

Melbourne, took part in the proceedings. A solo by Miss Gilmore was much appreciated. On Wednesday after business matters had been discussed the president, Mrs. Ball, gave an interesting and helpful address on "A Model Society." Papers were also read by Miss Murray, Aylmer, on "Christian Giving"; Miss Gourlay, London, "Mission Bands"; Miss McColl, Wilton Grove, "The Progress of our work"; Mrs. McKenzie, Thamesville, "Co-operation," all of which were able and instructive. Mrs. Roger, London East, and Mrs. Currie, Kintore, were appointed delegates to attend annual meeting to be held in Toronto in May. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Ball, Vaneck, president; Mrs. Roger, London, first vice-president; Mrs. J. A. Murray, London, Mrs. W. J. Clarke, Mrs. Macdougall and Mrs. McKenzie, second vice-presidents; Miss Fraser, London, corresponding secretary; Miss McColl, Wilton Grove, recording secretary; Mrs. Thomson, London, treasurer; Miss Kennedy, London, librarian.

THE seventh annual meeting of the Paris Presbyterian W.F.M.S. was held in Knox Church, Ayr, Thursday, Feb. 11, 1892. Notwithstanding the severity of the weather, there was a large attendance of delegates. The morning session was devoted to business, election of officers and reading reports from Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. The reports read were most encouraging. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Thomson; vice-presidents, Mrs. McMullen, Cockburn, McKay and Scott; corresponding secretary, Mrs. McWhirter; recording secretary, Miss Cameron; treasurer, Mrs. Robertson. The afternoon session opened with singing and prayer by Mrs. McKay, Woodstock. Mrs. McColl, in a few well-chosen words, welcomed the delegates. Mrs. Hutt, Ingersoll, made a very appropriate reply. In the president's address she emphasized individual effort as the key to success. The secretary and treasurer read their reports, the one showing a very encouraging state of things in regard to the spirit of zeal and earnestness with which the work had been carried on in the various societies, and the other showing an increased contribution from every Auxiliary. There are in the Presbyterian fifteen Auxiliaries and thirteen Mission Bands, with a membership of 715, twenty of whom are life members. One thousand one hundred and thirty pounds of new and second-hand clothing were sent to Rev. George Flett—the new costing \$203. The treasurer's statement showed \$1,391.19, and adding \$203 raised for new material amounts to \$1,594.19. Mrs. Stewart, Embro, dedicated the money in prayer. A delightful address by Mrs. Goldie, Ayr, on "Mission Work in Jamaica"; a very suggestive paper on "Prayer," by Miss Long, Brantford, and a most practical and inspiring paper by Mrs. McLeod, Woodstock, on "Mission Bands," delighted all who were present. The question drawer was ably conducted by Mrs. Cockburn, Paris, and Mrs. Ball, Woodstock. A recitation by Miss Annie Goldie, a solo by Miss Donaldson, and a reading by Miss Watson, enlivened the afternoon proceedings, and when the hour for closing came all felt that a very profitable and enjoyable day had been spent. In the evening the Rev. P. Straith, Innerkip, conveyed the greetings of the Presbytery. Dr. Fraser, Hamilton, gave the address of the evening, in which he called upon those in the work to press onward and upward, ever keeping their motto before them, "The World for Christ," and urged those not interested in this work to join in giving the blessed Gospel to their sisters in heathen lands—it alone will exalt them. The meeting was brought to a close by singing the hymn, "The Whole Wide World for Jesus." The next annual meeting will be held in Brantford.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met on the second instant, Rev. G. M. Milligan, Moderator. *Inter alia*, notice was taken of the recent death of Rev. William Stewart, retired, formerly minister of the congregation of Hornby, and his name was ordered to be taken from the Presbytery roll. A committee was also appointed, consisting of Rev. D. J. Macdonnell and Mr. J. Gibson, to prepare a minute in relation to him, and submit the same at next meeting. Committees were appointed to arrange for the pulpits of Deer Park, Caven Church, Bolton, etc., and Malton, Dixie and Port Credit, and leave was given to Rev. William Burns to moderate in a call from the congregation of Deer Park whensoever they may be ready for the same. On behalf of the committee previously appointed regarding the representation of mission stations in Presbyteries, Rev. J. A. Turnbull submitted a report and submitted also an overture to the General Assembly, which the Presbytery adopted, asking the Assembly to pass a declaratory act as to whether it is competent for a Presbytery to appoint as a member of an interim Session within its bounds one who is only an ordained elder of the Church, but is not at the time of such proposed appointment an acting elder, and further as to whether it is the right of mission stations to be represented in the Church courts. A letter was read from Rev. Dr. Caven, stating that with leave of the Board of Knox College and the General Assembly, he was about to set out on a visit to Egypt and Palestine, and that he expected to return towards the end of May. The Presbytery, approving of this movement, commended Dr. Caven to the care of God, and offered prayer through Mr. Macdonnell that he might have safety and comfort during his absence. As Presbytery treasurer, Rev. J. Mutch submitted and handed in his accounts for the past year, from which it appeared that there is at present a balance on hand of \$147; at a later stage the accounts referred to were found to be correct, and it was agreed that for the current year settled congregations should be assessed as before, viz., 5 cents per member. A letter was read from Rev. J. Leishman, of Angus, in regard to arrears due him from Chester congregation, together with a letter from the Clerk of Barrie Presbytery, forwarding a reference of that Presbytery in regard to said arrears, when it was moved and agreed that a committee be appointed, consisting of Revs. Dr. Reid and William Burns, to draft an answer to

