

Finance and statistics—A. McTaggart, convener; synod clerk, clerks of presbyteries, conveners of the committees on finance and statistics of the several presbyteries.

Moral and social reform—Dr. Patrick, convener; Dr. DuVal, J. K. Clark, R. H. Gilmore, S. E. Beckett, Dr. Gordon, Thurlow Fraser, Charles Stewart, Archibald McDonald, G. H. Greig, W. Whyte, J. B. Mitchell, Edward Brown, S. McL. Fee, R. F. Hall, and the conveners of committees in several presbyteries.

Foreign missions—Dr. Hart, Dr. Baird, Dr. Farquharson, W. W. McLaren, Dr. Carmichael, Dr. Patrick, W. W. Miller, and conveners of the foreign mission committees of the several presbyteries.

Maintenance of Manitoba college—Dr. Baird, Dr. Patrick, Dr. Bryce, Dr. Perry, G. R. Crowe, E. F. Stephenson, D. A. Fraser.

Bills and overtures—The clerk of the synod, moderator, clerks of presbyteries, and a number to be chosen by each presbytery.

Obituary notices—D. N. McLachlan, synod clerk and clerks of presbyteries.

Young people's societies—R. A. Clackson, F. J. Hartley, J. S. Muldrew, J. C. Cameron.

Synod arrangements—The minister of the church in which the synod is held, the pastors of the city, and moderator of the synod.

Equalization of expenses—M. C. Rumball, convener; and representatives to be appointed in each presbytery.

Systematic giving—H. C. Crozier, convener; W. A. McLean, and conveners of committees on systematic giving of the several presbyteries.

Synod conference—Thurlow Fraser, D. M. Solandt, Dr. DuVal, Dr. Patrick, Dr. Farquharson, W. C. Murdock.

Church offices—Dr. Patrick, Dr. Bryce, Dr. Farquharson, R. J. Hay, Dr. Hart, Dr. Carmichael.

#### Alliance Work.

Rev. W. M. Rochester, secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, addressed the synod on his work. He reported substantial progress in the general work of education, in awakening the people to appreciation of the work of the institution.

Something has been done in cutting out variety theatres, and Sunday excursions, in keeping newsboys off the street, in cutting out Sunday concerts that immediately come under condemnation of the law. Not a single prosecution has been undertaken by the alliance. It was reported that 1,500 arrests had been made. The attorney-general gave his consent to 232 cases, the result of an effort of the police after, as the Irishman said of himself to a street car conductor who had charged him with smoking because he had a cigar in his mouth, they had had their "fate in their boots" for five months and never taken a step. The Attorney-general of British Columbia has taken a position—the only Attorney-general in the Dominion who has done so—making him like the Irish recruit whose mother said he was the only man in his company that was keeping step.

Rev. Dr. Farquharson presented the report of the committee on evangelism, which was adopted. It recommended that the standing committee be empowered to appoint an evangelist for the synod, the appointment to terminate not later than next synod; provided that adequate support shall be secured without drawing from the synod fund, or the home mission fund.

#### Moral and Social Reform.

Principal Patrick read the report of the committee on moral and social reform, recommending as follows:

The synod resolves to ask Parliament to take steps to secure such legislation as will effectively prevent race-track betting, and as will make scandalous adultery and co-habitation crimes.

The synod also declares in favor of such supplementary Dominion legisla-

tion in the temperance question as will give effect to the will of the people of any province or municipality in prohibiting the traffic in intoxicants within their bounds.

In view of recent unexpected decisions of the Manitoba courts on the question of the time of filing petitions for local option, the synod would respectfully request that legislation be passed at next session of the House, providing:

1. That it should be sufficient that the petition be lodged in due time with the clerk of the municipality.

2. That those municipalities in which petitions had been lodged with the clerk by the 1st of October, 1908, should be authorized to take a vote not later than the first of April, 1909, and to take effect for the next license year.

Further the synod asks that (1) the same conditions govern applications for veto and repeal. (2) That the decisions, whether for or against veto, hold good for two years. (3) That only resident electors be allowed to vote in local option contests.

Rev. W. M. Rochester asked a question as to a clause relating to circulation of vile literature. Principal Patrick answered that Dr. Shearer had not asked for any specific deliverance on this matter.

#### Friday Afternoon.

After the commencement of the closing sitting in the afternoon, Rev. W. M. Rochester presented the report of the committee on equalization of expenses. A balance of \$6.25 after paying all expenses was reported.

