

otherwise, could not have attended church, was so in keeping with the generous character of my friends, that I felt very gratified, and esteemed them the more.

At the same time it recalled to my mind how often, during past years of delicate health, forbidding exposure to the extremes of heat and cold, I had wondered that good people driving to church themselves, seemed to *forget* how much good might be done in helping others to get there. If it be a necessity to have a church bell, calling to all to assemble together for praise and prayer, should it be unworthy of consideration, to have a vehicle, for a given time, to bring those, detained at home by various hindrances, but whose absence might be obviated by some such arrangement.

It is a mere suggestion coming practically under the heading of Home Mission Work. Whether worthy of notice and consideration, is for others to decide than

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ANNUAL REPORTS.

These reports are at last printed and ready for circulation, much to the relief of the committee. As Mrs. Toller is away from Toronto for some weeks, Miss Ashdown has consented to act as assistant in that department, and orders for reports may be sent to her at 46 Maitland Street, Toronto. The report gives the list of officers, names of delegates, amount of money contributed by each church last year, revised constitution and other business matters, as well as a sketch of each day's proceedings. It was written by inexperienced hands and may be open to criticism, but it is sent forth with the earnest prayer that it will help to enlist some workers in our ranks and hasten the coming of the kingdom.

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TORONTO BRANCH.

The Toronto Branch met in Hazelton Avenue church, on Tuesday, August 28th, at 3 o'clock. Many of the members were taking their vacation, so that the attendance was less than on former occasions, only forty-two being present, but to those who were permitted to gather, the meeting was interesting and profitable.

The President, Mrs. Barker, in leading, called attention to the present need of workers in our Congregational Mission Station in Africa, and prayers were offered for the one who is now devoting his life to that field, that he may be specially sustained and blessed in his work; and that other laborers may speedily offer themselves for this part of the Master's vineyard.

The report of the Annual Meeting in Montreal, by Mrs. Ashdown, was received with deep interest. Mrs. Dr. Richardson read a short paper, full of helpful suggestions to those Christian women who, while they rejoice in the progress of the Lord's work—through lack of courage, feeling they have not the qualifications to speak, or do as they would wish, fail to use the one talent which is theirs for their Lord.

A collection of two dollars and ninety cents was taken, and two ladies who follow with interest the progress of Christianity in Turkey, contributed one dollar and twenty-five cents to the water fund of Euphrates College.

A cordial invitation, given by Bond Street Auxiliary to meet with them in the parlor of their new school-house, on the 27th November, was accepted, and after singing the Doxology, the Branch adjourned.

Reviews.

THE INSPIRATION OF THE OLD TESTAMENT.

We have before us as we write a book with the above title, by Principal Cave, of Hackney College, England.* With the editor's permission we shall lay some thoughts and criticisms thereon before our readers. Our brethren in England are fully alive to the necessities of the times; witness their exposé and efforts on behalf of "Outcast London." A series of lectures have also been instituted by the Congregational Union of England and Wales for the promotion of Biblical Science, to meet in large measure the unbelief at the other end of the social scale, and this volume (8vo. pp.

* THE INSPIRATION OF THE OLD TESTAMENT, inductively considered. The Seventh Congregational Union Lecture, by Alfred Cave, B.A. London: Congregational Union, Memorial Hall.