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MISSIONS.

Enthusiasm is the keynote of the sessions of the fourteenth annual convention of the Young People's Societies in the London Presbytery which opened in the New St. James' church last week. Over 50 delegates are in attendance.

In the afternoon the audience was composed mainly of delegates from out of the city, but in the evening the meeting was thrown open, and the body of the church was well filled.

The convention opened at 1 o'clock with the registration and billeting of delegates, followed by opening devotional exercises by the Rev. D. M. McKay, Cowal. An address of welcome was given by Rev. T. H. Mitchell, B.D., pastor of the church, and replied to by Rev. A. McD. Haig, of West Lorne. A short address by the chairman, Rev. W. L. Nichol, B.A., Largie, was listened to with interest. The feature of the afternoon session was a paper by Miss Tena McPhail on "The Reflex Influence of Giving Upon the Society." The paper was of a most comprehensive nature, and covered fully the objects and aims of the society. A round-table conference, led by the Rev. W. S. McTavish, B.D., Ph.D., Kingston, concluded the session. The questions submitted were of a most pertinent nature, relating to various phases of missionary work among the Young People's Societies.

The delegates were entertained to supper by the Ladies' Aid meeting at the afternoon and evening meetings.

Evening Session.

The evening session was opened with devotional exercises by the Rev. T. H. Mitchell, B.D.

The Rev. I. H. Woods, B.D., of St. Thomas, was to have given an address on "A Society's Ledger Account," but was unavoidably absent.

The Rev. Dr. Barnett, convener of committees, tendered a report embodying votes of thanks to the pastor and members of the church for throwing open the church for the use of the convention; to the ladies for the tempting supper provided; to the choir and the members of the church for throwing open their homes for the use of the delegates. The motion was seconded by the Rev. Mr. Haig, of West Lorne, and carried.

The feature of the evening was an address by the Rev. W. S. McTavish, B.A., Ph.D., of Kingston, on "What the General Assembly Committee Aims At." This address occupied almost an hour, and was listened to with rapt attention. It was a straightforward talk on the needs of missionary work of to-day.

"The religions of the world," he said, "are ethnic. The Christian religion is essentially missionary, and has been adopted by a great many nations. It had its birth in Judaism. Christ knew his religion was the best, so he said to his apostles: 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel.'"

"The more a society does for the world at large, in the way of foreign missions, the more it does for itself. It is said that trade follows the flag of a nation. I believe it just as naturally follows the banner of the cross, and generally it costs a great deal less to make it follow the latter.

"An enterprising merchant has stated that trade follows a good advertisement. I think it can be shown that trade follows missionary enterprise. A Christian country is enriched enormously through her missionary activity.

The Free Church.

"When the free church was established in Scotland 375 ministers went

out from the Presbyterian Church, and with them went the missionaries. They were without churches, without manse and without a theological seminary. If any church was ever justified in calling home its missionaries on the ground of being unable to support them, it was that church, but be it said to the everlasting credit of the Free Church that it supported its missionaries, built its manse, and established a flourishing church."

Coming to the real body of his address, Mr. McTavish stated that the general assembly committee aims at four things: (1) The study of missions; (2) increased prayer for missions; (3) increased giving for missions; (4) more workers in the mission fields.

"There was a great thirst for education at present, but if you wish to supplement your education, there is no better course than missions," he said. "It opens up a multitude of branches."

"We want you to pray that God may raise up more missionaries. There is only one missionary for every 65,000."

"If we are conscientious we cannot feel that we can pray for missions unless we give. How much should we give? I have yet to hear a person express dissatisfaction with the tithing system. The standard set by the laymen's missionary movement is 10 cents a week."

The speaker intimated that the most vital of all the four considerations was the last. "We want some of you to go out as missionaries," he said. "You must ask yourself, 'How can I invest my life so that it will count most for God and humanity?' Unless you have a stronger reason for staying at home, you should go forth, for Christ's message distinctly emphasises this."

Workers Wanted.

"Don't imagine that every man that is wanted must be a preacher. Nurses, dictors, Y.M.C.A. directors, dentists, civil engineers and every profession, are wanted."

Rev. Mr. McTavish's closing words were: "Go ye, therefore," with a desire expressed that they might go forth and bear fruit.

A vote of thanks was tendered Rev. Mr. McTavish on motion of Dr. Barnett and Rev. A. M. D. Haig, of West Lorne.

The Delegates.

