

Canada. It was organized in the year 1787. The first Presbytery was held in Montreal in the year 1805, and the first Synod in Kingston in 1831. It was composed of 19 ministers.

The Church has four missionary institutes—The Pointe-aux-Trembles School, Coligny College, Ottawa; Oxford College, Formosa, and Mr. Wilkie's school at Indore.

The share of Presbyterians in University work was also referred to. The great Universities of our land are chiefly Presbyterian. Some of the leading secular papers are also of that denomination. Speaking of the religious press reference was made to the merits of the journals produced by the colleges and also to the various church periodicals.

The Church has one thousand home mission stations. There are twenty-seven missionaries among the Indians, eighteen men and nine women. In the foreign field fourteen islands of the New Hebrides are occupied. Trinidad and Demarara have eleven missionaries. Formosa has fifty churches with a membership of 2,717 and only two missionaries, Dr. Mackay and Mr. Jamieson. Central India has eleven missionaries and eighty-four native workers.

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#### THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY.

This Society held its Annual Meeting in the Reading Room on Thursday, April 3rd, at 2 p.m. The President, Rev. D. Mackay, B.A., of Fort Covington, N.Y., occupied the chair. After the opening exercises and the reading of the minutes, the following names were added to the roll of members, viz.:—Rev. James Watson, D.D., Messrs. W. J. Jamieson, D. M. Jamieson, J. K. G. Fraser, R. Frew, C. H. Vessot, J. A. Morrison and L. R. Bouchard.

The proposal to send out a Foreign missionary under the society was discussed. Every graduate had been invited by circular to express an opinion on this matter. While all who answered showed their deep interest in Foreign work, there was a feeling that money which would otherwise be given to the regular work of the Church, should not be diverted into smaller channels. Accordingly it was agreed that in the meantime no further action be taken.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. The following was the result:—Rev. R. Gamble, B.A., President; Rev. J. L. Morin, B.A., 1st Vice-President; Mr. J. A. Morrison, B.A., 2nd Vice-President; Mr. C. H.