#### Preabyterian Church Extension Association.

A meeting of the above Association was held on the evening of the 18th inst. In Ruox Church, Mr. J. L. Blakkie, President, in the chair. There were also present, Professor Gregg, Rev. Dr. Topp, Rev. Dr. Robb, Rev. J. M. King, Rev. J. M. Cameron, Rev. R. D. Fracer, Rev. John Smith, Rev. R. Wallace, Rev. Mr. Gilray, Rev.

Mr. Leiper. After devotional exercises, The chairman said it was a pleasing sight to see so large a meeting of the Pres byterians 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. A meeting like this tended to give them an ides of their strength. They were a powerful and influential body, and they could make themselves more powerful and influential by being united. To-night they had to consider the work of the Church in the city with the work of extension in the out-skirts of the city. That this is needful and skirts of the city. That this is needful and important will be shown by the several speakers about to address them, and, therefore, it would be unnecessary for him to say anything on that subject. He would show that the work of the Association was needful, and important, and incumbent. In the first place they had to consider in what parts the work should be undertaken. At Brockton a church was opened on Sunday; the ground had been purchased, the church planned and built, and opened for the worship of God. On the Kingston road, near Legieville, there was great need of a church, and already \$800 has been raised towards building a church, and he believed that in the spring of the year the work will be proceeded with. In the north-east part of the city, on Wellosley and Parliament streets, ground has been purchased for the erection of a Presbyterian church. He further alluded to the work which the Association was endeavoring to carry out, and concluded by asking all to help in the work which all must see is needful and important.

Prof. Caven 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 spinual wants of this large and growing city, with the duty and end in view of na-sisting localities in obtaining the mean. grace in connection with the Presbyte, in Church in which the unsided resources of the present population are insufficient to meet the whole expenses connected with the institution and support of the regular ordinances of religion." Principal Caven said it appeared to him that the resolution had been so carefully drawn up, so well, that it was almost unnecessary to explain or enforce it in a speech, for the resolution is itself a speech. It speaks of the dangers with which those in cities are surrounded, and the duty to provide spiritual aid for such. The Church is under an obligation to supply this aid; if the Church ceases to entend itself, it will become impaired—it will suffer both in members and spiritual Unless the Church anticipates the increase of population, they will find state of things here similar to what exists in the large cities of Europe and the sea-board cities in the States. They saw the vices which met young men everywhere. There are so many taverns and gambling places in this city, and so many other places of which those present knew, or de-sired to know, very little about, where a great number of our young men hide themselves behind the painted screens night after night. Life is more intense in cities than it is in the country, and it behoves the Christian Church to recognize her responsibility, and take action in making provision for the religious necessities of the people. He spoke of the many influences which cities exert for good and bad, and the necessity that religious life should be strong in cities. Every Christian has great obligations, which cannot be disregarded without great peril to his spiritual life. As Presbyterians they are under Presbyterians they are under great obligations to take care of the brethren and maintain the union of the Ohurch, and he prayed to God they might have the strength to discharge their

duties.

Rev. R. D. Fraser, in seconding the resolution, remarked that on the churches of great city rest great responsibility. a great city rest great responsibility. Young men are exposed to countless dangers in large cities, and the responsibility rests on the Church to encompass the young and the old, and save them from the many dangerous influences which they are subjected to. All great religious move-ments have had their rise in great cities. The great revival movements of the pre sent day have been carried on in large cities, and the Church cannot give too great heed to the responsibility which rests on it in protecting the members from the dangers which baset them. He referred to the great importance of the work of extension, and to its claim for sympathy, which it deserved. It is expected that the churches in the city will provide for this work, and the Association asks the churches which have grown strong to extend themselves. He considered the plan recommended itself to every one, and while they might have burdens at home, it would be suicidal policy not to extend themselves and strengthen themselves within their own border.

solution, spoke of the pleasure he felt in being present at the meeting, as he had just returned from Montreal, where he had assisted in the opening of a new Presbyterian Church for the French speaking Presbyterians in that city, and he now found the Presbyterians of Toronto interested in the same good work, the extending of the kingdom of God. They had reason to congratulate themselves on the progress they had made, and to take courage for the future. He hoped there would be a much larger increase among the true seriptural Presbyterians in the future than what there had been in the past. Presbyterianism is the true seriptural form of Church government, for it has the true decirine of the Holy Word of God; and if

that be 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. He believed the Presbyterian Church was to be the Church of the millenium; if he thought it was not to be the church of the millenium he would not belong to it. After some further remarks Ray. Mr. Robb proposed the following resolution,—"That in consideration of the considerable outlay in connection with the purchase of land for the erection of buildings necessary at the commencement of such operations as the Church Association seeks to carry on, this meeting recognizes the propriety of taking up at an early day, in addition to the annual member hip fee, a special subscription for the purpose of removing, or, at least, reducing, the indebtedness incurred in the preliminary operations for which the Association might be justly hold responsible, and resummends the office-bearers of the Association to make such arrangements as they may deem expedient for that purpose." Rev. Mr. Robb said they asked for money because it was wanted, and because the members of the congregation had got it. good case had been made out, and no Christian man could plead inability; and he felt positive that if the wealthier members of the congregations gave liberally of their worldly means, the poorer members would respond with equal zeal and earnest ness. He had much pleasure in moving the resolution.

