

Ministers and Churches.

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ON Thursday evening last week, a social was held in Knox Church, Elora, which was well attended, and was followed by a lecture entitled, "Dreams," delivered by Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, B.D., of Galt. The lecture was entertaining and instructive, abounded in good hits and quaint illustrations, and gratified a large audience. Like all other entertainments in Knox Church, the affair was a financial success.

THE annual meeting of the Knox College Metaphysical and Literary Society was held on Friday evening, at which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—James C. Tolmie, B.A., president; A. R. Barron, B.A., first vice-president; D. Peirce, second vice-president; John McD. Duncan, B.A., critic; T. K. Shearer, B.A., recording-secretary; E. B. McWhie, corresponding-secretary; P. J. Pettinger, treasurer; W. J. Clark, secretary of committees; G. W. Logie, curator; M. P. Talling, James Gill and James Gilchrist, councillors.

THE Rev. Hugh Rose, having been invited to deliver one of his popular lectures in Winterbourne, visited that clachan on Friday evening week, and was greeted by a full house and intensely interested audience. The rev. lecturer selected "The Highlands" as his subject, illustrated by the series of magnificent views of the grand scenery of Auld Scotia, which he recently imported from Aberdeen, and it is almost needless to say that the greatest enthusiasm prevailed when the scenes of their childhood were thus vividly brought before the eyes of many in the audience. Mr. Rose bids fair to become one of the most popular lecturers of the day.

PROFESSOR BRYCE, LL.D., of Manitoba College, chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for Assembly Meeting at Winnipeg, writes: The Committee of Arrangements in Winnipeg are making every effort to suitably entertain the commissioners who may attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in this city, in June next. Presbytery Clerks are requested to send, immediately after election, the names of the commissioners to the General Assembly, with their addresses, to the chairman of the Executive Committee. On receipt of these names a circular will be sent from the committee at Winnipeg to each commissioner, asking him to signify whether it is his intention to be present at the Assembly or not. It is hoped Presbytery Clerks and commissioners will be prompt in supplying the information needed.

ST. ANDREW'S congregation, Winnipeg, has experienced a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit. For three weeks past special services had been held nightly. They were conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Philbado, assisted by the Session and other Christian workers in the congregation. From the first the interest was deep, and the attendance large, deepening and growing, however, as one after another found peace, and confessed themselves followers of Christ. On Friday evening, March 4, Mr. H. M. Fraser, student of Manitoba College, preached from Matthew vi. 33, after which seventy were received into the Church, nearly fifty of these being on profession of their faith. The communion services on Sabbath were deeply impressive—thankful hearts rejoicing in a newly-found Saviour, or in the salvation of some dear friend, could not but give praise to Almighty God for His infinite mercy. To Him be all the praise. The meetings are to be continued for another week.

THE annual meeting of the Brampton Presbyterian congregation was held in the lecture room of the church on the evening of the 25th ult. The attendance was unusually large, and the proceedings were marked by the utmost harmony. Very gratifying reports were submitted in regard to the various departments of congregational work. These reports show, amongst other things, that during the year seventy-five names had been added to the communion roll, and thirty-four removed, leaving a net increase of forty-one; that the Sabbath collections and the weekly offerings were in advance of the previous year; that the current expenses of the congregation had been fully met; that \$540 had been paid for interest on the church debt; and that the debt itself had been reduced by \$1,000. The total amount contributed for all purposes was \$4,435. During the last seven years this congregation has raised \$18,000 for church building, and has paid \$3,600 for interest on church debt, besides providing for all current expenses.

THE annual meeting of the Georgetown and English River Woman's Missionary Society was held in the English River Church on February 15, the president, Mrs. McKerracher in the chair. After devotional exercises the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mrs. McKerracher; vice-presidents, Mrs. J. Brodie, Mrs. Crutchfield, Mrs. Galbraith and Miss Ogilvie; recording secretary, Miss E. Orr; corresponding secretary, Miss T. A. McKerracher; treasurer, Mrs. G. McClenaghan. The treasurer's report showed that the contributions for last year amounted to \$199, which was apportioned as follows: \$100 to zenana work in Indore, \$50 to support a pupil at Pointe-aux-Trembles, \$49 to mission work among the North-West Indians. Very interesting papers were read, bearing more or less directly upon the work of missions. The society, which is one of the oldest of the kind in the Dominion, is

doing good work. The year that has past has been a prosperous one. Truly the Lord has been mindful of us, and He has blessed us. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name be the glory!"

THE teacher at the Fife Hills, Mr. R. N. Toms, gave a feast to the Indians, on the occasion of the opening of the school after the Christmas holidays. There were about 100 present. After a hearty meal the pipe of peace was smoked, and hearty speeches were delivered by the teacher and Chiefs Pekach and Peepekeesis and others. Mr. William Daniels, agency interpreter, acting as interpreter. From the remarks made, the Indians are beginning to appreciate the labours of Mr. Toms amongst them, and to take a greater interest in the education of their children. The teacher has purchased a small magic lantern, and about forty views, which are very much appreciated by old and young, but there seems, to the poor Indian, to be a great mystery surrounding the appearance of the picture on the wall of canvas. Mr. Toms appears to take a great interest in the Indians, and in return is looked upon by them as a friend. The teacher says that the success he has met with on the reserves is in a great measure owing to the kindly assistance of Mr. Agent Williams and staff, and that he hopes, with God's blessing on his labours and the help of kind friends, to raise the Fife Hill Indians in the estimation of their brethren, and help them to become useful members of society.

