

Chairman Cassels in a brief speech congratulated the society on reaching its twenty-first birthday, with a fine record behind it.

GOOD WORK OF THE SOCIETY.

Dr. Warden referred to the Mission Society having been organized largely through the efforts of Rev. Prof. McLaren. He spoke in a retrospective way of the society, whose progress had been continuous since it was formed. During the past year it had established twenty-four auxiliary societies, and thirty-four mission bands. The Presbyterian Church had the largest home mission field of any church in Canada, and its work had been a success largely owing to the W.F.M.S. The society had done a great work in the foreign field, and the reverend doctor had no hesitancy in denying that the foreign mission funds interfered with the contributions to the home missions. Incidentally he complimented the society in being well manned, or, rather, well officered.

The society had reached its majority, yet its work was not nearly done. It could not be that the society was to wane when there were 900,000,000 heathen in the world, and of these 750,000,000 were women and children. The society, whose contributions had increased from \$1000 to \$13,000 a year, was bound to go on in its great work of saving the benighted of the world. He thought Christians were just beginning to learn how to give toward the mission funds.

While money was wanted, men and women were wanted infinitely more for the mission fields. In every congregation in the Presbyterian Church of Canada there should be a representative in the foreign mission work. The cost would not be much, only a few cents a week from each member. There were not half a dozen self-supporting Presbyterian Churches in Canada which could not afford to pay the salary of a foreign missionary. It behoved the mothers and sisters to influence the boys, and also the girls, to give themselves to mission work.

A MISSIONARY FROM CHINA.

Rev. Mr. McKenzie said it would be well for the audience to lay to heart the motto of the W.F.M.S.: The world for Christ. He believed the world would yet become Jesus Christ's, although it might not be for a long time. China presented a very great field for evangelization, especially in view of the recent great attention paid to the Celestial Empire.

Now that China is opening up to civilization the churches should see to it that she is Christianized as well as civilized. China, next to Turkey, is one of the most hopeless countries in the world, yet the Chinese think their country about the only one on earth. The great majority of Chinese are unable to read or write in their own language, and teeming millions of them never bowed the knee to God.

Mr. McKenzie contrasted the happy condition of Canadian girls and women with the sinful, sorrowing and degrading condition of China's daughters, who are treated brutally by the men, and he thought the women of this country should be thankful for their privileges. If they knew how badly needed women missionaries are there might be more Canadian women giving their lives to reclaim their heathen sisters.

He said there was no honesty or honor among politicians in China, and from the lowest Chinaman up to the highest official next to the Emperor they were all deceitful and treacherous and the majority of them opium users and gamblers. He spoke of the difficulty missionaries met with from the Chinese officials, who would pretend to congratulate them, and at the same time politely hint that they had better move on.

The work of the Gospel, however, is beginning to show encouragingly, and at present there are 55,000 communicants in China. Yet the population is 300,000,000, and there are not quite 1,500 Christian missionaries there. He concluded with an appeal, not only for missionary men and women, but for the prayers of Christians for those who were laboring for Jesus among the heathen.

During the meeting a collection was taken, and Prof. Johnson and Knox choir sang a solo and chorus.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The members of the board, who were elected by the convention on Wednesday, met on Thursday morning in the Central school room to select their officers, and Mrs. Ewart, the aged president, was re-elected for the seventeenth year.

The following are the officers for 1897-8, all of whom are residents of Toronto: Mrs. Ewart, president; Mrs. MacLaren, Mrs. MacLennan, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Ball, vice-presidents; Mrs. Telfer, sec-treasurer of publications; Miss J. Caven, international secretary; Mrs. Grant, home secretary; Mrs. Jeffrey, secretary of Indian work in the Northwest and British Columbia; Mrs. G. H. Robinson, Leaflet editor; Miss B. MacMurphy, secretary of life membership; Mrs. Shortreed, foreign mission secretary; Mrs.

Playfair, recording secretary; Mrs. H. Campbell, corresponding secretary, Miss George, treasurer.

TO MEET AT TORONTO.

In the convention the delegates decided to meet next year in Toronto.

Mrs. McKenzie, of Honan, and Miss Ross, of India, gave addresses on their work among their heathen sisters, Miss Ross presenting a terrible picture of the depravity and sinfulness of the women and girls of India.

Miss Maclean, of Guelph, conducted a question drawer.

At noon the delegates were photographed on Mrs. McQueen's lawn.

HIGHER RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATION HELD ON JANUARY 30TH, 1897.

