

as it did that during the year the contributions of the churches for all purposes amounted to \$107,432, an increase of \$11,049 over the preceding twelve months. The contributions for congregational support amounted to \$71,713, which is at the rate of \$18.20 per family, or \$8.25 per member. For missionary and benevolent purposes a total of \$26,215 was contributed, which is an increase of \$1,520 over 1902.

Two resignations came before the Presbytery. The first was that of Rev. James Little, of Birr, who is retiring from active work, owing to advanced age and infirmities.

The pulpit will be declared vacant on May 29th, and Rev. A. W. Crow, of Vanneck and Ilduton, was appointed moderator.

The resignation of Rev. H. W. Reede, of Alma Street Church, St. Thomas, was received, but the presbytery declined to accept it. During the pastorate of Mr. Reede the debt on Alma Street Church has been wiped out, and the church has made progress in other ways. Mr. Reede has received a call from a church in the United States. He left the matter of his resignation entirely in the hands of the presbytery, and as its acceptance was very strongly opposed by deputation, the presbytery decided to have Mr. Reede remain.

Progress was reported by the committee appointed to consider a rearrangement of Hyde Park and West London.

Rev. A. T. MacGillivray, M.A., of London, was authorized to moderate in a call to St. Andrew's Church, if necessary.

Rev. James Wilson, of Glencoe, reported that \$113.50 had been paid for supply for Appin pulpit. Mr. Logie Macdonell, son of Rev. D. J. Macdonell, the late pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, and a student at Queen's University, is supplying at Appin at present.

Induction at Brantford.

Rev. F. W. Anderson was formally inducted as pastor of St. Andrews Church, Brantford, on the tenth instant, at 3 p.m.

The sermon was preached by Rev. R. G. Macbeth, of Paris, who made a strong appeal for co-operation on the part of the church, people and minister. Rev. Mr. Anderson was then formally inducted, after which Rev. D. Y. Ross of St. George, gave the address of welcome to the new pastor, and Rev. H. J. Pritchard spoke on behalf of the Presbytery, and urged the congregation to give him a hearty support in his work.

Rev. H. J. Pritchard, B.A., presided at the evening reception to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson. Addresses of welcome were read by Mr. Hossie, on behalf of the church session, Mr. Moffatt for the Sunday School, Mr. McLaren for the board of managers, and Mrs. Hawthorne for the Ladies' Aid Society.

Rev. Mr. Adams spoke on behalf of the Methodist churches in the city. Rev. Mr. Harrison on behalf of the Congregationalists, and Rev. W. A. J. Martin spoke for the Paris Presbytery and for Zion church.

Rev. Dr. Murray, of Kincardine, father of Mrs. Anderson, made a very thoughtful address in part of which he dealt with the system of calling a minister, as practised by the Presbyterian churches. He characterized the system as the weakest point in the church system. He also spoke strongly in favor of church union.

Dr. Nichol gave a few points of history in connection with St. Andrew's and also some practical suggestions for the congregations.

In reply Rev. Mr. Anderson thanked all for the cordial reception tendered them. Some years ago he had prepared himself for the foreign field, but his desires had not been accomplished. He felt sure he had obeyed the Divine will in coming to Brantford.

Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.

The opening meeting was held in Chalmers Church, Quebec, on Tuesday evening, May 10th. The Moderator, Rev. Dr. Bayne, of Pembroke, preached an able sermon, taking as his text "Take heed, therefore, unto your souls and to all the flock unto which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseer, to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood." The court having been constituted by prayer, and attention given to the roll, the retiring Moderator delivered his valedictory.

On the motion of Rev. A. H. Scott and seconded by Rev. G. Colborne Heine, Rev. Dr. Calvin E. Amaron, of St. John's church, was unanimously chosen moderator of the synod for the

current year. He took the chair and thanked the synod for the honor it had done him and the French-Canadian Protestants whom he represented.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of Ottawa, moved that the thanks of the synod be accorded to Dr. Bayne for the admirable manner in which he presided, over the meetings of synod last year, and for the admirable and interesting discourse delivered to the synod tonight. This was seconded by Rev. Dr. Robert Campbell and heartily agreed to.

The remainder of the proceedings were mainly routine. The standing committees were arranged for, and the Business Committee made a report. An official act by the retiring Moderator relating to a Synodical bequest was reported, and the meeting closed.

Wednesday's Session.

After the first hour spent in devotional exercises the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa took up the work carried on by young people's societies throughout the bounds, on a report presented by Rev. E. S. Logie, and gave to it the remainder of the session. A series of resolutions covering the subject was passed.

The subject of augmentation was the first for the afternoon, being brought before the court through the report of a standing committee, of which Dr. Kellock was convener. Five recommendations of the report were sanctioned, one of which involved the practical measure of securing such an advance in the funds as shall warrant the annual payment to the minister of an augmented stipend, from \$750 to \$800.

