

that formerly stood at corner of Adelaide and Church streets—St. Andrew's.

There is a story told of a remarkable occurrence, and laughable withal. The Sabbath on which the church was opened, a Highland regiment, stationed in Toronto, at church parade, being lined up in front of St. James cathedral preparatory to entering for service. The band struck up the old Jacobite tune

O, this is no my ain house  
I ken by the biggie' o' it.

and marched up Church street followed by the regiment (leaving the officers to attend the English church service, if so minded) and entered St. Andrew's, which church they attended so long as the regiment remained in Toronto.

To return to Knox again. It appears that the Scotch and Irish element did not quite agree after the disruption (which founded the Free Church of Scotland, and which extended to the colonies) so an apportionment appears to have been made, and this time it is the Irish that leave to build what is now Cooke's church. In this separation, Dr. Greig seems to think they were not too liberally treated, and so calls for some redress, even at this late date, he contending that they were the original Knox congregation.

The original deed calls for a place of worship and an house of education, the latter being interpreted to mean only a Sabbath School. When this case was before the presbytery, nearly two years ago, Mr William Selby called attention to the very limited and narrow interpretation, contending that Knox congregation had not carried out the evident intention of the testator, Jessie Keitchum.

This view seemed to have seized the members of the presbytery, and was energetically urged by the Rev. Wm. Atkinson and others, with the happy result that the Knox church trustees found that if the matter was to pass they had to evince a more liberal spirit. The following proposal found favor: that they devote a large portion of the money in building an Institutional church on Richmond street, equip and maintain it.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Gandier, seconded by Mr. Selby, the matter was referred to a committee to work out the solution on that basis. The committee appointed consisted of the Rev. J. McP. Scott, Alfred Gandier, Prof. MacLaren, G. C. Pidgeon, G. R. Faskin, Wylie C. Clark, and Messrs. R. Haddow, H. E. Irwin, K.C., T. Alison and John Aitken.

The motion to pay the travelling expenses of Commissioners to the Assembly struck a responsive chord. The report of the committee was ably presented by the convener, Rev. Mr. Atkinson; and its further consideration was deferred to next meeting of presbytery.

In Toronto presbytery there is a large official class composed of professors and the Assembly's heads of departments. These compose one-sixth of the membership and, as a rule, they are sent to Assembly, taking precedence of those actively engaged in the ministry. As a matter of fact they are not truly representative. Of this class going from this presbytery to the Assembly the percentage is unduly large; they forming one fourth, while the active ministry are only one-eighth—in ministerial representation. The question was raised, Should the congregation be taxed to pay their travelling expenses? This will be debated at next meeting.

The whole question of the status of professors and the church's officers should be

carefully considered. They are not representatives in a real sense; and their presence in the Toronto presbytery debars many ministers from almost ever attending Assembly. The Supreme Court, therefore, should provide some equitable means by which they can attend without inflicting injustice on many of our hard working ministers.

Toronto Presbytery named the following as Commissioners to the General Assembly: Principal Caven, Rev. Dr. Milligan, Rev. Dr. R. H. Warden, Prof. J. E. MacFadyen, Rev. Alexander MacMillan, Rev. James Murray, Rev. Robert Atkinson, Rev. T. H. Rogers, Mr. C. T. Tough, Rev. J. A. Turnbull, Rev. W. G. Wallace, Rev. D. B. MacDonald. The following elders were chosen: Lieut.-Governor Clark, Rev. R. Haddow, Mr. J. Loudon, Mr. Robert Kilgour, and Judge Winchester. The following seven sessions have each the right of nominating a commissioner: St. James' Square; Boston; St. Andrew's, King; St. Andrew's, Vaughan; Laskey, Milton, and Georgetown. Their nominations will be received and confirmed at next meeting of Presbytery.

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### Ottawa W.F.M. Presbyterial.

The 18th annual meeting of this useful Society was held in Bank street church hall on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. After devotional exercises Mrs. J. H. Turnbull read a paper on 'Thoughts on the Presbyterial Motto.' The report of the Secretary, Mrs. George Hay, chronicled a steady development in nearly every department. We make a few extracts:

One new Mission Band, S. Gloucester, 'The Pearl Seekers,' has been organized, and of the 18 bands, 16 report an advance in contributions, one a slight decrease, and one has not reported.

