

Mrs. Gray, Brampton; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. McMurrich; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. C. Hamilton; 3rd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Frizzell; 4th Vice-Pres., Mrs. John A. Paterson; Treas., Miss Reid; Sec., Miss George; conveners of N. W. S. Com., Misses Warnock, J. Smith. A synopsis of Treas., Sec. and Convener of N. W. S. Com. reports was read. Money received during year \$7,037; this includes a donation from Mrs. Hudson for the support of cots in Indore Hospital of \$1,030. Average attendance, 1,168; general society numbers 725; New Life members, 18; amount of clothing sent to N. W., 1,620 pounds, money received for N. W., \$234. The treasurer was authorized to hand Dr. Reid the sum of \$5,866.79. Mrs. McLaren offered the dedicatory prayer. A solo was given by Miss Westman and a reading, "Woman's Power," by Miss Martha Smith, daughter of the late Rev. John Smith, of Erskine church. Miss Alexander spoke of work on the Pacific coast and gave a vivid description of the sad condition of the Chinese in San Francisco, where she had laboured for years. They are really heathen and have their own gods. She spoke of Rev. Mr. Winchester's school for children, and said he was the right man in the right place. Miss Stevens, of the China Inland Mission, gave very many interesting facts in connection with their work among Chinese women and children and spoke of the elevating influences of Christianity. The next annual meeting will be held in Leslieville and the semi-annual at Unionville. Closed with devotional exercises.

A good report reaches us from the congregation at Port Perry, where the Rev. R. Whiteman, B.A., has been labouring most acceptably for sometime past. During the past year 62 had been added to the membership; 19 had removed to other congregations; 12 received the ordinance of baptism; and two elders—Mr. James Bowman and Dr. G. W. Clemens—were added to the Session. The financial report indicated that \$2,300 had been raised for all purposes. The collections in the Sabbath school amounted to \$267; and the school is in a highly flourishing condition, owing largely to the self-denying labours of Major Forman, for many years the energetic superintendent. It is gratifying to know that his valuable work is appreciated; as, before the close of the annual meeting, he was presented by the officers and teachers with a handsome easy chair, accompanied by an address expressive of the donors' high estimate of Major Forman's long and valued services; and also of the hope that he might still be spared for many years to engage in the work he loved so well. Major Forman replied in fitting terms.

The Guelph Presbyterian Society of the W. F. M. S. held its annual meeting in the Central Pres. Church, Galt, Wednesday, 23rd ult. The attendance was large of officers and delegates, who were hospitably entertained by the ladies of Knox and Central Pres. Churches. The morning and afternoon sessions were occupied with business in connection with supplies for North West Indian schools, an address by Mrs. Wilson, of Neenuch, on missionary work in India, a solo by Miss Spalding and a recitation by Miss McCallum, of Galt. Mrs. McCrae, of Guelph, spoke on the necessity for a Missionary Training Home in Toronto. In the evening addresses were given by Rev. Dr. Jackson of Galt; and Rev. J. A. McDonald, of St. Thomas. The contributions of our society for the past year were in cash, \$2,412.70; besides goods to the value of about \$300 were sent to Cote and Kesekoos Reserves. The following officers were elected for this year: President, Mrs. J. A. R. Dickson, Galt; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. D. McCrae, Guelph; 2nd Vice-President, Miss Smellie, Fergus; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. T. Goldie, Guelph; 4th Vice-President, Mrs. Jackson, Treasurer, Miss H. Cant, General Secretary, Miss E. Kerr, Galt; Secretary of Supplies, Miss Ross, Leaflet Secretary, Miss McCrae, Guelph.

On 10th. inst., at Brantford the Presbytery of Paris met at 10 a.m. in Zion church lecture room. There were present Rev. W. S. McTavish, St. George, moderator; Dr. Cochrane, and Messrs. McKay, Hutt, Tolmie, Thompson, Hardie, Sinclair, Cockburn, Myers, Patterson, Stralith, McGregor, and Johnson, ministers; and Messrs. G. Bryce, D. Rutherford, C. Buck, A. Spence, R. Russell, John Hunter, Alex. Hunter, J. E. Smith, and R. Allison elders. Among the more important items of business transacted was the following:—The call from Onondaga and Alton to Rev. Mr. Marsh was set aside, the reverend gentleman having declined to accept. A letter was read from Rev. D. M. Beattie, of East Oxford, who is now sojourning in the south for his health, returning thanks to the Presbytery for their kindness in supplying his pulpit for the past four months. Mr. Hardie presented a report from the mission stations of New Dundee and Baden. It was agreed that these should be supplied during the coming summer months by a student from Knox College Missionary Society, and the clerk was instructed to

