

**PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY.** This Presbytery held its meeting on April 19 in the new church building. The congregation had displayed great zeal and liberality in erecting such a fine building, and the Presbytery showed its appreciation of their work, not only in holding its meeting here, but also in passing a highly commendatory motion, which is to be forwarded and engrossed in their minute book. Rev. R. D. Fraser, Moderator, took the chair. All the ministerial members were present with one exception. Mr. Wright, a returned missionary from Japan in connection with the Society of Friends, being present, was invited to sit with the Presbytery. Interesting reports were given in on Missions, showing that all the congregations are alive to the great missionary work. Their attention being directed to it from time to time from the pulpit and at the prayer-meeting. An appropriate minute was adopted on the death of Rev. A. Kennedy, late of Dunbarton, who departed this life on the 19th January of the present year in the eighty-eighth year of his age. He had laboured fourteen years as a missionary in Trinidad and over thirty in this country. His memory is embalmed in the hearts of all who knew him. The Presbytery unanimously agreed that a salaried agent in connection with the Foreign Missions should be appointed by the Assembly, and nominated Rev. R. P. Mackay, of Parkdale, as a fit and proper person for the office. Messrs. Eastman and Henry were appointed members of the Synod's Committee on Bills and Overtures. Mr. Drummond read the report of the committee appointed by the Presbytery to examine the remit on the distribution of probationers. The report embraced various amendments to the regulations now in force, and rejected wholly the Scheme prepared by the special committee of the Assembly. He also read a Scheme submitted by the committee. It was agreed to adopt the report as amended; also to transmit the Scheme submitted by the committee, with other papers, for the consideration of the Assembly. The map of India, which the Foreign Mission Committee presents to each congregation gratuitously, was distributed among the members and thanks voted to the committee for the generous gift. A motion was proposed to send all the commissioners to the Assembly by rotation, which was lost by one vote. It was agreed that the roll of elders for the Assembly now begin at the east and go westward. It seems that this plan has been adopted by the Convener of Systematic Benevolence for some years. Messrs. Eastman, Kippan, McLaren and Chisholm, ministers, and Messrs. Henry, Ballagh, Omission and Nesbit, elders, were elected commissioners to the General Assembly. Interesting reports were read by the respective Conveners on the State of Religion, Temperance, Sabbath Schools and Sabbath Observance were received and adopted, with their recommendations, and ordered to be forwarded to the Conveners of the several committees of the Synod, and the thanks of the Presbytery tendered to the committees for their diligence. Mr. Fraser read a carefully-prepared report on the statistics of the Presbytery for 1891, which was adopted, and an abstract of it ordered to be printed and circulated amongst the congregations in the fall of the year. It was moved by Mr. McLaren, duly seconded and agreed, that the Presbytery overture the General Assembly to provide for the organization of the young people of the Church for spiritual culture, mutual improvement, and Christian work; that Messrs. Fraser, Eastman and McLaren be a committee to prepare an overture as above, to be forwarded through the usual channel. It was moved by Mr. Eastman, seconded by Mr. Leslie, and unanimously agreed, that Presbytery desires to avail itself of the occasion of the first meeting in the new church to congratulate the pastor and congregation of St. Andrews, Pickering, on the completion of a church edifice so comfortable, commodious, beautiful, and in every way suited to its needs, as that in which it is now met, and to express its very great gratification at the renewed evidence of congregational prosperity. Presbytery prays that the Great Head of the Church may more and more abundantly bless the congregation worshipping here, and that many precious souls may be begotten and nurtured in this house of God. Mr. Colville, of the Methodist Church, at the request of the Moderator, closed the meeting with prayer. The Presbytery adjourned, to meet in Oshawa on the third Tuesday of July, at ten o'clock a.m.—A. A. DRUMMOND, Pres. Clerk.

#### DIVISION OF SYNOD OF TORONTO.

Following is the overture of the Presbytery of Owen Sound on the division of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston:—

Whereas it has been felt by many of the members of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston for some time that the Synod is too large, and whereas a resolution was adopted at the last meeting requesting Presbyteries within the bounds to consider the advisability of dividing the Synod into two Synods, and to report to next meeting;

And whereas from the statistical returns for 1890 it appears that there are on the roll 226 ministers and thirty-seven vacancies, while the Synod of Hamilton and London has 208 ministers and twenty-four vacancies, and the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa has but 162 ministers and nineteen vacancies;

And whereas to divide the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, as has been proposed, would, if an even division be made, give but 118 ministers and eighteen vacancies to each of the two new Synods, which would leave them as disproportionately small as the Synod is now disproportionately large;

And whereas to rearrange the Presbyteries in the three Synods within the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario so as to make five of the three would give a possible division as follows:—

1. Synod of Montreal, composed of the Presbyteries of Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Lanark & Renfrew, 125 ministers and fifteen vacancies.
2. Synod of Kingston, composed of Brockville, Glengarry, Kingston, Peterborough, Whitby and

Lindsay Presbyteries, 120 ministers and thirteen vacancies.

