

At a meeting of the Peterboro Presbytery held in Port Hope on Tuesday, April 17th, Rev. A. MacWilliams, of Peterboro, was appointed moderator of the Onondago, etc., session.

"CHRISTIANITY a Science, not a Dream," was the title of an eloquent and powerful address delivered on Sabbath last in East church, Toronto, by Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, D.D., of Pittsburg, Pa. The occasion was the anniversary of the Sabbath school connected with the church, and the large congregation listened with rapt attention to the speaker, who showed how every part of the doctrine of the Christian religion were fitted to each other, fulfilling to the letter the prophecies and teachings of the Bible. Dr. Crafts preached in the evening also, and Rev. Dr. McTavish occupied the pulpit in the afternoon. The congregations were large at each service. A choir of 160 voices, under the leadership of Mr. W. Moddatt, rendered selected hymns in a most creditable manner. On Monday the annual musical and literary entertainment took place, when a programme of a very high order was presented.

The congregation of Chalmers' church, Toronto, fittingly recognized last Sabbath the fifth anniversary of the opening of the new church building. Services were held at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7 p.m., and the sermon at each was delivered by a visiting clergyman of prominence. The hymns selected by the choir at the services were special and appropriate, and the platform was prettily decorated with an array of choice flowers. At the morning service Rev. D. D. McLeod of Barrie, was the preacher. He took his text from the Epistle to the Colossians, chap. 1, verse 28:—"Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in wisdom: that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." The subject was the aim and object of the Christian ministry, and the means by which that end was sought by the Apostle Paul. Rev. W. F. Wilson, of the McCaul street Methodist church, Toronto, preached the sermon at the afternoon service. His text was from the 1st Corinthians, chap. III, verse 23:—"And ye are Christ's: and Christ is God's." The reverend gentleman pointed out in a most impressive manner the duties and privileges of the Christian life. Rev. Mr. McLeod, who preached again in the evening, selected as his text verse 44, chap. II, of the Acts:—"And all that believed were together, and had all things in common." The sermon was a discussion of Christian communism and Christian unity, the preacher contending that the only true communism must be based on individual goodness, and that the true unity of the Church was in unity of spirit, and not unity in organization. There was a very large assemblage at each of the services. A social was held on Monday, when the choir was assisted by Miss Hattie Morell, soprano; Miss Fannie Morell, contralto; and Mr. Chambers, tenor.

Presbytery of Lindsay.

This Presbytery met at Lindsay 17th April. Pair attendance of ministers and elders. Mr Hanna read correspondence relating to the transfer of Haliburton and Minden mission field and it was decided to accept the offer of the Presbytery of Peterborough to transfer it to this Presbytery as it is on the line of railway to Lindsay. In the absence of Mr Ross, convener, the scheme for payment of expenses of Commissioners to the General Assembly was laid over. Mr H. Currie presented a new scheme for Presbyterial visitation which was received and laid over to next regular meeting to be considered more fully. Mr. A. McAulay was appointed a Commissioner to General Assembly. The following arrangements were made for the induction of Rev. Mr. McKay at Sunderland on Tuesday, the first day of May, at 2:30 p.m. Moderator to preside: Mr. Bethune to preach, Mr. H. Currie to address the people, and Mr. Ross the minister. Mr. Hanna gave a report on Home Missions to the effect that the Presbytery's claims and grants had been honoured by the Home Missions Committee and Mr. Stewart reappointed ordained missionary to Cobocok and Kinmount, and Mr. J. D.

Smith, catechist, appointed to Sebright and Uphill. Reports of Standing Committees were presented as follows. State of Religion, A. McAulay, Sabbath Schools, P. A. McLeod; Temperance, D. Y. Ross; Systematic Benevolence, D. D. McDonald. Adjourned to meet at Sunderland for the induction of Mr. McKay, and other business on May 1st at 11 a.m.—P. A. McLeon, Clerk.

Mission Field.

THE ladies of Edinburgh propose to hold a bazaar in the interests of North-West Home Missions in Canada during the week when the two great Scottish General Assemblies are in session. The effort has been suggested by the Rev. C. W. Gordon's advocacy of Canadian missions.

A LETTER from Mr. W. H. Grant, from Chu Wang, states that Mr. Paul Goforth has not been well for the last eight months. The past winter has been a remarkably mild one in Honan. The work is promising.

THE members of Gordon memorial congregation, Bridgetown, N.S., are interesting themselves in the missions of Western Canada. It is but natural that such should be the case, the pastor, the Rev. R. S. Whidden, being himself a returned missionary from that field.

REV. A. W. THOMPSON, Couva, writes that the missionaries in Trinidad are all well but owing to paucity of labourers are heartily taxed. If you could hear, says Mr. Thompson, as I have heard the wails of a lost soul, you could never forget it. It haunts me day and night. Let this sad item deeply impress us and move to immediate and earnest efforts toward the removal of the debt on our F.M. Fund.

