


YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

 MEETING of the General Assembly's Committee was held in Toronto, 10th September.

In twenty-five Presbyteries, Standing Committees on Young People's Societies have already been appointed, and in seven or eight, presbyterial societies have been, or are about to be, formed.

In response to a post-card to the ministers and missionaries of our Church, the names and description of 577 societies have been received. Of these 487 are Christian Endeavor Societies; eight, Young People's Home Missionary Societies, while the remaining 82 are of 32 different sorts.

It was agreed to end out questions to the societies for a detailed report to next Assembly. This matter is of importance. The questions are to be issued through Presbyteries by 15 December, and to be returned before 1 February, 1896. Societies are recommended to fall in with the plan now uniformly adopted in congregations, of closing their year with 31 December.

Much time was taken up with the important topic of the bringing more closely together of the various Young People's Societies in our congregations. The Committee look to Presbyteries to forward this desirable end, and suggest to Presbyteries the calling of conventions of their young people, and, where found practicable, the formation of Pre-byterial Young People's Societies under a simple and comprehensive constitution, the organic connection between the Presbytery and the Presbyterial Society to be provided for. It is also suggested that Presbyterial Committees further the organization of the young people in all the congregations.

In regard to the direction of the Missionary efforts of the Societies, it was agreed to recommend to them :—

1. To adopt some systematic and voluntary method of raising funds.
2. To give the foremost place to the support of work connected with their own congregation, and to the great missionary, educational, and benevolent, schemes of our Church.

The question of a course of reading was discussed, but no action taken beyond the appointment of a sub-committee, with Rev. W. G. Jordan, B.A., of Strathroy, as Convener, to consider the matter more fully, and to report before the next General Assembly.

R. D. FRASER, Convener.

The new Bishop of Hereford says, "It is a sad reflection that more than 1800 years after the death of our Lord, over all those Asiatic districts in which he preached, and in the very home of his birth, for a man, woman or child to be a believer in Christ is to be exposed to the risk of nameless atrocity and outrage, and to death and shame."

Sometimes people who have been absent from the city on a holiday for some weeks, and have spent a good deal of money, forget when they return that their weekly contribution to the funds of the Church which they belong to has not during all that time been paid, and what is worse still, some never remember to pay up what they have fallen behind.—*Canada Presbyterian.*

ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS FOR 1895-6 (WESTERN SECTION).

THE following statement of the requirements for the year, for carrying on the Missionary and Benevolent Schemes of the Church, is now submitted, with the view of guiding presbyteries and congregations in the amount which they should aim at, and in the appropriation of their contributions.

It is most desirable that presbyteries should, at an early meeting, give their attention to the matter, and carefully consider what amount they should equitably assume, and then apportion this amount among the several congregations. In many presbyteries this has been done with satisfactory results.

SCHEMES.

Home Mission Proper (Western Section) amount required.	\$78,000
Stipend Augmentation (Western Section) amount required.	29,000
Foreign Missions (Western Section) amount required.	71,118
Woman's Foreign Missions Society.	44,273
Missions in behalf of the Jews.	1,000
French Evangelization, including Pointe aux Trembles.	49,000
Coligny College, Ottawa, <i>special to remove debt</i>	25,000
Colleges, viz., Knox	\$6,500
Queen's.	4,500
Montreal.	5,000
Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund (Western Section)	8,000
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund (Western Section) for ordinary revenue.	19,000
Manitoba College (East and West) exclusive of amount from Synod of Manitoba (which should be at least \$3,500).	5,000
Assembly Fund (East and West).. . . .	5,000

For the following Schemes, viz.: *French Evangelization, Manitoba College, and Assembly Fund*, the congregations in both Eastern and Western Sections should contribute.

For the other Schemes the estimates are for the Western Section.

It has been thought necessary to give the average amount per member; but to show that the amount asked is not unreasonable, it may be stated that an average contribution of a little over \$2 per member would furnish the amount required for the ordinary schemes.

All congregations and mission stations are enjoined to contribute to the Schemes of the