MEETING OF MISSION BOARD

Reports of Missionary Work of Congregational Church.

NEW WORKERS SENT OUT

Past Year Has Been a Prosperous One but Debt of the Board Has Increased —Report From the Pacific Coast.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 10.—The 19th annual meeting of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions convened this morning in Pilgrim Congregational church, and will be in session three days. Between 200 and 300 corporate members, officers of the American board, and the two women's auxiliaries, missionaries from foreign and home fields, as well as prominent ministers and laymen from many Congregational churches, were preesnt.

Rev. Dr. Michael Burnham, pastor of Pilgrim Congregational church, delivered a short address of welcome. A fitting response to Dr. Burnham's eloquent remarks was made by Samuel B. Capen, LL. D., of Boston, president of the American board.

Rev. Charles R. Daniels, D. D., secretary of the home department, read his annual report, which is the special report of the prudential committee.

Frank H. Wiggin, of Boston, presented his annual report. The following is a synopsis of the reports submitted:

The report of the prudential committee, home department, stated that death had claimed from the ranks of the corporate body ten of its members, whose services have ranged from 1851 to 1898. During the year forty new missionaries have been sent to their several fields of appointment: eleven men, three of whom are physicians, and twenty-nine ladies, twelve the wives of missionaries and two of them physicians.

It is expected that at the coming session of congress a bill will be introduced including among other features the repeal of the legacy tax to institutions of a literary, educational or charitable character. During the past year there has been a rebate in rent to the Congregational missionary societies from the Congregational house income, of $1,124. The press has been an effective agent for good. The magazines have aided the work greatly.

In addition to missionaries assigned under the auspices of the forward movement committee, some twenty-two missionaries or missionary families have been assigned through other agencies. In two cases missionary families have been taken by individuals; in two cases by Endeavor societies grouped for the purpose; in two cases by churches grouped and the other cases by individual churches.

The Missionary Herald circulation is increasing, though slowly. The Congregational Work enters about 60,000 families. The wants of the children are still met by the Mission-Dayspring, issued conjointly by the American board and the Women's boards.

The Rev. Chas. C. Cregan, D. D., district secretary, makes the following report from the middle district, including Connecticut and Ohio and the middle and southern Atlantic states:

The total receipts are only slightly less than last year, notwithstanding $1,000,000 has been gathered for the sufferers in India from organizations largely centering in New York. The contributions from the living have increased $16,585, while the legacies have decreased $17,276. From the Y. P. S. C. E. and Sunday schools there has been a gain of $1,654. Women have increased their gifts $1,019.

The Rev. A. N. Hitchcock, Ph. D., district secretary, presents the following report from the interior district, the district including fourteen states and territories west of Ohio and the Southern Mississippi states:

The twelve or fifteen churches which have undertaken the support of their own foreign missionary pastors, while largely increasing their gifts during the past year, have not in all cases fully renewed their pledges at the expiration of the year. There has been an increase in donations from all sources of $6640. Additional gifts for famine relief and orphan work have probably aggregated $1000. The number of churches contributing from some sources has increased by eighty, while the number taking public contributions is less by thirty-two. There has been a gain in Sunday school contributions.

Rev. Walter Frear, general agent, makes the following report for the Pacific coast agency:

Mission freight was sent by the Aeolus, a schooner newly built for the Jaluit society, and by the Queen of the Isles. Four missionaries were sent to reopen on Ponepe. The missionaries passing to and fro have included forty-four adults, and, including children, fifty-six persons. The churches of Southern California and Oregon have made decidedly the largest gains in gifts to the treasury of the board this year, as did those of Northern California the year before. These are larger by $1368 than in the previous year. The women's mission board of the Pacific coast made up the amount pledged and have a small surplus. They are also undertaking to raise $1,000 for the twentieth century fund.

Report of the secretary of the American Bible Society, Rev. W. E. Gilman, D. D:

Since September 1, 1899, we have put at the disposal of your missions in Spain and Austria, for the purpose of circulating the Scriptures, $530, and we have also made consignments of 12,738 volumes of the Scriptures, of the value of $2,632, for sale and distribution through your missionaries in Ceylon, South Africa and Micronesia (including Guam). In other parts of the world, where the American board is at work, direct and efficient aid has been extended by means of the resident agents of the American Bible Society.

