

THE WOMEN IN COUNCIL.

CONFERENCE OF THE DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Reviewing the Work of the Year—The Increase of the Number of Branches, and Consequent Increase in the Usefulness of the Association—The Money Received.

Yesterday afternoon the women's auxiliary to the domestic and foreign missionary society in the diocese of Ontario opened its annual conference in St. George's hall. It was presided over by Mrs. Tilton, vice-president, of Ottawa.

The delegates present number twenty-four. They are as follows: First Vice-President—Mrs. Tilton. Second Vice-President—Mrs. G. Powell. Acting Treasurer—Mrs. Buxton Smith. Recording Secretary—Mrs. Macleod Moore.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. B. Yielding. Kingston—Misses Rice and Macaulay; Mesdames McMorine, Rogers, Daly, J. W. Power.

Miss Anna B. Yielding, recording secretary, read a lengthy document, but it was not of public interest. Mrs. Buxton Smith, acting treasurer, read the receipts and expenditures.

Entertaining the Delegates. The officers and delegates were last evening entertained by those of the Kingston branch in St. George's hall. The room was tastefully decorated, the platform laden with flowers.

The second session of the Women's auxiliary missionary society was held this morning in St. George's hall. After the opening exercises Mrs. Tilton delivered a scholarly address.

The reports from the following parochial branches were heard: Kingston, Catarqui, Lyndhurst, Carleton Place, Camden East, Morrisburg, Picton, Morton and Ottawa.

The society adjourned at 12 o'clock. The hay pressers have organized a baseball club. They will play the Barrieffield club at an early date.

SPARRING AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

An Entertainment of Much Merit—A Performer Falls to Connect.

Sergeant-Major Morgans' athletic entertainment, which occurred last evening in the opera house, was not a success financially. A grand exhibition of the manly art of self-defence was given by Sergt. Major Morgans, of the Royal military college, and Harry Gilmore, the champion light-weight pugilist of America.

A SAFE BLOWN OPEN.

Burglars at Work in the City—Professional Men Show Their Hands.

Burglars knocked a hole into the vault of the Ontario Building and Savings society last evening, and for their trouble secured \$31.65. They gained entrance through a back window by running a chisel between the upper and lower sash breaking the catch.

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Whose Movements, Sayings and Doings Attract Attention.

The will of Mrs. Henry Wood, the authoress, has been proved. She bequeaths £36,000 in equal shares to her children.

Emperor William is suffering from neuralgic pains, to relieve which hypodermic injections of morphia have been used.

W. H. Robertson shipped thirteen cases of curiosities to the Thousand Island park yesterday for the museum. The specimens were valued at \$5,000.

Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Villiers were invited guests to the marriage in Hamilton of Miss Stuart, daughter of John Stuart, of "Inglewood," to P. M. Bankier, M.A., barrister.

Rev. W. W. Madge, B.A., of Haywards, California, is in Montreal on important business, which will result in taking a Montreal lady to do the honors of the new parsonage being erected at Haywards by the Eden Congregational church.

The members of the Ontario cabinet and the prominent citizens of Toronto waited upon Mrs. Robinson, wife of ex-Lieutenant Governor Robinson, and presented her with \$6,000 for the purpose of erecting a cottage on Governor's Island, Lake Joseph, Muskoka.

At the request of the subscribers Atorney-General Mowat named the island Victoria Island, and the cottage Queen's cottage in commemoration of the jubilee year of her majesty.

MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS.

The Final Disposition Made of Clergymen in This Section of Country.

The Bay of Quinte conference has made the following ministerial appointments for the next year: Shannonville, W. H. Peake; Melrose, E. A. Sanderson; Napanee East, W. H. Emsley; Napanee West, E. A. Baker; Deseronto, A. Campbell; Morven, T. Cleworth; Newburgh, James Curtis, D. S. Honck; Wilton, Tobias Meyers; Olesca, Christopher L. Thompson; Bath, Richard Duke; Adolphustown, M. J. Bates; Bay, E. E. Howard; Selby, W. H. Cook; Roblin, David Balfour; Centreville, E. D. Lewis; Tamworth, F. B. Stratton; Yarker, S. F. Dewap; Marlbank, M. Metherall; Arden, James McMullen; Mountain Grove, H. C. Garbutt; Picton First, J. F. Oakley; Picton Second, H. F. Ostrom; Concession, William Jolliffe; Wellington, W. R. Young; Melville and Hollowell, S. Crookshanks (Chisholm); Ameliasburg, Thomas P. Steel; Rednersville, Thomas W. Pickett; Carrying Place, Joseph J. Rae; Bloomfield, J. A. Jewell; Cherry Valley, Samuel McCauley; Milford, James Paul; Glenora, S. B. Phillips; Waupos, Samuel Ferguson; Demorestville, J. C. Ash; Northport, A. K. Campbell; Flinton, J. H. Oke; Cloyne, W. Down.

ENDORSED THE ACTION.

A PUBLIC MEETING APPROVES OF BUILDING A DRY DOCK.

The Government Can Use Convict Labour If It So Desires—The Laboring Classes Offer no Objection to the Scheme—The City in Need of a Dock, for Lots of Money is Lost by its Absence.

Last evening the citizens, at a public meeting, endorsed the construction of a dry dock by the government, and with the aid of convict labor. The meeting was convened by Mayor Carson. There was a fair representation of citizens in attendance.

Ald. McIntyre spoke of the pressing necessity for a dry dock, and of the action of the committee that recently interviewed the government. Attempts to build a dock by private enterprise had been futile, even though the government offered 2 per cent. per year on the capital invested.

HE WILL HELP HIS FRIENDS. Mr. Gaskin claimed that Kingston was still the leading shipbuilding port of Canada, that the M. T. company did more work here than was done at any place in the dominion.

Mr. Robert Carroll read the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. John Dadds: "That whereas the committee which recently visited Ottawa has reported that the government is adverse to the expenditure of public money in the construction of a dry dock, and seems disposed to favorably entertain the proposition to undertake its construction by the aid of convict labor, in case it do not compete with outside mechanical labor, this meeting affirms the desirability of utilizing the surplus convict labor of the penitentiary in such an undertaking."

Mr. Carroll said there was nothing of more importance to Kingston than a dry dock. It was a disgrace that the city had not one. It should have one, let who likes run it. If the convicts built it the freeman would reap the benefit. He hoped no one would throw an obstacle in the way of the project.

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