

service which was received and adopted. Rev. W. G. Mills reported on Sabbath Schools, which report was received and the recommendations taken up seriatim when the following were adopted: 1. That the Assembly class registers be used; 2. That Sabbath Schools be organized in every mission station where there is none, and that Union Sabbath Schools be made Presbyterian if possible; 3. That schools kept only during the summer be asked to try to continue all the year round; 4. That superintendents and teachers be urged to make greater use of the Shorter Catechism in the Sabbath Schools, and strive to get the children to memorize some portions of Scripture each Sabbath. Rev. E. D. McLaren presented the report of the Home Mission Committee, stating that last year there were two augmented congregations, and that Mount Pleasant congregation had become self-supporting. The grants and supply of ministers for mission stations were then considered. On motion it was resolved to apply to the Augmentation Committee for \$250 for Chilliwhack next year and that \$200 be asked for Sapperton for the six months ending March 31st and \$350 for the ensuing year and also that Mr. A. C. Manson be appointed in charge of that station. A grant of \$350 will be asked for Delta and that Mr. Glassford's appointment be continued for one year. A grant of \$400 will be asked for Surrey. A grant of \$300 will be asked for Upper Chilliwhack and also for Mount Lehman. The division of the Wharnock field into two parts, one consisting of Wharnock and Port Haney, the other of Agassiz and Mission was recommended and a grant of \$400 for each will be asked. Mount Pleasant Church was authorized to borrow \$1,500 on their property. As Mr. A. Tait has signified his desire of giving up his charge at Langley, a motion expressing appreciation of Mr. Tait's zeal in the work and success was passed, which will be forwarded to the Convener of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, on the first Tuesday in September, at 2.30 o'clock.—Geo. R. Maxwell, Clerk. Miscell.

An adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Ottawa was held in St. Andrew's Church Ottawa, at 2 p. m. on Tuesday the 14th day of March. There was a large attendance of both ministers and elders. The chief business of the day was the resignation of the Rev. F. W. Farries, of the pastorate of Knox Church, Ottawa. Before, however, doing so Mr. Farries, as Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee presented the report as to the augmented congregations and the mission fields within the bounds of the Presbytery. There are eight pastoral charges augmented, but as two of them are at present vacant, no definite supplement could be asked for them; the other six require the sum of \$1,050 as grant from the Augmentation Fund. There are fourteen Mission Fields, and for these ordained missionaries and students are arranged for to supply for the summer, and the usual amounts are asked to assist in paying the supply. The Rev. Andrew Miller is appointed to Aylwin for two years and the Rev. M. Danby to Stittsville for one year. A deputation was appointed to visit Chelsea and Cantley as to the appointment of the Rev. J. L. Gourlay. After disposing of this report the resignation of Mr. Farries was taken up, and the rest of the afternoon session was devoted to it. The Commissioners from the session and congregation were Mr. George Hay and Mr. J. McMillan, B. A. On being called upon to address the Court Mr. Hay read the following resolution of the session and the congregation of Knox Church: "That this session having learned with the deepest regret that its Moderator, the Rev. F. W. Farries has placed his resignation of the pastoral charge of our congregation in the hands of the Presbytery, desires to record its high appreciation of his worth as a man and of his ability as a faithful minister of Jesus Christ. During a pastorate of eighteen years he has preached with great clearness and acceptance the glorious doctrines of the Gospel of Salvation through Jesus Christ. He has entered heartily into all the schemes for the good of the congregation and he has ministered abundantly to the wants of the sick and dying. By his uniform courtesy, his kindly sympathy and his loving helpfulness, he has endeared himself to the hearts of his people. We pray that the Chief Shepherd may speedily use him in caring for another flock and that wherever he may be called to labour he may come among his people in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ." "Resolved that while deeply regretting the anticipated close of the extended pastorate of his congregation by the Rev. F. W. Farries, this meeting in testimony of the ability and fidelity with which he has performed the onerous duties thereof, hereby authorizes the Temporal Committee to pay him the sum of \$1,250, being equal to six months' stipend—the same to take effect from the time when he may be loosed from his charge by the Presbytery." After reading these documents Mr. Hay said that these resolu-