said documents and report to next meeting. The Presbytery took up certain remits from last General Assembly. The remit was read as to the appointment of a salaried secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee, together with a relative letter from Mr. Hamilton Cassels. On motion duly made and seconded, the remit was generally approved of. The following nominations were then made for the office of secretary, viz.: Rev. Dr. J. K. Smith, formerly of Galt; Rev. A. Gandier, of Brampton, and Rev. R. P. Mackay, of Parkdale. At this point the making of further nominations was deferred till next meeting of Presbytery, to be gone about at a quarter-past twelve o'clock. The remit anent a summer session was read and considered, when it was moved by Rev. Dr. McLaren, seconded by Rev. R. P. Mackay, and agreed to, as follows: "That, inasmuch as Principal King, of Manitoba, has expressed his willingness that the summer session should be adopted in Manitoba College in the interests of the Home Missions of the Church, the Presbytery expresses (1) its appreciation of the action of the staff of Manitoba College; (2) that the following be adopted as the recommendation of this Presbytery, viz.: that it be an instruction to the Senate of Manitoba College to arrange for holding its theological classes for five months during the summer instead of winter for the next three years; that the Senate be authorized to invite the aid of theological professors from the other colleges of the Church, so that the staff shall not be fewer than four; and further, that it be authorized to appeal to the Church for funds to meet the necessary expenses thereby entailed." The remit anent instruction to catechists was read, when it was moved by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, and agreed to: That in view of the probability of the establishment of a summer session in Manitoba, this remit be not approved of. The remit anent Distribution of Probationers was read, when it was agreed to allow the said remit to lie on the table. The election of commissioners to the next General Assembly was appointed to take place at next meeting of Presbytery, at three o'clock in the afternoon. The Presbytery adjourned, to meet again on the first Tuesday of March, at ten a.m.—R. MONTGOMERY, Pres. Clerk.

LONDON PRESBYTERY.—At the last regular meeting of this Presbytery there was a good attendance of members. Messrs. McLennan and Leith, ministers in good standing, being present, were asked to sit and correspond. A call from Duff and Chalmers Churches, Dunwich, in favour of Rev. Dr. McKay was presented and duly sustained. Provisional arrangements were made for his induction in the event of acceptance. The Moderators of Port Stanley and Belmont received permission to moderate in calls, if need be before next meeting of Presbytery. Intimation having been received of Mr. Little's acceptance of the call to Bethel, arrangements were made for his induction, and the following brethren were appointed to take part: Mr. F. Ballantyne to preside; Mr. L. Cameron to preach; Mr. Ball to address the minister; and Mr. Sutherland the people. The Committee on Remit of Assembly on the appointment of a Foreign Mission Secretary, reported. The Presbytery arrived at the following finding: "That the Presbytery approve of the appointment, and define the duties of the secretary to be the keeping of the minutes, and conducting correspondence. It was carried on a division that the salary be not more than \$1,000." The nomination of the secretary was postponed till next regular meeting. The Home Mission Report was given in by the Convener, and deputations appointed to visit all augmented congregations, to report at the March meeting. The Remit of the Probationers Scheme was recommended to the Committee. It was agreed to meet in London South Church, for conference on the State of Religion, on Monday, 7th March, at two p.m., and for regular business on Tuesday, 8th March, at nine a.m. The Presbytery closed with the benediction. Mr. Little and Dr. McKay were duly inducted at subsequent meetings, the former into the charge of Bethel Church, and the latter into the Dunwich congregation.—GEORGE SUTHERLAND, Pres. Clerk.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS.

