

At the May meeting of the Hamilton Presbytery held in St. Catharines, last week, a call from Thorold church to Rev. J. W. McLeod, of the Montreal Presbytery, was sustained and ordered to be forwarded. Old Niagara's call to Rev. Mr. Duncan, of the Home Mission Field, was accepted by that gentleman, sustained by the presbytery, and arrangements were made for the induction. Port Dalhousie extended a call to Rev. Mr. Brokenshire, which was sustained, and arrangements were also made for his induction.

The call from Chalmers Church, Toronto, to Rev. H. A. Macpherson, of Knox church, Acton, was presented at the meeting of Toronto Presbytery on Tuesday. It was signed by 457 members and 114 adherents. The stipend is \$1,800 per annum. The call was supported by Messrs. Charles Norris, D. E. Hughes, and Wm. Duncan, who represented the congregation. The Presbytery sustained the call and transmitted it to the Presbytery of Guelph, and appointed Dr. McTavish as a supporter. A special meeting will be held at Guelph within a few days to consider the matter.

#### Northern Ontario.

A meeting of the ladies of Orillia, Victoria Harbor was held on the afternoon of the 22nd. Mrs. R. N. Grant gave an excellent address on foreign missions. An auxiliary was organized with the following list of officers: Mrs. H. Stewart, president; Mrs. A. Turnbull and Mrs. J. C. Gill, vice-presidents; Mrs. Hudson, treasurer; Miss E. Smyth, secretary; Miss M. Schissler, Mrs. J. Duckworth, musical director.

Tuesday was a gala day with the Presbyterians of Woodville and vicinity, being the occasion of the induction into the pastorate of Woodville church of Rev. Mr. Kannawin, of Omamec. The impressive induction services took place in the afternoon.—Rev. Mr. Cameron, of Wick, was moderator; Rev. D. W. Rest, of Beaverton, Clerk; Rev. Mr. Frazer, of Uxbridge, preached the sermon; Rev. J. C. Wishart, of Beaverton addressed the minister; Rev. Mr. Turner, of Kirkfield, addressed the people; Rev. Mr. McDonald, of Eldon recited the relation of the people since the retirement of Rev. Mr. Duncan. In the evening a pleasing reception was given by the ladies in the basement of the church.

#### Eastern Ontario.

The Rev. Mr. Anderson occupied the pulpit in the Whitney church on Sunday last. His sermons were much appreciated.

Rev. Mr. Miller, of St. Andrew's church, Arnprior, exchanged pulpits with Rev. R. Young, of St. Andrew's church, Pakenham, on Sunday last.

Rev. J. A. McKeen, Orono, Moderator of Whitney Presbytery, preached in St. Paul's church, Bowmanville, Sunday and declared the pulpit vacant.

Rev. A. P. Ledingham of Central India, spoke this week at Moose Creek, St. Elmo, Maxville, Kirk Hill and Dunvegan. The meetings at Vankleek Hill and Old Sandfield were cancelled on account of Synod meeting at Smith's Falls.

"The Scientific Spirit and Where it Fails" is the title of a lecture to be given by Rev. G. T. Bayne, Ph.D., of Pembroke, in St. John's church, Almonte, on Thursday evening. He is one of our strongest men and is sure to deal with this question in a most profitable and interesting manner.

At a congregational meeting held last week in Napanee, Rev. James R. Conn, B. A., of Blakeney was the unanimous choice of the people. Mr. Conn is a graduate of Queen's University, 1899, and has been very successful in his pastorate work. It is four months now since Rev. W. W. Peck resigned the charge, to go to Edmonton, Alta.

The many friends of Rev. W. F. Allan, B. D., Denver, Col., who studied at Queen's College and began his ministry at Newburg and Camden East will be pleased to hear of the success attending his work in Westminster Church, Denver. At the annual business meeting of the congregation reports were received from the various departments of the church, showing a very prosperous condition. The church ends the year without any debt and voted to add \$200 to the pastor's salary.

#### Ottawa.

The resignation of Rev. J. T. Scrimger, of East Gloucester was accepted, to take effect after the 10th of the present month. Rev. D. M. McLeod, of Billings Bridge, was appointed interim moderator of the congregation. Rev. Mr. Scrimger will go to the Northwest.

At the last meeting of the Ottawa Presbytery Mr. Peter Matheson was appointed as a missionary to the congregation of East Templeton, and Mr. Walter Ross to the mission charge at Gore and Thurso. Mr. J. C. Robinson was appointed to a similar work at Poltimore, Que. Arrangements were made for the licensing and ordination of Mr. Matheson at East Templeton on May 26th. The moderator, Rev. Wm. Patterson, will preside, Rev. Norman Macleod will deliver the charge to the pastor, Rev. Mr. McIntyre will address the congregation, and Rev. Mr. Cameron will preach the sermon.

A new manse has just been added to the property of Erskine church, and last week an enthusiastic house warming was held. During the course of the evening Rev. Mr. Mitchell, was made the recipient of a number of presents. The ladies' aid and board of managers presented him with a purse containing \$125 in gold, the Sabbath school installed a telephone in the new manse and paid a year's rent in advance, and the boys' guild gave their popular pastor a handsome easy chair. Nor was Mrs. Mitchell forgotten, the ladies aid presenting her with a gas range for her kitchen.

Rev. T. A. Sadler, of the congregations of Russell and Metcalfe, tendered his resignation on the ground of having too much work owing to the distance between the two charges and the extent of each. A deputation from the Russell congregation appeared before the Presbytery and presented a largely signed petition asking that they be allowed to retain Mr. Sadler, and stating that they would become wholly responsible for his support. After due deliberation it was agreed that the resignation be laid on the table and that the Presbytery record its judgment that the congregation be allowed to stand alone as soon as possible. In the meantime it was thought that the two congregations should provide an assistant to Mr. Sadler. A committee, of which Rev. D. M. Ramsay is convener, was appointed to visit the congregations, which might be affected by the rearrangement of the stations, to determine what action would be most advisable.

