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TORONTO.

The Missionary Institute, under the auspices of the Young People's Movement, an interdenominational organization, which is to be held in Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, from Nov. 22 to 24, will be the first in Canada. The speakers will be Mr. H. W. Hicks, Ph.B., Boston, Mr. M. W. Ennes, New York; Revs. D. Norman, B. A., B. D., Japan; John Craig, B. A., J. T. Taylor, B. A., and J. R. Harcourt, B.A., India; W. T. Currie, Africa; J. O. Stringer, D. D., Bishop of Selkirk, all missionaries, and Revs. James Allen, M.A., A. Gardiner, M.A., B.D., Principal T. R. O'Meara, D.D., Canon H. T. Cody, D.D., T. B. Hyde, J. J. Redditt, E. D. Silcox, J. McP. Scott, B. A., F. C. Stephenson, M.D., J. G. Brown, B. A., and A. E. Armstrong, M.A.,

Rev. A. B. Winchester, who for many years labored among the Chinese of Vancouver, B. C., advocates the establishment of a church for Chinamen in Toronto. A meeting of Presbyterian teachers interested in this work was held recently when Mr. Winchester put the idea before them. In Toronto there is a Chinese population of about 900, of whom, on the average, 190 attend mission service, a decrease of 20 per cent. as compared with last year. Mr. Winchester contended that the remedy lies in a separate church fellowship and the Gospel in their own language. Rev. J. B. Thompson, of Montreal, head of the Chinese mission work in Canada, will shortly speak in Toronto on the question.

During last year the disbursements of the Toronto City Mission amounted to \$2,895.37, according to the report of Treasurer Henry L. Stark at the twenty-seventh annual meeting, held in Chalmers Presbyterian Church on the 13th of November. The financial statement further showed subscriptions of \$15,516.09; annual subscriptions, \$641.50; church collections, \$511.97; collection and mite boxes, \$713.85. Two of the principal donations were—Gospel carriage fund, \$210, and Christmas dinner for the poor, \$259.45. Donations to the poor fund amounted to \$396.10, and \$406.62 was expended. Outing fund subscriptions came to \$725.25, and \$651.70 was spent. The summary of charity funds showed a balance of \$201.48, as compared with \$126.06 last year. In his address the President, Mr. John Stark, drew attention to the various departments of the work, which included house-to-house visitations, gospel carriage services, visits to jails, industrial institutions and hospitals, tract distribution and many other works of charity and benevolence. At present the missionaries are Rev. Robert Hall, who has seen nearly twenty-two years' service; Mr. Samuel Arnold, who has worked for over eight years; Mr. Peter Wilson and Rev. W. H. Porter. Addresses were also made by Rev. Mr. Hall, Rev. Dr. Alex. Gilray, Rev. H. A. Macpherson, Rev. W. H. Wallace, Rev. F. S. Weston and Mr. John Alken. The speakers commended the work of the mission to the sympathy of Christian people in the city.

An enjoyable evening was spent in the lecture-room of West Presbyterian Church, on Friday, the 9th inst., when the session and managers entertained the choir. After supper a short but attractive programme was gone through. Rev. Dr. Turnbull was in the chair. Solos were rendered by Miss Fisher and Messrs. Pearson and Shav-

er, and a reading by Miss Marian Poyntz. The principal feature of the evening was a presentation to Mrs. Jas. A. McGolpin, the leading soprano, who was severing her connection with the choir after seven years' service. On behalf of the session and managing board, Ald. Hay and Mr. R. J. Poyntz presented her with a handsome china cabinet. Mrs. McGolpin was also made the recipient of a beautiful sunburst from the choir, which was presented by Mrs. A. E. Humphreys and Mr. J. Smith. Speeches were made by Rev. Dr. Turnbull, Messrs. McCall, Williamson, Humphreys, Black, McNally and Smith, also by Mr. W. C. Wilkinson, Secretary-Treasurer of the of the Public Schools, and Mr. Jos. E. Thompson, Commissioner of Industries.

The congregation of the Queen Street East Church celebrated its 28th anniversary last Sunday, and also the 24th anniversary of the induction of the pastor, the Rev. W. Frizzell, yesterday. Unfortunately illness prevented, to the great regret of the church members, the pastor taking any part in the special services which were held in the course of the day. At the morning service the Rev. Dr. Parsons preached an impressive sermon, and he also delivered an address to the children in the afternoon. The preacher at the evening service was the Rev. Dr. Neil, of Westminster Church, who gave an interesting account of his travels in the Northwest in connection with home mission work last summer. There were large congregations at all services.

