

ditions in North Formosa, Central India, Honan, Shanghai, Macao and among the Indians and Chinese in Canada, and embodying a brief report of the Secretary's, Rev. Dr. R. P. MacKay's, visit to the fields in India, China, Formosa and Corea, reports an increase of the staff in the South China mission (which has its headquarters now at Kongmun instead of Macao) by four new missionaries, that of North Formosa by two, the Central India staff by three, and the appointment of one to Indore.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society's work and that done by the Women's Missionary Society (eastern) for foreign missions in South China are briefly included. The former shows a great increase in membership, and, again, of \$2,883 in contributions. The Ewart Missionary Training Home is to be enlarged so as to become an institution for the training of women for both home and foreign mission work, which, it is hoped, will furnish the required number of women missionaries. The Women's Missionary Society supports three women missionaries in South China (Macao), and has asked for another this year. Forty-four auxiliaries are reported, an increase of five. Three new mission bands were organized, making a total of eight. The total amount expended in foreign mission work was \$2,667.

The work among the Jews in Toronto, numbering 15,000 in 1907, and rapidly increasing, was reported with much satisfaction for its growth in two months. The Young People's Missionary Movement and the Laymen's Missionary Movement were both referred to briefly, but with deep appreciation. A forward step has been taken by the Canadian Council of the Y. P. M. M. in appointing Rev. F. W. Anderson, M.A., of Sydney, C.B., to be Secretary for the Dominion.

The year closed with a deficit of \$11,485.42. The receipts totalled \$167,593.59, as compared with \$180,569.66 last year. Again the committee urges congregations to introduce better methods of contributing to missions, and advocates that the weekly envelope system, as the ideal one, be introduced into every congregation where it is practicable, otherwise the monthly envelope system should be taken up. It is estimated that \$350,000 is actually needed for the work this year.

The report was presented by Rev. W. A. J. Martin, Brantford, Conventer. Addresses followed by Rev. W. H. Grant, Honan, and Rev. Duncan MacRae, Corea, missionaries on furlough, which contained accurate descriptions of the work in those fields. Dr. MacKay's address followed, after which the report was adopted.

Rev. D. Strachan, of Guelph, formerly pastor of Rockwood Church, celebrated his eighty-first birthday on Monday. He is hale and hearty.

Mr. A. C. Stewart graduated from Knox College, Toronto, last month, and was almost immediately sought for the Grafton Church, left vacant by the removal of Rev. C. S. Lord to Fenelon Falls; and his ordination and induction took place there on the 26th ult. Rev. Mr. McFarlane, of Warkworth, moderator of the Presbytery, presided. Rev. W. Beattie, of Cobourg, interim moderator of session, narrated the steps. Rev. H. E. Abraham, in a well prepared and delivered speech, addressed the words of counsel to the young minister, and Rev. H. A. Thompson, of Hastings, addressed the congregation. After the service the young minister was cordially welcomed by the congregation.

Next to attar of roses the most valuable perfume is oil of jasmine, which is quoted at \$564 per pound.

PETERBORO PRESBYTERIAL.

The principal feature of the recent meeting of this W. F. M. Presbyterial was an inspiring address by Rev. R. P. MacKay, D.D., foreign missionary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. There was a large audience and Rev. J. G. Potter presided and gave the address of welcome to the delegates.

The Scripture lessons were read by Rev. S. S. Burns, of Lakefield, and Rev. H. J. Keith, led in prayer.

Rev. Robert Pogue, who was appointed to represent the Peterborough Presbytery, gave the Presbytery's greetings. He spoke about fifteen minutes, and his address was a most enthusiastic one. The speaker dealt with the different phases of missionary effort and its care for personal sacrifice. His remarks were of an interesting and instructive character. The choir followed with an anthem, "Praise Ye the Lord," after which (Rev. Dr. MacKay gave his address, which was most descriptive and eloquent. He pictured the glories and beauties of Corea and remarked there was no land on the face of the earth so beautiful. He spoke of the excuse people had for not going to church by saying that they worship God by viewing nature. But in spite of the fact that Corea nature was seen in all its glory, yet for centuries it had done nothing to awaken any religious sense in the people. Dr. MacKay during his impressive discourse made a special appeal for personal devotion and a deeper interest in the missionary cause.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting in Port Hope, and the date for doing so to be left in the hands of the executive. Mrs. W. Roger gave the closing words and based her remarks on the great opportunity for service in the mission field, and urged her hearers to take an active interest in the work.

Mrs. Isaacs, of Bethesda, read the Bible lesson and Mrs. M. Dickson, of Campbellford, led in prayer. Mrs. Mareh, of Springville, closed the meeting with prayer.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Hon. president, Mrs. W. M. Roger, Peterboro; president, Mrs. S. E. Burns, Lakefield; 1st vice-president, Miss M. Dickson, Peterborough; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. J. G. Potter, Peterborough; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. Mareh, Springville; 4th vice-president, Mrs. McClelland, Norwood; treasurer, Mrs. Craick, Port Hope; recording secretary, Mrs. Reeves, Campbellford; Mission Band secretary, Mrs. Purdy, Cobourg; literature secretary, Miss Fowlis, Hastings; supply committee, Miss Roberts, Port Hope; corresponding secretary, Miss Effie Munroe, Peterborough.

