

of Hastings, who represented the Presbytery, on "The Triumphs of the Gospel."

Wednesday morning was devoted to business. Reports were given by the Clothing Committee and the different Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. The secretary's report showed that \$1,564 was raised by the Presbytery. The value of clothing sent to British Columbia was \$288.96. There are 22 auxiliaries with 457 members, and 12 mission bands with 653 members.

Then followed the election of officers for the ensuing year:—President, Miss Forsyth, Peterborough; first vice-president, Mrs. Laird, Campbellford; second vice-president, Mrs. Roxburgh, Norwood; third vice-president, Mrs. Thomson, Hastings; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Hay, Cobourg; treasurer, Mrs. Craik, Port Hope; literature and corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. Davidson, Norwood; corresponding secretary, Miss M. Dickson, Peterborough.

An invitation was given on behalf of the Norwood Auxiliary to hold the next annual meeting there.

On Wednesday at 2.30 the last session was held. Mrs. McPherson, of Peterborough, read an excellent paper on "Prayer and the Holy Scriptures." A very interesting paper, written by Miss Brodigan, of Peterborough, was read by Miss Ferguson, of Peterborough, entitled, "Why Young People Should Be Interested in Mission Work," another by Miss Campbell, of Keene, "Privileges and Responsibilities of Mission Band Work," and a third by Miss White, Lakefield, on "Enthusiasm in Mission Band Work." A discussion followed the reading of these papers, and was taken part in by several present.

The advisability of changing time of meeting was discussed. It was finally decided that the annual meeting be held in June.

After a few appropriate closing words from the president, a most helpful and enjoyable meeting was brought to a close. Delegates were present from Peterborough, Port Hope, Norwood, Lakefield, Havelock, Hastings, Keene, Centerville, Warkworth and Vernonville.

EASTERN ONTARIO

Rev. J. J. Cameron, of Athens, is Moderator of Brockville Presbytery.

Rev. George Barnfield, B.D., of Philadelphia, recently paid a brief visit to former friends in Brockville.

Rev. David McLaren, of Alexandria, is announced to give an illustrated lecture in Knox Church, Cornwall, on the 13th inst.

The Rev. Mr. Stewart, of London, has filled very acceptably the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Feneelon Falls, for the last two Sabbaths.

Communion services in Knox Church, Cornwall, last Sabbath. The preparatory services Friday evening was conducted by Rev. Kenneth Macdonald, of Williamstown.

Rev. R. J. Hutcheon, Almonte, preached anniversary sermons in the Presbyterian churches at Appleton and Ashton on Sunday last. In his absence his pulpit was supplied by Rev. G. T. Bayne, of Ashton.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

Rev. Dr. Grant, of Trinidad, is visiting in the Maritime Provinces. He preached in Merigomish, N.S., last Sabbath.

Rev. J. W. Chase, Onalwa, N.S., is again laid aside by throat trouble. The students of Pine Hill are supplying his pulpit.

Miss M. McLeod, High Bank, has presented the congregation of West River, P.E.I., with a beautiful set of flower vases for the pulpit. They will be in good time for the spring boaties of "the Garden of the Gulf."

The Frederick Reporter continues to publish one of Rev. A. J. Mowat's sermons every week. The text of that in the last issue was Amos 8: 1, and the sermon was preached in Erskine Church, Montreal, on February 12th. Mr. Mowat still has hosts of officials in his old charge.

The Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, M.A., has arranged for a series of special services in St. John Church for the month of March. A number of ministers will take part—one each evening. Rev. Dr. Bruce will open on Pentecost and Confirmation; Rev. L. G. McNeil, M.A., on United Nations Prayer; Rev. D. J. Fraser, B.D., on the Imitations of the Gospel; and so on throughout the month.

A large number of the non-Episcopal churches of St. John are taking advantage of the prevailing religious atmosphere of Lent to hold special services. This appears to be a wise plan. The time of the year is favorable for quiet reflection; business is slack. The influence of the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches is thrown into the scale in favor of a cessation of social gaieties and other distractions which abound at New Year. There is a stimulus, too, in the thought that the whole community is giving itself, not merely formal spirit, to "fasting and prayer." A deepening of the religious life of the community must be the result.

