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## CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL.

The twenty-first annual meeting of this society was held in Wallaceburg, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 7th and 8th.

The attendance was not so large as hoped for, owing largely, no doubt, to the disagreeable weather. Those who did attend, however, were amply repaid by good meetings, and the very kind hospitality extended to them by the ladies of Wallaceburg.

Tuesday's morning session, which was purely devotional, was conducted by Mrs. Ribble, of Dresden, who gave a helpful Bible reading on prayer.

After singing, there was a season of prayer by Mrs. Forbes, and the auxiliary presidents.

Each session was opened by singing, reading a portion of scripture, and prayer; in fact an outstanding feature of the whole meeting was frequent, earnest prayer.

On Tuesday afternoon the society had the pleasure of listening to Mrs. McCrae, Wilton Grove. She spoke of the great privilege it was to be co-workers with Christ in the great missionary effort now being put forth, the wonderful blessing attending the efforts of those waiting for more workers to enter and occupy. Only one-sixth of the women of our church belong to missionary societies; what wonderful results would follow if the other five-sixths would only join in this grand work.

Mrs. McCrae has a very happy way of expressing herself, and all profited by her address.

During the afternoon, greetings were received from sister societies.

At the public meeting in the evening Rev. Mr. Nicol occupied the chair, and in a few well chosen words welcomed the delegates on behalf of church and town.

The Presbyterial report was read by Miss Munroe, and the treasurer's report by Mrs. Bartlett, both showing that continued, earnest work is being done by the different auxiliaries.

Rev. Mr. Lindsay addressed the society on behalf of the Presbytery.

The address of the evening was given by Rev. Dr. Smith, of Comber. Dr. Smith, having done missionary work in China and India, was able to tell of actual experiences in the foreign field. His words inspired to increased efforts, which, if made in Christ's name, must mean increased success.

During the evening the choir rendered two anthems, and a solo was given by Mr. Snively, Wallaceburg. At the afternoon session Miss Colwell, Wallaceburg, and Mrs. Holmes, Windsor, sang solos. All of these were much appreciated by the society.

Wednesday morning was devoted principally to business, and in the afternoon the delegates had the pleasure of visiting the beet sugar and glass factories.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

Pres., Mrs. Forbes; 1st vice, Mrs. Ribble; 2nd vice, Mrs. Fletcher; 3rd vice, Mrs. Munroe; 4th vice, Mrs. Young; recording secretary, Miss S. M. McKerrall; corresponding secretary, Miss F. Munroe; treasurer, Mrs. Bartlett; Mission band secretary, Miss Barr; secretary of supplies, Mrs. A. McKay.

The convention will meet next year in Chatham.

Christian Observer: Our great national prosperity is apparently our greatest danger, and the eagerness of men to obtain their fullest share of its benefits, makes callous in regard to ways and means, which would have horrified the fathers.

## EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Wm. McDonald, B.D., of Lanark, and Rev. D. Currie, of Perth, exchanged pulpits last Sunday.

Dr. Bayne, of Pembroke, has been pastor of Calvin Church there for eighteen years.

Rev. Geo. Yule, of Springville, Ont., has received a call from St. Paul's Church, Winchester, as successor to Rev. Mr. Lozie.

Rev. W. W. Peck, B.D., of Arnprior, preached to the order of Chosen Friends there on Sunday last.

Rev. John Chisholm, B.A., of Kemptville, addressed a gathering of Orangemen there at a celebration of the memorable Gunpowder Plot.

The missionary services in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Pakenham, will be held on Sunday, 28th November, and will be conducted by Rev. A. A. Scott, of Carleton Place.

The pulpit of St. Luke's church, Finch, was filled by Rev. L. Beaton of Moose Creek at both the morning and evening services on Sunday, Nov. 19th.

Rev. D. N. Coburn, of North Lunenburg will deliver his popular lecture, "Leaners and Lifters," in St. Luke's church, Finch, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 5th. The lecture will be under the auspices of the W.F.M.S.

Rev. J. A. Miller, who has been the pastor of Depot Harbor Presbyterian church, has resigned his charge and goes to Toronto for a six months' rest. During his stay in Depot Harbor Mr. Miller has made a host of friends, who very much regret his resignation.

The engagement of Rev. H. D. Cameron, B.A., of Allandale, Ont., to Miss Carrie E. Allmang, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is announced. It is the happy result of an acquaintance formed while on a trip to the Holy Land in 1904. Miss Allmang is a niece of the late Hon. T. N. Gibbs, member for South Ontario for several years; Mr. Cameron is a son of the late Rev. Lachlan Cameron, of Thamesford.