The list of delegates is as follows: Marie McVicar, Kintyre; Sarah McDougall, Kintyre; Arthur Scott, Kintyre; Miss J. Carnegie, Rodney; Miss M. Kelso, Wallacetown; Mr. B. Patterson; Miss M. Perry, North Ekfrid; J. D. Campbell, Lobo; Mrs. E. Phillips, Falkirk; Miss Martha Banks, Dorchester; Miss Aggie Armour, Dorchester; Miss Jessie Martin, Kilmartin; Miss Flo McCallum, Walkers; Matthias Sutherland, Dorchester; John A. Bell, Ailsa Craig; James Matheson, Crinan; D. J. Johnson, Crinan; Mabel McPherson, Crinan; Maribel Campbell, Crinan; Annaline Lethbridge, Tait's Corners; Annie Coad, Tait's Corners; D. Carmichael, Jr., West Lorne; A. Macdonald, West Lorne; D. S. McEachren, Strathburn; Mr. and Mrs. W. Down, Appin; Mrs. O. Ranney, London; A. D. McHale, West Lorne; Pearl Abbott, Crumlin; J. J. Fitzgerald, Crumlin; Jessie Wallace, Thamesford; May McMurray, Thamesford; Lillian Gray, New St. James; John D. White-lock, Cowal; A. B. Thomson, Cowal; Miss Lydia McMillan, Largie; Miss T. McPhail, Largie; George M. Carroll, Cowal; Peter G. McCallum, Cowal; N. Snell, New St. James; Mrs. Young, Talbot Street Baptist; Rev. George Atkinson, Appin; W. S. MacTavish, Kingston; J. G. McRae, Largie; Ben Patterson, North Ekfrid; M. C. Barnes, Belmont; E. Taylor, Belmont; Rev. D.

M. McKay, Cowal; Rev. W. Nichol, Largie.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERY.

A special meeting of the Glengarry Presbytery was held at Dalhousie Mills on the 3rd instant for the purpose of ordaining Mr. Wm. McMillan, B.A., B.D., to the holy ministry and inducting him into the pastoral charge of Dalhousie Mills and Cote St. George, and to receive and take action in a call to Rev. L. Beaton, of Moose Creek, from Caledonia, P.E.I.

There was a large attendance of the members of Presbytery, including Revs. N. H. McGillivray, Cornwall; A. Govan, Williamstown; J. B. McLeod, Martintown; J. Matheson, Summerstown; R. McKay, Maxville; L. Beaton, Moose Creek; Arch Lee, St. Elmo; J. Pate, Lancaster; K. A. Gollan, Dunvegan; D. Stewart, Alexandria; H. S. Lee, Apple Hill; A. McCallum, Ste. Anne de Prescott; and Messrs. D. F. Campbell, Avonmore; and K. J. McCuaig, Peveril, elders.

The ordination service was solemn and impressive, and was presided over by the moderator. A suitable sermon was preached by Rev. H. S. Lee, Apple Hill, while Mr. Pate addressed the newly ordained minister in an eloquent and edifying address. Mr. McCallum in an earnest way set their duty clearly before the people. At the close of the service Mr. McMillan was introduced to his people by Messrs. McCallum and Lee.

The church was beautifully decorated with flowers. The good people of Dalhousie Mills and Cote St. George showed their appreciation of the services of Rev. A. McCallum, who acted as interim moderator of session during the vacancy, making him the recipient of a purse of fifty dollars.

A strong delegation of nine sturdy Scotchmen came down from Roxborough with a strong plea to retain the services of their pastor, Mr. Beaton. Mr. Beaton, however, decided to obey the call and go east. The call undoubtedly was a strong one, signed by 154 members and some 200 adherents. The pastoral tie will be severed after the 23rd inst. The Presbytery appointed Rev. R. McKay interim moderator, with power to moderate in a call whenever they are ready to do so.

KIRK HILL.

Rev. D. N. McPhail, B.D., Ph. D., on last Sabbath, May 1st, commenced his second pastoral year with the St. Columba church, Kirk Hill. The morning service, which was in Gaelic, was largely attended. The evening service was in English and a large congregation of young people were present. During the past year this congregation has made very good progress and a strong attachment has been formed with pastor and people. It is most encouraging to know that the congregation recently decided to support a student missionary each summer in the Canadian West. Lately the first appointment from the Presbyterian College, Montreal, was made, and the student is laboring under the care of the Presbytery of Battledore. Although this historic congregation is strongly connected with the Church of Scotland, yet pastor and people show themselves in sympathy with the Presbyterian church of Canada and with missionary work in the west.—Exchange.