

the American McAll Record was given by one of the members, dealing largely with the reception tendered Rev. Dr. Loba in Paris, who has gone to aid Dr. McAll in the work. He is a Swiss by birth, but has had a charge in the United States for some time. In an article by him, he says: "It is difficult for any one to get a very intelligent view or form a generally correct opinion of the McAll work from the merely cursory glance or visit of a tourist who stops a week in Paris and looks into one or two of the most accessible halls. After more than two months of almost constant visitation of the different halls in the city, and during that time visiting nineteen stations and delivering over fifty addresses, we begin to form a somewhat clear conception of what the work is and how varied are the forces employed. The first thing which impressed me was the children's meetings and schools; brighter, quicker, keener children, I have never met. It is marvellous to see how much of the Bible and Gospel narrative they already know perfectly. Questions on the life of our Lord are answered almost as quickly as they can be formulated. We venture to affirm that if the McAll Mission had done no more than bring these poor waifs under Christian influences, it could on that ground alone be pronounced an abundant success."

THE Toronto Presbyterian Society held its annual meeting in Bloor Street Church. The president, Mrs. W. B. McMurrich, occupied the chair. The attendance was large, and included representatives from forty-two Auxiliaries and twenty Mission Bands within the Presbytery. The officers for the ensuing year are: Mrs. McMurrich, president; Mrs. Gray, Brampton; Mrs. Amos, Aurora; Mrs. J. C. Hamilton, Toronto, and Mrs. Brimer, West Toronto Junction, vice-presidents; Miss George, secretary; Miss Reid, treasurer. Miss Warnock and Miss J. Smith were appointed joint Conveners of the Supply Committee. All the wants of the Crowstaid school during the past year have been supplied by the societies in Toronto Presbytery; 2,280 pounds of goods were shipped and \$253.94 were expended in the purchase of new material. Five Auxiliaries and four Mission Bands have been formed during the year. The membership has also increased in existing societies. Contributions received, \$6 112 08, an increase of \$209.83 over the previous year. At the afternoon session Mrs. Shortreed made a full explanation of the changes proposed in the constitution for Mission Bands. A letter from Mrs. D. J. Macdonnell on the same subject was read, in which the necessity for instruction in juvenile bands was emphasized. The importance of such bands or missionary classes being in charge only of persons qualified to give instruction was pointed out; the desirability of allowing existing juvenile bands the option of remaining auxiliary to the Presbytery or general Society was also suggested. A very profitable discussion was held on three topics: (1) How to make our meetings more helpful, especially to juvenile bands; (2) how to interest those not interested in missions; (3) the importance of being definite in prayer. Mrs. Dowsley, wife of Rev. Andrew Dowsley, a returned missionary from China, described in a graphic manner life in that country. She spoke of the great good which could be done by a comparatively small sum of money. A school of thirty children which she superintended was supported at a cost of \$13 per month. Mrs. Ewart said the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society had always all the funds necessary. What was needed now was women to go as teachers and workers in the zenanas. Mrs. Fairbairn, of Peterboro', being present, was asked to speak. She told of a Mission Band in her Presbytery which had made a contribution this year called the "self-denying collection." A resolution of sympathy was passed to Mr. and Mrs. Harris in the sore bereavement they had suffered in the loss of their beloved daughter, Miss Amy G. Harris, principal of the girls' boarding school in Central India. Mrs. Harvie related some facts in reference to Miss Harris, her life, her work in India and her illness and death. Mrs. Ewart also spoke on the same subject. Greetings were received from sister societies of the Anglican and Methodist Churches. The semi-annual meeting will be held in Norval and the next annual meeting in Erskine Church, Toronto. The cordial hospitality of the ladies of Bloor Street Church was much appreciated.

