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**5** New pieces of English Tweed Dress Goods, very handsome effects 56 inches wide, Reg. 75c. yard, now 49c. yard.

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**The 'Claus'** bread saw 3 "meat" " 3 "cake" " 3

All three used to sell for \$1.00. They make a splendid present—and to place them within the reach of all we say 44c. for the lot.

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### SAUCEEN PRESBYTERY.

#### Women's Presbyterial F. M. Society

On Tuesday of last week, Durham was honored with a meeting of the above bodies and their presence caused quite a flutter in Presbyterian circles. It was the usual quarterly meeting of the Presbytery and the annual meeting of the Women's Society.

The Presbytery is at present presided over by the Rev. D. McVicar, B. A. Dromore, the "Moderator" is the cautious Scotch title employed in Presbyterian courts for this officer. The Secy. or Clerk is the Rev. Stephen Young, Clerk, who, for many years has kept the records of this body and is now amongst the oldest placed minister in the bounds. There were present Revs. Miller, Holstein; Ramsay, M. Forest; Aull, Palmerston; Thom, Colarville; Croil, (retired) Burnoch, Besides these Rev. Mr. Little, Durhams, and Rev. Chas. Cameron, Durham, sat with the body. Of elders there were Messrs T. Lander and Geo. Turnbull, Durham; R. Watson, Sr., Normanby, one from Arthur, and a few others.

Rev. Mr. McKay, Toronto, the Secy. of the Foreign Mission Board of the Pres. Church, addressed the Court at some length in an inspiring address on the Foreign Mission work of the church.

Rev. Mr. Miller and Mr. Thos. Lander were appointed auditors and after an examination of the accounts brought in their reports. They found everything all right, and the report was duly accepted.

Remits were before the Presbytery relating to (1) Reduction of the representation to the General Assembly from 1-4th as at present, to 1-6th of the Presbytery. (2) As to the desirability of having the Assembly meet always in the same place. (3) Mission boards. No definite action was taken on these.

The Clerk was asked to give Mr. Geo. Scarr his standing as a student to work in the American Church.

Rev. Mr. McKellar urged the claims of Manitoba College to a generous support.

Rev. Mr. Thom, Arthur, resigned his charge of Arthur and Gordonville, which the Presbytery accepted, the congregations being cited to appear before the Presbytery at a meeting in Mt. Forest at 10 a. m. on the second Tuesday in January.

Rev. Mr. McAull presented the Home-Mission Report, intimating that he had secured a supplement of \$20. for Moorefield and Drayton.

Rev. Mr. Croil was appointed to supply Midway, Aytton and E. Normanby for 3 mos.

Rev. Mr. Munro presented the claims of the Ministers' Widows and Orphan's Fund.

Rev. Mr. Jansen presented a report on Young People's Societies. The Report was received. It was agreed that the special topics suggested by Assembly Committee on Young People's Societies be recommended for adoption by this Presbytery to the Young People's Societies within their bounds.

Rev. Mr. McKellar nominated Rev. A. D. McDonald, Searforth, as moderator of the next General Assembly. The Presbytery agreed.

A deputation consisting of John Leith Jas. Eccles and Thos. Knox, waited on the Presbytery in the interest of Swinton Park Congregation. This congregation has had for a long time a very imperfect supply and they desired very strongly a settlement, whereby a pastor could be settled with them permanently. The matter was left in the hands of the Rev. Mr. Aull.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Mt. Forest on the 2nd Tuesday in January.

#### THE FOREIGN MISSION WORKERS.

Quite a number of the women workers within the presbytery bounds came the night previously and met at 10 o'clock for routine business.

The following are the officers for the coming year:

President, Mrs. Edinsson, Rothsay; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Munro, Harriston; 2nd " Mrs. Miller, Holstein; 3rd " Mrs. Morrison, Colarville; Treas., Mrs. McMurphy, Mt. Forest; Secy., Mrs. Bowie, Mt. Forest; Local Secy., Mrs. Allan, Holstein; Secy. of Supplies, Mrs. Munro.

The attendance in the afternoon was large and the interest in the excellent programme was commendable.

Following is Secy. Bowie's Report:

The Ninth Annual Meeting of this Society was held in the Presbyterian Church, Durham, on Dec. 8th. There was a large attendance of delegates and friends from the various auxiliaries.

At the afternoon meeting Mrs. Edinsson presided. Mrs. Aull, the retiring President gave a very touching address. In referring to the fact that the amount raised is less than last year she said we must not blame the hard times until we have denied ourselves some luxury.

The reports from the officers and auxiliaries were cheering. The bale of cloth being sent to our North West Schools being valued at \$500.00. The Secretaries all spoke of the good attendance at the meetings, also of the "Thank Offering" meeting being looked forward to and that the spiritual interest in the work is deepening.