THE Pembroke *Observer* says. In the Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning last, Rev. W. D. Ballantyne said he intended to give notice of his intention to resign the pastoral charge of Calvin Church at the meeting of the Presbytery of Inverness and Renfrew, which was to be held at Carleton Place next day. Until the proper ecclesiastical proceedings were entered upon, when Mr. Ballantyne would have an opportunity of explaining fully to the congregation his reasons for the course he was taking, he asked them to suspend their judgment, lest they might attribute his action to other than the real causes, which might, very easily be done, and to the injury of the Church's interests. At the meeting of Presbytery Mr. Ballantyne gave notice, as intimated, and the usual steps were taken to cite the congregation to appear by commissioners at the next regular meeting, in the end of May, for its interests. At the meeting of Presbytery Mr. Ballantyne stated briefly the reasons which had led him to give notice of his resignation. Mr. Alex. Moffat, sen., who attended the meeting of Presbytery officially as an elder in Calvin Church, also made a statement, agreeing with and corroborating Mr. Ballantyne's. We understand that the Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Renfrew, and Rev. D. J. McLean, of Arnprior, have been appointed to meet with the congregation, and assist in arranging such measures as may be for the best interests of all concerned. No two men could have been chosen better qualified for such a task, or who would more fully command the entire confidence of all parties interested. We are of opinion it is not likely that the congregation will accept the resignation without making an effort to induce the reverend gentleman to change his mind. Mr. Ballantyne is an earnest Christian, and his loss to Pembroke will be little short of a calamity.