OTTAWA.

A public farewell was tendered Rev. D. M. MacLeod, on his resigning the pastorate of Billings' Bridge congregation. It took place last week in the church, which was transformed by floral decorations into a bower of beauty for the occasion. Tea was served on the lawn from 7 till 8.30. The Presbytery of Ottawa was represented by Rev. J. Eadie, H. Milne of the Glebe; Rev. R. Eadie, Hintonburg; Rev. Mr. Anderson, of McKay street; Rev. Mr. Turnbull, Bank street, and Rev. Mr. McIlroy, of Stewarton, who all in brief addresses voiced the regrets of Presbytery at the departure of Mr. MacLeod. Mr. John McNicol, senior member of the Session, brought the pleasant proceedings to a close, by conveying to their late pastor the farewell words of the congregation, presenting him, at the same time, with a purse containing \$160.00. Mr. MacLeod will be followed, wherever his lot may be cast, with the warm esteem of all the members of the Billings' Bridge congregation.

OTTAWA VALLEY.

The following are the commissioners elected to the General Assembly from the Presbyteries in Eastern Ontario and the Ottawa Valley:—

Presbytery of Ottawa—J. H. Turnbull, M.A., Ottawa; D. M. Ramsay, D.D., Ottawa; Peter Mathieson, Richmond, Ont.; H. T. Kalem, B.A., Muldoon, Que.; W. T. Herridge, D.D., Ottawa; W. D. Armstrong, B.D., Ph.D., Ottawa; P. F. Langgill, B.A., Carp, Ont.; Hugh Gourlay, Carp, Ont.; Dr. J. Thorburn, Ottawa; W. Gray, Kilmours, Ont.; Neil McKinnon, Ottawa; R. Gamble, Manotick, Ont.; S. J. Jarvis, Ottawa; James Gibson, Ottawa.

Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew—D. Currie, B.D., Perth, Ont.; E. W. Mackay, Smith's Falls, Ont.; J. H. McIlraith, Balderson, Ont.; W. W. Peck, Arnprior, Ont.; J. M. Miller, White Lake, Ont.; J. F. Millar, Bakeney, Ont.; D. G. Hamilton, Almonte, Ont.; Robert Young, Almonte, Ont.; Charles McNicol, Clayton, Ont.; R. J. Brodie, Smith's Falls, Ont.; Ralph Tait, Arnprior, Ont.; Richard Steele, Douglas, Ont.

Presbytery of Glengarry—N. H. MacGillivray, Cornwall, Ont.; Lachlan Beaton, Moose Creek, Ont.; Allan Morrison, B.D., Kirkhill, Ont.; Roderick MacKay, B.D., Maxville, Ont.; Daniel Bennett, St. Elmo, Ont.; J. A. McDougall, sr., Lancaster, Ont.; Alex. McIntosh, Dunvegan, Ont.; John J. Grant, Laggan, Ont.

Presbytery of Brockville—W. F. Crawford, B.D., Chesterville, Ont.; R. A. Lundy, N. Williamsburg, Ont.; M. H. Wilson, B.A., Mountain, Ont.; George Yule, Winchester, Ont.; Charles Grant, Brockville, Ont.; Nathaniel Hunter, Cardinal, Ont.; Stewart Martin, Kemptonville, Ont.; Adam Carlyle, Dunbar, Ont.

At the meeting of Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery on the 26th ult., a motion was introduced looking to the division of the Presbytery, the dividing line to be the boundary between the two counties. In support of this it was pointed out that a saving of time and money could be effected through a reduction in distance travelled. The matter was referred to a committee. The Presbytery adopted the principle that all convenerships be changed after they have been held by the several conveners for terms of three years. An important feature in connection with the report upon systematic beneficence was the envelope demonstration which has to do with a plan to promote more liberal giving. The home mission and augmentation committees reported satisfactory conditions. Rev. Mr. Gordon was released from Foresters Falls in order that he might assume the pastorate of Russell in the Presbytery of Ottawa. At the meeting of Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery at Arnprior to consider the call from Braeside to Rev. Mr. Dobbin, of Bryson, provisional arrangements were made for the induction. Rev. Mr. Peck, moderator, will preside and induct: Rev. Mr. Knox, of Pembroke, will preach; Rev. Mr. Hay, of Renfrew, will address the minister and Rev. Mr. McLean will address the people.

Rev. H. A. McPherson, of Toronto, has been visiting friends in Acton.

The ladies of St. Andrew's Church, Arnprior, realized over \$225 from their recent bazaar.

The late Mr. John R. Lindsay, of Limebank, left \$1,000 for the use of the Presbyterian Church in that village.

Rev. M. Turnbull and Dr. Thorburn of this city found themselves unable to attend, and so resigned their commissions.