Rev. J. M. Cameron, in seconding the resolution, said there was a great deal of work for them to dc. There is plenty of

work for them to de. There is plenty of room for new churches, and plenty of pecple with plenty of money in the Presbyterian Church to do all that is necessary.

Rev. Mr. Leiper supported the resolution, and referred to the sotive support given to the work of Church extension in Glasgow, Scotland. He asked them to warning and look ahead with a view of anticipating the religious wants of the people

The resolution was carried unanimously. Rev. J. M. King moved, "That this meeting recognizes the goodness of God for the favor with which the efforts of this Association have been regarded in Brockton and the district east of the Dan, and the amount of co-operation thus received on the part of the residents of those districts; and also for the harmony which has characterized all the movements of the Association thus far, and the general amount of good accomplished through its instrumentality."
Mr. King spoke of the great good which had been accomplished by the Association, and the harmony which prevailed among all its members. There was a large amount of aggressive work to be carried out, and there must be wise and solid convolution in the cities. He did not think the cities in the Province were doing all the work they should do. The whole Church has an in-terest in the work of the Association and its success, and if it is not carried on effic iently the Church will suffer in every field of labour.

Rev. John Smith seconded the resolution which was carried unanimously.

The Chairman stated that the annual meeting of the Association will be held in March, when he hoped it would be found that a liberal response had been made in aid of the Association.

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.

# Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

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. 8rd., at 4 p.m. Besides the transaction of some husiness relative to the Constitution, the annual report was read, from which it ap-peared that, owing to the short time which has elapsed since the formation of the Society, not much had yet been done in the way of direct Mission work; but that one of its objects had been accomplished to a considerable extent, namely, that of the diffusion of interesting missionary intelligence, and the increase, by this means, of interest in the great work now being done in the dark places of the earth by means of female missions. The interesting Convention of the Woman's Missionary Society, of the United States, at which this Society was represented by a delegate, was also adverted to as being likely to stimulate women generally to a more united and warmer zeal in inlifiling the Saviour's last command, to "preach the Gospel to every creature."

A proposal to employ immediately a Zenana teacher, or Bible Woman, at Mad-ras, was laid before the meeting, and unanimously agreed to.

The following office-bearers were elected

for the ensuing year: President—Mrs. Machar.

Vice-Presidents — Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Mair, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Mowat, Mrs. Mc Recording Secretary-Miss Annie Dick-

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Machar Treasurer—Mrs. Donald Fraser.

or themselves. He considered the plan ecommonded itself to every one, and phile they might have burdens at home, twould be suicidal policy not to extend hemselves and strengthen themselves. The resolution was carried unanimously.

The assurer—Mrs. Donald Fraser.

Committee—Mrs. Strange, Mrs. H.

Fraser, Mrs. Macnee, Mrs. G. Macdonald, Mrs. G. Macdonald, Mrs. G. Macdonald, Mrs. G. Macdonald, Mrs. F. George, Mrs. R.

M. Rose, Mrs. A. Macpherson, Mrs. R.

Gage, Miss Hamilton, Miss Macpherson, Mrs. Gaw, with power to add to their number.

It was agreed to hold the annual public meeting of the Society as soon as suitable arrangements could be completed.

MR. NARAYAN SHESHADRI, whose visit to Cauada 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

#### MISSIONARY NOTES.

THE Directory of Indian Missions shows that the present number of native Christ-tune is 206,891 against 224,258 four years age-a gain equal to nearly five percent.

annually.

REV. J. W. DAVID, an American missionary, writing from Lagos, Central Africa, says that he mae found a hule group of converts who have remained faithful during thirteen years, in which they have been no paster or teacher among them. They sent messengers a ten day, journey to plead for the help of a missionary.

A MISSIONARY, Writing from Cape Town, eays 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. In 1855 the church had only estabushed thirty-seven congregations. Now there are 118 congregations, with 220,000 souls, fifty ministers, and many churches, mansos and schools.

