

Mission Field.

Rev. Charles Greig, M.A., Paris, France, will address a meeting in the interests of the MoAll Mission, to be held in Old St. Andrew's Church, corner Carlton and Jarvis, on Wednesday, 8th, at 8 p.m. Mr. Greig has been connected with the Mission for fifteen years, and has been appointed to succeed Dr. McAll as Director. Fresh from the field, the address will be most interesting. We bespeak a large attendance.

The annual meeting of East Church Auxiliary was held in the lecture room at the church, Oak Street, Toronto, on Monday evening, January 8th. There was a large attendance of ladies present. After the usual routine of business, the officers for 1894 were elected, after which Miss Noble sang a solo and Mrs. Harvie, Foreign Secretary of W. F. M. Society, gave a very interesting and instructive address on Thanksgivings and Thankoffering. At the close of the meeting Rev. J. McP. Scott and Rev. Mr. Henderson, of Hensall, with the Sessions and Board of Management, met the ladies, and a very pleasant half hour was spent, when coffee and cake was served. On Tuesday evening the Steady Stream Mission held its annual meeting at the house of Mrs. Culross, Sydenham Street, where a very pleasant evening was spent.—M. Y. DATTING, Secretary.

The annual meeting of the W. F. M. S. in connection with the Presbytery of Orangeville, was held in St. Andrew's Church, Orangeville, on Tuesday, January 9th. Delegates were present from six auxiliarys and two mission bands. At the morning session Mrs. Crozier of Grand Valley, who has filled the office of President most acceptably for three years, retired, and Mrs. Campbell of Cheltenham, was elected President. The afternoon meeting was opened by singing, the reading of a psalm, by Mrs. Crozier and prayer by Mrs. Baird. Mrs. Campbell then took the chair and the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and accepted. A minute prepared by Mrs. Fowle of Erin, and Mrs. Elliot of Hillsbury, expressing the great regret of the society at the loss sustained by the removal of our energetic Secretary Mrs. D. C. Hossack, was read by Mrs. Elliot, and the Secretary instructed to transmit it to Mrs. Hossack. The money collected during the year \$728.27 was dedicated to the Lord in prayer by Mrs. Campbell. Mrs. Elliot read a very able paper on "Systematic Giving" which received interested attention. After a beautiful duet by Mrs. George Aiken and Miss Jennie Clark, Messrs. Orr of Mono Mills, and Harrison of Dundalk, conveyed the congratulations of the Presbytery to the society on the work done during the year. Dr. Robertson then addressed the society on his work in the Northwest. A large audience in the evening were edified and entertained by Mr. Elliot's address, after which Miss Turnbull rendered a solo "Speed Away" with fine effect. Dr. Marion Oliver delighted the audience with her address on "Signs of the Times in India." Mr. Mackenzie, the pastor of St. Andrew's, presided at the evening session.

The Whitby Presbyterian W. F. M. S. held its annual meeting in Port Perry, on January 16th. Thirteen auxiliarys and mission bands were represented. The reports showed the Society to be in a flourishing condition, \$1,181 having been contributed besides a large quantity of clothing being sent to the Northwest. The following officers were elected:—President, Miss Drummond, Newcastle; Vice-presidents, Mrs. Fraser, Bowmanville, Mrs. Eastman, Oshawa,

and Miss McGillivray, Whitby; Treasurer, Mrs. Currie, Port Perry; Secretaries, Miss Butland, Oshawa, and Miss McBride, Port Perry. After opening exercises in the afternoon, Mrs. Currie read a very hearty address of welcome which was ably responded to by Miss McGillivray of Whitby. Miss Broughall, Bowmanville, read an address to Miss Gordon, retiring president, expressive of the sincere regrets of the Society at her retirement and appreciation of her ten years of faithful and devoted service. The address was accompanied by a tangible token of the love and esteem in which Miss Gordon is held. Mrs. Lindsay of Toronto, gave an interesting address urging a more intelligent and prayerful interest in missions. She was followed by Mrs. Ross of Lindsay, who presented greetings from the Lindsay Presbyterian and also gave a very helpful address on the duties of members of auxiliarys. Kindly greetings were presented by representatives of the Methodist, Baptist and Church of England Societies. Rev. Messrs. Kippan and Perrin appeared on behalf of the Presbytery, expressing the pleasure of that Court at the continued prosperity and zeal of the Society. Rev. R. P. McKay, Secretary Foreign Mission Committee, and J. H. McVicar, returned Missionary from Honan, China, also briefly addressed the meeting. An interesting paper on "The Mission of Life," was read by Mr. Rae of Port Perry. After parting words by the President the meeting was brought to a close. In the evening, a public meeting of more than usual interest was held. Very able and thrilling addresses were given by Bros. Messrs. R. P. McKay and J. H. McVicar—the former speaking on the pressing needs of the various fields of operation in connection with the Presbyterian Church, and the latter on the special needs of China and particularly the women there. Rev. Messrs. McMerhan, McLauren, Leslie, Kippan, Phalen and Hill also took part in the meeting expressing hearty sympathy in the work being done. The ladies of the congregation generously entertained the Presbytery and Society to luncheon and tea in the school room, where a very sociable time was spent. The delegates returned to their homes feeling strengthened and encouraged to engage in the work with redoubled earnestness.