tions but faintly showed the esteem and love that they all felt for their pastor. He was not authorized to oppose the acceptance of his resignation, but he was sure that it was with a feeling of intense pain themselves from one who had served them would go with the fondest hopes of every so long and so earnestly. In leaving he St. Paul's Church, Ottawa, on the first happiness and prosperity. Mr. J. A. McMillan stated that he had probably been more closely connected with Mr. Farries than any other person in the city of Ottawa, and could endorse every statement made by Mr. Hay. Many other things could be said of Mr. Farries' pastorate, but such was unnecessary. His work had been done faithfully unto God and not unto men. While recognizing the great loss the congregation was about to sustain, it was their wish that he would speedily obtain other work and have the strength of God to sustain him in his difficulties. After Mr. Farries intimated that he still adhered to his determination to resign, Dr. Moore rose to move that the resignation be accepted, and in doing so said that he had been closely connected with Mr. Farries for the past eighteen years in the Presbytery and he would say that they could not but esteem him for his arduous and earnest labours. For the last fifteen or sixteen years he had been Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, and the successful way in which the work of this Committee had been carried on was almost entirely due to Mr. Farries. He could assure him that when he left them he would leave no shadows on the friendship of his brethren here, and he carried with him their best wishes and earnest prayers for his future happiness and success. In seconding the motion Mr. Beatt said that Mr. Farries' work in this Presbytery had been such that it was hard to think of our having to do without his great geniality and sound judgment. After several other brethren had expressed their appreciation of Mr. Farries and their sorrow at the prospect of losing him the motion was put and carried. Mr. Farries thanked the brethren for their kind words and wishes. He then tendered his resignation of the Convener'ship of the Home Mission Committee. After this was accepted he rose and nominated Rev. Dr. Armstrong as his successor. The nomination was unanimously accepted by the Presbytery. The Moderator then rose and in the name of the Presbytery presented Mr. Farries with an address beautifully illuminated on vellum. It read as follows: To the Rev. F. W. Farries. Dear Brother: Though shut up as it seems to the unwelcome duty of accepting your resignation of the pastorate of Knox Church, we, the members of the Presbytery of Ottawa desire to express the profound regret with which we view the prospect of your departure from us. Your devoted labours in this city for the past eighteen years have been crowned by the blessing of God with large success, and you leave behind you not only in the congregation to which you have ministered, but throughout the whole community a host of grateful and admiring friends who will cherish your memory as long as you live. In this Presbytery you have rendered useful service to the Church as Convener of the Home Mission Committee, and your genial spirit joined to a character of unsullied purity has won the esteem and affection of us all. In bidding you farewell we seek to temper our sorrow with hope; for while your place cannot be easily filled amongst us or our heartfelt sense of loss destroyed under any circumstances in the future, yet we earnestly pray that you may find elsewhere, as we believe you will, still greater comfort and prosperity in your Christian work, that each year of your remaining life may be brighter and more peaceful than the last, and that when the end comes there may be ministered to you an abundant entrance into that blessed home where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest." This address was signed by the Moderator and Clerk and by some 25 other members of Presbytery. In his reply Mr. Farries said: "I thank you for this unprecedented mark of esteem, for never before to my knowledge has a member of Presbytery, in departing been presented with an address, and for this reason I consider you have done me a great honour. I thank you for the kindness that has prompted you to do so. It would be impossible for me to forget the many happy years I have spent within the bounds of the Ottawa Presbytery. I shall never forget the kindness of the brethren in this Presbytery, nor shall I fail to remember those who were formerly of this Presbytery, but are now gone to other fields of labour. Language is inadequate to express my feelings. My heart cannot go out more fully than to use the brief, old, and simple Saxon phrase, "I thank you." I consider this form of expressing esteem preferable to any other. I do not expect to go beyond the reach of communication and shall be glad to hear of the prosperity and progress of the work in the Ottawa Presbytery. As to the address I shall esteem it as one of the richest treasures I possess."