3. Synod of Toronto, composed of Toronto, Orangeville, Barrie and Owen Sound Presbyteries, 120 ministers and twenty-three vacancies.

4. Synod of Guelph (or Stratford), composed of Guelph, Saugeen, Stratford, Huron, Maitland and Bruce Presbyteries, 113 ministers and fourteen vacancies.

5. Synod of Hamilton and London, composed of Hamilton, Paris, London, Sarnia and Chatham Presbyteries, 128 ministers and fifteen vacancies, all of which approximate very closely to the average for the five, of 121 ministers and sixteen vacancies;

And whereas such a rearrangement would, by diminishing the size of the Synod, greatly lessen the expense and trouble of travel and entertain ment, increase the attendance, facilitate the despatch of business and leave room in all for the growth that may reasonably be expected in the future, without necessitating any further rearrangement for some years to come; therefore it is humbly overtured to the Reverend the Synod of Toronto and Kingston by the Presbytery of Owen Sound that the Synod should overture the General Assembly to provide for the rearrangement of the three Synods within the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec into five Synods, as above indicated, or in any other way that may be deemed by the General Assembly more expedient.

JOHN SOMERVILLE,  
Pres. Clerk

#### WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Foreign Secretary's report presented to the Women's Foreign Missionary Society at the annual meeting in Toronto, contains a clear, full and explicit presentation of the Foreign Mission work of the Church, and is admirably fitted to impart to every reader of it an intimate knowledge of the character of that work at present maintained by the Church, and a complete list of the agents by whom it is carried on.

The following is the summary of the Home Work as reported by Mrs. Shortreed, the Home Secretary: Presbyterial Societies, 25; New Auxiliaries, 47; New Mission Bands, 31; Auxiliaries that have failed to report or contribute, 17; Mission Bands that have failed to report or contribute, 22; Auxiliaries that sent contributions but no report, 9; Mission Bands that sent contributions but no report, 10; total number Auxiliaries reported working, 493; total number Mission Bands reported working, 193; Auxiliary membership, 11,771; Mission Band membership, 5,255; scattered helpers, 91; total membership, 17,117; life members added during the year, 93; members of the General Society, 3,124; number of Auxiliaries that contributed to North-West supplies, 290; Mission Bands reporting direct, 57; Auxiliaries in eighteen Presbyterial Societies and Mission Bands in fourteen, report increased membership. Mission Bands in eleven Societies have decreased both in membership and contributions.

Mrs. MacLennan, the treasurer, reports the financial details with careful minuteness, of which the following is an abstract: Cash received from Auxiliaries during the year 1891-1892, \$20,105.63; cash received from Mission Bands during the year 1891-1892, \$6,343.54; interest on Presbyterial accounts, etc., after deducting reported expenses, \$242; cash received from other sources during the year 1891-1892, \$970.16; balance from last year, \$1,479.81; total, \$39,141.14.

#### CONVOCATION DAY AT QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.

The Theological Alumni Society had an interesting gathering. There is a membership of thirty-three. It has been suggested to have a ten days' session for the alumni. Rev. Messrs. Macdonnell, McTavish, Gandier, Milligan, Chisholm and Grant discussed the subject "How May Theological Students in our Colleges be More Fully Adapted to the Present Needs?"

Rev. Dr. Grant was sorry that most of the divinity students at Queen's were obliged to work six months in the year to put them through college the other six, and when there several were obliged to preach on Sunday to make a couple of dollars. He intimated that a fund should be provided to prevent this.

These six members will co-operate with Queen's Missionary Association in foreign work: Rev. A. H. Scott, Rev. I. G. Potter, Rev. Malcolm MacGillivray, Rev. A. Gandier, Dr. J. C. Connell and Rev. Mr. Ross. The retiring officers were re-elected: Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, Toronto, president; Rev. M. MacGillivray, vice-president; Rev. A. Gandier, Brampton, secretary; Rev. J. Hay, Cobourg, treasurer.

The University Council began its sessions with a full attendance. Mayor McIntyre, Kingston, was elected registrar, vice Mr. R. W. Shannon, resigned. Mr. G. V. Chown was reported as elected to the Board of Trustees, and Rev. Mr. Chisholm and Mr. W. A. Logic were appointed to the Council.

Dr. Moore, representing the counsel at the Ontario Medical Council, read his annual report.

Professor Dupuis presented the report of the committee appointed to consider the matter of establishing a boarding residence for students. The scheme was considered too expensive.

#### QUEEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Queen's University Missionary Association was held in divinity hall the following morning. Mr. D. R. Drummond, president, in the chair. After devotional exercises the report of the committee in charge of the work in China was called for.

Rev. A. H. Scott, Convener of the committee, composed of six alumni and six students, reported encouragingly on the China work. The members contributing to the China work for the year now

closing are more than those of the previous year, and the contributions themselves greater. The treasurer of the mission has a balance on hand of \$200.

A resolution, on motion of Rev. A. Gandier, was passed asking the newly-organized association of theological alumni to appoint the six alumni members for the committee in charge of the work in China. Messrs. Colin Young and W. H. Wilson were appointed on the Students' Committee to succeed Messrs. Sharp and McDonald, retired.