After a report had been received upon the year's work of the Ottawa Ladies' College by Dr. Armstrong, Rev. John MacKay and Mr. Walter Paul of Montreal submitted a motion, which, as adopted, expressed satisfaction with the work done during the year, commended the institution to the people, and asked for the college a liberal patronage. Mrs. Needham was appointed lady Principal recently. This is the only ladies' college that is directly under the control of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The subject of public education in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec was next dealt with. Principal Scrimger and Rev. A. H. Scott offered the resolutions expressing satisfaction at the improvement in the state of education in both Provinces, and requesting the Minister of Education for Ontario to specially recommend to teachers and trustees the use of the international series of lessons, with the accompanying daily Bible readings, and to authorize the same. Adopted.

The treatment of the subject of ecclesiastical co-operation paved the way for the following resolution, which was presented by Dr. Scrimger and Rev. F. M. Dewey, on the matter of organic union, which is receiving attention from many quarters at the present time. The Synod places on record its hearty approval of the movement towards a corporate union of our own Church with the Methodist and Congregational churches, as one that will greatly increase the influence for good of evangelical Christianity both at home and abroad.

Considerable time was devoted to the Sunday school work of the Synod, a report upon which was given by Rev. George A. Woodside. This was followed by an elaborate presentation by Prof. Ross on the state of religion.

At the evening sederunt Dr. Ross finished the reading of his report, and after the reading Rev. J. Mackay, B.A., of Crescent Street Church, Montreal, spoke on "Truths which need to be emphasized at the present time." He believed in the spirituality of the religion and the personal relation between God and man. He is our Father and desires our love. The two troubles to-day are literalism and laziness. Pharisees interpreted Scriptures literally, and refused the spiritual interpretation of Jesus, and this Phariseism is still in the Church. Religion is living friendship and fellowship with God. The Bible is the word of God because it feeds the spirituality of his nature. A man really at one with God will live a consecrated life for God.

The Rev. W. D. Reid, B.D., of Taylor Church, Montreal, led the conference on the question, "Why are there not more conversions in our Church?" After stating the fact that there are admittedly few clear-cut conversions in the various churches, in spite even of very special efforts put forth by the various denominations in Britain, the United States and Canada, he went on to say, what all will agree to, that the fault is not with the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, or on the conditions of Society. He then gave the following reasons why conversions

are few: (1) Because the individual member, as a converting agent is not what he ought to be. (2) Because our Church methods are not what they should be. People must be got to attend Church, for empty pews cannot be converted. Both minister and people can seek to fill the pews. (3) Because sermons are not what they should be. A sermon should contain a definite enough. A sermon should contain a soul-thrust, should be a heart to heart appeal for God. (4) Because of the tendency to make light of sin. It is often spoken of as something that by culture and education can be polished out of the system. The man who believes in a personal devil is now often laughed at. True preaching emphasizes his personality and influence and proclaims with no uncertain sound that sin must be punished in this world and in the next. We must preach a definite Gospel—Christ crucified—and the word will not return void to him that sent it. The minister too, must be a man of prayer.

Thursday's Work.

After the opening exercises and reading of minutes, the resolutions appended to the Report on Church Life and Work, by Dr. Ross, were adopted. One of these, urging upon pastors the propriety of consulting the elder as to the phases of truth which ought to be emphasized, caused some discussion. The Rev. Mr. Tait suggested that Dr. Ross's excellent paper be published in the 'Presbyterian Record.'

The appeal of Leeds congregation from the action of the Quebec Presbytery in declining to sustain the call addressed to their late pastor, the Rev. J. M. Whitelaw, was next dealt with. The reasons for appeal and the answers of the Presbytery to these reasons were read and discussed. The several parties having been heard at length, it was moved by the Rev. John Tanner, and seconded by the Rev. Dr. R. Campbell, that the Synod dismiss the appeal and sustain the action of the Presbytery. A committee was appointed to frame a motion to that effect, giving expressions, at the same time, of the sympathy of the Synod for the Kinross Mills congregation and for the Rev. Mr. Whitelaw himself. This was carried, and became the finding of the Synod.

Rev. Dr. Mowatt submitted the report on the work of French Evangelization. He dwelt upon the importance of giving the French people the Word of God, as the English element was surely disappearing from the provinces. Dr. Mowatt bewailed the indifference of many pastors and churches in regard to this work, and held that it had been eminently successful. He spoke of the good work done by the Pointe aux Trembles schools and others.

Rev. P. Boudreau, of Quebec, followed, showing that the efforts of the Board of French Evangelization are abundantly justified by the success which has attended them.

Dr. Armstrong then read the report on Missions to Lumbermen. Other reports of minor importance were also submitted.

Votes of thanks were given to the Session and Trustees of Chalmers Church, Quebec; to the committee on arrangements; and especially to the Rev. P. Boudreau, convener; to the citizens of Quebec for their hospitality and entertainment, and to the Press for reports of proceedings.

On the invitation of the Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Vankleek Hill, the Synod resolved to meet there on the second Tuesday of May, 1905.

Liquor and Tobacco Habits.

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