#### W. F. M. S. Meeting.

The annual meeting of the W. F. M. S. of the Western Division opened on Tuesday afternoon of last week in Knox church, Guelph, with about 175 delegates in attendance. Lunch was served to the delegates in Chalmers church lecture room. The chair was occupied by Mrs. Shortreed, Toronto, President of the society. After devotional exercises a short introductory address was given by Mrs. MacMurchy of Harrison, followed by a solo by Mrs. Pentelow.

The Home Secretary, Mrs. Grant, Toronto, presided at the reading of the reports of the Presbyterian society. All the reports were hopeful in tone, showing an increase in funds and membership. Before the close of the afternoon session allusion was made to the unfortunate accident to Mrs. Watt of Guelph, who was confined to the General Hospital through an accident. Mrs. MacLaren, Vice-President of the society, offered prayer in her behalf.

In the evening an auxiliary meeting was held, practically illustrated, led by Mrs. Jeffrey of Toronto, who gave her idea of what an ideal meeting should be like.

On Wednesday there were over 500 delegates in attendance.

The first interest was the address of Mrs. Shortreed, the president. It was most interesting and dealt with every phrase of the work.

At the conclusion of this address the annual reports were presented.

The report of the Home Secretary, Mrs. H. Grant, Toronto, noted advance in every department. Membership and contributions had increased much more largely than in previous years. All but two Presbyterian societies had increased their membership. Many had had their most prosperous year. The scattered helpers had increased by 300. There was a total of 700 auxiliaries, and 323 mission bands. The total membership of the society is 23,018.

The publication report noted the appointment of a Secretary, especially for that department. There was on hand a balance of \$321.85, after

all expenses were paid. At the Ewart Training Home five students have been in residence during this its sixth year of work. The students have carried on considerable city mission work, and more room is urgently needed. The expenditure has been \$1,587.07. The society's total receipts for the year has been \$53,735; expenses of management, \$756.98. The total expenditure for the year has been \$50,974.20.

The report of the Board of Management, presented by Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Toronto, noted the extension of the work to British Columbia, recommended the enlargement of the Ewart Training Home, and thanked the officers for their untiring efforts.

The report of the Foreign Secretary, Mrs. A. Bell, Toronto, emphasized the need for more workers, and gave encouragement for more work in China.

The detailed report of the Secretary for Indian work in the Northwest and British Columbia, presented by Miss Margaret Craig, Toronto, also showed great progress and much encouragement.

Delegates from Sister Societies were then received and letters of greeting read.

The Nominating Committee's report, read by Mrs. McLennan, Owen Sound, nominated the following as the Board of Managers for 1903:—Mesdames Telfer, MacGillivray, George Keith, J. J. Bell, Murray, Grant, A. Jeffrey, Marion Smith, G. H. Robinson, Greig, Shortreed, Mortimer Clark, Hamilton, W. N. Anderson, H. Campbell, Martin, Harris, Wm. Davidson, MacLaren, Donald, Fraser, Smith, E. Hall, Misses J. Caven, B. Macmurchy, T. Robinson, M. M. Reed, Ina Gordon, Craig, George, Parsons, Reid, Bradshaw, Thornton, Bethune, Laidlaw, and the President, all of Toronto.

Miss Jamieson, a missionary from India, spoke of the school for blind children, and their training. Mrs. Mitchell of Homan also spoke of the work in her part of the field. "Grace more than gift" was the title of an excellent address given by Mrs. Hall of Rockwood.

Mrs. Baldwin of Sunderland read a paper relative to the work of Mission Band leaders. An open meeting was held in the evening in Knox church, which was filled to the doors. Rev. Dr. Moore, Convener of the General Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee, presided and interesting addresses were delivered. The business was concluded on Thursday afternoon.

The next annual meeting will be held in Toronto. After the election of officers it was decided that the Treasurer should pay the current year such sums as may be required for the enlargement and maintenance of the home. Congratulatory letters were sent to His Excellency the newly appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, and to Mrs. Smellie of Fergus, who is celebrating her 88th birthday. Mrs. Smellie is the widow of one of the pioneer ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Resolutions of regret were passed relating to the death of the late Sir Oliver Mowat; the Rev. Norman H. Russell, Mhow, C. I.; Rev. T. C. Hood, Homan, China; Mrs. McLennan, who had for many years held the position of Treasurer; Rev. Principal Grant and Rev. Principal MacVicar.

The increased taxation on Chinese coming to Canada was deplored also the laxity in the enforcement of the law respecting the sale of liquor among the Indians in British Columbia. Miss Thompson gave a short account of the work in India, and Mrs. McKenzie, on the need of education for the young girls in China. Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Lyle of Hamilton delivered brief addresses. Numerous votes of thanks were passed, after which the session closed with a prayer by Mrs. Hamilton of Goderich, and the singing of a hymn.

#### Railway Rates to Assembly.

As already intimated by circular, I endeavored to arrange with the Railway Companies that commissioners go by one Company's line of railway and return by another. We could not get this concession made and it is necessary that commissioners go and return by the same Company's line of railway. I call attention to this now because of the fact that some American roads are issuing circulars to commissioners, who do not intend travelling according to the official arrangements made, as per the circular I issued, to make strict enquiry as to the railway line by which they can return, so as to prevent disappointment and, it may be additional expense,

ROBT. H. WARDEN.