The pulpit of Knox Church is to be

preached vacant by the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Armstrong on the first Sabbath of April. The Rev. W. T. Herridge, B. D., was appointed interim Moderator of Session. At this point the Presbytery adjourned till the evening when it resumed its sitting for the transaction of the rest of the business. Dr. Campbell gave the report on Systematic Benevolence, which was received and adopted. Mr. Beatt presented the report on Statistics, in which he stated that we had lost four brethren—two resigning through illness and two removed to other Presbyteries, and had welcomed five brethren during the year 1892. The membership of the congregations in the Presbytery show an increase of over 100. The number of young people attending the Sabbath schools and Bible classes is increased by 50. The amount contributed for the support of the gospel ordinances in the Presbytery is nearly \$1,000 less than in 1891, but this is more than accounted for by there being no large sums for church building, etc., as was the case in the previous year. For the schemes of the Church there is really an increase of about \$400, when allowance is made for the extra gift of \$3000 in the year 1891. For all purposes there is fully \$6000 less this year than last, but although this is so, the real funds of the Church are benefited more than in 1891. The givings per member are over \$10 each in fourteen of the congregations, one of these giving fully \$40, and the other two giving over \$20 each. In the discussion following it was found that some of the brethren thought that some of the columns in the Assembly's Statistical Report might well disappear and others be substituted and it was finally agreed on the motion of Mr. Tafts, seconded by Dr. Moore, to recommend to the Assembly's Committee that there be two columns provided in their report for the enumeration of families; one showing the total number of families connected with the congregation and the other the number of families contributing and this to be substituted if necessary for column 17 or 18. It was also agreed to prepare a synopsis of this report for printing, so that copies might be distributed among the Churches in the Presbytery. The report was then received and adopted and the Convener thanked for his diligence. Mr. Gamble next presented an excellent report on the French work carried on within the bounds of the Presbytery, and after considering its various recommendations it was received and adopted. Dr. Moore brought the subject of Sabbath observance before the Presbytery so that by conference he might the better draw up the Presbytery's report, but on account of the lateness of the hour it was agreed to defer the whole matter till the May meeting. Before passing from the subject however, Mr. Doudlet moved, seconded by Dr. Moore, that the Presbytery has learned with regret that the Parliament of Canada has declined to support a proposition to close on the Lord's day, the Canadian exhibit at the World's Fair in Chicago; and earnestly protests against the said action of the House of Commons as an expression of the moral sense of this country regarding the respect due to the Lord's day. This was unanimously agreed to. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in St. Paul's church, Ottawa, on the first Tuesday of May (2nd) at 10 o'clock, a.m.—Jas. H. Beatt, Presbytery Clerk.

A very large audience attended the "Musical Evening" of The Toronto College of Music last Thursday. The following excellent programme was rendered in a manner which reflected great credit to the teachers of the pupils, who were assisted by violin, Mrs. Adamson, and cello, Mr. Morgan. Beethoven, Trio in E flat, Op. 1, piano (with strings): piano, Mrs. Lee; violin, Mrs. Adamson; cello, Mr. Morgan. Meyerbeer, "Nobil Signor," (Gli Ugonotti) vocal: Miss Rutherford. Beethoven, Sonata in D minor, Op. 31, No. 2, piano: Miss Topping. Greig, Sonata in F, piano (and violin): piano, Miss Topping; violin, Mrs. Adamson. B. Richards, "Lady of the Lea," vocal: Miss Jenkins. Chopin, (a) Nocturne in F Op. 65, NNo. 1; piano: Moskowsky, (b) Scherzo Valse, piano: Miss Topping. Tosti, "Why beatest so, O heart," vocal: Miss Bailey. Vogrich, Moskowsky, Valse, Op. 34, piano: Mrs. Lee. Gounod "More regal in his low estate," (Queen of Sheba) Cavatine vocal: Miss Florence Brimmon. Davidoff-Reinecke, (a) Romance; Liszt, (b) Spozializio piano: Miss Mary Mara.