THE anniversary services in connection with Zion Church, Carleton Place, were observed on Sabbath week, the Rev. A. E. Mitchell, B.A., of Almonte preaching both morning and evening. The sermons were master efforts and much enjoyed by the congregation. In the morning the rev. gentleman preached from the 27th verse of the first chapter of James:—"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world," and deduced therefrom some beautiful lessons for the guidance of all professing Christians. In the evening the text was from 1 Kings, xviii. 21: "How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him." The speaker made it very plain that it was impossible to stand on both sides—it was necessary to take one side or the other—and he exhorted his hearers to come out with Elijah and stand up for Jehovah who had proven himself to be the God of Abraham, Jacob, Elijah and the prophets, who was the same, unchangeable and faithful to the end. The church was packed full at the evening service, there being no service in St. Andrews, and many visitors from the other Churches also being present. On Monday evening the annual soiree was held in the Opera Hall, and it was a most enjoyable festival. Tea was served by the ladies from six until eight o'clock, when the pastor, Rev. A. A. Scott, whose fourteenth anniversary it was with the congregation, took the platform, and after bringing the audience to order introduced the intellectual feast of the evening. This consisted of anthems, glees, etc., by the choir, under the leadership of Mr. A. R. G. Peden, who fully sustained his reputation as a conductor, quartettes, solos, and addresses by Revs. W. J. Crothers, R. McNair and A. E. Mitchell, the latter making the speech of the evening. His theme was

the "Bee-hive," to which he compared the Church, and the speaker drew some beautiful and striking lessons from his text. The glees and anthems were sung in a professional style and elicited much applause, but the round, "Street Cries in Chicago" and "The Laughing Chorus" fairly convulsed the audience. The quartettes by Messrs. A. R. G. Peden, James Peden, W. Findlay and J. S. Jackson were well rendered, whilst Miss Oliver, in the solo in the "Whip-poor-will" song surpassed herself. Miss Morgan also gave a solo, with piano and violin accompaniment by her sister and father, which was very creditable to this promising young amateur. Miss Jessie Rogers presided at the piano throughout the evening. The entertainment was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem and the pronouncing of the benediction.

