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#### PRESBYTERIAN NEWS COMPANY, TORONTO

AMNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

HE Fifth Annual General Meeting of the stockholders of the Presbyterian News Company, Toronto, was held, pursuant to notice, in the offices of Hamilton Cassels, Esq., Manning Arcade, Toronto, on Thursday, 14th

sels, Esq, Vice-President of the Company, and Mr. Geo. H. Robinson, the Managing Director, acted as Secretary.

opened with prayer by Rev. W. G. Wallace, M.A., B D., of Toronto.

The minutes of the previous general meeting were read and adopted. The Vice-President laid before the meeting the report of the Board of Directors, together with the financial statements ronto; Rev. James Robertson, D.D. prepared by the Auditor. The report is too lengthy to admit of insertion in full, but the following extracts from it will be read with interest :-

their regret at the absence of the esteemed President of the Company, Mr. William Mortimer Clark. Mr. Clark has been now for some months absent from the country with his family on a trip to Bible Lands. He is, no meeting, and the Directors feel assured that the shareholders will unite -ith them in the hope that in due time he will be restored in safety to his home and friends and to the place in the Board he has so long filled with advantage to the interests of the Company. The Directors are gratified to be able to state, that notwithstanding the great of Knox church, Toronto. depression prevailing in commercial and business circles generally, during the year, affecting to a large extent even long established newspapers, the year just closed has, on the whole, been one of advancement in the business of ton Casseis, Esq , Vice-President. the Company, and that the prospects were sever brighter than at the present

"The Directors are happy to be able to state that the expectations based upon the increase of the size of the REVIEW, and the advancement of the subscription price from one dollar to one dollar and a half, as referred to in the report for 1887, are in steady process of realization. It /18 gratifying to be able to state that the revenue from subscriptions has largely increased over that for the year 1887; that the ad vance in the rate of subscription did not reduce the list as much as was ex-

pected and provided for, and that since the first of August last the circulation has been steadily increasing.

"With regard to the REVIEW itself the Directors have much pleasure in stating then belief that it has now at tained to a highly respectable and well established place in the journalistic world, and that it is steadily growing in VIFW continues to maintain with unabated energy the characteristics which have marked it since its foundation the utmost loyalty to the Schemes of upbuilding of social and national mothe Church, and affording a medium reverse. for the interchange of opinion upon ecclesiastical topics, it continues to supply the latest news from the Mission fields and of missionary organizations, ctors have reason to believe In this connection that the Review was the only religious paper in Canada that gave full reports of the Great Mission-tonsible until an expension order its cented by the Pablishers for its discontinuance, and all payment of arrearing is made, as required by lam.

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(c) When the address of a paper is changed, both the only religious paper in Canada that gave full reports of the Great Mission-terial transfer and the Pan Presby-terian Council held in London last summer. As heretofore, much attended from the summer. As heretofore, much attended from the concept the choicest home reading, and the Directors have abundant reasons for concluding that the Review is everting a powerful influence for good upon individual, family and congregational life.

"The Directors are glad to be able to state that the other publications of the Company—the General Assembly's Sabbath School Registers and Records, are apiaious expressed by our correspondents."

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Tracts, Catechisms, Marriage Certifi cates, Rolls, and other Church sup plies-continue to grow in public favour, and that the revenue derived from them is in advance of that of last

"The Directors have again to state that throughout the year they have been greatly indebted to numerous friends for many acts of kindness in reference to the Review.

They also desire to express their entire satisfaction with the efforts of the officers of the Company to promote its interests,"

The financial statements showed the earnings, assets and liabilities of the Company. The Auditor, Mr. J. M. Martin, expressed himself thoroughly satisfied with the position and prospects of the Company.

The reports were duly received and adopted unanimously. The meeting proceeded to the election of Directors by ballot.

