

ation from Gal. vi. 1-2, which was listened to with great interest. In connection with the opening a very pleasant time was spent on Monday evening. Dinner was served by the Ladies' Aid in the basement and so complete were the arrangements that over 400 people were served in little less than two hours. After satisfying the natural craving, all repaired to the church where a very pleasant time was spent. Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. Lawrence of Stony Mountain the former pastor of the congregation, Revs. Mr. McBeth of Winnipeg, Johnston of Pembina, McHaffie Emerson, Hollingshead Emerson, Mr. Hartley, Gretna, Mr. Shepherd, Dominion. Music being furnished by the church choir and other local talent. One thing was very gratifying the absence of light and frivolous talk. The ladies realized about \$120. On Jan. 29th the annual meeting of the congregation was held, the pastor Rev. D. Robertson in the chair. The reports from the various branches were read and showed all to be in a healthy and active state—especially the report of the managers. That notwithstanding the hard year, in which the crops were in many cases a failure, they were practically able to meet all obligations. The total receipts for the general fund, \$1,433.50; The total receipts for the schemes of the Church, \$125.; The total receipts for Building fund, \$1,610 The total receipts for Sunday school, \$12 The total receipts for choir, \$153.; The total receipts for Y.P.S.O.E., \$29., Total \$3,088.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.

The Presbytery of Guelph met 19th January in St. Andrew's Church. There was a large attendance. In the absence of the Moderator, through sickness, Mr. Glassford, occupied the chair. Attention was called to the return of Mr. Atkinson, who had been to Britain, and the Presbytery agreed to record its gratification at seeing him again among them.

A report was presented from the Committee appointed to visit Baden, which had applied to be taken under the charge of the Guelph Presbytery, and in terms of the recommendation of the Committee it was agreed to receive it subject to the sanction of the Synod of Hamilton and London. An interview session was appointed, with Mr. Atkinson as Moderator, and Drs. Wardrop and Torrance as members. All arrangements as to supply and other matters affecting its welfare were left in their hands.

A statement was made by Mr. Mullan on the affairs of the Manitoba College, showing its wants, and asking that these be brought by ministers before their congregations.

Mr. Strachan reported from the Committee on Young People's Societies and submitted a programme which was discussed and approved of, the conference to be held in Guelph on the 29th of January.

Mr. McVicar brought before the Presbytery the state of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and ministers were urged to give it to their more liberal support.

The following minute was adopted on the illness of the stated Moderator: "The Presbytery, having heard of the serious illness of the Moderator, would express its condolence with him, and trust that he may be speedily restored to his wonted health, and that, while laid aside, he may enjoy the gracious presence of the Master with him."

The request of the congregation of Eden Mills for the continuance of the services of Mr. Strachan was cordially granted.

Mr. Smith reported from the committee appointed to ascertain the regulations under which the Home Mission Committee made its grants, the report was adopted.

Dr. Torrance reported a draft minute on the death of the late Dr. Smellie, and the same was adopted and ordered to be recorded in the minutes, and a copy sent to the family of the deceased.

The greater part of the afternoon in both the forenoon and afternoon was spent on certain papers which had been lodged by members connected with Knox church, Galt. One of these papers was ruled out on the ground that

it had not been regularly transmitted, and instructions were given to those by whom it had been presented as to the proper way of reaching the court.

Two others were taken up and read and discussed in a thorough manner. All parties interested had the fullest opportunity of laying the case before the Presbytery, which by questions put elicited all the information necessary. The decision, after careful deliberation, was that there did not appear to be any ground to proceed in the matter. On being asked if they acquiesced in this finding, all parties signified their consent; one stated that she "submitted." A committee was appointed to prepare a resolution in terms of the decision, and report at next meeting.

This was appointed to be held in Chalmers church, Elora, on the third Tuesday of March, at nine o'clock forenoon, conference to be held in the same place on Monday evening previous at 8 o'clock.

WHITBY PRESBYTERIAL W. F. M. S.

The Whitby Presbyterial of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society held its annual meeting in Oshawa, Jan'y 19th, in the Presbyterian church. The attendance was good, and the interest taken in the meeting showed that the addresses and discussions were greatly appreciated, the most important of the day being a paper on mission bands by Miss Pantou, of Oshawa, and an account of the International Council of the Presbyterian Women's Societies, held in Glasgow last summer, by Mrs. Ball, of Toronto. The Presbyterial president, Mrs. McAuley, of Pickering, had charge of the forenoon and afternoon meetings, and gave a very interesting report. Reports were also given by Miss Galbraith, of Bowmanville; the recording secretary, Miss C. Thomson, corresponding secretary, of Whitby; Miss Bassett, of Bowmanville, of the Literature Committee; and Miss Stewart of Whitby, of the Committee on Supplies, giving the following figures:—There are 6 mission bands, with a membership of 92; a decrease of 48; 17 auxiliaries, with 303 members; \$927.04 were contributed by the auxiliaries, an increase of \$6.31; \$41.05 by the mission bands, a decrease of \$72.86, making a decrease of \$66.55 on the whole amount as compared with last year.

GUELPH PRESBYTERIAN Y. P. S.