THE seventh annual meeting of the Guelph Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held in Chalmers Church, Elora, on the 25th and 26th February, a large number of delegates and friends being present from its different Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. The Elora friends showed much thoughtful kindness in their preparations for the meeting, and did everything possible to make the visitors comfortable and happy. The first session commenced on Thursday at half past two p.m., and was presided over by the president, Mrs. McCrae, of Guelph, who was assisted in devotional exercises during the afternoon by Mrs. Smellie and Mrs. Mullan, of Fergus, and Mrs. McLean, Guelph. A warm and inspiring "welcome" was given by Mrs. McInnis, of Elora, and responded to by Mrs. Dickson, of Galt, in the same earnest way; and the president's address which followed was full of thought and encouragement. At her suggestion a committee was appointed to draft a resolution expressive of the Society's sympathy with Mrs. Goldie, of Guelph, one of the vice-presidents, in the recent death of her husband. The committee brought in a report at a subsequent stage of the meeting which was adopted by a standing vote, and ordered to be forwarded to Mrs. Goldie. The treasurer's and secretary's reports both showed progress, the Society now including twenty-four Auxiliaries and sixteen Mission Bands, with a membership of about 1,200, whose contributions during the past year amount to \$2,372.37 and about \$500 worth of goods sent to the Indian School at File Hills, North-West Territory. The election of officers was conducted by ballot, but Mrs. McCrae and Mrs. Smellie requesting that their names be withdrawn from the list of those nominated for president, the latter was by acclamation made honorary president. The following are the officers elected: Mrs. Smellie, honorary president; Mrs. Dickson, Galt, president; Mrs. McCrae, Guelph, Mrs. McInnis, Elora, Mrs. Mullan, Fergus, and Mrs. Jackson, Galt, vice presidents; Miss H. Cant, Galt, treasurer; Miss Smellie, Fergus, secretary. Extracts were read from letters received from Miss McWilliams and Mrs. Leckie who had gone out from the Society during the year, and a helpful conference on "How to Enlist Those not Interested" was introduced by Miss Hamilton of Guelph, and was followed by a duet "The Harvest Time is Passing By," sung by Mrs. Craig and Miss Argo, Fergus. On Friday morning a prayer meeting was conducted by Mrs. Dickson, and the regular session began at ten o'clock. After Scripture read by Mrs. Smith, Guelph, and prayer offered by Mrs. Rose, Elora, the reports of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands were read by a representative from each, and it was noticed with pleasure that the representation from the Juvenile Bands was larger than ever before. Conferences were held on "Mission Bands" (including the new constitutions submitted by the Board) and on "Supply" (introduced by Miss Kerr, Galt), and it was resolved that Guelph be the receiving centre for supply this year; and that a "secretary of supply" be added to the officers of the Society. Attention was also called to the Board's proposal to establish a Training Home for missionaries, and a "Question Drawer," under the charge of Mrs. McCrae, brought out some enquiries which received full and clear answers. Galt was decided on as the next place of meeting. Mrs. McCrae was appointed Presbyterial delegate to the annual meeting of the General Society in May. A vote of thanks to the friends in Elora for their hospitality and kindness, and to all who had in any way promoted the success of the meeting, was unanimously carried, and the proceedings closed with the singing of "The Whole Wide World for Jesus," and prayer by Mrs. Armstrong, Hawkesville. A public meeting was held in Knox Church on Thursday evening and was largely attended. Mr. J. McInnis occupied the chair and gave an interesting address, as did also Rev. Dr. Middlemiss who assisted in the devotional exercises. Rev. Dr. Wardrope, who has always shown such a kind interest in the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, again favoured the Presbyterial meeting with his presence and words of encouragement, and the Rev. A. B. Winchester was listened to with deep attention as he spoke with his accustomed enthusiasm and earnestness. The thanks of the Society are especially due to him for time and strength given so cheerfully, though already heavily taxed in the near prospect of his removal to British Columbia. The music throughout the evening was missionary in its character, and a duet "Only remembered by What We have Done," sung by the Misses Harris, was suitable and suggestive.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met on the 1st inst. Rev. Walter Reid was elected Moderator for the ensuing six months, and he took the chair accordingly. Rev. R. Hume, Rev. J. McMillan and Rev. J. A. MacDonald being present, were asked to sit and correspond. On behalf of the committee appointed at last meeting of Presbytery to draft letters in reply to communications received from Rev. J. Leishman and the Clerk of the Presbytery of Barrie, Rev. W. Burns presented the replies drafted, which were adopted by Presbytery, and the Clerk was instructed to forward them to the respective parties. Mr. W.