Rev. Thurlow Fraser presented an interim report on synod conference. Speaking of the three conferences, the report mentioned that at each there had been two biblical subjects, one devotional and one social. This year it was proposed to have one biblical subject, one historical subject along church history lines, and one literary subject. As next year would be the 400th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin, papers on his life and his contributions to theology were suggested.

Rev. H. G. Crozier presented the report of the committee on systematic beneficence. Referring particularly to what the different presbyteries had done, he showed the high standing of the presbytery of Minnedosa, its position being unique, as it stands first in the whole church contributions per family. The report asked that the synod recommend that each presbytery within its bounds release the presbytery convener on systematic beneficence to visit the various congregations with a view to persuading the congregations to adopt the improved envelope system.

#### Special Collections.

Rev. F. J. Hartley spoke of the system followed in his congregation of holding communions twice a year and taking special collections on these occasions for the schemes of the church. This plan had been followed with such success that the collection had increased in ten years from \$25 to nearly \$600.

Mr. Crozier asked that the evangelistic committee be requested to undertake a simultaneous evangelistic movement. Dr. C. W. Gordon supported this and it was passed.

Principal Patrick spoke briefly introducing a conference on the laymen's missionary movement.

Rev. Thurlow Fraser told what had been done in Portage la Prairie. Some of the laymen of that presbytery had already been addressing meetings at outside points. A decision had been reached to aim at increasing the average contributions per member for missions from \$2 per member, or a little less, to \$7 per member. His session had unanimously adopted the weekly offering for missions.

In several addresses which followed the importance of spreading information was recognized.

On motion of Rev. M. C. Rumball, a resolution of cordial approval of the movement was unanimously passed and it was agreed that the members of the synod would do anything they could to help it forward. It was also agreed that direct communication be entered into with the different ministers of the synod.

#### Immigration Chaplain's Work.

Dr. Farquharson brought in the report of the committee on the immigration chaplaincy. On motion of Dr. Gordon the synod expressed the judgment that the work of the immigration chaplain is necessary, and recommended and the appointment be continued and that the salary, \$1,000, be paid from the home mission fund. It was agreed that the immigration missionary should be under the direction of the home missionary committee, that he should give his individual attention for seven months to immigrants and that his services be at the disposal of the home mission committee for the remaining five months.

At the request of the clerk, Dr. S. C. Murray, Dr. Farquharson and Dr. Carmichael were associated with him as a committee to revise the synod roll for publication.

On motion of Rev. M. C. Rumball, votes of thanks were passed to the authorities of Manitoba college for the use of the convocation hall and class rooms and for the reception on Thursday evening; to friends in the city for generous hospitality; to the press for full reports of the synod proceedings; to the C.P.R. and C.N.R. for kindness and courtesy, and half fare permits.

"Blest be the tie that binds," was sung. Principal Patrick offered a closing prayer, and the moderator declared the synod adjourned until Tuesday, Nov. 9, 1909, at 8 p.m., to meet then in Manitoba college, Winnipeg.

#### MONTREAL.

Crescent street church has undertaken the support of two more medical missionaries in India—Dr. and Mrs. A. G. McPhedran, of Toronto, who have just been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board.

The doctor was a brilliant student in Toronto University and graduated in both medicine and arts with first class honors. He then commenced the practice of his chosen profession and was experiencing unusual success when the call came to consecrate his life and abilities to God for service on the foreign mission field, and the needs of Central India appealed to him most strongly. Mrs. McPhedran, who, before her marriage, was a trained nurse, was also a volunteer for the same work and arrangements were duly made for their departure.

A designation service for the missionaries was held in Crescent street church on Friday evening, presided over by the Rev. Geo. F. Kinnear. The Rev. Prof. Mackenzie offered the dedicatory prayer and appropriate and impressive addresses were delivered by the Rev. F. H. Russell, of Dhar, Central India, and the Rev. A. E. Armstrong, of Toronto. The Rev. Dr. E. Scott presented the missionaries with a Bible in the name of the Missionary Society.

Crescent street church has already undertaken the support of Dr. McClure and Dr. McMurtry, also in India.

Miss Davideon, of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary of Crescent street church, collected from the congregation present a sufficient amount of money to make Mrs. McPhedran a life member of the auxiliary.

At the conclusion of the service a social hour was spent very pleasantly during which the members of the congregation had an opportunity of getting acquainted and conversing with Dr. and Mrs. McPhedran.