

THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN

OTTAWA.

next year of the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, if favorable railway rates can be secured. That was the decision this morning. The new Executive and board will this year consider the question of establishing a rest fund for missionaries on furlough, and also the question of increasing the force on the field. The office of Travelling Secretary was continued, but the society deferred the appointment of a Mission Band Secretary for another year.

Dr. Marwanet O'Hara, of Dhur, India, who has been for fourteen years in the service of the Church, gave a nice account of her experience. She told of the Presbyterian church in Dhur, the first to be erected within a walled city of India, and towards which the people of Galt, Ont., had given \$800. During the famine Dr. O'Hara received as much as £1,000 in a year for relief work. She spoke of the political affairs and government officials of India as men that preached the Gospel courageously with the missionaries.

Mrs. Donald MacGillivray, from St. John's, in an interesting address told of the gratitude and fidelity of the Chinese converts, of the relief brought to their women, and of the importance of translation work and the influence of literature.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Shortwood; vice-presidents, Mrs. McFarren, Mrs. Toller, Mrs. Jeffrey, Mrs. G. H. Robinson; secretaries corresponding, Miss Martin; recording, Miss Southey; home, Miss Jean Caven; foreign, Mrs. Bell; Indian and Chinese missions, Miss Craig; international conference, Miss Thornton; treasurer, Miss Gowan; secretary, Miss Gowan; "Pillars," Miss Parsons; editor, Mrs. J. MacGillivray, B. A.; executive committee, the officers of the society; and Mrs. Hamilton, Miss M. Reid, Miss Clark and Mrs. Donald.

MONTREAL NEWS.

The Rev. Murray Watson, of Avoca, Ont., died at the Western Hospital, in this city, Thursday last, and his funeral took place on 6th inst. from St. Paul's Church to the Mount Royal Cemetery. He leaves a widow and family of boys to mourn his loss. Mr. Murray was educated at McGill University, where he was graduated B.A., in 1885, and subsequently became a student of the Presbyterian College. He was an eloquent preacher and for several years had charge of the Presbyterian Church of St. Lambert.

The first annual dinner of the Young Men's League of the American Presbyterian Church, was held in the parlors of the church last Saturday evening. Mr. F. L. Benedict, president of the league, presided, and among those who spoke were the Rev. T. S. McWilliams, D.D., of Cleveland, O., former pastor of the American Presbyterian Church; Mr. C. M. Hays, general manager of the Grand Trunk railway system; Hon. W. A. Weir, Speaker of the Quebec Legislature; Ald. H. B. Ames, M.P., Ald. Nelson, and the Rev. Dr. Johnson, pastor of the church. Messrs. Carter and Telford gave some fine solos, and Mr. Bert Shaw recited extracts from Dr. Drummond's habitant poems.

The induction of Rev. Clarence McKinnon, B.D., into the pastorate of Westminster church, Winnipeg, has been fixed for Friday, 19th inst. Rev. Dr. Patrick will preside, and Revs. Dr. Wilson and C. H. Stewart, May also take part. On Sunday morning, May 21st, Dr. Patrick will conduct the service, and introduce the new pastor, who will preach his first sermon in the evening.

At London Presbytery Rev. T. R. Shearer was appointed moderator of Appin, and Rev. Dr. Ross was named to represent the presbytery at the jubilee of St. Andrew's church, Thamesford.

At the next meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of Bank street church a report on the work of the city missionary, Miss Cassaday, will be received.

Rev. D. J. Craig, of Aylmer, has been licensed by the Ottawa presbytery, and will shortly be inducted into the charge of the congregation he has so successfully ministered to for the past two years or more.

The Ladies' Aid of MacKay church, New Edinburgh, will hold a concert on the 18th inst., in the Sunday school hall. Some of the best city talent will take part in the program and a good time is assured.

The regular meeting of the Home Missionary Society of St. Andrew's Church was held on Friday afternoon, Mrs. Walter Bronson presiding. A letter was read from the Rev. Dr. Carmichael, asking for further assistance toward the Swan River station. This mission has received very substantial support from the St. Andrew's Church Society, but \$200 additional are required to complete the work so well begun.

Rev. Wm. Shearer has been in the city for several days in the interest of the Pointe-aux-Trembles Mission Schools for the purpose of raising money for the building of a new school. The project in hand is to erect a building between the two now standing. The cost of the building will be \$60,000. The French Protestants have promised \$5,000 and the remainder will have to be contributed by the Presbyterians of Canada. On Sunday Mr. Shearer visited at St. Paul's and Knox Sunday schools and at each gave a very interesting talk on the needs, requirements, work and progress of the Mission schools. He also preached at St. Paul's church.