The American Tract Society has made good grants to missionaries of the board in five of its missions, to the amount of $592. The Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society has contributed Sunday school literature to the representatives of the board in six different missions and at nineteen different stations, in value $160.

One year ago we reported the increase in receipts from individuals and churches as most satisfactory, amounting to over $39,900 for the distinctive work of the board and above $19,000 for the distinctive work of the women's foreign boards. There has been a gain from these sources this year, but by a much smaller figure.

One year ago we reported a serious falling off in legacies. This year there has been a remarkable increase over the previous year.

The officers and committee of the board subscribed nearly $37,000 to the twentieth century fund. The plan is to raise $250,000 from those who are able to give an extra offering, which will in no particular conflict with the regular income of the board. At least 12,000 has gone from our constituency this year in answer to the cry of distress from India.

There are about 5,600 Sunday schools from which we might expect offerings. Of these schools 1246 made contributions to the work of foreign missions, or a gain of about 78 per cent. The amount contributed was $17,204, or a gain of about 55 per cent over the previous year.

There are 3696 Endeavor societies connected with our churches. Of these societies 1537 contribute to the work of foreign missions through the board. There are 2159 societies left to be brought into line. The total contributions from these societies are $22,496, as against $21,577 last year. This sum is divided between the American board and the women's board in the ratio of $11,779 to the former and $10,717 to the latter.

The regular donations from individual churches and various societies were $516,536, a gain over the previous year of $26,128. Of this sum $214,774 came through the contributions of the several women's boards, an increase of $14,664 above the receipts of the previous year from the same source.

To the distinctive work of the American board the record of last year with its increase of $39,465 is still further increased by $11,484. The income from the permanent funds exhibits a large increase over last year by $7,125. The increase in special donations for the year amounted to $19,568.

The receipts for the year from all sources including $1272 for the debt are $737,957, an increase from last year of $93,756. This is more than the average for the past five years by the amount of increase in legacies, which was a little over $50,000.

The total expenditures of the board from all directions have been $732,051 and the debt now resting upon the board is $82,632.

The report of the treasurer, Frank H. Wiggin, of Boston, showed that in expenditures the cost of missions had been $676,165; the cost of agencies $17,119; the cost of publications $9304; the cost of administration $29,461; balance for which the board was in debt September 1, 1899, $88,537; total $820,588. Receipts $737,957; balance for which the board is in debt August 31, 1900, $82,631; total $820,588.

CORBETT WANTS TO FIGHT.

Ready to Meet Champion Jeffries on Any Terms.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—James J. Corbett has decided to challenge Champion James J. Jeffries to again meet him in the ring for a 25-round or a finish fight. In an interview last night Corbett said:

"I intend to fight again and I want Jeffries as my next opponent. Jeffries is a champion and there is no reason why he should not fight to defend his title. I am prepared to fight him and I will post a forfeit of $2,500 tomorrow to show that I am sincere in my desire to arrange the match.

"With Fitzsimmons out of the game there is no other legitimate opponent for the champion to meet. I don't care about condition. Jeffries can have everything his own way."

ANOTHER VICTIM NAMED.

It Is Now Believed That the Chicago Insurance Conspiracy Syndicate Made Way With Many Young Women.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 10.—Laura Carroll is named as another victim of the insurance company syndicate said to be headed by Dr. Unger.

The physician used her, it is said, as a woman to take out two policies similar to that which was attached to Marie Defenbach. The Carroll woman disappeared four or five months ago and none of those with whom she associated has seen her since. During her residence here she was an intimate friend of Miss Defenbach and is alleged to have been a patient and sweetheart of Dr. Unger.

During the six or seven months that Wayland Brown was managing the Mooney and Boland office here an unusual number of stenographers were employed. These were all women and all were employed by Brown.

The subsequent disappearance of many of them is now deemed a matter worth looking into as likely to show an effort to defraud on a much larger scale than has yet been brought to light.

LIPTON AFTER THE CUP.

