's salary in full, without the aid of a supplement, and are pleased to regard this as an evidence of the increased prosperity of those congregations. The above charge had been receiving \$150.00 supplement. Mr. Wells resigned his appointment as commissioner to the General Assembly, and Mr. Farquharson was appointed in his place. The following elders were appointed commissioners: Messrs. Wm. Catiau, Cheltenham; John Turner, Maraville; James Scott, Ingwood; John Russell, Ballinacree, and Thos. G. Scott, Dalhousie, N.B. Mr. Elliott was appointed a member of the General Assembly's Committee on bills, and Mr. Farquharson, and P. McGregor, on the Synod's committee on bills. Rev. A. M. McClelland declined the call from Camilla and Mono Centre. Messrs. Turnbull, Anderson and Dale, dele-

gates from these congregations, asked for a student for the summer and their request was granted. The following circular letters were read, viz.: The Presbytery of Montreal will apply to the General Assembly for leave to receive Rev. Calvin E. Amaron, formerly of this church, but now of the Congregational church, U.S.; the Presbytery of Brandon will ask leave to receive Rev. F. Lamb, formerly of the Congregational church, Scotland; the Presbytery of Victoria will apply for liberty to receive Rev. Joseph Hamilton, of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.; the Presbytery of Kingston will ask leave to receive Rev. C. E. Dobbs, of the Reformed Episcopal Church; the Presbytery of Hamilton will ask leave to receive Rev. P. A. Tinkham, of the Baptist Church; the Presbytery of Halifax will ask leave to receive Rev. W. E. Archibald of the Presbytery of Topeka, Kansas, U. S. Mr. Elliott submitted a minute ament Mr. Ems's resignation, as follows: Resolved that this Presbytery express its appreciation of the services within its bounds, rendered by Rev. L. C. Ems, late of Ballinacree. They accept his resignation with regret, and trust he may be long spared to labour in the Master's vineyard. The report was received and adopted, and ordered to be engrossed in the minutes. Mr. Hudson reported that he had moderated in a call at Maple Valley and Singhampton in favour of Rev. R. M. Croll, of Dresden. The call was signed by 106 members and forty-one adherents. Stipend promised \$750 and manse. The call was sustained and ordered to be transmitted to the Presbytery of Chatham, with the request that they issue the call as soon as convenient. Rev. F. H. Jarkin, of Chatham, was appointed to prosecute the call before the Presbytery of Chatham. Provisional arrangements were made for Mr. Croll's induction at Singhampton on the call of the clerk, Mr. Hudson to preside, Mr. Morrison to preach, Dr. McRobbie to address the minister, and Mr. Neilly the people. The next regular meeting of Presbytery will be held at Orangeville on Tuesday, July 10th, at 10.30 a.m.—H. CROZIER, Clerk.

Mission Field.

Toronto McAll Auxiliary.

THE Toronto Auxiliary Canadian McAll Association met as usual on the first Thursday of the month in the Y.M.C.A. library; Mrs. Howitt, the president, occupied the chair. After reading a portion of Scripture, and prayer, the secretary's report was read, showing the balance to be \$38.45. An interesting paper, written by Mr. Chamberlain, was read by Mrs. Geo. Kerr, giving an account of the "last days of Frances Lea Chamberlain," the first treasurer of the Canadian McAll Association, and president of the Philadelphia Auxiliary.

The McAll mission work in the United States has met with a great loss in her death. In her will she left a legacy of five thousand dollars to the mission.

Mrs. McAll unveiled a tablet, erected to her husband's memory, in the London Road Congregational chapel, Leicester, of which the doctor was first pastor. The inscription was: "To the honoured memory of Robt. Whittaker McAll, D.D., F.L.S., first pastor of this church; founder, and for twenty-one years director, of the Evangelical Mission in France; created a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour by the French Government. Born 1827, died 1893. Co-worker with God." Mrs. McAll's written reply to the kind words said about her herself and her husband was most touching. In honouring Dr. McAll's memory, the members and adherents of London Road chapel have honoured themselves. The interesting description of the ceremony was read by Miss Lay. A circular letter from N. L. Chickering was read by Mrs. Robt. Darling. From it we learned that in her visiting she often found the French mothers singing at their work translations of "I Need Thee Every Hour," "Come to the Saviour," etc., and the little ones joining in. One woman, who had been Roman Catholic, told Miss Chickering that she knew nothing of the Bible till she came to the dispensary. "I understand now that we can do nothing of ourselves, but we have

all that we need in Jesus. He forgives all our sins; He forgets them all."

Writing about the Good Friday service: "These people adore a dead Christ; fitting symbol of a lifeless religion. We want to lead them to the living Christ, that through Him they may have eternal life." Miss J. Caven read "The present outlook in France," in which the Rev. A. T. Plerson makes a strong appeal for more consecration of ourselves and our wealth for the work of God in France. Mrs. Christie closed the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. L. M. Mountford.

The lady who has during the past few weeks been before several Toronto audiences will repeat her course of lectures upon the manners and customs of the Holy Land at the Pavilion next week, and will no doubt be received by large audiences. Her subjects are intensely interesting, and being possessed with a wonderful gift of language holds one spell-bound during the entire evening. As this will be the last opportunity for hearing her, it should be the duty of every Sabbath school teacher and scholar to attend the course. The clergy of Toronto heartily endorse the lectures. We quote from Rev. H. M. Parsons' letter to the Board of Trustees of Grace Hospital: "I regard them as highly profitable and instructive as revealing Oriental customs in their bearing on Biblical interpretations."

Once Destroyed.

St. John, N.B., as at present viewed, is built on the ashes of a gigantic fire occurring in 1877 which almost completely destroyed the old city. The fire proved, as has often been the case, but a blessing in disguise, for instead of the old time wooden structures we now see handsome buildings of stone and brick.

St. John has numerous natural advantages, and this perhaps accounts in a large measure for its marvellously quick reappearance as a city of such dimensions and commercial status.

Standing at the head of the Bay of Fundy its water communication with Eastport, Portland and Boston is excellent, a fine line of steamers plying between these ports.

Again, St. John is the final or initial station of the new short line, a division of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which received this title on account of its lessening or shortening the distance from Montreal to St. John about 300 miles and saving nine hours of railway journey. It has often been remarked, that never has a portion of a railway received so appropriate a name.

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