Indore Missionary College Fund

Reported already up to January

11th\$230 22

Received sums up to January 16th

from:

Mrs. Thompson, Brucefield\$ 1 00

Mrs. Cameron, Brucefield 1 00

A Few Friends 1 00

Two Unknown Friends 3 00

Unknown Friends per Rev. R. P.

McKay, Toronto 12 00

A Friend 25

Mrs. Mellis, Kippen 1 00

S. C. Class, per Miss Wilkie,

Toronto 4 00

Y.P.S.C.E., First Presbyterian

St. Mary's 11 65

Mr. J. H. Fidler, Marmora 2 00

Mrs. Baird, Brucefield 50

Total\$297 67

Brucefield, Jan. 18. ANNA ROSS.

Purchase of Land by Indians.

The following extract from a letter by Miss Bessie Walker, refers to the purchase of land by Indians at Portage la Prairie, and is a touching picture of an interesting event.—"You will have heard that the Indians bought land this summer in Portage la Prairie. They are now living on it and are justly proud of their property. It was a touching sight to see the Indians when they met together to give to Mr. MacKay for safe

keeping their hard-earned money, for the purchase of their land. Some would have only one dollar, others two, three or five dollars to hand over. They were indeed happy to give it, the one with his one dollar almost as proud as the one with five. The women would bring Miss Fraser fifty cents or a dollar at a time, to keep till they had more to give towards the land-money, as they call it. I think we were as delighted as they were when the land came into their possession."

Northwest School.

Missionary interest in the Northwest is not flagging. Not the least important work among the Indians is that carried on in connection with the young in the schools. From Elio Hills, Assn., Mr. Skene writes this account to the W. F. M. S.—"Since last I wrote to you, we have been working steadily. Our children are gradually improving. They now speak English quite readily and with but little of the Indian accent, can sing a number of hymns, repeat verses of Scripture, and read from New Testament, or little papers fairly well. Their conduct is good, they are becoming more truthful, and a bad word is very seldom heard. They attend to their several duties quite cheerfully. Yes, we have seen dark days at Elio Hills, but the sky is clearing and our work is becoming pleasant. Since the 1st of April two of our pupils have died, Kent and Ruth. They were both ailing during the winter and caused us much anxiety, and with the coming of spring they left us and went home. Kent died in the school. Ruth went to her father's home, as he wished it, and we, seeing that she was going, allowed her to go. Ten days afterwards we laid her to rest. I made her little coffin, and in her father's heathen home, surrounded by our poor benighted Indians, we the children and myself, stood beside her open coffin, sang the hymns she used to sing with us, spoke about Jesus and that place of many mansions He has gone to prepare for those who love Him. How calm and peaceful she lay! A few hours before, she bade me 'Good bye, believing fully that she was going home to Jesus. A child's trust, a child's faith! How she used to draw her chain close to me, and as we knelt in prayer she would repeat in a whisper word after word of our evening prayer. Why, did she do this? Answer for yourselves. We have now ten pupils—all the Government will allow, or at least pay us for—eight boys and two girls, a happy, contented little band."

This account is supplemented by a description of the same school given in a local paper as follows:—"In the morning, half an hour is given to religious instruction. A Bible text is given them every morning, which they are expected to have memorized by the following morning, when they get a new one. The children can sing very well. They have good voices and learn quickly. They sing hymns and songs. They were learning 'The Maple Leaf' and sang the first verse very nicely. We heard the classes in reading, arithmetic and spelling. The first and last were good and the adding could not be excelled. Indeed, some could go as fast as I could myself. There were many kinds of faces. One poor boy, who was nervous before strangers, could not keep his lips from trembling for half a minute before he answered a question. Mr. Skene said that when the Inspector was there lately the poor boy broke down altogether and cried. Some had a scowl on their faces when they looked about, others were quiet and reserved, but one dear little fellow, Ernest, had a beautiful face, for he was always smiling. They all had thick, wiry hair and black eyes. The school is a cosy little wooden