

## (W. F. M. SOCIETY) - Continued.)

The following statement shows the actual application by the Foreign Mission Committee of the funds of the W. F. M. S., during the past year, 1892-93:

Balance in Dr. Reid's hands June 14th, 1892, unexpended	\$5,318 55
Dec. 31st, 1892, Mrs. Hurdon for Endowment of three beds in Hospital, Indore	1,016 00
April 29th, 1893, Paid to Dr. Reid	41,168 70
Oct. 7th " " " "	5,500 00
Dec. 1st " " " "	1,300 00
	\$54,303 25

## EXPENDITURES BY THE FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

India..... \$25,115 42

## CHINA

Formosa..... \$1,119 78

Honan..... 1,247 50

## INDIANS IN THE NORTH-W. ST.

Mistawasis.....	\$ 370 00
Okanase.....	177 34
Round Lake.....	1,000 00
Fife Hills.....	971 60
Crowstand.....	1,610 06
Lakesend.....	502 70
Birtle.....	2,445 75
Portage la Prairie.....	630 40
Stoney Plains.....	700 00
Prince Albert.....	316 90
Alberni, B.C.....	2 871 98

## NEW REFORMS AND REVENUE

Remitted to Rev. P. M. Morrison..... 1,200 00

April 2nd, 1894, Balance in Dr. Reid's hands towards estimates for current year..... 10,963 82

\$54,303 25

## WILLIAM REID.

## ABSTRACT.

Cash received from Auxiliaries during the year 1893-1894.....	\$34,079 70
Cash received from Mission Bands during the year 1893-94.....	6,288 50
Interest on Presbyterian accounts, collections, etc., after deducting reported expenses.....	55 02
Cash received from other sources during the year 1893-94.....	1,399 00
	\$41,822 31
Balance from last year.....	6,289 31
Expenses of Management.....	\$769 52
Expended for Missionary purposes.....	146 45
Paid to Dr. Reid on account of estimates for current year.....	6,800 60
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce, April 2nd, 1894.....	40,386 67
	\$48,102 62 \$48,102 62

TORONTO, April 7, 1894.

WILLIAM REID.

The estimates for the year were then presented and the following resolutions in connection therewith adopted:

Moved by Mrs. Grant, Hamilton, seconded by Mrs. Mowat, Kingston, That the sum of \$28,746, being the amount of estimate for the year, \$39,710, less \$10,963, already paid to Dr. Reid, be paid to the Foreign Mission Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Ross, Kingston, seconded by Mrs. Alexander, Ottawa, That the further sum of \$600 be paid to Dr. Reid for transmission to the Foreign Mission Committee (eastern division) to be applied by them to the following objects: \$300 to Mrs. Morton and \$300 to Mrs. Grant for their respective schools in Trinidad.

Moved by Mrs. Hossack, Lucan, seconded by Mrs. McNair, Carleton, That the further sum of \$300 be also transmitted through Dr. Reid to the Foreign Mission Committee (eastern division) to be applied as follows: \$100 each to Mrs. Anand, Mrs. Robertson and Miss McKenzie for school work in the New Hebrides, and \$300 for mission work in the New Hebrides at the discretion of the committee.

Moved by Mrs. Needham, Orillia, seconded by Mrs. Byres, Gananoque, That the sum of \$10,000 be also now paid to the Foreign Mission Committee to meet salaries and other expenses in connection with the work of the W.F.M.S. during the coming year.

## THE NEW OFFICERS.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are all of Toronto and are as follows: President, Mrs. Ewart; 1st vice-president, Mrs. McLaren; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. G. H. Robinson; 3rd vice-president, Miss Haight; 4th vice-president, Mrs. Ball, home secretary, Mrs. Shortreed; assistant, Miss Shortreed; foreign secretary, Mrs. Harvie; secretary of supplies, Mrs. Jeffrey; secretary-treasurer of publications, Mrs. Telfer; assistant, Miss Telfer; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Hugh Campbell; treasurer, Mrs. MacLennan.

## NORTHWEST MISSIONS.

Miss Baker, of the Northwest Mission Field, addressed the meeting upon the work being accomplished in her territory and the method in which it was being carried on.

It was agreed that a committee to be appointed by the board should visit the Northwestern Missions during the summer and report to the next annual meeting.

## NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The next annual meeting is to be held in Toronto, the nomination of Peterborough being defeated by about twenty-five votes.

Addresses were made by several of the ladies during the day, among them being Miss (Dr.) Oliver, of Indore, Central India, who spoke at some length upon the field for women missionaries in that country.

## VOTE OF THANKS.

Votes of thanks were passed to the organist and choir, to the Ottawa Auxiliaries and Mission Bands for their kind entertainment, and to the C. P. R. for the special accommodation which they afforded the delegates.

Mrs. McAllister, of Iroquois, offered the farewell prayer, and the conference was brought to a close by the singing of the Doxology.

## A WHIRL AROUND THE CITY.

After the convention adjourned the delegates took advantage of the invitation tendered them to a drive around the city. They filled seven or eight open cars and trailers, forming a very happy party. The ladies heartily appreciated the kindness of the company.

