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**Successful W. M. S. Rally
At King City United Church**

A successful Women's Missionary Society rally was held in the United Church, King City, on Thursday, Oct. 13th, Mrs. M. Winter presiding at the afternoon session. After the devotional exercises, Mrs. Victor Hall gave the address of welcome. Mrs. R. Reynolds rendered a solo, "The Lord is my Shepherd," which was appreciated very much.

Mrs. E. R. Young of Newtonbrook, president of the Toronto Central Presbyterial, then gave an interesting address. She said it was the Master's intense desire to share with others the blessings of love and peace, the more He shared the more He possessed spiritual gifts multiply. Before we can enjoy anything we must share it with others. So it is with our W.M.S. Societies. We catch a vision of our Master's teaching and it is the desire of our hearts to share the Gospel with others. The W.M.S. has a membership of almost 200,000 in the United Church, but this is only one-third of the women membership of the United Church.

There are 102 Presbyterials, 2835 Senior Auxiliaries, 273 Young Women's Auxiliaries, 100 Associate Auxiliaries, 1691 Mission Bands, 200 Baby Bands. Mrs. Young spoke of the heroic efforts of the W.M.S. in the isolated parts of Western Canada and told of one woman who walked eight miles to a W.M.S. meeting. Don't you think she was anxious to pass on the glad message to others? Many young women are fitting themselves for leadership these days as teachers, nurses, doctors and evangelistic workers. Their motive is to help, to teach and to pray earnestly for others, that they too, may catch a vision of the Master's teaching.

A reading was then given by Miss Grace Stone, after which Miss Isobel McIntosh of Honan, China, gave a most instructive message of her work. She spoke of the great unrest and trouble in China. It is a testing time for the Chinese Christians, but they are standing the test although some have had to pay the price with their lives. The things that cannot be shaken will remain. God is not unrighteous to forget our labor of love. There are many intercessors in China, there is something silently working, the things most important we do not hear about. The W.M.S. is doing a great deal to bring women in China back to their own. These women are illiterate but intelligent, they have great difficulty to get time to read and study, but they have a great longing in their hearts for the Gospel and they feel there is a new day coming. The mothers are willing to make great sacrifices in order that their children may get an education. But there are only a few who have these christian privileges compared with the tens of millions who still live in the darkness of sin and slavery. There are tens of thousands of little girls who are still having their feet bound, and we forget about the millions who will never have a chance of education. They have no happy home life; several families are growing up in the one home; there is great difficulty in Chinese homes, where there are several wives; the secondary wives are in subjection to the lawful wife. There is no place for young women to earn a respectable living. They are either sold as slaves to a wealthy family or else they are forced to become a secondary wife and live a life of misery. It is not their choice, but every woman must be married when money is needed, they sell a daughter. That is one of the great sorrows. It is very common for women to commit suicide, they know no God or Saviour and the consequences are they take opium to end their suffering. These women are bearing great burdens, they need your prayers they appreciate it. One Chinese woman said to Miss McIntosh "Some one must have been praying for you, for you spoke to our hearts more to-day than any other time." China needs most of all intercessor. Will you help China, by prayer?

Mrs. T. R. White gave the closing address of the afternoon. She said the sun never sets on the missionary work of the United Church. We have a vast territory. She gave a synopsis of the work done in this district, of which she is vice president. To each auxiliary is given a missionary to pray for and to write to. She was very proud of the district assigned to her, and she thought the objective would be reached without any difficulty. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Norman of Maple. Supper was then served to all the delegates present, and a very happy social hour spent. The evening session was opened by a song service led by the choir, with

Rev. A.H. Halbert, pastor, as chairman. Miss McIntosh gave another address which was very much enjoyed. The demand for missionaries was greater than the supply. The King's business requires haste and she appealed for the young womanhood and manhood to give their lives to His service. She spoke of the great importance of medical work in China, and the opportunity of presenting the truth of the Gospel to these people for the first time. They have not heard of the Christ Child, and have never heard a Christmas hymn. It is one of the happy tasks of the missionaries to teach the children Christian hymns, and how the children love it. After three years in language study Miss McIntosh opened a mission for women and girls. It was a rented building, but later on, a chapel was built and a temporary residence. An old Chinese lady was her companion. British people were respected, and when revolution came the chief of police asked for protection for his wife, daughter and nurse in the missionaries headquarters. Every desk in the school was filled with Chinese people who sought protection. There is a great future for China. The peace of the world lies in China. Shall we not as never before pray for this vast Empire that it may be won for Christ.

The choir then gave an anthem "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." The next speaker was Mrs. T.R. White, of Aurora. She stressed the importance of the little child. Who can estimate the amount of good that it may do? Our W.M.S. realizes the value of a baby's life. It commences with the Baby Band. We welcome the newcomer to our land. The W.M.S. has wonderful faith in our Mission Bands. The boys and girls play a very important part, as we are building on them to carry on. The young women are a valuable asset to the church. They are in training and will soon be expected to take up the work, and carry it on and supply the Missionaries for the fields.