A meeting was held in Chalmers' Church, Jan'y 29, for the purpose of forming a Presbyterian Young People's Society in the Guelph Presbytery. There were some 60 or 70 delegates present, in the absence of the Moderator, Rev. Wm. Robertson of Morriston, Rev. D. Strachan of Hespeler occupied the chair. It was decided that a Presbyterian society be formed. The following officers were elected:—Honorary President, the Moderator of the Presbytery; President, Dr. Rodgers, Fergus; Vice-Presidents, Rev. J. Atkinson, Berlin, and Miss Millar, Guelph; Recording Secretary, Miss F. Snodgrass, Hespeler; Corresponding Secretary, Mr. M. Kennedy, Fergus; Treasurer, Mr. R. H. Brydon, Guelph; Committee, Mr. Wm. Argo, Eden Mills; Rev. H. A. McPherson, Acton; Miss McPhail, Campbellville, Mr. Cunningham, Preston; Miss Howie, Waterloo. Very interesting sessions were held in the afternoon and evening. Those who took part were Rev. John McInnis, Rev. H. McPherson, Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, Mr. Geo. M. Anderson, Dr. Rogers, Rev. H. F. Thomas, Miss M. Scott, Miss Erika, Rev. H. R. House, Mrs. Alex. Howie, Rev. A. Blair, Rev. R. Atkinson, Mr. J. Strachan and Rev. W. A. J. Martin.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL W.F.M.S.

At the afternoon meeting of the Ottawa Presbyterial Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Feb. 2, Mrs. Thorburn delivered her farewell address as president. Mrs. Thorburn reviewed her past ten years' work, and strongly urged harder work and greater devotion to the Master.

Mrs. Tytler, of India, also gave a short, interesting address.

An able paper on personal responsibility was read by Mrs. Alexander. An interesting feature of the programme was the question drawer conducted by Mrs. Gardner, of Alymer.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Thorburn was presented with an illuminated address, and a beautifully bound Oxford Bible.

Mrs. Thorburn made a suitable reply, and thanked the society for the splendid token of esteem which she prized very highly.

Rev. Dr. Campbell presided at the evening meeting which was a union one between the Missionary Society and the Presbytery. The report of the society showed it to have 277 members, with six branches, which has raised \$710.60 during the year. There are six mission lands, having a membership of 518. The funds raised by these last year amounted to \$1,447.30.

The report was adopted.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL W. F. M. S.

The annual meeting of the Stratford Presbyterial W. F. M. Society was held Jan. 25th in Knox church. The morning and part of the afternoon meetings were entirely devoted to business. The treasurer's report showed a balance after all expenses were paid of \$1,200.93. Mrs. McKenzie, wife of one of the Presbyterial missionaries in Honan, China, gave an interesting address, speaking of the customs of the country and appealing strongly to the hearts of Christian women in behalf of their dark, benighted suffering sisters. Rev. Mr. McKenzie addressed the public meeting in the evening. The officers elected for the coming year are: President, Mrs. Grant, of St. Mary's; vice-presidents, Mrs. Leitch, Mrs. Hislop, Mrs. Hoessack, Mrs. Pantou; corresponding secretary, Miss Hamilton, of Motherwell, recording secretary, Miss McPherson, treasurer, Mrs. Gibb, of St. Mary's.

HURON PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Huron Presbyterial Society held on Tuesday Jan. 21st, in Blyth, was a very pleasant and profitable gathering. There was a good attendance of delegates and members of the society at both the morning and afternoon meetings. The morning session was presided over by the President, Mrs. (Rev.) Colin Fletcher.

The reports of the various secretaries were very encouraging. During 1896 two new auxiliaries have been welcomed to our ranks—one in Leeburn, the other in Goderich township. The past year has been marked by advancement in every department, and has been the most successful financially in the history of our society.

The Huron Presbyterial now comprises sixteen auxiliaries, with a total membership of 383. Of these, 39 are members of the general society, and eight mission bands with a membership of 489 and 15 members of the general society; also about 58 scattered helpers, contributing \$27.30. The auxiliaries raised \$1,183.25 for missionary purposes, and the mission bands \$283.07, making a total of \$1,466.32, which with the interest accruing from deposits is \$120 in advance of last year. Sixteen hundred and twenty-five pounds of comfortable clothing, largely new material were forwarded to a school on the Mistawasis reserve; also a box of dolls from the Sunshine mission land. The mission land also sent a box of toys to the Northwest, and another to Indore, India. Our expense fund is liberally sustained.

Touching reference was made to the loss sustained by the removal of our first President, Mrs. Thomas Fair, of Clinton. After receiving reports from the various auxiliaries the election of officers was proceeded with, and resulted as follows: President, Mrs. (Rev.) Colin Fletcher, Thames Road; First Vice President Mrs. (Rev.) Jas. Hamilton Leeburn; Second Vice President, Mrs. James Carlisle, Hensall; Secretary, Mrs. R. Irwin, Clinton; Treasurer, Mrs. Archib. Scott, Seaforth; Secretary of Supplies, Miss K. McTaggart, Clinton; Lullat Secretary, Mrs. J. G. Wilson, Seaforth.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. (Rev.) A. D. McDonald Seaforth. The following is a statement of the contributions of the various Auxiliaries and Mission Bands: Auxiliaries—Brucefield, \$66.22; Clinton, \$163.80; Seaforth, \$251.36; Smith's Hill,