

indirect a means of fighting the drink-traffic; but he was in the minority. Rev. Thos. Hall was likewise a delegate. Out of an average attendance of forty-five members, fifteen were Congregationalists. He was disappointed in the Alliance. Rev. Dr. Hindley spoke. Was at the Alliance, and voted for a *plebiscite* for Ontario. Quebec was not ready for it.

HOME MISSIONS.

The C. C. Missionary Society held its meeting at 11 o'clock. Prof. Cornish, President, in the Chair.

In view of withdrawal of the operations of the Colonial Missionary Society, of England, from this Dominion, Rev. T. Hall moved thanks for past aid, and regret that the Society was unable to continue its aid in the future.

Rev. W. F. Clarke criticised the past policy of the Society; which he characterized as cheese-paring and parsimonious. They had aided Australia largely; with the result that Congregationalism flourishes there—while from a contrary policy in Canada, Congregationalism is dead or dying. The motion was carried.

Rev. W. McIntosh, Nova Scotia, moved a vote of thanks to the Woman's Board. In the Maritime Provinces, the women give to the Home and Foreign Missions one-half each of their funds. Carried.

REV. A. W. MAIN

reported on Evangelistic work. He began in New Brunswick last September, and had labored, from one or two to four or five weeks in each place, in thirteen places: and with much of the Divine blessing. He had, in nine months, given 214 Gospel addresses, 22 Bible-readings, and held 22 children's meetings; with 292 family calls. Several brethren expressed themselves as pleased and grateful for Mr. Main's visits to their churches.

Rev. John Wood, Missionary Secretary, and Dr. Jackson, Treasurer, stated that if the churches desired this work to go on, they must not forget to do something for it financially. The income of the George Robertson Mission Fund was not sufficient of itself to entirely support the Evangelist. All the churches where Mr. Main had labored, had contributed, and it was hoped that this would always be remembered.

A MISSIONARY SUPERINTENDENT.

Rev. E. D. Silcox reported a recommendation for the re-appointment of a Missionary Superintendent. Mr. Clarke, of Guelph, opposed the motion, on the ground of the office being non-Congregational and non-Scriptural. We had had two able men in it; but from the fact that the office itself was un-Congregational, neither of them was

a success. We have been foisting Episcopacy on the churches, when we promised them Independence.

Mr. Hill, of Montreal, affirmed that Superintendents had been an eminent success in the United States; and were largely the cause of the aggressive work so splendidly done in the west. A son of one of our deceased Canadian pastors is Superintendent in Oklahoma, and has put in 50 Congregational churches there.

Mr. Goffin, Edgar, approved of the motion. Paul was just a missionary superintendent.

Mr. Wood was in accord with the motion. But a word of caution: funds must be had, to carry on the work. A new church is formed. Then a building must be had, and so forth. For such aggressive work, necessary funds must be had.

Dr. Hindley thought a Missionary Superintendent should have no power to interfere between pastors and churches. He was in favor of the office; but there must not be interference. The Superintendent must not be a *pope* or *archbishop*! The motion was carried.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Mr. J. M. M. Duff, Montreal, presided at the annual meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society. Mr. Hill read the report. Beside their missionaries now on the African field, two live only in fondest memory—Mrs. Currie and Miss Clarke. The latter of whom died at her post in March. Mr. Currie was on his way again to the field, having profited by a session of medical and sanitary study in New York: and Miss Johnson of Manitoba and Miss Melville of Toronto, were likewise on the way to reinforce the mission. Mr. Currie will introduce several industries—such as brick-making, iron-smelting and working, gardening, etc., among the natives; and returns with a number of appliances and some funds, for these purposes. His converted "boys" write him that "they are in a hurry for him to come back, to lead them through the villages, to tell the story of Christ!"

A balance, "on the wrong side," is reported, for the first time. \$2,000 are needed as soon as possible! They congratulated the Woman's Board; whose receipts were \$1,779. That Board, as far as possible, adopts all the single women. Miss Clarke was their Missionary; as are also Miss Melville and Miss Johnson. We work in unison with the "American Board." We send all the Missionaries we choose to the "Canadian Station." The American Board pay all the bills in the first place, and then send them to us. Our Missionaries on the ground look on us as co-operating with the American Board—not at all as an "Auxiliary."

Rev. W. T. Gunn spoke. He was restrained at present from going to that field; but hoped by and bye to be judged fit to go.