The following gentlemen were appointed Directors: -- William Mortimer Clark, Esq, Barrister-at-Law, Toronto; In the absence of the President, Rev. James Middlemiss, D.D., Elora; William Mortimer Clark, Esq., the John K. Macdonald, Esq., Toronto; their war occupied by Hamilton Cas- John Kay, Esq., Toronto; Professor James Loudon, M.A. University College, Toronto; Rev. Professor James Ross, B.D., Queen's University, Kingston; The proceedings of the meeting were John Leys, Jr., Esq., Toronto; Rev. William D. Armstrong, M.A., Ph.D. Ottawa; Rev. R. J. Laidlaw, LL.D., Hamilton; James Murray, Esq., Toronto, Rev. John Somerville, M.A. Owen Sound; Rev. L. H. Jordan, B.D., Montreal; William Wilson, Esq., To-Winnipeg; Rev. Robert Leask, Toronto; Hamilton Cassels, Esq., Barris ter-at-Law, Toronto; Rev. J. McIntosh Cameron, Toronto; Rev., Henry M. The Directors have first to express Parsons, D.D., Toronto; Rev. John Gray, M.A., Windsor; Geo. H. Rob-

inson, Esq., M.A., Toronto. On motion, duly seconded, votes of thanks were passed to the Board of doubt, present in spirit at this annual Directors, the Manager and Editor, and the Auditor.

> It was unanimously agreed that Mr. ohn M. Martin be appointed Auditor The proceedings were closed with prayer by Rev. H. M. Parsons, D.D.,

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors William Mortimer Clark, Esq. was duly elected President, and Hamil-

On motion duly made and seconded an Executive Committee was ap-

BY MAIL.

FROM A AUBSCRIBER IN THE HORTE WEST REMITTING MIS SUBSCRIP-

"I appreciate the REVIEW very highly. I admire the stand you take on the Roman Catholic question, the broad liberal spirit shown throughout the paper, your spiendid missionary latelligence and your thorough Pres-byterianism."

#### A BRITISH M.P. ON MISSIONARY METHODS.

PHE difficulties and discouragements 1 of Missionary work in India aregen erally acknowledged. Their magnitude is certainly not underestimated by those familiar with the subject. There is no influence and usefulness. The RE harder mission field in the world than India. There is none, perhaps, which is more exposed to hostile criticism. The latest unfavourable comment the Church, the promotion of Presby comes, however, from a source which! terian and Protestant principles and the can scarcely be called hostile, in the / going on in party circles as to the sense of being prompted by a desire to use of the French tongue and Roman ing to be considered the more import. surpassed fulness, the general news of injure the cause of Missions, but the Catholic manuals in the Public Schools ant qualifications for a good vestryman

sionaries and on their mode of living, ang, which we clip from a New York and so forth, spring apparently from a Presbyterian journal discloses a surprisfrom India have already borne good legislators one possible remedy for preother Churches. They would mention fruit in eliciting a large amount of value venting English from being treated as able correspondence upon the points to a foreign tongue in a British Colony. which he refers. The General Secre | "For several years it has been notor tary of the Baptist Missionary Society lous that the feeling existing between terian Council held in London last (to which denomination Mr. Came the German and English speaking Rosummer. As heretofore, much atten- belongs), sums up the indictment man Catholics of this country, has not against the missionaries thus:

2. Committees at home largely re-

sponsible for this. cational policy.

These charges are at first sight somewhat startling Not that they are new, ever. A movement, begun soon after for of late strictures of a similar nature the meeting of the last Council in Balhave been only too frequent; but they timore, has resulted in the recent preare grave as coming from the pen of a sentation to the Propaganda of a petiman and a friend and well-wisher of the cause. It would appear, however, man Catholics in America, and a rethat Mr. Came his been, to say the quest that the catechisms of the Church least, hasty in his conclusions, superficiently be taught only in the English cial in his judgment, inaccurate in his language, that in parishes where sercial in his judgment, inaccurate in his mons have theretofore been preached figures, and reckless in his statements. In German, they shall now be in Eng-He is also strangely inconsistent in the lish, and that no more German festivi tenor of his remarks, bestowing unqualities shall be allowed. This action puts the liquor license system, showed the standing miracles of Providence, fied praise in a general way, and sweep. the Propaganda in what Captain Tuck, ing condemnation in particulars. This called a "category." If it lets the mathas been fully established in the able ter alone, the Irishman "gets on his and lengthy rejoinders which have ear," and matters will look as if a reguappeared in late issues of leading lar Presbyterian Church fight had been pect permanently beneficial results from that the Jews will soon be restored to English religious journals, from such thrown over to the Catholic side of the anything short of total prohibition. It leads the fine of the conclusions or not was charged on the one hand that the lishman, it will have on hand a list of the controverted topics, they will be controverted topics. Thompson, Foreign Secretary of the sharper and longer contest than our old London Missionery Society j. Mr. H. fighting Church has ever witnessed.