The Treasurer reported that \$224.00 had been raised this year for Foreign Missions. Mrs. Morrison, prayer, Mrs. Cameron, Durham, gave an excellent paper on "My part in the work." We would like to see this paper in full, and therefore we refrain from giving details. Mrs. Gun gave a most helpful "little talk." She spoke in sympathetic terms of the poor, unwelcome, unloved little girls in heathen lands. Miss Smith welcomed the visitors most cordially to which Mrs. Filshie, of Mt. Forest, suitably replied. The greatest treat of the afternoon was an address by Mrs. Watt, of Guelph. The subject was "Woman's work for Jesus, and what are we doing?" Mrs. Watt is a fluent speaker and her address throughout was practical and was listened to with marked attention. Her intense earnestness is impressive. Her words from her very heart and is undoubtedly a woman who lives "for the good that she can do." We are pleased to know that her address is to be printed in leaflet form and that it will be circulated through the Auxiliaries. The

audience enjoyed hearing two duets by members of the choir, Misses Burnett and McFarlane along with the organist, Miss B. McKenzie kindly leading the singing at both services.

Rev. R. P. McKay spoke for a few moments on "What do we believe concerning the state of the heathen without the gospel, etc. The meeting was unanimously pronounced the best yet held.

The thanks of the Society were tendered to the ladies of Durham for the cordial and elegant manner in which they entertained the delegates.

The meeting was closed by singing a hymn, "Bringing in the Sheaves" and prayer by the President, Mrs. Edinsson, of Rothsay.

The ladies of the local Society while enthusiastic workers for the heathen are not forgetful of the physical needs of the workers at home and so had a luscious repast prepared in the basement for all the visitors and home members who chose to meet with them. These were many, and for two hours, tea, turkey and pleasant chat furnished an agreeable interlude to the feast of reason and the flow of soul which filled up afternoon and evening.

#### THE EVENING MEETING

A fine audience met, the gaze of the Rev. Mr. Jansen, chairman for the occasion. He welcomed the audience to the chief session of the Women's meeting, and especially was glad to see many visitors from sister churches in town.

Rev. Mr. McVicar was appointed to present a report of the year's work of the ladies in the Saugeen Presbytery.

A total of \$754. was collected in this presbytery during the year, and it is remarkable that in a time of great commercial stringency, some of the Mission bands had contributed four times as much as other years. The ladies of clothing coming from this district were spoken of as extraordinary. It was the custom, he said, to appoint a member of the Presbytery to address the Women's society, but he thought from their numbers and activity this title should be reversed and have the ladies address the presbytery.

He then very briefly but very forcibly referred to the importance of Foreign Mission work. Self preservation as well as higher motives require the Christianizing of the heathen world. Success should not always be judged by results, we have our marching orders "Go ye in to all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and this should be our stimulus to action.

Miss McCulloch, Mt. Forest, sang a solo which was much enjoyed. The meeting was much indebted to this young lady, who, at considerable personal inconvenience, came to use her talents in a good cause.

The speaker of the evening, Rev. Mr. McKay, followed in a clear and delightful description of a trip through the North West and past mission fields which he had made in company with Prof. McLaren. Mr. McKay has a great descriptive talent and many testified to vivid ideas they had obtained of the nature of the district, as well as of the life and character of the Missionaries and their charges.

Missions are established among the Indians and also among the Chinese on the coast. Of the latter there are about 2500 in Vancouver and the aim is to give them a secular education mixed with Christian truth. There are about 1200 of "Union Mines" further north, and here the work of a Mr. Hall has been very gratifying.

He gave some vivid sketches of Indian life, showing the civilizing influence of the work amongst them. "It was gratifying to learn that there was no denominational clinging out there among Methodists, Presbyterians, etc., as where a field was occupied to attempt was made to duplicate the work."

The lecturer wouldn't discuss the advisability of the Chinese coming or not duty of the church to christianize them while here.

After visiting the various establishments of island and mainland, he came to the Northwest, described the industrial schools, where every Indian child is trained for farming. He showed the best of the surrounding them with the best interests, for cowardice often makes them among their own people.

He referred to missionary danger at rebellion times and gave missionary H. McKay credit for keeping down rebellion in the Qn Appelle Valley.

He closed with an earnest and eloquent appeal for more missionaries. They were needed by the score in the North West, and present offerings would be doubled, if the need were really realized. He hoped the day would be an inspiration to the town and that the local society would receive a large accession in membership.

Notes of thanks were passed to Dr. McKay and the ladies, which were suitably replied to.

The choir throughout the evening rendered pleasing selections, and were assisted by their old leader Mr. R. Parker.

The meeting was taking on a closing appearance when the chairman electrified the audience by announcing that an address was yet to come from a "leper woman." The audience soon learned that this was Mrs. Jansen's way of complimenting Mrs. Watt, who with her daughter in Toronto are both firm friends of, and workers for, the Lepor Mission, a cause which lies very near to Mr. Jansen's heart. She done for them, and then referred to the now in the year of the Society which was therefore should no longer do child's work. Not for the heathen alone, she emphasized, but for Jesus' sake, should our efforts be put forth, who asked us not to convert the world, but to preach the gospel to every creature. She is a pleasing platform speaker, logical and eloquent, and very practical.

#### NOTES

It was freely conceded that this was the best meeting of the Women's Society yet held.

Next meeting is to be in Harriston, and steps should be taken to have it at a better season of the year.

The collection amounted to over \$18.

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