Stuart Wright, Mr. George P. Duncan and Mr. Thomas Eakin, who are pursuing studies with a view to entering the ministry, made application to be recommended to the Home Mission Committee of the General Assembly for work during the coming summer. A committee, consisting of Revs. R. Wallace, R. P. Mackay, W. A. Hunter and Mr. J. McNab, was appointed to meet and confer with these gentlemen. The committee presented a favourable report, and it was agreed that the names of these students be attested to the above-named committee. The remit on the Distribution of Probationers being read, a committee, consisting of Rev. J. Grant (Convener), Revs. A. Gilray, R. P. Mackay, J. Neil, R. Haddow, and Mr. Joseph Gibson, was appointed to prepare a report and present it at next meeting of Presbytery. A request was read from St. Enoch's congregation (city), asking permission to place an additional \$3,000 to their present mortgage. Rev. Dr. McTavish, in moving that the request be granted, spoke in most encouraging terms of the progress of the young congregation. The Presbytery granted the required permission. After a short season of devotional exercises, led by Rev. Dr. Gregg; Dr. McTavish and R. M. Hamilton, Presbytery resumed business, taking up the appointment of a salaried secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee. The following additional nominations were made: Rev. W. Burns, Toronto; Rev. James Ross, Perth; Rev. J. M. Cameron, Toronto; Rev. A. J. McLeod, Regina. The former nominations were: Rev. J. K. Smith, formerly of Galt, Rev. R. P. Mackay, Parkdale; Rev. Alfred Gandier, Brampton. The ballot declared in favour of Rev. R. P. Mackay, Parkdale, who was made the unanimous choice of the Presbytery for the position. Rev. Dr. McTavish gave notice that at the next meeting of Presbytery he would move: "That a scheme be arranged for the systematic visitation by the Presbytery of all the congregations and mission stations within the bounds." At three o'clock the Presbytery took up the appointment of commissioners to the next General Assembly. This Presbytery is entitled to send fifteen ministers and an equal number of elders, and it was agreed to select twelve ministers from the roll by rotation and three by ballot. The following were selected by rotation: Revs. Dr. Kellogg, W. Burns, W. Patterson, J. Grant, J. Argo, W. W. Percival, George McKay, A. Gandier, J. McP. Scott, W. A. J. Martin, J. G. Stuart, and G. C. Patterson. Dr. Caven, Dr. McLaren and Dr. Reid were chosen by ballot. Of the seven Sessions entitled to nominate elders as commissioners, all reported, naming the following elders as representatives: Messrs. A. Jaffrey, Joseph Gibson, F. N. Tennant, James Allison, D. McKinlay, W. Crawford, W. H. Lindsay. Nominations were then received for the remaining eight, and the following were chosen: Messrs. Hamilton Cassels, Prin. Kirkland, John A. Paterson, Hon. G. W. Ross, J. K. Macdonald, Hon. Justice McLennan, W. B. McMurrich, James Brown. Next meeting of Presbytery on the 5th of April, at ten a.m.—R. MONTEATH, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery held a regular meeting in Clinton on the 8th March. Reports on the State of Religion, Temperance and Sabbath Observance were submitted and adopted. The Presbytery adopted a motion strongly disapproving of Sabbath funerals, except in cases of necessity, and Society parades on the Lord's Day. It was agreed to ask for a continuance of the supplements at present received to the congregations of Grand Bend, etc., and Bayfield, etc. It was intimated to the Presbytery that the congregations of Bayfield Road and Blake raised the stipend of their minister to the minimum, viz., \$800. Messrs. Robert Henderson, minister, and John Strang, elder, were appointed members of the Synod's Committee of Bills and Overtures. A call was sustained from the congregations of Hullett and Lonsdaleborough to Mr. J. A. Hamilton, of Lynedoch. Stipend promised, \$800 and a manse. The call is unanimous, and was ordered to be forwarded with relative papers to the Clerk of the Presbytery of Hamilton. Messrs. W. G. Richardson and James Landeshorough were ordered to be certified to the Assembly's Home Mission Committee for employment in the Mission field. Messrs. J. S. Henderson, S. A. Carriere, W. M. Martin, B.D., and J. H. Simpson, ministers, and J. McEwan, D. Fraser, J. Kerr and J. Scott, elders, were elected Commissioners to the Assembly. Principal Caven was nominated Moderator of next Assembly. The next meeting is to be held in Exeter on May 10, at 10.30 a.m.—A. MCLEAN, Pres. Clerk.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of St. Andrews congregation, Stratford, was held in the church basement recently. The attendance was pretty good. Reports of all the different departments of the church work were presented, showing that the past year had been the most prosperous for quite a number of years. The gross revenue of the Church was \$2,372.38, which is \$292.48 over and above the previous one. During the past year there has been an addition of thirty-three members, and but two have been removed by death, leaving the membership at the present time 286. On account of the change in the law some little time ago, whereby the salaries of clergymen as well as their property is subject to taxation, it was decided to increase Mr. Pantons salary to the extent of the amount of his taxes. The prospects for the future are very bright indeed. The following gentlemen were elected to the Board of Management: Mr. G. G. Ewart and Dr. J. G. Yemmen, which is now composed of Messrs. A. Cavan, H. G. Hopkirk, William Jeffery, jr., James Gorrie, Robert Murray, G. G. Ewart and Dr. J. G. Yemmen.

