

## Mission Field.

THE W.F.M. Auxiliary of Caven church, Bolton, held their annual meeting recently. It was found that although the average attendance during the year had not been large, yet the meetings had been interesting and helpful to those who had been present. There are many ladies in the congregation who are interested in missions but who do not belong to the society, and it is to be regretted that while they are ready to contribute they do not get the benefit of attending the meetings. We had a very successful tea-meeting on Thanksgiving evening, at which missionary addresses were delivered by Rev. R. P. MacKay, Parkdale, and Rev. F. Fleming, Caledon East, and also by the resident ministers. The church choir gave some very fine missionary choruses, and there were some beautiful duets and solos sung by members of the choir. A pleasing feature of the meeting was that there was no charge at the door; all were welcome without the usual 25 cent ticket. An opportunity was given during the evening for any who wished to give a free-will offering for missions to do so. The society and their friends were very much gratified to find the sum of \$76 on the plates—a larger amount than the charge at the door would have brought in. We felt encouraged by the people giving in this way to the Lord's work, and would heartily recommend the free-will offering plan to any of our friends in the Church. Besides the \$76 thus given, we have been able to send to the general society \$34 more, making in all \$110 for the year 1893. We were much pleased and profited by a visit from Mr. Wilson, who has since returned to India. His lecture made missions seem more real to us and made us feel the necessity of sending the Gospel with all speed to the heathen. We begin another year with bright hopes, and our prayer is that a larger number of ladies may be induced to come to the help of the Lord against the strongholds of heathenism, not only in our own congregation, but throughout the Church. They would find that while they were endeavouring to water the souls of others, their own souls would be refreshed.—*Ed.—Com.*

### The World's Jubilee Conference of the Young Men's Christian Associations.

A CALL has been issued by the World's Central Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations for the thirteenth International Conference of the Young Men's Christian Associations of all lands, to meet in London, June 1-8. This conference will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the first Young Men's Christian Association by a jubilee meeting in St. Paul's cathedral on the evening of June 5th, to be presided over by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Ripon, D.D., and on the evening of June 8th, by a great jubilee celebration in Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, at which Mr. George Williams, the founder of the Association, will speak.

The regular sessions of the conference will be held in Exeter Hall, opening on Friday evening, June 1st. The languages of the conference will be English, French and German, and most of the leading papers will be printed in advance in each of these three languages.

The opening addresses will be on "The necessity of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the Associations and in their work," by Rev. Prebendary H. W. Webb Peckoe, London, in English; Rev. George Appie, Paris, in French; and Rev. Krummacher, Elberfeld, in German.

On June 2nd, the World's Central Committee will present their report of the work during the three years that have intervened since the last World's Conference at Amsterdam in 1891, and will make such recommendations as they wish in regard to the work in all lands. Reports will be made by delegates from all the leading nations of the world, including Japan, China, India, Australia and South Africa. Richard C.

Morse will read a paper on American Association work. Mr. L. D. Wishard, secretary of the American International Committee, will report the work of that committee for young men in foreign missionary lands. Prominence will be given to the discussion of topics in the line of Bible study and personal Christian work by and for young men. Bible readings will be given by Rev. F. B. Meyer, B.A., of London, in English; Rev. Baumgartner, D.D., in German, and Rev. Ed. Barde, D.D., of Geneva, in French. Permission has been given the corporation of the city of London for the erection of a large pavilion on Thames embankment, near the Houses of Parliament, in which 2,000 delegates will be served each day with a mid-day lunch.

Prominent Association representatives from all parts of Great Britain, Germany, France, Switzerland, Holland, Italy, Belgium, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Russia and other European countries are expected to participate in the discussions of the conference. About fifty American delegates are expected to attend, among others Messrs. James Stokes and Richard C. Morse, American members of the World's Central Committee; R. R. McBurney, secretary of the New York Association; George A. Hall, New York State secretary; L. D. Wishard, International secretary, New York; Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, D.D., Brooklyn; E. L. Shuey, and G. H. Biorce, of Dayton, Ohio, and others. American delegates are nominated by the local Associations through their State committees, and are accredited by the International Committee.

Arrangements have been made by the International Committee with the Cunard and Guion lines of steamers for special rates for delegates and their friends from New York to London and return.

It is also proposed that the fiftieth anniversary of the organization be celebrated by Associations in all parts of the world by the observance of June 6th and the following Sabbath as a Jubilee Anniversary. Full arrangements for the observance by the American Associations will be made in good season by the American International Committee.

### Peterborough Presbyterian Society.

THE annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society of the Presbytery of Peterborough was held in the Presbyterian Church, Cobourg. About sixty delegates from different points in the district were in attendance, whose names are as follows.

Grafton—Mrs. Lord, Mrs. James Johnston, Mrs. John Johnston, Miss Russell, Mrs. Parks, Miss Underwood, Miss Poits.

