

utterly strange people, in a lawless land, and far from assistance of any kind.

Many of our camping grounds were places of great beauty and interest, and shall always be remembered by us as delightful recollections. Of these I need only mention Mount Olivet, Elijah's Spring, Tiberias, Jauch, Banias on El Hadr, east of Hermon. But this is the fair side of camp life. At Jezreel, near the mountains of Gilboa, a most charming spot, our tents were blown down during a violent rain storm. Everything was drenched and we slept that night in wet clothes. As the ground was soaked we could not proceed next day, and consequently were moving about among the grass in shoes full of water. Yet none of us suffered any injury from this exceedingly uncomfortable experience. At Kefr. Hawar, at the foot of Hermon, our tents were again blown down, poles and ribs broken to pieces, and our camp, in fact, demolished. This was about 5 p.m. The day was cloudless, but the wind from Hermon was terrific. We got shelter in a Sheikh's house. This dwelling was built of boulders with clay. The walls were about seven feet high and the building possessed no window. The roof was made of poplar saplings laid side by side. Over these was placed brushwood and the whole was covered with clay. The floor was earth. Our beds and baggage were carried into this house, and the one room, barely separated from the next room, which covered the cows and kids, sheltered us all. The door could hardly be kept shut, and every time it was burst open a cloud of dust, straw and dirt rushed in upon us. The wind howled and raged furiously and every moment I thought the roof would take wings. As it was, the violence of the gale dislodged large quantities of the clay and dust from it, which fell in showers on us and our beds. Our cook managed to get up a nice dinner for us, and, worn out with the fatigues of the day, we threw ourselves on our beds—to discover that the Sheikh numbered among his guests inhabitants infinitely more numerous than my family. We retired with the happy thought that this gale might last for three days. The wind raged all night, but fell at sunrise, and we were truly thankful to find ourselves on our way to Damascus about six next morning. We learned something of the dirt and squalor in which Arabs live.

As some of our readers wished to hear about camp life and what it is, this letter is chiefly devoted to an attempt to give you some idea of it as described by experience. In my next I hope to tell you something about the Dead Sea and the Jordan.

Beyrouth, W. M. C.  
Hotel D'Orient.

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### DETAILED REPORT.

(Continued from first page.)  
After a vigorous address from the Rev. P. McP. McLeod, who strongly urged that the Assembly should give the "Welfare of Youth" scheme a trial, the report as a whole was adopted.

**SABBATH OBSERVANCE.**  
Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of Ottawa, presented the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance.

The report sets forth summaries of reports received from the various Synods and draws attention to the valuable assistance rendered to this cause by the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada. The report gives a sad picture of the state of matters in British Columbia: "Freight trains are run on the C.P.R. and the Island Railway, and a Sunday passenger train is run every few hours between New Westminster and Vancouver, patronised by hundreds of excursionists. Steamboats also run. There are Sunday newspapers in Vancouver and Victoria. All over the province the saloons are open the week round, except in Vancouver city; teamsters, miners, stockmen and others make no distinction between Sunday and other days; the postoffices are open, and stages carrying mails run on Sunday, and generally there seems to be no provincial law to protect the sanctity of the Sabbath."

The Committee made the following recommendations:

(1) "That the Presbyteries make suitable arrangements to have the claims and obligations of the Sabbath brought pointedly and prominently before the congregations within their bounds."

(2) "That the Assembly record its approval of the action of the Presbytery of Hamilton in petitioning against the opening of the Welland canal for Sunday traffic, and its regret that the Government has not seen fit to grant the prayer of that petition."

(3) "That the Assembly endorse the action of the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada in seeking further legislation to ensure the due observance of the Sabbath; that the Assembly petition to the Dominion Parliament a petition in the terms proposed by the Alliance, and recommend the Presbyteries and congregations to do the same."

(4) "That in order to obtain more accurate information on the nature of Sabbath observance throughout the country, the following questions be sent down to Presbyteries through the Synodical Conventions—(a) What forms of Sabbath breaking prevail throughout the bounds of your Presbytery? (b) What measures have been taken to check Sabbath breaking and to promote the due observance of the Lord's Day? (c) Have the Assembly's recommendations (1) as to the formation of the Presbyterial Committee; (2) as to the preaching of stated sermons on Sabbath observance, been carried out? (d) Have you any suggestions to make as to efficient means that might be adopted to further the cause of Sabbath observance? (e) That the Assembly appoint as its representatives in the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada the members of its Sabbath Observance Committee."