The death of the Rev. James McCaul, a retired Presbyterian clergyman, and formerly pastor of the Church of the Covenant, Toronto, occurred last week at his home at Moore Park. Rev. James McCaul was born Christmas Day, 1841, and came to Canada from Scotland when only 8 years old. He was educated in this country, and occupied the pulpits of many different churches. He afterwards spent six years in England and Scotland, and returned to Montreal for a short time, subsequently accepting a call to the Church of the Covenant. During his pastorate the membership and attendance of this church increased so rapidly that a new church was built, now known as the Avenue Road Presbyterian Church. He retired from active work in October, 1901.

One of the most successful meetings in the history of the Knox College Students' Missionary Society was held on November 13th, the hall being crowded. Dr. Neil occupied the chair, and Dr. E. H. Oliver gave a very realistic account of his experiences as a missionary in British Columbia. He presented vividly the need for Christian effort and the urgent demand for men in the missionary field. An address was also given by Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt. Musical selections were rendered by the college glee club and quartette and by Mr. F. W. K. Harris.

The annual convention of the Ontario Branch of the Lord's Day Alliance was held in the Knox Church, Toronto, on the 9th of November. The reports of the General Secretaries and of the Legislation Committee were very encouraging. Progress is being made on all lines and the country is taking a decidedly active interest in preserving the Sunday as a day of rest for all. The report of the Treasurer showed that the people throughout the province are willing to liberally contribute their means to support and advance the work of the alliance. The

officers elected for the current year were: J. K. Macdonald, president; Rev. T. Albert Moore, General Secretary; Rev. J. G. Shearer, Associate secretary; Dr. Copp, treasurer.

Special services were held at the South Side Presbyterian Church last Sunday to mark the tenth anniversary of the induction of the pastor, Rev. Wm. McKinley. For the past decade Rev. Mr. McKinley has given his best energies to building up the congregation and the various sides of the church's life, and his anniversary yesterday seemed to be observed with a sincere appreciation of the work he has performed.

In the morning the pulpit was filled by Rev. Prof. J. D. Robertson, of Knox College, and Rev. Prof. H. A. A. Kennedy, also of Knox Church, preached in the evening. The services were well attended. Special music and singing were prepared for the occasion.

GLENHARRY.

This Presbytery met at Vankleek Hill on the 7th inst., with the moderator, Rev. J. Sincennes, of Cornwall, in the chair.

A call from Westboro', Ottawa Presbytery, was before the court in favor of the Rev. A. G. Cameron, of Apple Hill.

The Rev. Messrs. N. Waddell, W. A. Morrison, A. Govan and J. U. Tanner were appointed as commissioners to the next General Assembly, to be held in Montreal.

A call was presented from St. Elmo in favor of the Rev. A. Lee, of Hemmingford, Que. This call was sustained and provisional arrangements were made for Mr. Lee's induction.

A request from Farran's Point was presented asking to be organized as a congregation, with a session and managing board. After much discussion and consideration it was agreed to grant this request. This makes four appointments in that pastoral charge, and the Presbytery decided that each of the four appointments should drop a Sabbath service once in four weeks.

The Avonmore congregation presented a request for separation from Gravel Hill, on the ground that one man is not able to work the entire field, and Avonmore is well able to support a pastor by themselves. To consider this and Mr. Cameron's call, a meeting of Presbytery will be held in Maxville, on Tuesday, Nov. 20, to which all congregations concerned will be invited to appear in their own interests.

The Rev. N. Waddell, as convener of the Presbytery's committee on "Church Life and Work," reported that this committee had been seeking to make arrangements to have an evangelist invited to the Presbytery. Owing to the fact that several of the congregations within the bounds held special services last year, it was agreed to commend the services of the Rev. William Meikle (now laboring in Finch) to any session contemplating such meetings and seeking for assistance therein.

At eight o'clock in the evening a conference was held, at which the Rev. A. G. Cameron and Dr. MacLean led the meeting in the consideration of the two following subjects, "Church members; their relation to one another and to their pastor," and "Church members; their relation to those not identified with the church." These subjects were most helpfully treated, and the after discussion of them was participated in by several of the brethren, the meeting adjourned to meet in Maxville on Tuesday, Nov. 20, at 11 a.m.