

The overcrowded service was held in the Presbyterian Church, and intense sympathy was shown by the audience throughout the proceedings. Besides Mr. McNaughton there were present the Rev. J. Frazer, recently the pastor of the Presbyterian Church here, but now of Montreal; the Rev. D. Macallum, of the Congregational Church, and Mr. Martin, a student of the Presbyterian College, who has been preaching at St. Elmo and Dominionville during the summer months, all of whom took part in the meeting. Dr. McDermid was elected chairman, and after prayer by Mr. Macallum and Scripture reading by Mr. Martin, Mr. Frazer first addressed the meeting, speaking of the departure of Mr. McNaughton as reflecting the highest honour and credit upon the community from which he goes forth into the Foreign Mission field. Referring to some of the prophetic utterances of the early part of the century with regard to missions, he proceeded to show how literally they had been fulfilled by the continued success in the past and the bright outlook for the future. Mr. Macallum followed with a full and concise recapitulation of the origin and history of mission work and societies, giving some interesting statistics and facts connected with different parts of the mission field, and concluded with a review of the history and nature of the mission work in Turkey.

Mr. McNaughton then addressed the meeting, making reference to Asia Minor as the cradle of the early Christian church, and its consequent attraction as a field of labour. In giving his reasons for his entry upon foreign missionary work, he said he had been led to a decision by the compulsory answer he had been impelled to make to the second of two questions to which every man and woman has to reply, viz., "What, then, shall I do with Jesus which is called Christ?" and "What wilt Thou have me to do?" He had chosen the foreign field because he felt that he could do more work for God and humanity there than at home. He concluded by an earnest and personal appeal to those present who had not answered the first of these two questions to do so, and to the congregation at large to put to themselves individually and answer the second. When he had ended his farewell words addresses were read respectively by the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary and a committee of the friends in Maxville, and a presentation of a purse by the latter. The recipient spoke brief but heartfelt thanks in reply, and the meeting, which will be long remembered, and the effect of which will deepen the already lively interest in missions taken by the Maxville people, was closed by singing the doxology.

The Messrs. Sinclair added much to the pleasure and impressiveness of the occasion by the singing of several suitable duets. Mr. McNaughton's immediate destination is Smyrna, a station under the

American Board of Foreign Missions, under whose auspices he goes out.

This will be the second missionary from this locality stationed at Smyrna. Miss Macallum, a daughter of the Rev. D. Macallum, has already spent three years in mission work there under the same board.

#### THANK-OFFERING PICNIC.

The mission bands connected with Maxville Church held their annual picnic and thank-offering in the grove near the church on August 20.

About 100 children—not all members of the bands—were present, and listened attentively to the short speeches and stories from the friends present. Refreshments were served during the afternoon, and the appearance of an elderly friend who "loves children" bearing a big package of candies was greeted with a smile by the youngsters.

The offerings varied in amount from a couple of cents in a crumpled little envelope, bearing in trembling childish characters the words, "Jesus died for me," to the neatly-folded bill, but they mounted up to \$19.22 when all were counted.

#### WHY STAND YE IDLE?—A LETTER TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF OUR CHURCHES BY ONE OF THEMSELVES.

Dear Friend,—Are you engaged in missionary work? If so, we wish you God-speed; if not, let us have a little talk about it. To begin with, we suppose that you are Christians, have tasted of the Saviour's love, and look forward to dwelling with Him in the "many mansions." Can you really enjoy these wondrous blessings, and yet do so little for the Giver of them all? Perhaps, though, you don't know just how to begin or what to do. Let us show you one way. Is there a young people's missionary society or mission band connected with your church? If there is it needs your help, and you need the work. Enter now in the name of the Lord and with all your heart. But some of you say, "We have no young people's society, no mission band." Then organize one at once. Do not say that you know nothing about missions; that you do not know how to organize a society, have "no talents," and are afraid you can do nothing. In this age of missions you need not remain in ignorance one day longer than you choose. Get THE INDEPENDENT, and study Mr. Currie's work from the beginning; read the annual report of the C. C. W. B. M. and note our obligations for the present year; find out about our Indian mission and needy home churches; then, praying for wisdom, set to work. Gather about you the girls and boys (don't forget the boys), and tell them these same stories, and they will be eager for a share in the mission work; or ask your companions to study the subject with you. The "talents" will all show up in good time. "Genius is eternal patience."