The sixteenth annual business meeting of the congregation of the Church of the Redeemer, Deseronto, was held in the church recently. There was a good attendance, and the proceedings were of an interesting character. Mr. S. Russell was called to the chair, and Mr. L. Hoppins was chosen as secretary. After devotional services, conducted by Rev. W. B. Floyd, the reports of the Kirk Session, Board of Managers, Ladies' Missionary Society, Steady Gleaners, Golden Rule Mission Band, Sabbath School and Christian Endeavour Society were read and severally adopted. These reports were of a most encouraging character, showing that good work had been done during the year. The congregation raised \$2,507.06 for all purposes during the year, or \$110.45 more than in 1890. Of this sum \$292 was for the Schemes of the General Assembly, an amount exceeding any in former years. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the ladies of the different societies and the members of the Mission Band for their assistance during the year. The congregation resolved to increase the number of managers from seven to nine, three of whom should retire each year. The following gentlemen were elected managers for 1892: J. A. Davis, F. S. Rathbun, A. E. Gracey, L. Hoppins, R. Anderson, James McCaw, John Dalton, R. Geddis and William Stoddart. Messrs. G. W. Wright and R. Massie were re-elected auditors. Votes of thanks were passed to the organist and choir for efficient service during the year. The various reports expressed the great regret felt by the congregation on account of Mrs. Craig's illness and the separation which it entailed between the people and the Rev. R. J. Craig, their pastor. During the evening Rev. W. B. Floyd in brief addresses gave several practical hints on congregational work. The vari-

ous reports were ordered to be printed in pamphlet form. During the evening an adjournment was made to the lecture-room, where cake and coffee were served by the ladies of the congregation. After a vote of thanks to the chairman the meeting was closed with the doxology and benediction.

The reports at the annual meeting of Knox Church, Walkerton, present a good showing for 1891. From the statement of the Session it appears that the first communion roll made up after the union of the two congregations five years ago numbered 267. There have been eighty removals from this roll during the five years, leaving 187. There have been added during Dr. James' five years' pastorate 205—or an average of forty-one per year, and after deducting all removals the membership is now 330. There were fifteen baptisms during the year. The number on the roll of Sabbath school and Bible classes, including the pastor's young people's class on Friday evenings, is 334, and with officers and teachers (34) makes a total of 368 giving and receiving Bible instruction. The revenue of Sabbath school for library, papers, hymnals, etc., was \$136, and \$60 for Missions, making a total of \$196. In the library of the congregation and Sabbath school there are 615 volumes. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society collected \$134, besides a box of clothing for the North-West Indians, valued at \$70. A Mission Band was organized with thirty-five members, and Mrs. Norman Robertson, president, gave to each 5 cents as capital which, by various industries, grew into the handsome sum of \$61. The Mission Committee report \$377 for the Mission Schemes of the Church; or a total for missionary and other religious and benevolent purposes of \$809. The managers report an income of \$3,564 for congregational purposes, of which \$1,000 was paid towards the reduction of the debt on the church; making a total for all purposes of \$4,564. One feature is worthy of special notice—the contributions, with the exception of that of the Mission Band, were made at the ordinary services and meetings of the congregation, presented as an offering unto the Lord and as a part of worship. On one Sabbath the sum of \$864 was put on the collection plates in envelopes, over and above the ordinary offering, towards the \$1,000 which the managers asked for the reduction of the debt, and on succeeding Sabbaths it was increased to near \$1,100. Praise the Lord. To Him alone be the glory.

OBITUARY.

AMELIA J. HARRIS.

Amelia J. Harris, daughter of Mr. W. C. Harris, Toronto, sailed from New York October 9, 1889, for India, having previously been accepted by the Board of the Foreign Missionary Society. She reached Indore in December. After acquiring the language, Miss Harris was appointed to take charge of a girls' school at Neemuch. While there she contracted throat trouble and went for a time to the hill country with the hope that change of air would be beneficial. Though not quite restored to health, she returned to her duties at Neemuch. Two months afterward she was prostrated with typhoid fever, and her illness was aggravated by a stroke of paralysis, and her life was despaired of. She recovered sufficiently to undertake the journey home, an eminent physician having strongly advised her to leave India as soon as possible, as every day there only aggravated her trouble. Arrangements were made accordingly. She sailed from Bombay on the 16th of January in care of Dr. Margaret McKellar. From a letter received from her dated Brindisi it was learned that little hope was entertained of her recovery. Miss Harris reached London on the 10th inst., and died four days afterward. She was not altogether among strangers when death overtook her, for she was received on landing in London by her aunt, Miss Gordon, of Whitby, who had gone over especially to meet her there. Her last days on earth were cheered by her aunt's presence and comforting words. Much sympathy is felt for her sorrowing relatives.

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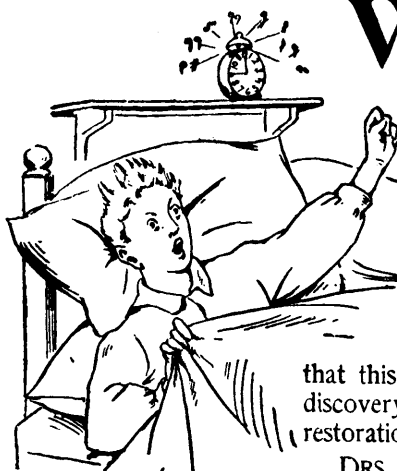
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