

BIBLE SOCIETY.**Large Audience Attended Annual Meeting.****ADDRESSES BY DR. INCH AND MR. L. W. JOHNSTON****Movement to Form a Canadian Society Heartily Endorsed.**

The annual meeting of the Fredericton Auxiliary Bible Society was held in the Y. M. C. A. hall last evening, and attracted a large and interested audience. The chair was occupied by the President, Dr. J. R. Inch, in a most acceptable manner, and several city clergymen occupied seats in the audience.

Miss Maud Lounsbury presided at the piano and a choir from the different churches carried out a splendid musical program. The proceedings opened with the singing of the hymn "Jesus Shall Reign," followed by scriptural reading and prayer. Mr. E. H. Ley being called upon rendered a vocal solo in his usual finished style.

Dr. Inch then addressed the meeting briefly and was listened to with a great deal of pleasure. He expressed delight at seeing such a large gathering and thought it augured well for the success of the society during the coming year. He spoke of the British and Foreign Bible Society as being a great power for good in the world, and thought it was deserving of most cordial support of all Christian people. Referring to church union, he expressed the hope that the day was not far distant when it would be accomplished, and a large share of the credit would be due to the British and Foreign Bible Society. He spoke of the movement now on foot, looking to the organization of a Canadian Bible Society, and trusted that it would receive an endorsement from the meeting. He regretted the absence of Judge Forbes, who was to have been one of the speakers, and was sure all would sympathize with him in the death of his brother, which was the reason for his absence. In conclusion he expressed the hope that interest in the Bible Society would be revived not only in Fredericton but throughout Canada.

The report of Mr. C. A. Sampson, the efficient secretary of the society, was then submitted to the meeting and heartily adopted.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President—Dr. J. R. Inch.
Vice Presidents—Hon. David Wark
Mr. J. S. Beek, I. S. O.
Secretary—Mr. C. A. Sampson.
Treasurer—Mr. J. W. Sparden.
Auditor—Mr. L. W. Johnston.
Depository—Mr. J. F. McMurray.

Committee—Dr. Thomas Harrison, Dr. Creed, J. J. Weddall, T. G. Loggie, M. Tennant, S. H. McFarlane, A. A. Sterling, Havelock Coy, A. H. Vanwart, A. H. F. Randolph, Henry Chestnut, Wm. Lemont, T. C. Allen and the clergymen of the different denominations who are members of the society.

An interesting report from the Ladies' Branch was read by Miss Perley in the absence of the secretary, Mrs. J. R. Howie.

Mr. L. W. Johnston was the principal speaker, and occupied the attention of the audience for about twenty minutes. He spoke of the grand work that had been accomplished for mankind by the British and Foreign Bible Society, and presented statistics to show the magnitude of the organization. The object of the society was to enable people in every land to read the Bible in their own language. At the present time there were eight thousand branch societies distributed in twenty-four foreign countries and five British colonies, and the Bible had been printed in 378 different languages and dialects. He spoke at some length of the work of the society in Canada, and spoke of the movement that was set on foot at a meeting in Toronto last year for the formation of a Canadian Bible Society, to be auxiliary to the parent society. The plan of organization and constitution of the proposed society was then read by him, and he closed his address by moving a resolution heartily endorsing the scheme.

Mrs. A. F. Randolph, in seconding the resolution, expressed the opinion that with a Canadian society the work could be prosecuted much more advantageously.

The resolution was then put to the

meeting by the chairman and carried unanimously.

The singing of "Oward Christian Soldiers" followed, after which on motion of Rev. A. A. Rideout, seconded by Dr. Creed, the thanks of the meeting were extended to the Ladies' Branch for services rendered during the past year, and also to the members of the choir.

The meeting closed with the Doxology and benediction, pronounced by Rev. Willard Macdonald.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Movements of People in Whom Our Readers are Interested.

Mr. G. A. Freeze of Moncton, is among the guests at the Queen.

Mr. H. H. Gunter of Boiestown, is among the guests at the Barker.

Messrs Jas Tibbitts and Anstin Sweeney, returned yesterday from a trip to Montreal.

Mrs Benj Rush left for Boston today, where she will spend a month with her friends.

Lieut. Governor Snowball, returned to his home in Chatham by the I C R express this afternoon.