correspond with the Presbytery of Guelph in regard to its future relations. A call to Rev. R. W. Leitch, Point Edward, to Waterford and Windham was laid upon the table. On motion the call was sustained and ordered to be sent to the Presbytery of Sarnia that in the event of the call being accepted the settlement may take place at an early date. It was agreed to ask the Augmentation Committee for a supplement of \$200 to assist this congregation, and that the same supplements already given to Onondaga and Mt. Pleasant be continued. It was also agreed to ask the Home Mission Committee for a grant for the mission work in Brantford. A report was given by Rev. Mr. McGregor on the station of Verschoyle. A church has been built, costing nearly \$5,000 and opened free of debt. Rev. Mr. Hardie, of Ayr, presented a partial report of the statistics of the Presbytery, and was asked to complete it for the next meeting. Rev. Mr. Myers gave in a report in regard to certain proposals for effecting greater liberality in the congregations of the Presbytery, and suggesting that a mission leaflet be published for circulation among the members. Mr. McGregor was instructed to bring the matter up again at the next meeting. Mr. Hutt, minister, and Mr. Russell, elder, were nominated for the Synod Committee on Bills and Overtures. Mr. Smith, elder, from Glenmorris congregation, reported that Mr. Pettigrew, their respected minister, was slowly recovering from a severe and protracted illness, and that it would be some time before he would be able to attend to his pulpit duties. The matter of supplying the pulpit was left in the meantime in the hands of Rev. W. S. McTavish and other ministers of the neighbourhood, who will report at the next meeting of the Presbytery. The meeting then adjourned until the second Tuesday of March, when the Presbytery will meet in St. Andrew's church, Ingersoll, at twelve o'clock. The Presbytery were entertained by the ladies of Zion Church at dinner at 1 p.m., and at tea at 6.30, along with the ladies of the Foreign Mission Auxillary. A hearty vote of thanks was given, on motion of Dr. McMullen, to the ladies for their great kindness, to which Dr. Cochrane responded in fitting terms.—W. T. McMullen, Pres. Clerk.

According to the New York Sun Professor Morse, of Salem, Mass., has solved the problem of house-heating in a curious fashion. He has build a house with all its rooms fronting southward, and only a passage on the north. Almost the whole southern front of the house is made of glass, and by means of reflectors Professor Morse is enabled on sunny days to heat his whole house with sunshine alone. At night and on cloudy days he has hearth fires going. He believes that by this contrivance he has the most wholesome heat that is attainable.

The twenty-six inch lens, which has long been the pride of the astronomical circles of Washington, has been in use for the past eighteen years, and was at the time of its manufacture the largest in the world. It was made by Fell, the French optician, who had a world-wide reputation for his glass castings, and was ground and polished by Alvin Clark & Sons the great American instrument makers of Cambridge, Mass. There were made nine-

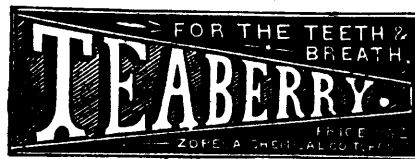
teen casts before the perfect glass was secured, and the Clarks were nearly three years in grinding and polishing it after it was received.—Washington Post.

The following figures, compiled by a Polish statistician, show the standard number of working days per annum in various countries. The inhabitants of Central Russia labor fewer days in the year, namely, 267. Then comes Canada, with 270, followed by Scotland, with 275; England, 275; Portugal, 283; Russian Poland, 288; Spain, 290; Austria, and the Russian Baltic provinces, 295; Italy, 298; Bavaria, Belgium, Brazil and Luxemburg, 300; Saxony, France, Finland, Wurtemberg, Switzerland, Denmark and Norway, 302; Sweden, 304; Prussia and Ireland, 305; United States, 306; Holland, 308, and Hungary, 312.—London Electrician.



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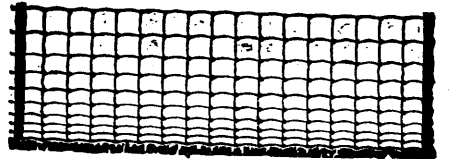
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