A lady whose heart is in every good work, but unhappily prevented by the state of her health from attending the sessions of the W.F.M.S. annual meeting, writing of it to a friend, says: "I feel greatly refreshed spiritually by attendance at even one session. I heard Miss Oliver and Miss Baker speak, and both had most interesting stories to tell. The spirit of the meeting has been excellent and Mrs. Ewart told me she was greatly delighted with the tone from first to last. Mrs. Robinson's closing words had to be omitted through lack of time. Those who were present say that Thursday forenoon's session was extremely interesting." Mrs. Grant's paper on the duties of the Membership of our Society and the responsibilities of the Women of the Church to Foreign Mission work, and the discussion following Miss McWilliams' address at the devotional meeting were particularly enjoyed.

The evening meeting was very large and the collection amounted to \$106. Dr. MacKay, as usual, vindicated his own policy regarding the non-employment of Canadian ladies as missionaries, but that does not apply to other countries, such as India. At the close of the meetings the ladies enjoyed a trip round the city on the electric cars by the kindness of the president, Mr. McRae.

The report of the Foreign Secretary, Mrs. Harvie, presented at the annual meeting of the W. F. M. S., was exceedingly full and admirable from beginning to end. The fulness of detail necessary for presenting to the whole Society a complete view of its operations extended it to a length beyond what the limits of our columns in this issue would allow us to publish. It will, however, form at different periods through the year excellent material for our missionary column where its appearing from time to time in sections will both refresh the memory and quicken the interest of our readers in the great work of the Society.

The delegates were charmed with Ottawa. Indeed it could scarcely be otherwise, as they were entertained with a generous hospitality that left nothing to be desired.

The next meeting is to be held in Toronto. Already the ladies are forming plans for making the gathering of 1895 the most successful yet held. The city will look somewhat cold and cheerless; but the warm welcome which will be extended to the fair delegates will more than make up for bare trees and the early, chilly atmosphere of spring.

The ladies of the W. F. M. S., who may receive this copy of THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN, are respectfully asked to show it to their friends, and aid us in extending the circulation of a journal well calculated to advance the important interests they have at heart. We offer it on trial till 31st December, 1894, for One Dollar.

## THE SYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON.

This Synod met in Macnab St. Church, Hamilton, on Monday evening the 16th inst. The Rev. Mr. Sutherland, the acting Moderator, preached an able sermon from Heb. v. 9, and after the sermon constituted the Synod in the usual manner. The Rev. Dr. Cochrane, clerk of Synod, called the roll, from which it appeared that many ministers and a still greater number of elders had not made their appearance. No doubt many who did not get forward for the first evening, arrived later on. The roll having been called and changes noted and made, the Rev. Mr. Sutherland, after thanking the fathers and brethren for the honor conferred upon him in appointing him to the moderatorship, and for their kindness shown him as Moderator, called for nominations for a new moderator. The Rev. Dr. Laidlaw, of Hamilton, and Rev. Dr. Battisby, of Chatham, were nominated and upon a majority appearing for Dr. Battisby his nomination was made unanimous, and he accordingly was made Moderator. Upon taking the chair the new Moderator expressed his appreciation of the kind feeling of his brethren and the honor they had done him. After several committees had been appointed and arrangements made for the business of the following day, the benediction was pronounced and the Synod adjourned to meet on Tuesday morning at 9.30 a.m., the first hour to be spent in devotional exercises, and business to begin at 10.30 a.m.

The committee on the Buxton Building Fund reported that \$221 had been received and paid to Rev. Wm. King, as directed by the Synod.

The Rev. Dr. Cochrane presented the report of the Brantford Ladies' College, now in its twentieth year. Of its seventeen or eighteen teachers, it was stated that all but two are members of the Presbyterian Church. The ability of the teaching staff, the home-like character of the institution, the thoroughness of the education imparted in every branch, and especially the care exercised over the morals and the spiritual interests of the students were spoken of in the highest terms by the Rev. George Sutherland, late Moderator, who had just visited the college, as well as by others who had been appointed by the church to visit and inspect it officially. It offers special advantages to the daughters of ministers, and this year, although a hard one, the attendance had been well sustained. A resolution heartily commending the college was unanimously carried.

An overture to be forwarded to the General Assembly was brought before the Synod by the Presbytery of Stratford, supported by the Rev. A. F. Tully, asking the General Assembly to delay the preparation of a new hymnal until it could be seen what would result from the efforts now being made to prepare a hymn-book for the use of at least all English-speaking Presbyterians throughout the world. A committee of Synod was associated with Stratford Presbytery to bring in a fresh overture, which subsequently reported to the effect that the Canadian Assembly should correspond with the Presbyterian Churches in Britain with a view to compiling a hymnal suitable for use among Presbyterians in the Mother Country and Canada.

It was also suggested that selections of hymns should be made by the various Presbyteries, so that the Hymnal Committee could select the hymns that would be accepted for use either in Canada alone, or in both Canada and the Old Country.