At the meeting of Ottawa Presbytery last week, in the absence of the moderator, Rev. M. H. Scott, the meeting was presided over by Rev. Robert Eadie, of Hintonburgh. The report of committee on Sabbath schools was presented by Rev. J. W. H. Milne; other reports read included one on "Home Missions" by Rev. Dr. Armstrong and one on augmentation which was presented by Rev. Dr. Ramsay. Arrangements were made for the induction of Rev. D. J. Craig who has recently accepted a call to Aylmer. The Presbytery will also forward a congratulatory resolution to the Rev. Dr. John Crombie, of Smith's Falls, on the occasion of his approaching jubilee. A petition was received from the congregation at Navan asking permission to remove its church from the present site into the village of Navan. Rev. W. Shearer addressed the meeting on behalf of the school at Pointe aux Trembles.

The next meeting will be held at Merivale in July.

Doctor Wilfrid T. Grenfell is the young Englishman and Oxford man who, for the love of God, practices medicine on the sparsely settled coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador. For thirteen years he has given the folk of some two thousand miles of desperately evil coast practically the only medical attendance they have had; and for that same period he has given them certainly the only sympathetic encouragement—the only hope—the whole people has ever known. In summr his professional round is made in a little steamer, with which he reaches every harbor of the northern peninsula of Newfoundland, of the west shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and of the coast of Labrador, even past Cape Chilly in Hudson strait; in winter he gets about by dog-team and komatik, often making more than two thousand miles in a winter season—a coil of 150 miles, in the worst of winter weather, the way lying through a black wilderness, is a commonplace experience. Preaching Sunday morning in Dominion Methodist church, before a large congregation, Dr. Grenfell based his sermon on the passage contained in Saint Matthew's Gospel,

chap. xvi., 1-20. Free from any attempt at eloquence, yet forceful, pointed and with the charm of utterance which characterizes the man who has spent the greater part of his life in touch with Nature and Nature's God, Dr. Grenfell's oratory is interest-sustaining throughout. His lecture on Monday evening in the hall of St. Andrew's church was a great treat and was listened to by a large audience.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Mr. D. D. McBean, of New York, has given \$6,000.00 to Queen's University, with a promise of more.

The choir of St. Matthew's Church, Woodlands, intends holding a concert and lecture at Osnabrock Centre on May 24. Rev. H. D. Leitch of St. Elmo will deliver an address.

Rev. Mr. McKenzie, of Dalhousie Mills, conducted services in Knox Church, Moose Creek, on Sunday, 24th ult., during the absence of Rev. Mr. Beaton.

Rev. A. MacGillivray, of Toronto, a former pastor, is announced to preach in St. Andrew's Church, Williamstown, when he will place before the people the Queen's University endowment scheme.

Rev. Dr. Torrance of St. Paul's Church, Peterborough announced to his people that the liability of the church had been entirely removed, the amount necessary to meet the indebtedness, \$1,600 in all, being subscribed by members of the congregation.

The members of the Young People's Guild of First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, showed their appreciation of their pastor's efforts in behalf of the association by presenting him with a handsome gold mounted silk umbrella. Mr. MacLeod thanked his young friends in suitable terms.

The sermon preached to the Brockville Oddfellows by Rev. Norman McLeod was greatly appreciated by the brethren of the triple links. At an after meeting on motion of Mr. D. Derbyshire, M.P., he was tendered a hearty vote of thanks for his "helpful and inspiring" discourse.

At the close of the weekly prayer-meeting in the Clayton church on Thursday evening Rev. Mr. Millar presented Miss N. Brown with a handsome gold watch on behalf of the members of the congregation as a mark of appreciation for her valuable services in church work.

Rev. Mr. Crombie, of Oliver's Ferry, conducted the services in St. Andrew's Church, Arnprior, last Sunday.

In his sermon at St. Paul's Church on Sunday evening, Rev. Dr. Torrance deprecated the practice of Sunday milk delivery in Peterborough. It was urged that it was not a necessity, especially during the winter months, and he knew of one dairyman at least who did not deliver milk on the Sabbath, but went around on Saturday night instead. He regarded the Sunday delivery of milk in town as a misfortune and thought if an agitation was started to discourage the practice it would do much good in Peterborough as well as elsewhere.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

At the last meeting of London Presbytery the resignation of Rev. Alex. Henderson, one of the oldest members of the presbytery, was received. Owing to continued ill-health Mr. Henderson has found it impossible to continue his labors, and the resignation will take effect on the second Sunday of May. The retirement of Mr. Henderson is a source of regret to every member of the presbytery, and not a few words were uttered, eulogizing him for his good work during many years. A committee from the Appin congregation, composed of Messrs. Robert Webster, Peter McTaggart and Peter Ferguson, appeared before the presbytery, and bore testimony to Mr. Henderson's faithful services.