Sends Another Challenge to the New York Yacht Club.

LONDON, Oct. 10.—It is reported here that a challenge from Sir Thomas Lipton for another series of races for the America's cup reached the New York Yacht Club this morning.

At the office of Sir Thomas Lipton today the report that his challenge has reached New York was denied. It appears, however, that it was recently mailed and that it is about to be sent to New York.

Sir Thomas Lipton later in the day informed a representative of the Associated Press that his challenge is on board the White Star steamer Germanic, due at New York Thursday, and that he prefers that all information as to its contents be given out by the New York Yacht Club. The letter challenging contains a suggestion as to the date of the race, which, it is understood, will be in August.

It is reported that the challenger yacht will be built on the Thames and that she will be named Shamrock. According to rumor, Robert Wrings, one of the commanders of the old Shamrock, will command the new one.

UNITED STATES LEADS.

Final Report of Awards Made by the Paris Exposition.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—A cablegram received here today from Commissioner-General Peck at Paris contains the announcement of the final results obtained at the exposition by the various countries in the way of awards.

The United States received 2,475 awards, Germany 1,826, Great Britain 1,177, Russia 1,413. The United States not only leads in the grand total but also in all grades of awards.

STRIKE SETTLED.

Woodworkers at Denver Gain Their Point.

DENVER, Oct. 10.—The strike of the woodworkers, which threatened to tie up all the mills in the city, has been settled and today the closed mills will resume work.

The trouble was over the employment of non-union men at some of the mills. The demands of the union were granted and all workmen will hereafter be union men.

FOUL PLAY FEARED.

Idaho Man Missing at San Diego, California.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Oct. 10.—E. W. Wilson, a recent arrival from Boise City, Idaho, is missing and his wife, who brought the news to the police station, fears that he has met foul play. He was well supplied with money, having about $400 on his person besides considerable jewelry, when he went away.

SOO LINE CUTS RATES.

ST. PAUL, Oct. 10.—The Soo line joined in the low rates for homeseekers today. It named a $25 rate to the coast.

ROOT HAS RETURNED.

Meiklejohn Now Has an Opportunity to Take Part in the Campaign.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—Secretary Root left tonight for Nebraska, where he expects to take an active part in the campaign. Meiklejohn will be a candidate for United States senator if the Republicans control the Nebraska legislature.

WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, Oct. 10.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 55½c; bluestem, 57½c@58c.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 10.—Wheat, May, 108⅛; cash, 101¼.

CHICAGO, Oct. 10.—Wheat, November, opening, 76½, 76⅝; closing, 75⅝.

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Notice is hereby given that the certificate of the completion of Eleventh street from the south line of Franklin avenue to the north line of Harrison avenue under ordinance No. 2529 by J. K. Wirt, the contractor, has been filed in due form with the auditor and police judge of the City of Astoria, by the city surveyor, superintendent of streets and committee on streets and public ways of the Common Council and that unless objection to the same be made in the meantime said improvement will be formally accepted at the next meeting of the Common Council of said city to be held Monday, October 15, 1900.

H. E. NELSON,
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NOTICE OF STREET ACCEPTANCE.

Notice is hereby given that the certificate of the completion of Thirty-eighth street from the crossing of Duane street to the south line of Harrison avenue under ordinance No. 2520 by S. Normile, the contractor, has been filed in due form with the auditor and police judge of the City of Astoria by the city surveyor, superintendent of streets and committee on streets and public ways of the Common Council and that unless objection to the same be made in the meantime said improvement will be formally accepted at the next meeting of the Common Council of said city, to be held Monday, October 15, 1900.

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NOTICE OF STREET ACCEPTANCE.

Notice is hereby given that the certificate of the completion of Fifteenth street from the south line of Exchange street to the north line of Irving avenue under ordinance No. 2522 by W. A. Goodin, the contractor, has been filed in due form with the auditor and police judge of the City of Astoria by the city surveyor, superintendent of streets and committee on streets and public ways of the Common Council and that unless objection to the same be made in the meantime said improvement will be formally accepted at the next regular meeting of the Common Council of said city, to be held Monday, October 15, 1900.

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