The President is putting forth her best energies towards extending this most important branch of the work of the Society—the training of the young people to intelligent interest in the work of the church,—its missionary work, and already there is marked progress and encouraging promise for the future.

The McKay band, New Edinburgh, reports an increase of \$29.62, Bristol \$17.50 and St. Paul's \$16.52.

Of our 27 auxiliaries, 15 show an advance in funds, those of Bank street and Manotick the greatest increase.

The total membership is now 1059, 129 more than last year. Contributions from all sources, \$1,968.07, an increase of \$186.11 over those of last year.

Of this amount \$87.17 was collected from 97 Scattered Helpers. The substantial addition made to the funds from the littles given by isolated members here and there should lead to more general adoption of this means of financial aid, and of diffusing interest among those who are unable to attend our meetings.

The amount of clothing sent to the North West was 1600 lbs., sent to Rolling River Reserve. Dr. Gilbert, in acknowledgment said: 'The quantity was a surprise to us, and even more so the quality and suitability of the goods.'

The report of the acting treasurer, Miss Mabel Gibson gave receipts from Auxiliaries, \$1,671.84, from Mission Bands \$249.36, and from collection at last annual meeting \$146.87, making the total amount \$1,968.07, which had been forwarded to the Society in Toronto. Miss Masson, as secretary of supplies, read a report which showed that

the women have labored early and late to help their far-off sisters.

A heartfelt and inspiring dedicatory prayer by Mrs. A. E. Mutchell, preceded the reading of mission band reports by young members of the bands. These included Aylmer, the Cheerful Workers of Bristol, and Bank street, Stewarton, Erskine, McKay, St. Paul's and Glebe church bands and the Orphan's Home circle. Some of the reports were delayed by the storm and consequently could not be read, but those which were given to the meeting showed the earnestness with which the children regard their association with the great cause.

The address to the children which followed the 'Mission Band Hour' was given by Miss Sinclair, who returned to Canada on furlough last April from her labors in Indore, India. It was an address of the deepest interest, dealing as it did, with the habits, manner of existence, games, etc., and Miss Sinclair spoke over half an hour, holding her older, as well as her younger hearers spellbound by her natural, pleasant manner and deeply interesting subject.

The evening session commenced at 8 o'clock and was held in the church, the moderator of the presbytery, Rev. Mr. Herbison, in the chair. He gave a short address, and conducted devotional exercises assisted by the Rev. Norman McLeod. The report of the Presbyterial society was read by Mrs. Hay and afterwards its adoption was moved by the Rev. J. H. Turnbull, in a few complimentary and kindly sentences, and seconded by the Rev. Mr. Scott, of Hull, who also spoke briefly.

The address by Miss Sinclair was highly interesting. As in the afternoon, she spoke on India, but her second address portrayed the different phases of darkness, ignorance, superstition and oppression met with by the missionaries in their noble efforts in India. A brief sketch of the geographical features of India, and its history down to the present day opened her address. But it is to the women of India that Miss Sinclair's deepest sympathy goes out; to their darkened ignorant lives, with so little of pleasure and so much of degradation and pain to bear. The work of the missionaries is divided into three great heads—educational, evangelistic and medical. Of the need of the last named no one who reads of the terrible plagues in that country can doubt. The effects of education and religion are becoming more and more apparent as time goes by, and the seed sown by the missionaries years ago, germinates, grows and bears its beneficent fruit. A doxology was sung and the meeting adjourned.

On Wednesday the reports of Auxiliaries dealing with their statistics were received; and all them, as already hinted at, were of a very encouraging character.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. D. B. Gardner; Vice presidents, Presidents of auxiliaries; Secretary, Mrs. Geo. Hay; Treasurer, Miss E. H. Gibson; Secretary of Supplies, Miss Mary Masson; Literature secretary, Miss Evans; 'Tidings' secretary, Miss Garland. It was decided to continue the plan followed this year of having the annual meeting last two days, and notice of a resolution to be dealt with next year, to change the date of the annual meeting was given by the secretary.

Miss Sinclair gave another helpful and interesting address on the work of the Presbyterian church in Central India and the closing words of the convention were given by Mrs. J. W. H. Milne, whose message of hope and encouragement was most inspiring.