A. Daynes Remnesty of the Missioner Society, and interest the second state of Present the Society, and interest passent the second s

not less well-informed them In Care and who possess, what he does not, a familiarity with facts and figures which can only accrue from long experience French Roman Catholic who will not in dealing with missionary statistics and intelligence.

One very common error into which Mr. Caine falls, is the counting of heads. Even this rough computation strategy, in the exercise of which the of results is shown to be inaccurately done. There can be no more fallacious test applied to Christian work either here or in foreign lands. The number of avowed converts in connection with a Mission is by no means the measure of its influence or usefulness. Especially is this true of the Hindu, with whom an open profession of Christianity is attended with social difficulties and sacrifices such as converts experience in no other country. In the words of the late Sir Bartle Frere, The gathered and tabulated results of the disease, for the Pope can speak in mission work in India constitute but a very small proportion of the real success, in my judgment many thousands of genuine converts never having had their names enrolled in any Church statistics or missionary reports."

Mr. Caine says, and here we heartily agree with him, that "There is nothing to be gained by looking only on the bright side of things, and continually shutting our eyes to failure." This is true in regard not only to India, but to every mission field. Success can only be estimated aright when the subject is viewed in all its aspects, discouraging and the reverse. Missionaries, missionary organizations, and all their operations, must be able to bear the closest scrutiny and the fullest inquiry, or con-

consideration. It deserves the earnest attention of all concerned in any way tions, the Bishop's rebuke to his own tice I shall never keep silent." It is in mission work.

discussed at greater length in another in church work by any but a spiritual now finding general expression in the

#### THE BILINGUAL DIFFI-OULTY.

A PROPOS of the discussion now The animadversions of Mr. Caine, that the language difficulty is not con-

been entirely such as to remind outisiders of the exclamation of the in 1. Numerical results, " miserably in spired Psalmist over the pleasant sight presented by brethren dwelling to gether in unity. Neither have the re-3. "Conspicuous failure" of edu visible analogy to the precious ointment upon Aaron and his garments, or to the 4. Urgent need for better methods thew upon Hermon, or that which descended upon the mountains of Zion. Just now the fraternal relations of the parties seem to be worse strained than

their noniense, if they think to wind and of Purgatory after death 3 and the

will hear something drop and subside." The legislators who are puzzling their brains as to what shall be done with the of appointing commissioners was taken might utilise to good purpose the tragive up his patois and learn English, ditional antipathy of Teuton and ipalities. On the other hand, it was Gael. By employing some of that fine and German Catholic population might, perhaps, be so manceuvred that they would be obliged to learn English from very dislike of each other. That plan might necessitate the importation of a large number of German-speaking Catholics into this country ere we could hope that the French hierarchy would begin to agitate that the Catechisms of the Church should be taught only in English. Then, some would be sure to say the remedy would be worse than all tongues, and his battalions move as one man whether the word of command to march against the Protestant institutions comes to them in English, German or French. Rather than resort to such a problematic cure for our bilingual difficulty, most people, in Ontario at least, whose necks are not under the party yoke, are ready to say, let there be, by legal enactment, only one language in use in our Public Schools, and let that language be English, the Pope and the politicians to the contrary notwithstanding.

