

A valued correspondent mentions a series of union meetings held in Owen Sound after the week of prayer, which were fruitful of good results. The churches were full every night, all the pastors took part, and quite a number of young people came out on the Lord's side.

The audience that taxed the accommodation of St. Paul's church, attended the entertainment given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society, of the flourishing west end congregation. The programme was largely of a Scottish nature, but was none the less appreciated by those present on that account. The different numbers were all well rendered, and the whole programme was of an exceedingly meritorious nature. Rev. C. H. Stewart, the pastor of the church presided, and opened the evenings entertainment in a very appropriate speech. The feature of the evening was undoubtedly the address of the Rev. Dr. Kilpatrick, on the different elements of Scottish life and character.

A very pleasant evening was spent by the students of Manitoba College and their friends, on the occasion of the first Conversat of the new year. The first part of the evening was given over to the recital by Miss Sutherland who held her audience in delight for an hour or more reading with much effect several selections from Tennyson, Browning, Kipling and "A Window in Thrums." She also gave a synopsis of the first book of "Les Miserables," reading a number of extracts, and the rendition in broad Scotch of the 19th chapter of Matthew. The athletic trophy and the football shield were both prominently displayed and the hall was handsomely decorated and looking at its best.

#### Women's H. M. Meeting.

The first annual meeting of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada was held in the lecture room of St. Andrew's, Toronto. The spacious room was crowded with a representative body of earnest women, who gave many manifestations of zeal and interest in the work of the organization. In the absence through illness, of Mrs. R. S. Smellie, President, an untoward incident, which elicited general expressions of regret, Mrs. W. Cochran, First Vice-President, presided, and read the President's message, which congratulated the members upon the rapid growth of the society and the encouraging prospects before it. An address of welcome by Mrs. A. J. Robertson was acknowledged in graceful terms by Mrs. Kenneth McLean of Guelph.

Miss Macdonald submitted the Treasurer's report. The total receipts were \$4046.2, of which \$439 remained to the credit of the society. One of the chief objects to which the funds were applied was the construction of a small hospital at Teulon, Man., towards the erection of which the sum of \$600 was voted. Some other objects to which the funds were applied were the maintenance and salary of the nurses and helper at the Athin, B. C., Hospital. Four hundred and sixty dollars was also expended in the maintenance of the Charlotte Macdonald cot at Athin Hospital, founded in memory of Mrs. J. K. Macdonald.

The reports of the various committees were full of encouragement and placed forcibly before the members the need of the work in which the society is engaged.

An admirable address was given by Miss Snively on "Helpful Hints for Hospital Needs." The need for hospitals and nurses in the Northwest was graphically pictured, and practical hints for cases of emergency were given. Mr. McPhail, in another admirable address on "Mission Work in the Mining Camp," gave a graphic account of the work in the hospital at Frank, Alta.

The following officers were elected: Hon. President, Mrs. Mortimer Clark; President, Mrs. R. S. Smellie; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames W. Cochran, J. F. McCurdy, H. M. Parsons, J. H. Thom, Lind-ey; recording Secretary, Miss Inglis; Corresponding Secretaries, Mrs. W. E. Long and Mrs. R. S. Scott.

Executive Committee.—Mesdames Tytle, Kipp, Frizzell, Hart, Duncan, McClelland, A. R. Gregory, Jas. Kent, Misses Courtney, Jennings. These, with Presidents of auxiliaries and mission bands, form the Board of Management.

In the evening a public meeting was held in the lecture room. His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor presided, and in his opening address congratulated the society upon the good work that had been done in the short space of time that had elapsed since its organization. His honor emphasized the duty of the Church to meet the urgent needs of the northwest, and pointed out that only in so far as the ordinances of religion are maintained in any part of the country can we reasonably expect any high tone of public morality.

Rev. Dr. McLaren, Home Mission Secretary, reviewed the specific work undertaken by the society, as set forth in the Secretary's report, including the support of the trained nurses and helpers at Athin Hospital, the support of the hospital at Teulon, Man., including the salary of Rev. Dr. Hunter, medical missionary of the district, at a total cost of \$3,500 per annum, and a contribution of \$1,000 towards the support of the missions at Michel, Kootenay Presbytery; Edwell, Edmonton Presbytery; Pierson, Melita Presbytery, and Bled River, Algoma Presbytery. He appealed for sympathetic support for the movement in the interests not only of humanity, but also of Christianity.