#### CONVOCATION.

Convocation at Queen's University was held on the afternoon of the 27th ult. A great audience was present.

Chancellor Fleming, in acknowledging his re-appointment as Chancellor, said he highly valued the renewed mark of confidence; any man in the land would be proud of it. He promised to always strive to promote the best interests of the University. He paid fitting tribute to the first Chancellor of the University, the late Dr. Cook, of Quebec, by whose exertions a royal charter was obtained, with his death the last of the founders has passed away. He noted the losses the University had sustained since the jubilee, and said Rev. Dr. Reid, the sole survivor of the fathers of Queen's, had been expected to attend, but duties detained him in Toronto. "While we place on record our respect for those now no more, let us with grateful hearts continue to reverence him, the one surviving father of Queen's who yet remains."

The degree of D.D. was conferred on Rev. James Carmichael, M.A., King, Ont., and the degree of LL.D. upon Mr. Douglas Brymner, Ottawa, Dominion archivist.

Then the routine work of the officers was proceeded with, including the presentation of prizes, scholarships and medals, and concluding with the laureation of the graduates. Miss Lita M. Reid was the first in the history of the college to secure a Master of Arts degree as the result of a course of four years.

Rev. Mr. Milligan, in an admirable manner, addressed the graduates, urging them to be still students, and to always manifest a love for their country, no matter where they were located.

The only additional event was the unveiling of a model by Mr. Hamilton MacCarthy of Rev. Dr. Williamson, for fifty years a professor of the institution. Justice MacLennan, of Toronto, made the address of eulogy, to which the venerable professor made a touching reply. Rev. Mr. Milligan closed the proceedings with prayer.

Miss Agnes M. Turnbull, Montreal, who has just graduated in medicine, is the daughter of Rev. John Turnbull, Presbyterian minister, for many years in the Presbytery of Kingston, stationed near Belleville, and afterwards in that of Montreal. She has taken the medical course for the purpose of fitting herself for foreign mission work, and seems especially adapted to the work, having been a most successful teacher before entering college. She has left for a post-graduate course in New York to further fit herself for her chosen life work.

At a meeting of the trustees of Queen's University the following trustees, whose terms had expired, were re-elected: Rev. W. M. McLean, Belleville; Rev. M. MacGillivray, Mr. J. Mackie, Kingston; Mr. W. C. Caldwell, M.P.P., Lanark; Sir James Grant, M.D., Ottawa; Messrs. A. Gunn and G. M. MacDonnell, Kingston. A resolution of condolence in reference to the death of Dr. Cook, Quebec, was then passed. Rev. Dr. Grant asks for two or three scholarships of \$300, or \$50 annually, for post-graduate or tutorial work at the University or abroad. Because of the improvements, etc., there is now a deficit on the annual expenditures of over \$9,000. The John Carruthers Science Hall cost over \$18,000.

The closing concert of the season, given in the Pavilion last week by the Toronto Vocal Society under the able and skillful direction of W. Edgar Buck, was in every respect a splendid success. The singing of the Society was most effective and very pleasing. The solos of Miss Claire and Miss Glover were highly appreciated. The latter, a young debutante, gives evidence of fine training, and promises to take a high place in the musical world. Mr. Boscovitz's interpretations of Chopin and Liszt were simply charming.

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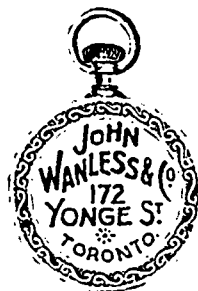
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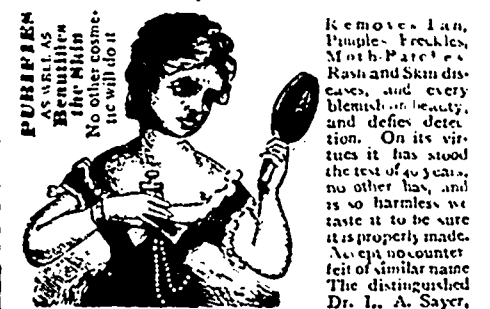


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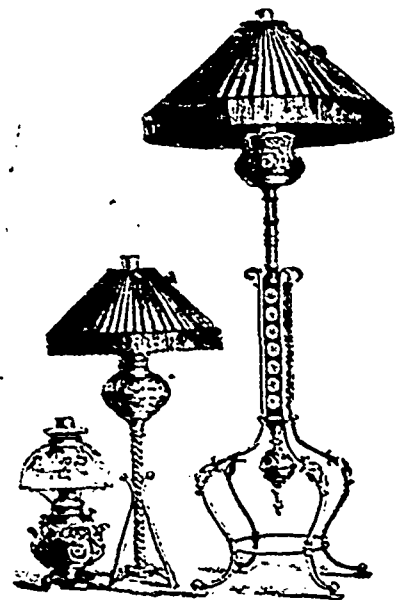
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