In presenting this report Dr. Armstrong said he had learned from a Toronto gentle-

man, since coming to the Assembly, that the Sunday railway work at Toronto Junction and York was much less now than formerly. Regarding the Lord's Day Alliance, he said that this organization owed its origin to the action of the General Assembly. It was, he believed, the most effective organization of its kind on the continent. He dwelt upon the necessity of securing petitions to the Legislature, for not only did many of the legislators not understand the true doctrine of the Sabbath, but with some their constituents would, if they could, introduce the Neapolitan Sabbath; and if the Roman Catholic Church could break down the observance of the Sabbath, they would gain a great victory over the Protestants. Regarding the railway and canal Sunday traffic, he traced the responsibility back to the people, greedy of gain and anxious to carry on their trade even on the Sabbath.

On the recommendation expressing regret at the action of the Government in relation to the canal, Rev. Mr. Ross, of Perth, thought "regret" was a weak word; that the Government had been feeing its way for years to see how far it dared to force this upon an unwilling people. The resolution was changed so as to express "profound regret."

Rev. Dr. McMullen said that there had been much correspondence with the American churches regarding this great railway question, in which it was deemed that union of action was necessary, and he wanted to know what had been done.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong said that the Lord's Day Alliance came into co-operation with the American Sabbath Union and the correspondence would go on.

Rev. Dr. Caven called attention to what had been said about British Columbia, which called out an explanation by Rev. P. McP. McLeod, that though in that Province they had many forms of Sabbath desecration, there was an earnest band of Christians working for reform, and he saw no reason to despair of the result. A resolution was passed on motion of Dr. Caven urging the Committee to propose some means of abating this evil.

Hon. Mr. Vidal moved and Rev. Geo. Huron seconded the adoption of the report, which was adopted.

### DEPUTY FROM THE WALDENSIAN CHURCH.

Rev. Dr. Reid read the commission of the Rev. C. A. Tron, of Turin, who spoke on behalf of the Waldensian Church. He expressed how deeply he felt the honour of addressing the Assembly and bringing the greetings of his Church to the Presbyterian Churches in America. He gave a brief account of the establishment and progress of the Waldensian Church and its early martyrs. At the forthcoming bi-centennial celebration they hoped that all the Churches in the world which had the Presbyterian system would participate in it. He thought that their success was a miracle, considering that they were surrounded on all hands by the emissaries of the man who called himself the Vicar of Christ. They had now in Italy 100 churches organized and 128 workers, 4,300 converted members, all out of the Roman Catholic Church. The Pope was a prisoner in the hands of the Jesuits, and was sacrificed for their purposes. He invited them to send some representative to their bi-centennial, to be held on 27th August, and he asked them to give them their prayers and some sign of their sympathy.

The Moderator assured Mr. Tron of the sympathy of the Assembly and their appreciation of the history of the Waldensian Church. He informed him also that the Assembly would deal with the matter he had proposed at a subsequent sederunt.

The Assembly then adjourned.

### RETIRING MINISTERS.

Rev. D. J. Macdonnell presented the report, and recommended that the following clergymen be allowed to retire and that they be placed on the fund for aged and infirm ministers:—Rev. John Stuart, of Owen Sound Presbytery; Revs. James Black and Thomas Goldsmith, of the Hamilton Presbytery; Revs. Angus McCall and William Walker, of the Chatham Presbytery; Rev. Charles Cameron, of the Maitland Presbytery; Rev. Duncan McNaughton, of the Bruce Presbytery; Rev. Peter Lindsay, of the Miramichi Presbytery; Rev. A. L. Wiley, of St. John Presbytery; Rev. Charles Chiquiqui, of the Montreal Presbytery; Rev. John Cameron, of the Halifax Presbytery, and Rev. Archibald Currie, of the Lindsay Presbytery; Rev. D. Camelon, of the Toronto Presbytery, (temporarily); and Rev. Chas. Gunn. Rev. T. G. Smith, D.D., of Queen's College, Kingston, was added to the roll of the regular ministry.

### AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Mr. J. K. Macdonald presented the supplementary report in regard to the aged and infirm ministers' fund, and its adoption was moved by Dr. Thompson, of Sarnia, who earnestly commended the fund to the liberality of the Church. The provision made for ministers of the Church on their retirement was utterly inadequate, and he knew of no class of men so cultured and holding such a social position, who had to go with such poor retiring allowances.

Rev. J. M. Murray, London, seconded the adoption of the report, and in doing so, spoke strongly of the conduct of the churches, which, though contributing vast sums to all the purposes of the Church, gave only a pittance to this fund.

Rev. Styles Fraser, N.S., moved the adoption of the report of the Committee for the Eastern Section. The fund in the Eastern Section was in a somewhat better condition than in the West. It was, he said, much to be regretted that there are still sixty-three congregations in the Maritime Provinces that do not contribute to the funds.

The report was adopted.

Rev. Robert Murray, of Halifax, proposed that the Assembly ask Presbyteries to consider whether or not it is expedient to make it necessary for all missionaries and ministers to connect themselves with the aged and infirm ministers' fund. The Assembly endorsed the idea.

### LOYAL ADDRESSES.

Rev. Dr. Laidlaw, of Hamilton, reported on behalf of the Committee on Loyal Addresses the usual expressions of fealty to the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Governor-General and Lady Stanley.

### WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

Rev. P. M. Morrison, Halifax, submitted the report of the Eastern Section. Rev. Dr. Reid read the report of the Western Section.

### The following is the financial statement of the Western Section:—

Receipts—	
Balance from last year	\$ 7,312 65
Congregational contributions	4,735 89
Minister's rates	3,611 60
Interest	7,716 80
Investments repaid	6,522 55
	\$29,358 89
Expenditure—	
Annuitants paid	\$11,344 00
Printing and incidental expenses	25 50
Invested	8,000 00
Salary of Agent	600 00
Proportion of general expenses	302 34
Balance at Cl	7,584 05
	\$28,355 89

There are sixty-nine annuitants now on the list. During the year two have died and five have been added.

The report for the Eastern Section shows as follows:—

Receipts—	
Minister's Rates	\$1,494 72
Dividends and Investments	3,730 14
Fines and Interest on Arrears	30 96
Congregational Collections and Donations	236 99
	\$5,492 81
Expenditure—	
Annuitants to Widows	\$3,223 00
Salaries and Expenses	481 66
	3,704 66
Leaving a balance of	\$1,788 15

During the year five names have been removed from the list, and six have been added. The total number now on the list is ninety-eight.

Both reports were adopted.

### BROOKSDALE AND HARRINGTON

A reference from the Presbytery of Stratford concerning a difficulty between the congregations of Brookdale and Harrington was taken up.

Rev. Robert Hamilton, Moderator of the Stratford Presbytery, went into a history of the case, showing that the people of Harrington had protested against the formation of a church at Brookdale, on the ground that it would imperil their prosperity. Several prolonged trials before the various Church courts were had over the matter, and finally the Presbytery of Stratford was empowered to supply the charge at Brookdale in such a manner as not to imperil the charge at Harrington. Now the Harrington church complains that injury has been wrought them by this new church, and claims \$352 by way of damages.

The matter was referred to a committee, with instructions to hear all parties and report at the afternoon sederunt.

### THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Rev. G. M. Milligan brought up the Report of the Committee on the State of Religion. After short discussion it was adopted with thanks to the Committee, especially to Dr. Macrae, the Conventor.

The report was to be further enlarged and elaborated by Dr. Macrae before insertion in the printed records of the Assembly. This course was adopted because of the incomplete nature of the report consequent on the failure of several Synods to send returns to the Committee in time for insertion. [The report in its completed state will be given in the REVIEW.]

A suggestion for the formation of guilds for young men and women was incorporated in the report. A discussion arose as to whether the material for the reports should be supplied by the Synods or the Presbyteries, and it was agreed that it should be supplied by Synod officers.

### HOUSE RENT IN CITIES.

Rev. Dr. Campbell presented an overture from the Presbytery of Montreal, setting forth that the cost of living and house rent is much higher in the city than country charges, and asking that regulation to be amended so as to provide that ministers requiring aid in cities may receive a stipend up to \$1,000, and an additional sum for house rent where no manse is provided, not exceeding \$300. He moved that this request be granted, and that it be left to the Home Mission Committee to carry out the provisions and make similar allowances for the keeping of a horse and house rent in the country where the circumstances require.