Rev. John Neil, speaking from personal observation during a recent visit to the west, gave a graphic description of the difficulties under which the missionaries of the northwest and their wives have to labor and of the loyal self-denial which characterizes their work.

Rev. A. L. Gaggie spoke impressively upon the responsibility placed upon all who enjoy the advantages of religious ordinances and social comforts to see that their kith and kin of the west receive like ministrations.

Mr. Donald Mackay, elder, father of Rev. H. Mackay, Round Lake, Assa., and of Rev. A. Mackay, Lucknow, Ont., died at the residence of his son John, in Thamesford, on the 24th ult., at the age of 80 years and 7 months.

Last Sunday, Rev. Dr. MacGillivray, of Chalmers' church, Kingston, was the preacher at Old St. Andrew's church, Toronto. At the morning service he gave a broad interpretation to the well known passage in Isaiah, "And they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks." The prophet was predicting, he said, that as the world progressed the various agencies of life, religious, scientific, commercial, industrial, agricultural, artistic, would change for the better, for higher use and service, as they had been changing since the words were uttered. In the evening his theme was the Psalmist's plea, "wilt thou not revive us again that thy people may rejoice."

Wednesday the 3rd inst., was a red letter day in the history of the Presbyterian church, Morewood, when Rev. Donald Stewart B. A. of St. Martin's, New Brunswick, in the presence of a large and enthusiastic audience was inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation. The day was fine, and although the roads were rendered well nigh impassable by recent storms, yet these did not hinder the people from expressing their appreciation of the event itself, nor prevent the joy with which both pastor and people rejoiced together. Rev. Mr. Macdonald M. A., Hallville preached, Rev. John Chisholm B. A., presided and conducted the induction services. Rev. A. Russell B. A., Chesterville, addressed the

minister, and Rev. H. Carmichael M. A. in a few chosen words the people. In the evening a public reception was given in the Foresters Hall in the village at which brief addresses were given by the same ministers of presbytery and Rev. J. M. Goodwillie-M. A., Metcalfe, and by the newly inducted pastor. The choir attended much to the enjoyment of the occasion, and two beautiful solos by Miss Florence Fraser of Vars, clearly and distinctly rendered, was much appreciated. The ladies of the congregation were fully up to the standard, and more than sustained their old time honored reputation in the luxurious abundance and richness of the provision made for the occasion. The programme was closed by singing the doxology—"Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and lunch over whom all blessings flow, and realizing that in making others happy, they themselves were the happier.

#### Queen's Conference.

The annual conference at Queen's was as usual well attended, and a great success in every way.

The election of officers for the ensuing year, resulted as follows: Rev. Dr. MacGillivray, president; Vice-President, Rev. Neil MacPherson, B. D., Hamilton; Sec.-Treasurer, Rev. John Boyd, B. A., Kingston.

It was decided to change the time of the conference meeting from February to the early part of November. The exact date was left to the Programme Committee to fix. An endeavor will be made to have the formal evening of Grant Convocation Hall take place during the week the conference is in session.

At the meeting of the General Assembly's Commission on the retention of Queen's University by the Church, Rev. Dr. Fletcher, moderator, took the chair, and Rev. Dr. Campbell, Clerk of the Assembly, read the replies of the Presbyteries. Out of 28 in the three central synods 23 replied—a larger number than expected. Of the 26 only one (Bruce) advocated the severance of Queen's from the Church; 24 expressed the desire that the present relation should continue. Sixteen favored making an appeal for support to the membership of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and are prepared to further such an appeal. Four favored appealing to the country at large as well as to the Church, on the ground of the excellent work of the university is doing for general education in Canada. Four thought, as it is doing secular work, the Church should not be expected to support it. One approved of all the recommendations of the commission as submitted. Three favored keeping the Board of Trustees constituted as it is at present. Seven favored the election of a portion of the board of the General Assembly, and the enlargement of the representation of the council of the university on the Board of Trustees.

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When a man has not a good reason for doing a thing he has a very good reason for letting it alone.—Scott.

There will always be scandals to make us humble, and faults and wants crying aloud to make us diligent.—Gladstone.