EDITORIAL NOTES. THE action of the vestrymen in a one which demands much time and Churches may well give beed. If Pres every Presbyterian and every Protest specially useful for Sabbath-schools,

thought and careful study for its proper byterians are not so much to blame in ant would take Dr. Caven's stand and The remaining points in Mr. Caine's to us o be on our guard against the Caven's firm stand has done much indictment must be reserved to be danger and folly of measuring success already to form the opinion which is

way into the church. This is seen cil to nullify the Jesuits' Bill " repeatedly in the election of vestrymen Spirituality seems often no longer the test of a church's official business Success, high social position, shrewd ness in the conduct of affairs, are comof Ontario, it is interesting to notice or trustee. I do not refer to the Episcopal church alone, but to churches in general The man, poor in spirit, but the Foreign Mission Committee that a British M.P., on the methods of mis fined to our own country. The follow-rich commercially, is preferred in a "though some one did pay for all the church officer to the man poor in worldly goods, though rich spiritually. This commercial tendency is also obvi that the Church is more and more look, desire to hasten and advance the evan ing state of affairs in the United States, out in pew renting. The rich occupy not the Canadian Church nor the native that the Riview for information regelization of the heathen. His letters and incidentally suggests to our own the choice places, while the poor must sit. Church " in the obscure, out-of-the-way corners The church becomes a club house, and this amounts in cases to the exclusion of the poor. If the church was to be merely a means of providing comfortable incomes for Sunday orators and cosy seats for wealthy listeners, the pew renting system might be a success. But as the church is for a common salvation of rich and poor alike, any system that shuts out the poor or puts the rich into a fashionable house with a saint's name at one end of the town, and the poor lations between them presented any into a bare chapel by themselves at the other end, can never be a system that God will prosper. If it could be known openly in how many parishes at this moment some influential and managing men are secretly discussing the question of how they shall contrive to get rid of the minister because he is not paying well in pew rents, or how they shall find one that will do that, an appeal of alarm would arise to the ears of God. I have long been an advocate of the free church system. I don't believe men should own the church at all. It should be as free as the winds

THE debate in the Local Legislature,

last week, on the administration of hopelessly bound up with party inparty in power, and that the whole liadministered properly until the power argued that these charges had no foun or the County Council, provided they are in sympathy with temperance principles and are honest men? If honest not be made to swing. The friends of

days many vigorous protests against the former, poses

this respect as some other denomina say: "If there is wrong and injuspeople may serve as a word of warning not too much to say that Principal dictum of the Globe: "It must be the "Commercial forces are pushing their duty of the Governor General-in-Coun-

> WE are asked to state in reference to the Hong Kong pamphlets that have recently been circulated throughout the Church, that Mr. Jamieson, in a letter dated Tamsui, Formosa, January 15th, 1889, has informed the Convener of pamphlets sent from this, as also a telegram sent on January 2nd, 1889, it was

### Literary Notices.

THE numbers of The Living Age for the 9th and 16th of March contain "Krakatoa," Edinburgh. "Hopes and ! Fears for Literature," Fortnightly; Some Cunosities of Diet, and American and English Girls," National; "Lawrence Oliphant," by Mrs Oli phant, Blackwood, "Three Notable Englishwomen," and "A Fashionable. Authoress of the Last Century," Temple Bar, "Volterra, and The Memoirs of Agrippa d'Aubigne," Macmillan; "Personal Recollections of the Duke a of Wellington," and "Snakes," Afurray's, "Elizabeth Barrett Browning," Lessure Hour, "Tennyson's Under-Speciator, "Gordon's Last, tones," Hour," Central News; with instalments of "A Chronicle of Two Months," "The Owl's Revenge," and poetry. [Littell & Co., Boston.]

We have received acopy of a sermon preached by Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of, Brantford, with the title, "The Jews, their Conversion and Restoration." Dr. 1 Cochrane agrees with those who regards the existence of the Jews as a separate. people up to the present day as " one of, among other things that the whole which can only be explained by believquestion of the drink traffic is so ingthat in the final consummation of the present dispensation the Jews will play hopelessly bound up with party in-an important part." He also expresses, terests, that it is almost in vain to ex-his sympathy with those who believe on these controverted topics, they will license officials are all partizans of the find the sermon full of interesting facts set forth in a lucid and graphic fushion

