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### LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Lindsay Presbyterian Society was held in Knox Church, Beaverton, on Tuesday, Jan. 12th. There were about forty-two delegates present. The president, Mrs. Ross, of Lindsay, presided. After singing a hymn this morning session was opened by Mrs. Glendenning, of Sunderland, giving a Bible reading on "Christ's Commendation of Woman's Service." The passage chosen was from the 14th chapter of Mark, where the woman poured the costly box of ointment on Christ's head. Prayer was offered for the presence of the Holy Spirit, by Mrs. McDonald, of Glenarm. One verse of "He Leadeth Me O Blessed Thought," was sung after which the secretary read the minutes of the annual meeting and the minutes of the semi-annual meeting.

Reports were now received from Mrs. Stewart, secretary of N. W. Supplies, Mrs. McKinnon, secretary of Literature, and the report of the Presbyterian expenses from Mrs. J. D. Walker, Presbyterian treasurer. The secretary of Supplies reported 800 pounds of clothing shipped to Lizard's Point Reserves in September.

The roll call followed showing that 14 out of the 21 auxiliaries were represented. Mrs. Stewart, of Lindsay, presided during the election of officers. The following officers were appointed for 1897, viz.: President, Mrs. Robert Ross, Lindsay; vice-presidents, first, Mrs. Frankish, Uxbridge; second, Mrs. MacDonald, Eldon, third, Mrs. Armstrong, Zephyr, fourth, Mrs. McLeod, Sonya, secretary, Miss L. H. MacLennan, Lindsay, treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Walker, Uxbridge, secretary of Literature, Mrs. McKinnon, Fenlon Falls, secretary of Supplies, Mrs. Stewart, Lindsay, Mission Band secretary, Miss Hanson, Cannington. It was decided to pack the Northwest clothing at Lindsay. Auditors were appointed to audit the treasurer's accounts. A discussion as to the time of the year the annual meeting should be held followed. The matter had been sent to the different auxiliaries for consideration and it was thought best by the majority to hold the meeting in January, the date to be left to the executive.

The Woodville ladies extended an invitation for the next meeting to be held in Woodville, which invitation was accepted. Mrs. Grant, of Toronto Home Secretary, explained in a few words about the Training Home, which the members of the Board think of opening in Toronto. The morning session was closed with prayer by Mrs. Ross.

In the afternoon the meeting was opened at 2 o'clock by singing "All Hail the power of Jesus' Name." The president then read the Scriptures and Miss MacMillan, of Lindsay, led in prayer.

An invitation to hold the next semi-annual meeting at Sonya was extended by Mrs. McLeod, of Sonya. It was decided to accept this invitation.

Reports were now received from the different auxiliaries and mission lands, each secretary reading her own report.

Rev. Murdock MacKenzie, of Bonan, spoke a few words contrasting the condition of the Chinese people with that of those in Christian lands.

At the conclusion of Mr. MacKenzie's address a hymn, "Far far away in heathen darkness dwelling" was sung. The secretary's report followed. This report showed an increase in membership, an improved average attendance and increasing interest throughout all

the auxiliaries and mission lands.

The treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Walker, was able also to report increased offerings. The contributions for 1895 were \$1,407.27 and for 1896, they were \$1,495.99, an increase of \$88.72. This money was dedicated to God in prayer by Mrs. McLeod, Sonya, after which greetings were given from the church of England Missionary Society, by Miss Taylor, of Beaverton.

One verse of "Blest be the tie that binds," was sung, after which Mrs. Grant, of Toronto, gave a most interesting address. She urged all present to increase their knowledge about missions to be more earnest in their prayers and more liberal in their contributions.

Votes of thanks were tendered to Mrs. Grant, the Beaverton ladies and all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

Mrs. Duncan, of Woodville, read a paper on "How to make a Missionary meeting successful." Miss MacMillan, of Lindsay, followed on the same subject, taking "preparation before the meeting."

While the collection was being taken up the members of the mission band sang a chorus entitled "Hear the Pennies Dropping," and afterwards three little girls sang a missionary hymn.

Creswell, Greenbank, Wick and Oakwood were appointed to send representatives to the executives and after singing "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," Mrs. Grant closed the meeting with prayer.

### PRESBYTERY OF ORANGEVILLE

Presbytery of Orangeville, met at Orangeville, Jan. 12th. Mr. Bell, moderator, in the chair. The moderator's term of office having expired, Mr. Hudson was appointed moderator for the ensuing six months. Mr. Harrison, in the absence of Mr. Hudson, was asked to occupy the chair.

Mr. McKenzie reported that he had conferred with the people of Camilla and Mono Centre, and that they decided to call immediately and asked for moderation in a call. Mr. McKenzie was appointed to moderate.

A letter was read from Mr. J. S. Hall claiming seven dollars for services rendered at Proton Station. Mr. McKenzie was instructed to correspond with Mr. Hall on the matter, and also to correspond with Saugeen Presbytery on future supply for Proton Station.

Mr. McKenzie reported on the Assembly's Remit No. 3, and a central Mission Board, and recommended that it be not sustained. The recommendation was adopted.

Mr. Bell reported on Remits Nos. 1 and 2 in favor of their adoption. The Presbytery refused to endorse Remit No. 1 reducing the representation to Assembly. The Presbytery endorsed Remit No. 2, agreeing to one place of meeting for the General Assembly, viz., Toronto, and that the Billing system be abolished.

A motion to adopt the report as amended was lost. Mr. Elliott gave notice of motion to reconsider Remits 1 and 2 at next meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery heard the appeal of Messrs. H. Glendenning and J. K. McIntyre, members of the session of Eskine Church, Dundalk, against the alleged irregularity of the action of said session, in accepting their resignation as members of the session, and removing their names from the roll of membership. The Presbytery sustained the action of the session in accepting their resignation, but ordered their names to be restored to the roll of membership.

A Presbyterian commission was appointed to visit the congregation. The Presbytery instructed their Home Mission Committee to allocate amongst the congregations of the Presbytery the sum of \$1,200, the amount required from this Presbytery for Home Mission Purposes.

Mrs. Steele, treasurer of the W.F.M. Presbyterian Society reported that said Society had, during the past year, raised \$293.49, and that the Mission Bands of the Presbytery raised \$114.97, in all \$408.46.

The Presbytery expressed satisfaction at the continued success of the Society, and commended it to the sympathy and support of the members of the church.

Next meeting of Presbytery at Orangeville, March 9th, at 10:30 a.m.  
H. Crozier, Pres. Clerk.



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