REV. J. A. JAFFRAY, Banff, Alberta, writes: "Good literature can be used to excellent advantage among the communities scattered through the mountains along the line of the C. P. Railway. Some of these people are employed by the railway company, others are working in mining or lumber camps. I will be glad to receive books, magazines or papers of real worth, and arrange for their distribution."

REV. J. H. MACVICAR, returned missionary of Honan, occupied the pulpit in the Presbyterian Church, Valleyfield, and preached to large and attentive gatherings, morning and evening. His addresses were interesting and instructive. He also addressed the Sabbath School, much to the delight of teachers and pupils. Mr. MacVicar is a pleasant, fluent and convincing speaker and his earnestness and youthful appearance tend to give a missionary impulse to his audience. It would be much to the interest of the church at home and abroad should Mr. MacVicar remain in Canada sufficient time to visit the smaller towns which have not the same privilege as the larger cities of hearing returned missionaries.

THE third of a series of special meetings, in connection with missions, was held Wednesday evening last week in Chalmers' church, Guelph, when the members and adherents were out in large numbers. Rev. Mr. Glassford opened the meeting with devotional exercises, and singing of hymns suitable to the occasion was heartily entered into by those present. The programme prepared by the Missionary Society was then proceeded with. The first piece was an anthem by the choir, entitled "Sweet the Moments." Mr. C. Walker, treasurer of the society, then gave an account of the amount raised during the past month, which showed the returns for the month very gratifying, being in excess of the same period last year. Miss Henry read a paper on Indian missions in the Northwest, which showed that great pains had been taken in its preparation. She commenced by giving the geographical position of the field and its extent, showing it to be about two-thirds the size of Europe, then telling of the first foreign settlers, who are Scotch families, and the work and labours of the first missionaries, Revs. Mr. Black and Nesbitt, of Oakville, who formed the first Presbyterian mission. Some of the

later missionaries are Revs. Robertson, Moore, McKay, Flex and others. The mission comprises thirteen stations and eight Indian schools. The work is carried on with great success. After this a duet by Miss Dawo and Mr. Webb, entitled "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and a solo, by Mr. H. Mad-dock, entitled, "Calvary," were given with fine effect. The meeting closed with singing and prayer. Mr. Glassford announced the next subject would be China missions, taking in the work in British Columbia.

A Glance at Both Sides.

FOR THE REVIEW

DLING the past few decades the deepening of the interest in Foreign Mission work has been almost phenomenal. Naturally, the result of the increased interest on the part of those favourable to missions was to call forth the criticism and to quicken into greater activity the opposition of the other side. It is not strange that different observers regard this question in very different lights, and therefore, we should not be too severe on those who have but little enthusiasm in this particular work, seeing that even among its advocates there are diversities of opinion. One thing is certain, however, both sides cannot be right, although it is more than possible that both are somewhat in the wrong. We are also safe in asserting that all those who view this question from different standpoints, whether favourable or unfavourable, have often misunderstood each other to their mutual disadvantage, and, moreover, that they often do so still. Believing this, it was thought by the writer that a glance at some of the different attitudes taken regarding this important question, might prove of some use to the readers of THE PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW, and it is hoped that all may be willing to examine more carefully, in the light of God's Word, not only the claims of Foreign Missions, but also our reasons for, as well as our objections, against the work.

Let us look then at a few of the different classes in the following order: 1. Those who are out and out opposed to such work.—This class is so large and some of the arguments brought forward have been so extensively quoted, that it would require more space than we have at our disposal to do justice to the subject. At some future time we may be able to examine minutely their principal, and, as they think, unanswerable arguments. It is gratifying to know that able members of this class have gone to so much trouble and have had such difficulty, even from their standpoint, to prove to their own satisfaction that Foreign Mission work is a "humbug" and a "failure."

2. Those who are indifferent.—Notwithstanding all that has been done to arouse the Church as a whole, the number of people in this class is still altogether too large. Some of them, alas! are good, earnest men and women, but they have never yet given the question any serious consideration. There are those among them too, who do not view this question to be brought home to their hearts and consciences for fear of the demands it may make on their time, their purses, and perchance on their family circle. Many in this class have heard over and over again of the millions dying every few months in heathen lands without God, but so far they have failed to grasp the full meaning of the words. They have often read the Saviour's last command, "Go ye," etc., but have forgotten to make a personal application of it to their own souls. They read of a farwell meeting to a few who are about to start to some distant field, and they exclaim, "What an ado is made over these folk! Why, these people are going to have a grand time sight-seeing, and they will come home after a few years and tell their 'pretty little story,' and people everywhere will look upon them as heroes." One honest soul, in a letter received recently, said, "I used to think that a few years in China would be rather a pleasant experience, an unlimited opportunity to go shopping; that was because I did not know the meaning of mission work."

3. Those with only one eye.—The members of this class are worthy men and women who