Queen Victoria is going to send a number of paintings, 'done with her own hands,' to the Chicago Fair, some of which will come from the walls of the private dining-room or Windsor Castle. The pictures will include a water color of her Indian secretary, one of her favorite dog, and some Balmoral sketches. She will also send a satchel which she worked, also "with her own hands", from a piece of crape. Princess Louise and Princess Beatrice will also send pictures, while Princess Christian will send some specimens of needlework, in this case "executed with the most consummate skill and ingenuity."

Books and Magazines

THE ALLIANCE OF THE REFORMED CHURCHES HOLDING THE PRESBYTERIAN SYSTEM; PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTH GENERAL COUNCIL. Edited by the Rev. G. D. Matthews, D. D. Toronto: Hart and Riddell.

We are just in receipt of this valuable report from the Canadian publishers, who deserve credit for the promptitude with which the work has been completed, considering the special difficulties attending publication. The volume contains 622 pages; is carefully printed on good paper; and it is embellished with portraits of Dr. W. G. Blaikie, the late Dr. John Cairns, Dr. Talbot, W. Chambers, Dr. John G. Paton, Dr. Robert Laws; Principals Wm. Caven, D. D., G. M. Grant, D. D., and D. H. MacVicar, D. D. There are also handsome views of Knox College, Toronto, Queen's University buildings, Kingston, and Montreal College, Montreal. The volume contains the president's address, the able and suggestive sermon preached by Principal Caven, as well as full reports of the various papers read by distinguished members of the Alliance from Great Britain and Ireland, Europe, Australia, United States and Canada. It will be found packed full of good reading. The papers by Prof. Lindsay on the Spiritual Character of the Reformation, by Prof. Baird, on The Influence of the Protestant Reformation on the Civil and Political Institutions, Communities and Nations, by Prof. Bavinck on a kindred subject, and by Dr. W. W. Moore on Drifts of Modern Thought in Apologetics, may be taken as specimens of the strong food provided for the readers of this volume. The papers read by Principals Grant and MacVicar and by Drs. Cochrane, Robertson and Laing are all worthy of notice; but we have no room to particularize. Every intelligent Presbyterian will require a copy of the work, and no one buying will grudge the price. On the subjects treated it will be found a suggestive reference library of no little value.

No lady interested in mission work of any kind can afford to be without Woman's Work for Woman. The April number is full of valuable information on Missions in every quarter of the world.

The Easter number of The Pulpit contains complete sermons by a dozen distinguished clergyman. It is seldom that so many excellent discourses are crowded into a single issue of any magazine. Twenty cents a copy; to ministers, \$1.50 a year. Edwin Rose, Publisher, Buffalo, N. Y.

The Ram's Horn, the bright Chicago religious weekly is arranging for the sale of the paper on the streets of Chicago by "city waifs," who are dressed in tidy uniforms for their work. This novel experiment will be watched with no little curiosity, and everyone interested in the welfare of the "city waifs" will wish this effort to help them the largest measure of success.

The Biblical World for March comes freighted with suggestions for thorough study of the Scriptures. We notice especially a discriminating article on the purpose of the Gospel of Matthew, where the distinctive character of this synoptic is well presented. The publication is well fitted to point out means and modes of study. We sometimes desiderate a fuller and simpler treatment of its subjects.

Worthington's Magazine for April is early on our table and is the best number of this vigorous young magazine yet published. "The Glaciers of Alaska," an admirably illustrated article by that enthusiastic geologist, Prof. G. Frederic Wright, will be read with interest. Mrs. Livermore's fourth paper of personal experiences "In Ole Virginny Fifty Years Ago," is particularly bright and readable, and the stories for the month are, as usual, as varied in their subjects as they are excellent in literary style. Worthington's deserves a large measure of success.

In reviewing Schultz's Old Testament Theology we inadvertently omitted saying the books were from the Presbyterian News Co.