Rev. Alex. Gilray seconded the resolution, and it was carried by a small majority.

### CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS RIGHTS.

The following Committee for "the defence of our civil and religious rights" was moved by Dr. King and approved by the Assembly:—Rev. D. J. Macdonnell and Dr. MacVicar (joint Conventors), Dr. Robert Campbell, Montreal; Dr. Cook, Dr. Warden, Dr. McRae, Rev. James Fleck, Prof. Scrimger, Rev. N. McLean, Dr. Armstrong, Rev. M. W. McLean, Dr. Caven, Rev. G. M. Milligan, Dr. Torrance, Dr. Laing, Dr. Laidlaw, Dr. McMullen, Rev. J. A. Murray, Dr. John Thompson, Dr. Robertson, Dr. King, Dr. McCulloch, Dr. Forrest, Dr. Burns, Rev. A. Falconer, Rev. George Bruce, Rev. Thomas Fotheringham, ministers; and Hon. D. Laird, Hon. Alex. Morris, and Messrs. J. K. Macdonald, J. T. Small, Wm. Carlyle (St. James-square church), Matthew Hutchison, J. McD. Haines, Henry Morton, Dr. McDonald, Hamilton; J. Charlton, M.P., J. Fisher, M.P., Robert Murray, George Hay, A. J. McKenrie, A. Bartlett, Wm. Drysdale, J. P. Millar, James Hutchison, elders.

The Moderator, on receiving the report, said:—"As the Moderator is ex-officio a member of all committees, I have struck his name out of the list."

Principal Grant will therefore be a member of the Committee in his official capacity as Moderator.

### REMITTS.

Rev. George Bruce, of St. John, N.B., reported as to the replies received to the three remits sent down to the Presbyteries by the last General Assembly. The remits on marriage with a deceased wife's sister were misunderstood by many Presbyteries; some treated them as one remit, others treated them as two remits, as was evidently intended by the Assembly. Twenty-nine Presbyteries reported—twenty-five approving, three disapproving, and one approving of the first remit and disapproving with the second. Eighteen speak of but one remit and seven recognise two remits.

The remit on the supply of vacancies brought forth replies from eighteen Presbyteries approved and three disapproved simpliciter, while twelve Presbyteries and the Synod of Manitoba gave a qualified approval.

On the remit as to the payment of the expenses of Commissioners to the General Assembly, twenty-two Presbyteries reported, four approving and seven disapproving simpliciter. Nine gave a modified approval, and one ventured no approval at all.

The remits on marriage with a deceased wife's sister were referred to a committee, who were instructed to analyse the replies and report at the evening sederunt.

On consideration of the third remit, Dr. Reid read an overture from the Ontario Presbytery asking that the representation to the General Assembly be reduced from one-fourth to one-eighth, so that the establishment of a fund for paying the expenses of the Commissioners might be possible. This reminded the Assembly that they had already asked the Presbyteries their opinion as to whether their representation should not be reduced from one-fourth to one-sixth, and they decided not to take action in this matter until this opinion shall have been obtained.

The scheme for the supply of vacancies as set forth in the minute was accepted and referred to a committee to suggest any desirable amendments at the next meeting of the Assembly.

### AFTERNOON SEDERUNT

#### NESBIT ACADEMY MEMORIAL.

A memorial was read from Dr. Jardine, of Prince Albert, the trustees of Nesbit Academy, and recommendations were made. The memorial showed that, if arrangements were not made for the providing of a male teacher before July without any additional expense being incurred to the school, the Academy would have to be closed on account of lack of funds. The memorial showed that the school was necessary for the instruction of the Indians and Protestant children of that region.

The matter was remitted to those members of the various committees concerned still present at the Assembly.

#### NEW PRESBYTERIES ASKED FOR.

An overture was read from Rev. Dr. Jardine, of Prince Albert, N.W.T., asking for the establishment of the territory included in the District of Saskatchewan into a new Presbytery, to be known as the Presbytery of Saskatchewan.

In this connection the Moderator requested that the overture from the Presbyteries of Brandon and Regina, in connection with a similar matter, be read. These overtures set forth that the present large extent of these Presbyteries made the expense of holding Presbytery meetings very great and the executive work very heavy, and asked for the erection of a new Presbytery out of the western portion of the Brandon Presbytery, to be known as the Presbytery of Minnesota.