A PAPER on "Ragged Schools, Old! and New," opens the April number of out of the hands of the Govern- The Quiver. Then comes the month's ment and given back to the people, who instalment of the serial, "Miss Hilary's Suitors," with its capital illustrations; Bishop Alexander's thoughts upon Christ's last words; "About Sternhold & Hopkins's Psalms; " "The Name dation in fact; that it would be a retro- Christian," "A Call by the Unknown to politicianspride themselves, our French gressive movement to go back to the the Unknown," and "Religion on County Councils, and that on the whole Earth and Religion in Heaven," make up the more theological articles of the the Crooks Act has been fairly well number, but the general reader will find administered. By a strict party vote of enough to entertain him in the short forty-three to twenty-three, it was de- stories and the descriptive articles. cided not to accept the change proposed. Among the latter are "The Silence of the Woods," "Christian Work among the Eskimos," illustrated by a number the changes submitted, we would ask of sketches from the pencil of Mr. what possible difference can it make Dickson Patterson, Toronto, and an whether the license commissioners are account of a visit to the reverend Reformers or Conservatives, or whether scientist, Dr. W. H. Dallinger. Poetry they are appointed by the Government and music add variety to the table of contents, and a bundle of well selected. "arrows" brings the number to a close--[Casse:] & Ca., New York.]

THE publications of the Religious men cannot be found to administer the Tract Society of London, England, law as it exists, and if it is found that the have a world-wide reputation. Their sale of liquor cannot be restricted monthly periodicals have neither counwithin legal bounds by our present lantic. The Boyt' Own Paper, brimful machinery, then there is no further of the things which boys like, will, if need for tinkering at the Crooks Act. once taken, be regarded as indispensable, There is no use trying to make a breach and the Girls' Own is equally valuable in a wall with a battering tam that can- with its rich repository of stories, literary articles, music, and general information, with a modicum of fashions of a temperance should give up half mea- useful and sober sort. The Leiture sures and agitate for total prohibition. Hour and the Sunday At Home for March are fine numbers. Their con-The agitation on the Jesuits' Estates
Bill continues to increase throughout the Dominion; and during the last few Queens," by W. J. Hardy Continues to the Continues to increase throughout the Dominion; and during the last few Queens," by W. J. Hardy Continues to the Continues t allowing the Act to become law have being accompanied with facsimiles, certain fashionable Episcopal church in been formulated on public platforms which seem to indicate that the royal writers were persons, of no undefidence and support will not be retained. New York refusing to give a place to and in church courts. Several of our cided stamp of character. The Sunday But let such scrutiny and inquiry be strangers visiting the church, on the Presbyteries especially, and not a few of At Home retains all its well-known made with at least a carefulness and ground that there was no room, the the ministerial associations, have spoken features of excellence in even more exactness such as are given to the sci- empty pews being bought and paid for with no uncertain sound. At the great pronounced character than in years entific investigation of secular matters, and held reserved for their owners no meeting of the Evangelical Alliance wholesome and entertaining. Friendly Let all the factors be considered. Of matter whether they came to church or held in this city last week resolutions Greetings is, perhaps, not so well known the result of such investigation there is, not, has once more drawn attention to were adopted with such spirit and in Canadaas some others of the Society's with few exceptions, absolutely no the evils of the rented pew system, and unanimity as must go far to convince publications, but it is a very pretty ground for anxiety or doubt. When the worldly spirit that would exclude the promoters of the Bill that the peobright, religious stories easily underthis is done, the arithmetical method the stranger and the poor from the ple of Ontario will not cease to protest stood, and of a nature to attract the of estimating the success of mission house of God. Among Episcopalians until the Act is disallowed. In another attention of both young people and work, though it has its place and its of note who have taken ground in favour column we give a report of Rev. Prin. those of maturer years. The number value, must drop to its own place, and it of the free pew is Bishop Huntington cipal Caven's great speech on this before us contains as frontispiece a. value, must drop to its own place, and it of the free pew is Bishop Huntington cipal Caven's grest speech on this beautiful coloured engraving of Millet's is strictly subordinate. We have space of Syracuse, N. Y., who has something occasion. We could wish in the present amous picture, "The Sower." The merely to touch this subject. It is to say on the subject to which all ent crisis of the mation's history that other publication of the Tract Society,