THE second annual meeting of the Paris Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society met in Knox Church, Woodstock, on Monday, March 7. An excellent lunch was provided by the ladies at noon, the delegates having arrived by the noon trains. Between thirty and forty were present. A meeting for the election of officers and other business was held, beginning at half past one. The following officers were appointed:—Mrs. Dickinson, Woodstock, president; Miss Harvie, Woodstock, secretary; Mrs. Scott, Glen Morris, treasurer; first vice president, Mrs. McMullen; second vice president, Mrs. Munroe; third vice president, Mrs. Thompson; fourth vice president, Mrs. Snior. A meeting for ladies was opened at three p.m. The opening exercises were conducted by the president and Mrs. McMullen, after which the president gave an address, which was followed by an address of welcome to the delegates, read by Mrs. A. S. Ball, and replied to by Mrs. Dr. Lawrence, of Paris. A solo was then sung by Miss Hay. Mrs. Gordon, of Harrington, gave an excellent address on "Foundation Truths in Mission Work." Miss McKay then sang "The Palace of the King," and Mrs. Ball, of Vanneck, followed by speaking on "The Motives which Should Actuate us in Christian Work." A deep interest was manifested throughout the whole afternoon, and no doubt the earnest words of these esteemed ladies will do much to stimulate all who heard them to renewed zeal in the great work of Foreign Missions. After a lively discussion on the benefits of systematic giving, etc., and votes of thanks to Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Ball, the meeting closed. In the evening a public meeting was held, the attendance being large. Mr. McMullen presided. In his introductory remarks he drew attention to the fact that out of a total of \$53,000 raised last year for foreign missions the women's agency had raised \$13,453. In the Presbytery of Paris there are 17 auxiliaries, having had an increase of 10 this last year, the increase of funds over last year being \$273; the total expenses of the Presbyterial Society being deducted, also expenditure on furnishings for Miss Rose's school, Piapot's Reserve. A novel and pleasing feature of the evening's entertainment was a class of little girls dressed in the costumes of the various nations, each little girl representing different countries, and appealing in turn for the cause of missions abroad. The costumes were extremely neat and true to life. The Rev. W. S. Ball, a former pastor of Knox Church, then gave an able and eloquent address on the work of missions, in which he portrayed the revival of religion in modern times, and described the good work done among the Indians of the North-West. Rev. Mr. Munroe also spoke briefly, presenting in an interesting form statistics illustrative of the importance of the work being done by women. Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson in a few words gave an illustration of the power of the Gospel in the South Seas. Several votes of thanks closed what was in all respects a delightful and profitable day to all the ladies and to their friends who were present in the evening.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—The regular meeting was held in Knox Church, Ingersoll, on the 8th inst. Considerable time was spent in an animated discussion on the mode of appointing commissioners to the General Assembly, and definite rules for guiding the Presbytery's action were adopted. It was also decided to raise by assessment over the Presbytery the amount requisite to pay the railway fares of commissioners. Messrs. Pettigrew, Boyle, Atkinson and Hardie, by rotation, and Dr. Cochrane and Mr. McMullen by election, were appointed commissioners, with Messrs. Harvie, Bell, Thomson, Lillico, Bryce and Robert Turnbull, elders. Circular letters from Montreal and Orangeville Presbyteries were read and applications to receive as ministers of this Church Mr. John A. Birrell, of Hawick, Scotland, and Wm. E. D'Argent, of Dakota, U.S. The report on Sabbath Schools was presented by Mr. Pettigrew, that on the State of Religion by Mr. McKinley, and on Temperance by Dr. Beattie. The report of the Woman's Foreign Mission Presbyterial Society was read, showing that ten new organizations had been formed, making seventeen within the Presbytery, and that \$592 had been raised, an advance of \$273 on the previous year. The Presbytery expressed gratification, and assured the ladies of continued co-operation with them in their good work. In the evening a large congregation assembled, and an interesting and profitable conference on the State of Religion was held. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in River Street Church, Paris, May 10, at ten a.m.—W. T. McMULLEN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—A regular meeting of this court was held in Knox Church, Stratford, on the 8th inst., Rev. A. Henderson, Moderator. There was a large attendance. Rev. Messrs. Lowry and Penman were invited to sit and correspond with the Presbytery. (The session records of Shakespeare, etc., were presented for examination. Mr. J. Campbell reported that the pulpits of North and South Missouri had been declared vacant. Mr. Turnbull reported that these congregations had been visited, and that the South congregation would raise \$373 and the North \$207. They requested the services of a student during the summer; this request was granted. It was agreed that Mr. Campbell, of Granton, should give a service fortnightly at Fraser Church, for which the people there promise him \$100 per year. Messrs. J. Campbell, A. Grant, A. Stewart, D. Gordon and E. W. Panton, ministers, and Messrs. R. Hamilton, W. Dunn, T. McPherson, F. Bell and J. Hedley, elders, were appointed as commissioners to the General Assembly. Dr. Burns, of Halifax, was nominated as Moderator of Assembly. The Moderator of the Session of North Mornington was authorized to moderate in a call when requested to do so by the congregation. Messrs. Kay, McKibbin and W. Chalmers were appointed to visit Wellesley and Crosshill and supplement. Messrs. Hamilton, Kay, Turnbull, J. W. Chalmers and A. Smith were appointed a committee with presbyterial powers, to confer with Messrs. Wright and McPherson, and secure, if possible, an amicable settlement of the present difficulties, and also to enjoin the board of managers of Knox Church to pay the amount due to Mr. McPherson. Letters from the Presbyteries of Montreal and Orangeville were read, showing that application would be made to Assembly to receive Mr. J. A. Birrell and Mr. Wm. E. D'Argent as ministers of this Church. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society presented a report, which shows great prosperity. The Presbytery's report on Temperance was read, and ordered to be transmitted to the Synod's committee. Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the same place on the second Tuesday of May next, at half past ten a.m.—A. F. TULLY, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.—This Presbytery met in Knox Church, Morrisburg, on the 1st inst. The Rev. R. C. Moffat, D.D., was elected Moderator. There was a large attendance of members. Mr. Ross presented the report on Remits. Those on the questions of marriage with a deceased wife's sister, and co-operation with other evangelical denominations, were approved. Mr. Grant reported the formation of a session at Chesterville. An overture praying for the appointment of an agent to advocate the claims of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, was adopted and ordered to be transmitted. Reports on the studies of Messrs. Nelson and Lowrie were presented and adopted. Mr. Richards reported that steps are being taken to erect a church at Farmersville. Leave was granted to the congregations of Dickson's Corners and Oxford, to dispose of their respective manse properties, with a view to the erection of new manses in their places. The report on probationers' work within the bounds was presented by Mr. Kellock. Messrs. Stitt and Stiles were introduced to the Court and, after examination, were approved as catechists. Mr. Bayne reported having moderated in a call at Iroquois on the 25th ult. The call was unanimously addressed to the Rev. J. M. McAllister, B.A., of Ashton, Ont. As the call was still under process of signature, it was decided to meet on the 14th inst., in the First Church, Brockville, to dispose of this and other business. Messrs. Grant, Bayne, Kilgour, Moody and Rae were appointed a committee to arrange for the supply of North Williamsburg, etc. At the evening sederunt there was a large attendance of the congregation, in addition to the members of Presbytery. Mr. Bayne introduced to the Presbytery the office bearers and members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. After the report of the society had been presented by Mrs. Blair, the Presbytery engaged in an interesting conference on Missions. The Home Mission claims were revised and ordered to be transmitted. Mr. Pullar's resignation of the charge of Morewood was accepted, and Dr. Moffat appointed Moderator of Session. The following were appointed delegates to the General Assembly, to meet at Winnipeg in June, viz.: Ministers—Messrs. Grant and Richards, by rotation, and Messrs. Bayne and McArthur by ballot; elders—Messrs. A. J. Colquhoun, Adam Harkness, John M. Gill and G. F. Rutherford—all by ballot. Dr. Moffat presented the report on the State of Religion, which was carefully prepared and indicated satisfactory progress. Mr. Robertson presented the report on Sabbath Schools which was ordered to be transmitted to the Synod. Dr. Moffat and Mr. Kilgour were elected to serve on the Synod's com.