

Presbyterian Church Extension Association.

A meeting of the above Association was held on the evening of the 16th inst. in Knox Church, Mr. J. L. Blaikie, President, in the chair.

The chairman said it was a pleasing sight to see so large a meeting of the Presbyterians of the city. A meeting of the office bearers of the Church was held a short time ago, and it was then thought it would be well if the congregations of the several churches should meet together.

Prof. Oaten moved the first resolution: "That this meeting, especially in view of the great influences exerted by cities, and the dangers to which those residing in them are exposed, recognizes the importance of full provision being made for the spiritual wants of this large and growing city, with the duty and end in view of assisting localities in obtaining the means of grace in connection with the Presbyterian Church in which the unaided resources of the present population are insufficient to meet the whole expenses connected with the institution and support of the regular ordinances of religion."

The first annual business meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of Kingston, in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was held in St. Andrew's Hall on Wednesday, Jan. 8th, at 4 p.m.

The resolution was carried unanimously. Rev. J. M. Cameron, in seconding the resolution, said there was a great deal of work for them to do. There is plenty of room for new churches, and plenty of people with plenty of money in the Presbyterian Church to do all that is necessary.

MR. NARAYAN SHESHADRI, whose visit to Canada is well remembered, is employing eight Bible women of the India Female Normal School Society, each of whom pays a Christian visit to about forty families a month.

that he so, the stronger was the plea to every Presbyterian to carry on this work of extending the Church. He believed in earnest work based on the conviction arrived at after investigation and leading to consistency of practice in their daily life.

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The meeting was then closed with prayer. During the evening the choir, composed of the united choirs of the city churches, sang several hymns with pleasing effect.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year: President—Mrs. Machar. Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Mair, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Mowat, Mrs. McAlister.

THE voluntary contributions of the churches in the Sandwich Islands, for the support of the gospel, and for the establishment of foreign missions in adjacent islands, have for some years been about twenty-four thousand dollars per annum.

MISSIONARY NOTES.

THE Directory of Indian Missions shows that the present number of native Christians is 266,391 against 224,268 four years ago—a gain equal to nearly five per cent. annually.

Rev. J. W. DAVID, an American missionary, writing from Lagos, Central Africa, says that he has found a little group of converts who have remained faithful during thirteen years, in which they have had no pastor or teacher among them.

A MISSIONARY, writing from Cape Town, says the Reformed Dutch Church in South Africa has exhibited more life and energy in the last twenty-five years than in two hundred years previously.

A SPEAKER at the London Wesleyan Conference said that when at tea one evening in Kandava, one of the Fiji Islands, the bell rang. His missionary host told him that it was the signal for family worship, and of the 10,000 people on the island he did not know of a house where there would not then be family prayer.

It is estimated that in 1875 the British Isles contributed £1,048,408 (over \$5,000,000) for foreign missions.

In the city of Tokio, Japan, ten thousand people are said to attend the missionary churches. The changes going on in that populous empire are full of encouragement to Christians.

Missions have been especially successful in Polynesia. More than 800 islands have been won from idolatry to Christianity within less than fifty years and their languages reduced to writing.

The Methodists of Australasia have sent about a dozen natives of Fiji and Simoa as missionaries and teachers to the new Britain, New Ireland, and Duke of York Islands in the South Pacific.

A Sure Cure for Rheumatism.

Dr. Franz Zeller is said to be an enthusiast in the administration of caustic ammonia in rheumatism. For several years he had been a sufferer from severe muscular rheumatism in the right shoulder; he had taken all the anti-rheumatic remedies, with but little alleviation.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

BIRTH. At 49 Bloor street east, Toronto, on the 23rd inst., Mrs. N. Gordon Biglow, of a son.

DIED. At St. Andrew's G., on the 19th inst., the Rev. Archibald Henderson, M.A., in the 94th year of his age, and the 67th of his ministry.

Official Announcements.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES. LANDRAY.—Next regular meeting (D.V.), at Woodville on the last Tuesday of February, at 11 a.m.

PARTS.—At 11 o'clock, on 13th March, at 11 o'clock a.m. LONDON.—In the First Presbyterian Church, London, on the first Tuesday of February, at two p.m.

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