The sudden death of Archdeacon Brigstocke last Friday has evoked expressions of sorrow and sympathy from all classes and creeds. The deceased clergyman has been rector of Trinity Church since 1873. He was a high churchman of the Pusey type, caring little for ritualistic novelties, but asserting very strongly his belief in the divinity of episcopacy.

QUEBEC.

Rev. Wm. Shearer, of St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, is visiting in East Lynne, Conn., and New York.

The social at the residence of Mrs. G. W. Robins on Monday evening in aid of the East Sherbrooke Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church was successful, there being a good attendance, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

OTTAWA AND VICINITY.

Rev. R. Herbison, of Stewarton, conducted anniversary services in Osooke and Kenmore last Sunday.

Rev. Robert Edie, of Hintonburg, and Rev. Morrison, of Billings Bridge, exchanged pulpits last Sunday.

Rev. Dr. Moore preached last Sunday evening at Bank Street Presbyterian Church from Gal. 1: 11. He compared Paul as an unconverted man to what he was when he became a Christian.

Rev. Walter Beatty occupied the pulpit of Stewarton Church on Sunday. In the evening he preached an interesting sermon from the theme that "The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch."

Rev. Dr. Armstrong preached in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening from Prov. 16: 17, "There is," he said, "a western literature growing up in this country just as there has been a Scotch literature. The words and phrases of the west, when applied to spiritual life, appear to some to be irreverent, but in reality they are very appropriate. Take the word trail: it is nearer in meaning to the Bible 'way' than our macadamized roads. If the traveller keeps to the trail he is sure to reach his destination in safety, but if he wanders from it he is lost."

NOTES TORONTO PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery appointed a committee to watch the progress of the exemption bill now before the Legislature.

Rev. John P. Scott took his place as Moderator of Presbytery, and proved, by his handling of business, the value of nominating one month in advance.

The Presbytery cordially sustained the call from East Church, Toronto, to Rev. Robt. Atkinson of Berlin, and appointed Revs. Jun Kay and J. W. Rae to prosecute it before the Presbytery of Guelph, on the 28th inst.

The Board of Management of Manitoba College notified the Presbytery that it will nominate at next meeting of the General Assembly Rev. C. B. Kilpatrick, B.D., of Ferryhill Free Church, Aberdeen, Scotland, for the position of Professor of Systematic Theology and Apologetics, and Joint Lecturer in Philosophy at that institution. The Presbytery declined to grant the application to establish a mission at Sunnyside, expressing the opinion that the need for it is only temporary.

The following were appointed commissioners to next General Assembly:—Ministers J. A. Turnbull, L.L.B., A. MacGillivray, W. G. Wallace, B. D., W. Reid, B.D., J. Neil, B.A., D. B. Macdonald, D. McFarlane, D.Sc., P. E. Nichol, A. Chaffy and Jos. Hamilton, Elders—Messrs. Chas. Morris, H. Meldrum, Dr. McClelland, Hon. Geo. W. Ross, Geo. Keith, Jas. Turnbull, James Bain Jr., R. S. Gourlay, J. Barclay, W. M. Clark, J. K. Macdonald, Hamilton Cassils, Robt. Kilgour, A. B. Davidson, Andrew Jeffrey.

The discussion upon the resignation of Rev. D. C. Hosack of the charge of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, occupied a considerable portion of the forenoon session of Toronto Presbytery on Tuesday last. Twelve representatives from each of the organizations of the church appeared to plead that the Presbytery do not accept the resignation, but grant Mr. Hosack an extended leave of absence for two years. This Mr. Hosack did not feel justified in accepting, and though, in deference to the strong plea of his congregation, the Presbytery appointed an influential deputation to wait upon him in connection with his acceptance of a two years' leave of absence. Mr. Hosack could not accept the proposed. He felt it would not be in the interests of the congregation, nor in his own interests. Mr. Hosack has not felt quite "up to the mark," as he put it, for two years, and wishes to travel and study men and recuperate. There is the utmost harmony between minister and people, and deep sorrow at the severance of the pastoral tie.