On October 1st, 125 young men entered college, and during the summer they occupied pulpits on our mission fields. So far as we can see these pulpits will be closed until the last of next May. It requires our prayers that God will raise up laymen and lay women to keep the spiritual fires burning until they return. On the woman of to-day rests a great responsibility. What hinders the progress of christianity? On the same ship that carries the missionary, is carried the liquor representative. The women of to-day must take their stand against this terrible evil and use their influence for the Temperance Cause. The cigarette was another evil to our land. All honor to the young woman who is true to her convictions. If the young women bound themselves together against this evil much can be done. \$79,000,000 is spent annually for tobacco. For every dollar that is spent on this, one-quarter of a cent is spent on religious purposes. Is this the time to retreat? The church is calling for your noble life, your talents and strength, to build up His Kingdom. On that Easter morn the angel said: "Be not afraid, but go quickly, and tell." We pass the challenge to you, to take up His work and join the forces to proclaim the glad news of salvation. Miss Ethel Calvert, gold medalist of Toronto, was called on twice to give violin selections and was heartily encored each time. Miss Mary Lawson sang a solo, "Jesus lover of my soul," and Miss Jean McDonald also rendered a solo, "Teach me to pray," both of which were greatly appreciated. The rally was closed by a pageant, presented by the King City Mission Band, "Canada Welcome the new Canadian," followed by all singing "O Canada."

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This Week of 1890

When James Murison Dunn D.A., L.L.D., former principal of Richmond Hill Public School passed away at Welland at the age of 59 years.

When Mr. J.T. Saigeon, late of Springhill, removed into Maple and now occupies the fine brick residence erected by Leeds Richardson, Esq.

When at Maple by the Rev. C. A. Campbell, Reuben Keffer, was united in marriage to Jennie Watson, eldest daughter of Mr. John Watson, all of Vaughan.

When a Quarterly meeting was held in the Methodist church. Both the resident ministers were present. Rev. Mr. Morris preached the sermon. Although the morning was wet there was quite a number from the different parts of the circuit.

When Mr. Thomas McLean, well known in this district, secured first prize in the championship class at the provincial plowing match held at Peterborough.

DO YOU REMEMBER

This Week of 1895

When the village council met in the clerks office, present:—The Reeve, Councillors, Atkinson, Mortson, Palmer, and Savage.

When the following drove to the city and attended the convention of Provincial Sabbath School Associations: Mr. W. Atkinson, Mr. W. Glass, Mrs. Switzer, Mrs. W. A. Sanderson, Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. Linklate, Mrs. C. Mason, Mrs. Sivers, Miss Ethel Switzer.

When on Friday evening a few members and friends of the Thornhill Presbyterian church assembled at the residence of Mr. Thos. Clay the purpose being to spend a pleasant evening previous to the departure of Miss Etta Clay to Cadillac. An address was read and signed on behalf of the congregation by Miss Ella Welsh, Beatrice Smellie and Nelson Smellie, and a beautiful gold chain and ladies companion was presented to Miss Clay.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

This Week of 1901

When the following gentlemen from

Markham Township went to Muskoka and Parry Sound to hunt:—A. Quantz, W. Scott, W. Capein, T.B. Gould, J. Nigh, Thos. Hood, W. M. Tard, T. Hargrave. They were accompanied by Mr. W.J. Stark of Stouffville and Mr. J. Breen of Uxbridge.

When the Annual Thanksgiving service was held in St. Marys church here. The church was prettily decorated with grains and flowers. The Rev. John Gibson said the prayers and the Rev. T. W. Powell, rector of St. Clements Eglington, read the lessons and preached.

When at Victoria Square Benjamin Thirsk passed away at the age of 54 years.

When the Public school report was announced and the following stood first in their classes:—Sr. IV—Jennie Clark. Sr. III Carmel Claffey; Jr. III Alex McConaghy; Sr. II, Lily Chamberlin; Jr. II, Milton Wellwood Sr. 1st, Myrtle Smith; Jr. 1st, Alvin Stephenson.

DO YOU REMEMBER

This Week of 1905

When the Maple Public School concert held on Friday evening was most successful ever held here. Besides the dialogues, recitations, and songs given by the children, short addresses were given by Rev's. W. G. Back, P. Campbell and Mr. Wiswasser. A beautiful instrumental trio was given by Mrs. Back, Miss Edith Keffer and Miss Laura Richardson. Solos were sung, by Misses Myrtle Saigeon, Miss E. McNaughton and Miss Mable Byam, Miss Nellie Campbell gave a recitation. Rev. Jos. E. Wilson occupied

the chair. When on Wednesday, October 26 there passed away at the late home one of the oldest residents of Markham Township in the person of Mrs. Alex Duncan, sr., of Gormley. When at the residence of the brides mother, Clarence Centre, N.Y., by the Rev. D. Heise, Mr. Thos. S. Doner, of Gormley, Ont, was united in marriage to Cora, daughter of the late Andrew Kerr.

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