This new Presbytery would include twenty-five stations and thirteen ministers.

Rev. Dr. Robertson, of Winnipeg, moved that the request of the overture be granted and the new Presbytery of Minnesota be duly constituted and called to meet on July 15th. This motion was adopted by the Assembly, as was also another, moved by Dr. Robertson, and seconded by Chief Justice Taylor, to the effect that the request of Dr. Jardine be remitted to the Presbytery of Regina and the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West.

#### SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

Rev. Mr. Johnston brought up the report of the Committee on systematic benevolence. The report showed that the contributions for the Schemes of the Church were becoming more regular, instead of, as in the past, depending very much upon the whim of the giver. Tracts bearing upon the subject of systematic giving had been largely issued in the Maritime Provinces. In Ontario and Quebec there had been no statistics returned. Consequently, the report was somewhat meagre. Recommendations endorsing the envelope system were appended to the report.

#### MARRIAGE WITH A DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.

Dr. Moore, of Ottawa, reported for the Committee appointed to consider the reply to the remit on marriage with the deceased wife's sister, recommending that in view of the fact that twenty-five out of the twenty-nine Presbyteries reporting are in favour of the remit allowing liberty of opinion in subscribing to the formula by which officers bearers acknowledge the Confession of Faith, that such liberty of opinion be allowed under the authority of the Assembly.

Rev. Dr. Reid thought it was not wise to deal with so important a matter in the present meagre attendance at the Assembly. It might cause certain of their oldest members to separate themselves from the Church, and he must enter his protest.

Rev. George Burson, of St. Catharines, seconded the adoption of the report, when Rev. Dr. Caven pointed out that, even if all the Presbyteries not reporting had reported against the remit, they would have still a clear majority of the Presbyteries in favour of the remit.

The report was adopted, Rev. Dr. Reid dissenting.

#### LIQUOR LICENSING LAW.

Dr. Moore having had his labours in regard to the deceased wife's sister rewarded by success, then proceeded to present an overture from the Presbytery of Ottawa, suggesting that such changes be made in the license law that the applicant for a liquor license be required to present a petition signed by the majority of resident householders in the division for which the license was asked. Other changes of a minor nature were also suggested. The overture was received and put into the hands of the Temperance Committee for action.

#### THE ASSEMBLY FUND.

Rev. Dr. Reid presented the financial report, pointing out that this year the Assembly Fund shows a deficit of \$569.46. No congregation paid over the assessed amount, 4 cents a member, and 224 congregations contributed nothing at all. It was recommended among other things that the amounts to be raised by each Presbytery be duly allocated to them and that they be charged with its collection.

#### BROOKSDALE AND HARRINGTON.

Dr. Laing submitted the report of the Committee appointed at the morning session in reference to the Brookdale and Harrington matter. The report recommended that the Brookdale congregation make compensation for loss suffered by Harrington to the amount of \$115. The arrangement made by the Presbytery in 1880 to be set aside, and that Brookdale be relieved from all pecuniary obligations in future. The churches were recommended to the favourable consideration of the Home Mission Society. This was agreed to.

#### MONTREAL WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Dr. Reid read the report of the Montreal Woman's Missionary Society, which showed progress in the three branches of their work—Home, Foreign, and French Evangelization. The receipts were \$1,615, and the expenditure left a balance of \$234.

The report was adopted.

#### SUSPENSION REMOVED.

In regard to the reference from the Presbytery of Sydney in the case of Rev. Mr. Calder, who was suspended, the Assembly unanimously agreed to restore him to his office as a minister of the Church.

#### PAN-PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL.

Chief Justice Taylor and Principal Caven reported for the delegates who attended the last Presbyterian Council, and announced that the next meeting of that great body will be held in Toronto in 1892.

It was ordered that the \$315 due annually from the Assembly to the general expenses of Presbyterian Council be paid, and that the annual claim be admitted. Report adopted.

#### EVANGELISTS.

Rev. Dr. Moore, of Ottawa, reported that the Committee on Evangelistic Work had collected a deal of suggestions as to the manner in which this work should be carried on. Salaries for evangelists were recommended all the way from \$500 to \$2,500, and opinion was greatly divided as to whether they should be paid from a common fund or by the congregations among whom they labour. The Committee recommended that the matter be left in the hands of the Synods, with instructions to confer with the Presbyteries. The report was adopted.

#### PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Professor Bryce briefly submitted the report of the Presbyterian Historical Society. Report adopted.

#### CHURCH PROPERTY.

Dr. Reid reported for the Committee on Church Property. No important matters had been dealt with during the past year. Report adopted.

#### REFERENCE FROM GUELPH.

A reference was received from the Presbytery of Guelph in regard to dissatisfaction expressed by the congregation of Duff's church, in that Presbytery, with the pastorate of Dr. McKay. The matter was remitted back to the Presbytery in view of the absence of parties in the case.

#### FORDWICH AND GORRIE.

The Assembly granted the petitions from the Synods concerned asking that Fordwich and Gorrie be transferred from the Synod of Hamilton and London to the Synod of Toronto and Kingston.

#### THE SETON FUND.

A reference from the Presbytery of Whitby, in regard to the administration of the Seton Fund was satisfactorily settled by placing it in the hands of the Church Property Committee.

#### ECCLIASTICAL UNION.

Principal Caven submitted the report of the Committee on Ecclesiastical Union with the Anglican and other Churches. The subjects presented were on Corporate Union, the Holy Scriptures, Creeds, Conditions of the Administration of the Sacrament and the Historic Episcopate. The brethren of the Church of England led in these subjects, as the movement initiated with them in the Provincial Synod. The Conference had not proceeded beyond the comparison of views in a general way on the subject brought forward, without argument in support of the tenets of the different Churches. The report recommended that the General Assembly should appoint a committee for the present year, with instructions to confer further with the other Churches, which had agreed to recommend to their

#### bodies the appointment of similar committees.

The report was adopted, and the same committee reappointed. The Assembly adjourned at 6 o'clock. Evening Sederunt.

#### CHURCH ARCHITECTURE.

The report of the Committee on Church Architecture was presented by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell in the absence of Rev. Mr. Cumberland. It was in effect a report of progress and a request for reappointment. The Committee was reappointed.

#### NETHER ACADEMY.

The greater part of the evening was spent in a discussion upon Nisbet Academy, in Prince Albert, N.W.T. This academy was endowed with some Foreign Mission lands by the Assembly, and collections were made, with the consent of the Assembly, to put up a new building. This building is complete, but funds are asked for to carry on the work, being impossible, so it is represented, to keep the school open otherwise. The Committee on the case recommended \$500 to be given from various funds, pending an investigation of the work by the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West, under whose control it is. This grant is only for one year, and does not commit the Church in any way to its continuance. A lively debate took place on the Committee's recommendation, which was eventually carried.

#### ILLUSTRATED CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY RECORD.

Rev. Dr. Moore, of Ottawa, supported an overture from the Presbytery of Ottawa favouring the establishment of an illustrated periodical covering an interesting record of mission work for circulation among the children. It was decided to refer the matter to the Committee on the Presbyterian Record to consider the question and report at next Assembly.

#### BARRE OVERTURE.

An overture from the Presbytery of Barrie, relating to the method of reporting contributions for Schemes of the Church, was laid on the table, those appointed to support it not being present.

#### HOSPITAL SUNDAY.

A petition for the establishment of Hospital Sunday in the churches was read, and a resolution was passed recommending hospitals to the liberality of the members of the Church, but declaring that it was not necessary to the Church to establish such an institution as Hospital Sunday.

#### MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

A special committee was appointed last Assembly to consider the advisability of having missionaries given some education in medicine. But the committee had not reported, and this being pointed out, the committee was reappointed and requested to take the subject into consideration.

#### PASTORAL LETTER.

On motion of Mr. Robert Murray, Halifax, the Moderator was requested to send out a pastoral letter, presenting to the people the claims of home and foreign missions.

#### VOTES OF THANKS.

On motion of Rev. Dr. McMullen, seconded by Chief Justice Taylor, votes of thanks were passed to the Lieutenant-Governor, to the railway, telephone, telegraph companies, the Post Office Department, the Toronto press, the minister and elders of St. Andrew's Church, the Committee of Arrangements, and the citizens of Toronto, especially Mr. A. M. Cosby, for kindness shown to the Assembly and its members.

#### MODERATOR'S CLOSING ADDRESS.

The Moderator in closing the Assembly said—"That their proceedings had come to a close, and when they considered what the Assembly was as a court, it was not at all strange that the sitting should have been extended over a week. When they considered that the General Assembly

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