Coldsprings—Miss Kerr, Miss Graham, Mrs. Grieve, Miss Maggie Ross, Miss Tennant, Miss McLeod, Miss Westington, Miss Bowman, Mrs. Brishin, Mrs. Thompson. Vernonville—Mrs. A. Robson, Miss Shand, Mrs. J. Blacklock.

Port Hope—Mrs. Craick, Miss Clark, Mrs. Galbraith, Mrs. Mulholland, Miss Cochrane, Miss Hallam, Miss Moore, Miss Rao, Miss Weddell.

Wadcolborne—Miss M. McGregor, Miss Jennie McGregor, Miss Mary McGregor, Miss Lily Rutherford.

Algonquin—Mrs. Allan, Miss Kelly. Peterborough—Miss Rodgers, Miss Davidson, Miss Edmison, Mrs. Stewart, Miss McIntosh.

Baltimore—Miss Gilchrist, Miss Lena Boyd, Miss Peters, Miss Sidney.

Westwood—Miss Katie Sharp.

Lakefield—Mrs. W. Sutherland.

Warkworth—Mrs. W. M. Graham.

Hastings—Mrs. Humphries.

Toronto—Mrs. Ball.

Newcastle—Miss Drummond.

As gathered from the secretary's report, this society comprises twenty Auxiliaries and ten Mission Bands, making a total of thirty branches, with a membership of 628. There is a new branch of work lately organized, which will now be "Scattered Helpers," which will now be great aid to any auxiliary adopting its methods. The total contributions for 1893 was \$1,640.10. The most of this sum was given in purely free-will offerings, and

as the result of conscientious self-denial. Besides money, the society sent \$120 worth of clothing to the Rev. A. W. Lewis, of Snake Plain Reserve, Saskatchewan, N. W. T., for distribution among the Indians. During the past year the attendance and contributions increased over the previous year, and thus there is good hope of continued increase at the end of the present year.

Messdames Craick and Galbraith of Port Hope were asked to correspond with Rev. Hugh McKay, of Round Lake, and the Rev. Mr. Findlay, of Muskoka, with a view to a division of the books in the circulating library.

The place of the next annual meeting will be in Port Hope, in February, 1895.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:—President, Mrs. J. K. Craick, Port Hope; 1st vice-president, Mrs. C. L. Lord, Grafton; 2nd vice-president, Miss M. Dickson, Peterborough; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. D. Sutherland, Warkworth; 4th vice-president, Mrs. J. Gilchrist, Baltimore, corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. M. Graham, Lakefield, reporting secretary, Miss Edmison, Peterborough, literature secretary, Mrs. J. F. Clark, Port Hope; treasurer, Mrs. J. Hay, Cobourg.

The addresses delivered were exceedingly interesting. Rev. R. P. MacKay's containing among other valuable information, the following:—

Great things have been done since 1820. Sandwich Islands, thoroughly Christianized and of late 10,000 Telugus have almost as a body been baptized in India. But the work has only begun. In Mexico there are millions who never saw a Bible and in Africa Stanley travelled 7,000 miles through a densely populated country in which not one person ever heard of Christ, or ever saw a Bible. The parts belonging to us, said he, are:—

1. The 13 missions among the Indians of our North-west, 50,000 of whom are still in paganism. Then we have a Chinese mission in Victoria presided over by Miss Johnston, and soon to receive Rev. Mr. Swartout in place of the Rev. J. A. McDonald. This mission affords a rare chance for the church to provide China with native teachers and preachers. If the world is to be brought to Christ, it must be through the conversion of natives and these then becoming missionaries to their own people. Good results have followed this method wherever adopted.

2. Formosa.—Dr. G. L. McKay has labored there with the following results: There are 60 native preachers, 60 churches, 1800 communicants, 2800 who have received baptism, and thousands are in sympathy with Christianity. There is a college with 22 students; 25 Bible women specially set apart to go from house to house; a girl's school where 38 poor girls are being educated; the McKay Hospital which has treated 18,000 patients; eight day schools, where 250 pupils are taught the Bible daily.

3. Honan, a province of China Proper, with a population of 20,000,000. The only missionaries there are our own, and the China Inland Mission. We have ten missionaries in Honan, or one for two million. This work is only five or six years old. Results so far have not been pronounced, but the break has been made, and some have come out on the side of Christ.

4. Then Central India. Here we have 20 missionaries labouring in the cities of Indore, Nerbou, Neemuch, Ratnain, and Ujjain. Of the 20, seven are ordained, one is a doctor of medicine, and 12 are lady missionaries. There is room for 1,000 missionaries in India. The door is opened wide, the opportunity is very great, and so also the responsibility is great if the Church does not do its duty.

5. Palestine now has 80,000 Jews, almost double the number that came back to Judea after the captivity in Babylon. Dr. Webster, our missionary, has established a basis of operations at Haifa, near Mount Carmel. Of a population of 6,000 Haifa has 1,500 Jews, and among these Dr. Webster has begun his work.

The above North-west Indians and Chinese, Formosa, Honan, Central India and Palestine, are all worked by the western section of our church, i.e., west of New Brunswick, while the eastern section has