The members of St. Andrews Church, Ottawa, turned out in few numbers last week, to attend the annual business meeting, the Rev. W. T. Herridge occupying the chair. The reports presented by the various committees gave token of the prosperous condition of the Church under Mr. Herridge's pastorate, the various departments of Church work making a creditable showing. A special committee

reported regarding the erection of a new Sunday school hall for which they recommend the plans of Mr. Grieg, the structure to cost nearly \$25,000. The plans show a very beautiful addition to the church, and the building will be proceeded with at an early date. It was also decided to purchase the residence of A. J. Stephens on Somerset Street, at a cost of \$9,500 as a manse. Mr. C. C. Ray, made an offer of \$100,000 for the glebe property which was referred to the temporal committee and glebe trustees for consideration. The term of office of Messrs. F. H. Chrysler, J. W. McRae, and G. S. May, having expired, the former was re-elected a three year member of the glebe trustees and the two latter to the temporal committee. Some routine business was passed together with votes of thanks to the various workers on church matters after which the meeting was adjourned.

The report submitted at the annual meeting of the Tottenham congregation, of which the Rev. T. McD. Duncan, B.A., is pastor, states that the ranks of our membership during the past year have remained unbroken by death. This unusual circumstance should be noted as a cause of thanksgiving to God for His sparing mercy. The removals of names from our membership roll by certificate number for the past year fifteen. During the year the names of five persons have been added to the roll by certificate and the name of one person on profession of faith. The present membership of the congregation is 103. The number of baptisms in 1891 was six. The attendance at public worship on the Lord's Day during the year has been gratifying. The session note with pleasure the formation of an Auxiliary of the W.F.M.S. in the congregation and the excellent work accomplished by it. In this connection, also, the formation of a Boys' Mission Band should be noticed. The Sabbath school has continued its good work during the year. The Session desire to express their sympathy with the teachers in their work and to impress upon them the need of prayerful diligence on their part. The Session record their gratification at the growing interest manifested by the congregation in the schemes of the church and their hope that this growth of interest will continue.

The annual business meeting and social of Knox Church, Brussels, were held on Thursday, 3rd inst. Mr. Thomas Strachan occupied the chair. There was a good attendance. The treasurer's statement showed a small deficit incurred during the vacancy. A resolution was unanimously carried to wipe this out by a special collection, to be taken up at an early date. Otherwise the affairs of the congregation were found to be in a satisfactory condition. Since the induction of the Rev. D. Millar the office-bearers and many members of the congregation have renewed their efforts to increase its effectiveness with commendable zeal. The Managing Board was re-appointed with a small addition. A large number of ladies to act as collectors for the Schemes of the Church were likewise appointed. The social was a happy and harmonious gathering. The ladies provided an abundant supply of good things, which were liberally partaken of. Mr. T. Strachan and Rev. Mr. Forrest, Walton, delivered pointed and suitable addresses. A pleasing feature at the close of the meeting was the hearty reception given the wife of the pastor. Mrs. Millar had a right hearty welcome to the membership of the congregation and to Brussels. Rev. Mr. Millar, after returning thanks for the kind manner in which Mrs. Millar had been received by the congregation, closed the meeting with prayer.

THE Ontario Mutual Life Association, of which Mr. William Hendry is Manager and Mr. W. H. Riddell is Secretary, as seen from its record, is true to its motto: economy, equity, stability and progress. Its last published statement shows that the volume of business is increasing, and that it is worthy of public confidence. Its management is able, energetic and straight.

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