In classifying the results it will be understood that there are included in Class I. those who have made at least 90% of the full marks, in Class II. those who have made 75% but less than 90%, in Class III. those who have made 50% but less than 75%, in Class IV. those who have made less than 50% but whose standing was considered by the committee as worthy of creditable mention. Presiding examiners wishing to get fuller accounts of the standing of their pupils may do so by applying to Rev. W. Farquharson, Claude, Ont. The results are as follows:—

BIBLICAL DEPARTMENT.

Junior Grade.

CLASS I.

William Ritchie, Port Arthur, Ont.

CLASS II.

Mary Bennett Scott and Bessie Maxwell, Meaford Ont.; Margaret Smellie, Port Arthur, Ont.; Edna J. McKell, Riverfield, Que.; Lulu M. Murray, Bass River, N.B.; Bessie Bell, Vernon, B.C.; Graham Hunter, Erskine Ch. Toronto; Bernice Jane Earnest, Meaford, Ont.; Edythe Edna Tate, Chalmers' Ch. Toronto; George L. Cameron, Strabane, Ont.; Prudence S. Mosher, Quoddy, N.S.; Amy Z. Williams, Christina Strango, Harry L. Logan and Sarah A. Grant, Union, B.C.

CLASS III.

Sarah Jane Henderson, The Ridge, Ont.; Helen Fraser and James D. Fraser, Sutton, Ont.; George Horbie Scott, Annie Burrows and Willie A. Brown, Meaford, Ont.; Howard Walker, Mabel Spears, Mary McNeil and Celia King, Uxbridge, Ont.; Edna A. McLellan and Ethel McLellan, Amelia L. O'Brien, Myra Jean O'Brien, Florence O'Brien and Margaret R. O'Brien, Nool, N.S.; Jessie Y. Farquharson, Claude, Ont.; Mabel McCandy and Ellen M. Lauder, Edmonton, N.W.T.; Winnifred Drysdale and Mabel McQuarrie, Dartmouth, N.S.; Mabel M. McKell, Ernest Robertson, Alma McKell, Janet May Robertson, Annie McL. Milne and Mary McKell, Riverfield, Que.; Lily Young and Ada Finlay, Ottawa, Ont.; Gavin T. Scouler and Constance Granger, St. Andrew's, New Westminster, B.C.; Wm. Oswald, Janetville, Ont.; Peter G. Murray, A. C. Milne and Robert McKay, New Glasgow, N.S.; Jessie M. Matheson and Ethel A. M. Langille, Plainfield, N.T.; Lizzie M. Archibald, Pearl Twidle, Maud Muir and Mabel Carawell, Vernon, B.C.; Marion Rankin, Robert Rankin, B. Macallum and Stewart Wallace, Bloor St. Ch. Toronto; Beatrice Harris, Bannockburn, Ont.; Gertrude V. McKinnell and Edward Marat, Uxbridge, Ont.; John Leiper Lang, Chalmers' Ch. Toronto; Gracie Stewart and Lottie G. Barnett, Strabane, Ont.; W. M. Burns, Jessie H. Armstrong and Edit. G. Cummings, St. John's Ch., St. John N.B.; Eva M. Mosher and Mary K. Kirkor, Quoddy, N.S.; Ada Stephens, A. S. McEwan, S. H. McElwain and John M. Imrie, College St. Ch. Toronto; Edward S. Jeffrey, Central Ch. Toronto; Maymie Williams, Nellie Strango, John W. Logan and Mary A. Halcrow, Union B.C.; Mary McIntosh, Madoc, Ont.

CLASS IV.

Jeannie Thompson, The Ridge, Ont.; Roy Hamilton, Willie E. Chapple, Uxbridge, Ont.; Howard Bunt, Matilda Jane Shaw, Grace Gardiner, Alice Davidson and Maggie Davidson, Kemble, Ont.; James H. Thorne, Dartmouth, N.S.; Annie M. Templeton, Riverfield, Que.; Annie C. Kente, Ottawa; Jeannie Oswald, Janetville, Ont.; Sarah E. Hunter, Jennie Ferguson, David Ferguson, Bessie Ferguson and Donald Mathieson, Balliduff, Ont.; Alice Howe Twedle and George French, Vernon B.C.; Jansia Dallas and W. A. Robertson, Erskine Ch. Toronto; Laura McEwen, M. G. Chambers and Mooroy Hunter, Bannockburn, Ont.; O. M. Dunby and Ethel Marat, Uxbridge, Ont.; Mary G. Oster, Ethel Ryan and Ettie Meir, Chalmers' Ch. Toronto; Lottie C. Whitman, Quoddy, Halifax; Lily A. Creech and E. C. Rowand, Union, B.C.