An overture was next brought before the Synod with a view to promoting general uniformity in the order of service as observed in the Presbyterian Church, and the more edifying conduct of public worship,

by Rev. Drs. Laing and Fletcher, and Rev. A. McLean. Rev. Dr. Laing, in a clear and instructive speech, explained and supported the overture. A large number of members of Synod expressed their views on the matters referred to in the overture, generally in the direction of approval of its object, provided that individual liberty was not interfered with. Opinion was generally in favor of enabling the congregation in some way to take a larger part than at present is the case in public worship, and the improvement of the service of praise. It was agreed to transmit the overture in a slightly modified form, and the Rev. Drs. Laing, Laidlaw and Thompson, and Mr. John Cameron, elder, were appointed to support it before the Assembly.

Appeals next became the order of the day. The first was that of Mr. Munro against the action of the Presbytery of London, which the Committee on Bills and Overtures recommended not to be taken up, but to refer to a committee to bring in a written report, which it did through the motion of Rev. W. F. Tully, and by a motion the appeal was laid on the table. Mr. Munro was present and addressed the Synod, acquiescing in the decision.

The next was that of D. M. Gordon against the finding of Presbytery of Maitland in a charge of slander preferred against him by Rev. Mr. McQuarrie, of Wingham. It was agreed to refer this case to a commission of Synod with synodical powers to try the case, and issue it either during the sitting of the court or at some other time.

Another appeal against the action of the same Presbytery was brought up by Rev. Angus MacKay, of Lucknow. This was a most complicated and tedious case, into which it is of no public interest to enter. The Synod displayed the most exemplary patience in dealing with it. It was finally, after hours spent upon it, suggested that a committee of Synod meet and confer with Presbytery and Rev. Mr. Mackay, which, at the very close of the Synod, reported through the Rev. Dr. Laidlaw the settlement which had been arrived at in terms as follows: "Whereas, the Synod has found that there was nothing in the Presbytery's action that should be regarded as affecting Mr. McKay's good standing as a Christian man and a minister of the gospel; and, whereas, the manner of recording the proceedings of the Presbytery in dealing with the complaint has, although not so intended, implied a degree of censure, the Synod, therefore, instruct the Presbytery to delete the words as recorded and substitute a simple statement of the fact of a complaint having been lodged and investigated with the result that while the Presbytery extended fraternal counsel to Mr. McKay, they found nothing that should be regarded as affecting his Christian standing as a man and a minister of the gospel." The evening session of the second day was occupied in the reading and discussion of interesting and full reports upon, first, "The State of Religion," by the Rev. W. G. Jordan, of Strathroy. Many matters of great importance were touched upon in an interesting way in this report, which closed as is usual with several recommendations which were adopted.

The next report was that on Temperance presented by the Rev. W. J. Clark, of London. This report referred in encouraging terms to the progress of temperance sentiment in the country, especially as shown in the magnificent majority of the plebiscite. Considerable discussion arose over the recommendations proposed in the report which were, however, carried by large majorities.

The Rev. Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions in the Northwest, was present in the court during a good part of its sittings, and addressed it briefly, but managed to compress into a few minutes a great array of facts, illustrative both of the rapid progress in the Northwest, of the Church during the past few years, and of its present needs and claims. A cordial vote of thanks was given the speaker at the close of his address.

At the evening session the subjects of Systematic Benevolence, Sunday school and Sabbath Observance were brought up by reports upon each. From the first it appeared that much more remains to be done in the way of education on this important matter, but yet that the envelope system, that is giving frequently and systematically, is gradually making progress.

The Rev. W. L. McKibbin presented the Sunday School report. 306 schools reported; the increase of names on the roll for the year is 1,106. Forty per cent. are learning the Shorter Catechism; 350 studied for examination under the system of higher religious education. The receipts for the year were \$20,219, of which fully half was expended in supplies of various kinds for the schools. It is estimated that there are 4,500 officers and teachers and 38,000 pupils in the Sunday schools of the Synod.

The Sabbath Observance report was presented by the Rev. S. Lyle, B.D. It dealt very plainly and forcibly with many forms of Sabbath breaking, and not least so with some practised in the name of religion. The people's church-going habits, however, are fairly satisfactory except as regards the young man of the period. The report concluded with a recommendation that the church press upon the people that Sunday is essentially a day of rest, rest that will develop the whole man, physically, mentally and spiritually, which can only be reached on the lines of the example of Christ. The Rev. Mr. Lyle was complimented on the production. Dr. Laing said if it was printed he would take a hundred copies. These reports were all adopted.

On the Tuesday evening the ladies of the Macnab Street Church invited the Synod to tea in the capacious school-room of the church, and under their genial and stimulating influence, about two hours were spent in such pleasant social enjoyment as will make the occasion one to be long remembered.

The next meeting was appointed to be held in Woodstock on the third Monday of April, 1895, and after the usual votes of thanks were passed, the proceedings were closed with the benediction pronounced by the Moderator.

Rev. M. P. Talling, B.A., London, preached last Sabbath in Mitchell, in connection with the anniversary of Knox Church Y. P. S. C. E.; and on Monday evening lectured on "The Bible and How to Read it." The services were all largely attended and thoroughly appreciated.