

the hall is to cost \$75 a day—the lowest figure at which it will cover expenses. So the trustees say, which for two weeks services will mean \$1000,—and which added to all other incidental expenses will amount to about \$2500. There was a strong disposition to use some of the neighboring churches notwithstanding the suitability of the hall, which will comfortably seat 4,000 persons. It is to be hoped that the committee appointed to arrange details will be able to settle this matter so satisfactorily as not to interfere with the success of the services. Instead of division and feelings of distrust, we would be much more hopeful, we must confess, had this first meeting been of one heart and one mind, yet nothing has transpired that is too difficult for adjustment by earnest men seeking the highest good of the community. Constant prayerfulness is the price that must ever be paid for Pentecostal blessing.

Maritime Synod.

The Synod for the maritime provinces which met last week at New Glasgow transacted a great deal of important business. The retiring moderator was Rev. Allen Simpson, Halifax, whose sermon was an earnest plea for the life giving power of the spirit as against the deadness of the letter. Rev. P. M. Morrison was elected moderator. The question of appointing a Synodical Evangelist which had evoked much discussion fell to the ground and a committee was appointed to consider what measures may be desired for the proper control and management of special evangelistic services within the bounds of the Synod. The portion of time devoted to Home Missions was well spent and the figures on this work were inspiring as were the addresses by those who took part. "Beginning at Jerusalem" was the watchword of the speakers. Nor were the speeches on the work in the foreign field less enthusiastic and interesting. In connection with this subject the following resolution of jubilee congratulations to Mrs. Dr. Geddie was passed:—"That in view of this being the jubilee year of our Foreign Mission, the committee be instructed to forward to Mrs. Geddie, still living in Melbourne, an expression of Synod in acknowledgment of the great faith, zeal and loyalty to the great Head of the church which led her and her late honored husband to go forth and devote their lives to the uplifting of some of the most degraded people of the world; and in recognition of the great value of their long and eminently successful labors; and to communicate the prayer of the Synod that Mrs. Geddie may enjoy much quiet and comfort in the closing years of her life ere she passes to her reward." The claims of the College were presented by Rev. D. M. Gordon B. D., who, by the way, had been on the previous day, elected, all but unanimously to the chair vacant by the death of the late Principal McKnight. The report on Sabbath Schools showed returns from 513 schools with 3,619 teachers, over 26,000 scholars and \$11,700 in contributions, with 91 schools to hear from. Sabbath observance, temperance, public education, and other questions received attention and a felicitous address from the moderator brought the meeting to a close. He described the sitting as brief and busy. Its work was now on record; the character of it would tell in time to come. He was gratified with the spirit of it. Not a single acrimonious word had been uttered. There had been good natured banter, but all was said and done in the kindest spirit of brotherly love. They

could not but go home with a feeling that they had been refreshed and strengthened by their Christian fellowship, and he trusted it would be to engage more fully and successfully in their great work than ever before.

The New Professor.

The chair of Systematic Theology and Apologetics in the Halifax College, vacant by the death of the late Principal McKnight, has been filled by the election to the position of Rev. D. M. Gordon, B.D., of St. Andrews church, Halifax. The appointment lay in the hands of the Maritime Synod which met last week at New Glasgow. Few men in the Church are better fitted than Mr. Gordon for the position, and it was expected that he should be the choice. He is a strong man in scholarship and in sound judgment, and his appointment will add strength to the college staff. In accepting the vote of the Synod, Mr. Gordon gave expression to his feelings in graceful utterances. He thanked the Synod for the honor conferred upon him, but stated that he was compelled to consider it so much in the light of honor as of a solemn trust, and more weighty as he thought of the hand that had laid it down. He had profoundly esteemed the late beloved Dr. McKnight. The kindness of his heart, the fearlessness in the face of duty, his genuine interests in his students in the college, and in the whole work of the church could not be forgotten. As a counsellor he was always looked to in Synod, and General Assembly also. When puzzling and perplexing questions had to be faced. For very much of what his predecessor in the chair was, the Synod could not appoint a successor. In attempting to take up the work laid down by the late occupant of the chair, Mr. Gordon said he required the cordial sympathy and prayers of the church. In his present state of unreadiness to enter upon the work right at hand, he would need to count on the leniency of the students, staff and college boards. He was being called away from duties which were exceedingly congenial to him, from the pastorate of a loyal congregation, loyal to himself and loyal to the work of the church in its every department.

Mr. Gordon was ordained in 1866 and has a long and active ministerial experience. His former charges were St. Andrew's church, Ottawa, and Knox church, Winnipeg.

A Correction. Through a slight misunderstanding, we stated in our last issue that the painting of Mr. Jas. MacLaren was presented to Knox College by Mr. W. Mortimer Clark, Q.C. This however, is incorrect, as it was presented by the Board of Trustees, the error having occurred from the fact that the responsibility and arrangement rested almost entirely upon Mr. Clark.

Knox College Jubilee Fund. While considering the very short time at the disposal of the committee to make arrangements about the collection for the Jubilee Fund, the result has been fairly good so far, but on account of the members who have not reported, and who are desirous of doing something towards the removal of the debt, the Board has decided to keep the matter open for a little longer, in order to afford opportunity to all who may not yet have contributed. It will therefore be in order to remit any moneys for that purpose to Rev. Wm. Burns, Sec.-Treas. Jubilee Fund, Room 64, Confederation Life Building, Toronto.