A SPEAKER at the London Wesleyan Conterence said that when at ten one evening in Kandaya, 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. And Fiji was once a synonym for cannibalism.

Ir 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 won from idolatry to Ohristianity within less than fifty years and their languages reduced to writing. In these tongues the Soriptures have been translated, besides other works for the enlightenment of the people. The number of communicants in Polynesia is estimated at 70,000, with 800,-000 adherents.

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. The natives have been to a large extent cannibals, but they have been friendly to the missionaries, who have erected several chapels among them.

#### A Sure Cure for Rheumatism.

Dr. Franz Zeller is said to be an enthusiast in the administration of caustic ammonia in rhematism. For several years he had been a sufferer from severe musculer rheumatism in the right shoulder; he had taken all the anti-rheumatic remedies, with but little alleviation, when he began to reason that in rheumatism, as in gout, there may be a uric acid diathesis; he thought the liquor ammonia, on account of its rapid volatilization, would be the remedy most readily absorbed, and the most prompt in action. In almost the moment in which he took one drop, diluted with water, he felt a complete relief from his pain, which had lasted for ten hours; he was now able to move freely the arm which, an instant before, he could scarcely bear to have touched. The remedy, he claims, has proved a positive cure in all recent cases of muscular rheumatism which have fallen under his observation; he cites numerous cases in which relief as instantaneous as his own was experienced. Ho also observed its effects in several cases of acute articular rheumatism, in two of which six drops sufficed to subdue the pain and swelling within a period of twenty-four hours. In one case of chronic rheumatism of a finger joint, which had lasted over half a year, the simple administration of the ammonia completely dispelled the inflammation and pain within two days. He then discusses the mode of action of his remedy. "If we consider an excessive acidity as the cause of rheumatism, we can scarcely claim, in the cases in which one drop will instantly relieve the pain in recent rheumatism, that one drop was suffi-cent to counteract the effects of the excess of uric or (according to Fuller) lactic acid. Nothing remains, therefore, but for us to seek the source of rheumatism in a morbid nervous adtivity, induced by disturbances of nutrition, and to believe that the ammonia acts as a nervine directly upon the nerves." After the cure of one attack of rheumatism our object should be to put the patient in such a condition as to prevent the recurrence. This, the writer thinks, can be done by building up the general system, and thus diminish the nervous

#### Births, Marriages and Deaths. NOT EXCEEDING FOUR LINES 25 DENTS.

BIRTH.

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

## MARRIED.

On Jan 17th. 1877, at the residence of the bride's mother, by the Roy. Matthew Barr, John Grieve, farmer, McKillop, to Elizaboth, eldest daughter of the late William Somerville, Esq., of McKillop. On the 18th anst, at the residence of the bride's father by the Rev Thomas MacGuire, James H Hamilton, of itamiton, to Elizabeth Stadden, daughter of Wilson Stadden, Walpole.

At the residence of the bride's father, on the 17th inst. by the Rev Thomas MacGuire, James Williamson, to Elizabeth Esther, daughter of David Caldwell, all of Walpole.

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At the residence of the bride's father, on the 18th inst. by the Rey. W. T. McMullen, William Campboll, Eug. to Alexandrina Calder, youngest daugnter of Robert Clark, Esq., both of Woodstock.

At the residence of the bride's mother, Beaverton, on New Year's day, by the Rey D. Watson, M.A. Mr. Janues Williamson, to Miss Elizabeth Ross, both of Beaverton.

DIED.

At St. Andraw's D. Onthe 18th inst. the Person of the Perso

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

## Official Announcements.

## MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

IMMDSAY.—Next regular meeting (D.V.,) at Wood-ville on the last Tuesday of February, at 11 s.m. PETERBOROUGE.—The Presbytery of Peter-borough will meet in St. Andrew's Church, Peter-borough, on the third Taesday of January, at 11 a.m.

Paris.-At it gersoll, on 13th March, at 11 o'clock

London. In the Lirst Presbysesian Church, condon, on the first Tuesday of February, at two p.m. BROCKVILLE. - In the Presbyterian Church, Kemptville, on Tuesday, \$0th March, at seven p.m. Barum,—The mosting of this Presbytory will neet on the first Tuesday in March, 1877.

OTTAWA - The Presbytery of Ottawa will meet in 8t. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, on the first Tues-day in February, at 3 o'clock.

Paris. -In Erskine Church, Ingersoll, on the 2nd Tuesday of March, at 11 a.m.

WHITEX.—At Osbaws, on 30th January, at 11 clock, a.m. HAMILTON.—In Contral Church, Hamilton, on third Tuesday of March, at 11 a.m. General As-sembly delegates will then be appointed.

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