The following resolution of appreciation of the life and labor of Rev. Principal King of Manitoba College, was unanimously passed by the Toronto Presbytery at its last meeting:—"In view of the information received of the death on last Sabbath of the Rev. John M. King, D.D., a former co-President, and afterwards Principal of Manitoba College, the Presbytery of Toronto agree to place on record the following minute respecting him: A native of Scotland, born in 1829. Dr. King was educated in his native land and in Germany. He was sent as a missionary to Canada by the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland. For six years he was the faithful and successful pastor of the congregations of Columbus and Brooklin, and afterwards, for twenty years, of the Gould street, now the St. James Square congregation. By both congregations he is affectionately remembered as an able, evangelical preacher, Bible class instructor, and a laborious, sympathetic pastor. As a member of this Presbytery, he was wise in council, and performed much more than an average share of Presbyterial work. He took a specially active and effective part in Home Missionary operations, while by no means unconcerned or inactive in the work of Foreign Missions. As a member of the Senate and Board of Management of Knox College he rendered valuable services, and in recognition of these, and also in recognition of his high scholarship and high personal character and worth, the Senate of the College, for the first time exercised its authority of conferring degrees, by conferring on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. By appointment of the General Assembly Dr. King was chosen to fill the position of Principal of Manitoba College, and it is difficult to over-estimate the prudence, courage, vigor and success with which he supervised every department of the College work, securing and promoting all the interests, whether financial or educational. Summer and winter, day and night, he was ever on the alert in advancing the great causes of religion and education, alike in the college and the community. The Presbytery feel thankful to God for a life so useful for so many years, and rejoice to think of him as received to the immediate presence of the Master he loved and served. The Presbytery commend to the God of all comfort the bereaved daughter and other relatives on whom this blow has so heavily fallen."

Literary Notes.

Among the contributions to The Gentlewoman of March is one by Miss Blanche Macdonell, of Montreal, in which the woes of a would-be newspaper contributor are feelingly told. This number contains numerous illustrations and the practical departments are well filled. German Herald Building, New York; \$1 a year.

The Methodist Magazine for March contains an appreciative article on Thomas Chalmers, the great Scottish preacher, by Rev. A. W. Nicholson. "In the Forbidden Land" is a well written review of A. H. Savage. Landon's two volume work with this title. There are several illustrated papers and a fair quantity of verse—making up a good number of this popular periodical. William Briggs, Toronto, and C. W. Coates, Montreal.

"The White Man's Burden" gives the key-note of the American Monthly Review of Reviews for March. The editor, in "The Progress of the World," discusses the Philippine situation and American prospects in those islands, a well the bearings of the ratification of the Spanish treaty on the future of the Filipinos. Col. William Conant Church, editor of the Army and Navy Magazine, contributed a sketch of Gen. Elwell S. Otis, whose efficiency in subjugating the refractory followers of Aguinaldo is winning the admiration of the world. Several of the young Cuban leaders in the reconstruction of their country are sketched by George Reno. This number of the Review also contains articles on the late President Faure, of France, on "An American Farmer's Balance-Sheet for 1898," and on "Charteristics and Possibilities of Middle Western Literature."

The Fortnightly Review for February contains the first of a series of articles from the pen of Baron Pierre de Goubertin on France since 1814. The principle on which the writer approaches his work is stated thus in his prefatory note: "In order to judge properly of past events, we must first give up every preconceived idea, then go round them, examining them successively under all their aspects; finally we must reproduce by thought, as far as may be, the atmosphere which once surrounded them, and the background from which they stand out. I know no other way by which we may approach as near as possible to the truth." There is an article by Beckles Willson headed "Newfoundland's Opportunity," in anticipation of the expected report of the commissioners; and a general review of the position of the Liberal party with regard to Local Veto, by Frederick Dolman. There are a number of other articles, all of which will repay perusal. Leonard Scott Publication Company, 112 Wall Street, New York.