The annual thankoffering meetings in connection with Zion church, Almonte, were held last week. That of the W.F.M.S. on Wednesday evening, which was well attended. The young people held their meeting on Friday-noon, the programme being contributed entirely by the little ones. The offerings from the two meetings totalled \$171, a very fair contribution compared with previous years.

The Rev. A. Rowat, of Athelstane, Que., a former pastor, will preach next Sunday at the re-opening of the Chrysler church, which has been thoroughly renovated. On Monday evening a social entertainment will be held in the church.

Rev. Dr. Crombie has presented St. Paul's church, Smith's Falls, of which he was pastor for so many years, with a cheque for \$1,000, as his contribution to the fund of \$2,200 asked by the managers to wipe out the debt of the church. The church is now free from debt.

At a special meeting of Brockville Presbytery, held in St. Paul's church, Winchester, the call to the Rev. Geo. Yule, of Springville, was considered. Rev. Mr. Mullin, of Merrickville, presided. Rev. J. Chisholm, Kemptville, acted as clerk. Commissioners from the congregation were heard and the call laid on the table. It was unanimously agreed to receive and forward the call. Rev. Wm. Bennett, formerly pastor of Winchester, and Rev. E. A. McKenzie, formerly pastor of Bishop's Mills but now of the Peterboro Presbytery, were appointed commissioners to act for Winchester congregation at the meeting of the Presbytery there.

The Burk's Falls Arrow says: On Sunday last the Rev. Mr. Sieveright, walked down from Ahmic Harbor to Dunchurch—a distance of four miles—preached a sermon in the Presbyterian Church there, and then walked back again, making eight miles in all. What a splendid example this grand old veteran of 72 years of age has set to the younger generation.

Mr. H. L. Currie, brother of Rev. A. M. Currie, of St. John's Church, Almonte, conducted the services in that church on a recent Sunday. The Gazette says: Mr. Currie is a student at Knox College, Toronto, and gives promise of being a preacher of no mean attainments. His morning sermon was a good one and in the evening he gave a missionary address, speaking as representative of Knox College missionary society which has been in existence for sixty years and is the oldest organization of its kind in America.

The North Bay Despatch says: A class is being held in the Presbyterian Sunday School each Sunday for the instruction of the Chinese of North Bay. There are ten Chinamen in regular attendance and they are by degrees mastering the English language. We hope to use this as a stepping stone to teaching religion. The Chinese-English text book in use is purely religious and is compiled by a Chinese missionary. Mr. W. J. O'Brien, principal of the Public School, is acting superintendent and is assisted by several ladies of the church.

Rev. Thomas Abbott Nelson was accidentally drowned in Lake Deschene, at Aylmer, Que., on the night of the 20th inst. Mr. Nelson, on the advice of his physician, resigned his pastorate at Lion's Head, owing to the shock he received on the accidental drowning of his son three months ago in the Humber at Toronto. He was walking on the wharf, when he slipped and fell into the water. Two boys heard his shout, but owing to the darkness it was several minutes before he was taken out when life was extinct. Deceased was a graduate of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, and had usefully filled pastorates at Windsor, N.S., Bristol, Que., and Lion's Head, Ont.

At the annual meeting of the auxiliary of the F. M. S. of the First Church, Brockville, there was a large attendance. After devotional exercises Mrs. W. A. Gilmore gave a cordial welcome to all present, spoke of the successful year the society had had, of the hearty co-operation of the officers and members, and of the help given by our pastor, Rev. Mr. MacLeod, who is always so willing to assist in the work. It was hoped that every member of the congregation would join the society. The report of the secretary, Mrs. George Tennant, followed, and the report of the Young Ladies' Mission Band was read by Miss Macdonald. Both spoke very encouragingly of the work done. Mrs. Smellie, representing St. John's Church, and Mrs. Copland, of the First Baptist Church, gave most interesting addresses, in which the needs of the work and the duty of Christian women were very clearly stated. Rev. Mr. MacLeod in his address spoke of the discouragements and encouragements of missionary work. Among the encouragements was the work done by such men as McKay and Mackenzie, who had given up their lives to it. For every dollar spent in missionary work a very much larger amount was spent on things debasing. We should thank God for the open door for the changes in men, and that God answers prayer. The offering was presented and dedicated in prayer by Mrs. John M. Gill, and the Doxology was sung, after which refreshments and a very pleasant social hour was enjoyed by all present.