Mr Alex T Wilson is to leave for Ottawa by the I C R this afternoon to report for duty on the Grand Trunk Pacific survey.

Mr. Gerald Loggie, who has been spending the holidays with his parents, leaves this evening for Kingston, to resume his studies at the Royal Military College.

Mrs John Russell of Newcastle, who has been spending the vacation with her mother, Mrs W W McLellan, St John street, returned home via the I C R this afternoon.

Mr Allen Grimmer, who has been engaged recently on the engineering staff of the C P R, at Georgian Bay, will return to the U N B to finish his course.—St Andrew's Beacon.

Mr W T Robertson, son of Mr George Robertson, M P P, St. John, and formerly of the Bank of Nova Scotia branch here, has been appointed manager of the Windsor, N S agency, in succession to Mr LeRoy Shaw.

Miss Katie McCaffrey, who has been spending the Christmas vacation at her home here and with her brother, J J McCaffrey, of the Queen Hotel, Fredericton, will leave this morning for Melrose, Mass, to resume her training work as nurse in the hospital there.—Telegraph.

Miss Carrie Read, daughter of Dr Read of Halifax, leaves for Ottawa next Monday to visit Hon Mr Emmerson, Minister of Railways. The many friends of Rev. Dr. Lathern, will be very sorry to learn that he is again ill. Last winter the doctor's condition was such as to cause his friends grave solicitude.—Halifax Chronicle.

Interruption of Traffic.

The recent storm has caused a serious interruption to traffic on the railways in this part of the province, but it is believed that the worst is now past. The train from St. John did not arrive until eleven o'clock this morning, and the first train out by the Fredericton branch did not get away from here until 12 10. It came back from the Junction at 2 30 without encountering with the Montreal and Boston trains, which are reported seven hours late. The express on the I C R was five hours late, reaching the city yesterday, but today she got in on time.

Mrs. Phillips' Illness.

Mrs. R. H. Phillips, who has been suffering for some time from a serious form of stomach trouble, underwent an operation at the Victoria Hospital yesterday. Her friends will be glad to learn that she is resting quite easily today.

The Koto and Samisen.

Japanese girls of the upper and middle classes learn to play the "koto," while those of the lower orders usually learn the "samisen." The "koto" is a narrow horizontal instrument about five feet long with a sounding board upon which are stretched strings supported by means of ivory finger tips. The player sits before the instrument on the floor in the ordinary posture, and when she touches the strings she often sings a soft accompaniment. The "samisen" is a kind of banjo and is often played during theatrical performances and recitations. It gives forth dull and monotonous tones.

A Pillar in Norway.

Close to the old Augvaldsnaes church on Karneon Island, Norway, and leaning toward it is a stone pillar about twenty-five feet high called the "Virgin Mary's Needle." Tradition holds that when the pillar touches the church the world will come to an end. The superstitious local preacher whenever he imagines that its point is getting nearer to the sacred building mounts the pillar, it is said, and chisels a bit off the top so as to save the world from an untimely end.

N. B. RAILWAY**Feeling the Stress of The Recent Storm.****BRANCH ROADS TIED UP AND MAILS CARRIED BY TEAM.****Trainman Hurt at Sussex.**

(Special to Daily Herald.)

St. John, Jan 6.—At Sussex this morning the guage glass on an I. C. R. engine broke, and Watchman White, who had charge of the locomotive in endeavoring to escape from the steam, fell off the tender, breaching two ribs, and badly spraining both ankles.

Two cars jumped the track on the C. P. R. here this morning, and engine 189, together with flanger and plow left the track.

The Moncton and Buctouche railway succeeded in getting a train through. All other branch lines are down and the mail is being carried by team.

The superintendent of the mail service here reports the Central railway, Shore Line, Salisbury and Harvey, Elgin and Petitcodiac tied up.

The C. P. R. trains are from five to seven hours late.

Band Tomorrow.

The R. C. R. band has been engaged to play a program at the Arctic Rink tomorrow afternoon. The ice is in first class condition for skating.

History Ancient and Modern.

First Yorkshireman (apropos of statue recently unveiled at Leeds)—You see we've got the Black Prince up at last. Second Yorkshireman—Ranjitsinhji! What's he doin' here. He plays for Sussex! Where's Lord Hawke?—Punch.

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