

of the elders in the Church. The Rev. Dr. Duval called attention very pointedly to the dangers arising to the Sabbath, from late trading at stores on Saturday afternoon and evening, and urged the avoidance of this by Christian people who value the Sabbath.

The Rev. Murdoch Mackenzie, a returned missionary from Honan, who had just arrived the evening before, was then introduced by the Moderator. Mr. Mackenzie's address had a tone of great spiritual earnestness and was listened to with much interest. He contrasted the condition of things in Honan seven years ago, the state of feeling towards the missionaries and its unrelieved spiritual darkness then and now. Modestly, he scarcely made mention of the trials and dangers through which the missionaries had passed, but touched tenderly upon the losses by death which the mission had sustained. He gave a vivid picture of the missionaries' visits two by two to villages, towns and cities, at one of which, on the occasion of a great fair, when from 200,000 to 300,000 were present, from 50,000 to 60,000 heard the gospel; of the careful examination of candidates for baptism, and the first steps in the formation of a native Church. A great contest, he said, was going on in China, not as in this country, political, but between the powers of evil and good. What the lot of China shall be in the future depends under God upon what the children of the Chinese can be made. In graphic language he described their hopes and disappointments in their work without the least note of discouragement, referring to what David Livingstone said was the greatest thing, the promise of the Saviour, "Lo, I am with you always." He concluded with an earnest appeal for China's millions, with their unnamed sins and their great needs.

EIGHTH DAY. THURSDAY MORNING.

The Assembly did a graceful act in arranging that \$400 per annum be paid to the widow of the late Rev. Dr. Reid during her lifetime. This action was taken in view of the long and valuable services to the Church as its agent for between 40 and 50 years, and the fact that the last General Assembly had agreed that Dr. Reid's full salary should be paid him on his retirement.

It was agreed on representation of the Presbytery of Calgary that the Presbytery should be divided into two Presbyteries, the new one to be called the Presbytery of Edmonton. This is another token of the expansion of the work in the North-West. D. G. McQueen to be the first Moderator. Rev. Dr. Robertson requested that his name be taken from the roll of the Presbytery of Brandon and put upon that of the new Presbytery of Edmonton.

Rev. E. Scott presented the report of the Committee to strike the Standing Committees, and these were then appointed according to the following list:—

STANDING COMMITTEES OF ASSEMBLY FOR 1896-97.

I. PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, HALIFAX.

1. Board of Management.—Dr. Sedgwick, Chairman; Principal Pollok, Dr. Currie, Dr. Gordon, Prof. Falconer, Dr. Forrest, Dr. N. McKay, Messrs. A. Simpson, F. D. Miller, L. G. McNeil, John McMillan, Jas. McLean, T. Stewart, A. B. Dickie, H. H. McPherson, D. McDougall, A. McLean Sinclair, J. S. Carruthers, J. S. Sutherland, G. A. Leck, J. F. Forbes, E. M. Dill, and Willard McDonald, Ministers; and Dr. Stewart, J. D. McGregor, Hon. B. Rogers, Judge Trueman, Dr. James Walker, R. Murray, R. Baxter and Hugh McKenzie.

2. Senate.—Principal Pollok, Chairman, the Professors of the College, Dr. Forrest, Dr. Black, Messrs. J. M. Robinson, T. Cumming, A. Simpson, H. H. McPherson, Dr. G. Bruce, T. Fowler, R. Laing, Jas. Carruthers, C. Munro, and W. P. Archibald, Ministers; and Prof. McDonald, Prof. Walter Murray, Dr. A. H. McKay, and R. Murray.

II. PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

1. Board of Management.—Mr. D. Morrice, Chairman, Principal MacVicar, Dr. J. Scrimger, Prof. Ross, Dr. John Campbell, Dr. A. B. MacKay, Dr. Warden, Dr. Barclay, Messrs. J. M. Crombie, J. R. McLeod, W. K. Cruikshank, J. Hastie, M. McLennan, J. W. Morrison, J. Fleck, W. T. Herridge, W. A. McKenzie, Dr. Currie, J. R. Dobson, Ministers; and Sir J. W. Dawson, Sir Donald Smith, Messrs. A. C. Hutcheson, W. D. McLaren, W. Yuile, Geo. Hyde, A. C. Clark, C. McArthur, John Stirling, W. Paul, M. Thompson, Jonathan Hodgson, M. Hutchinson, A. S. Ewing, Charles Byrd, and Henry Birks.

2. Senate.—Principal MacVicar, Chairman, the Professors and Lecturers of the College, Dr. A. B. MacKay, Dr. R. Campbell, Dr. Warden, Dr. D. Patterson, Dr. Barclay, Messrs. A. J. Mowatt, D. Tait, W. D. Reid, F. M. Dewey, J. R. McLeod, G. D. Bayne, C. B. Ross, J. W. MacGillivray, J. J. Taylor, J. McLeod, and T. Bennett, N. Waddell, J. L. Morin, representing the Alumni, Ministers; and Sir J. W. Dawson, Principal Peterson, Prof. Murray, Dr. Kelly, Messrs. D. Morrice, and A. W. McGoun.

III. QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

Bursary and Scholarship Committee.—Mr. John Mackie, Convener; Principal Grant, D. J. McLean, M. McGillivray, J. D. Boyd, Ministers; and Geo. Gillies and D. B. McTavish.

IV. KNOX COLLEGE.

1. Board of Management.—Mr. W. Mortimer Clark, Chairman; Principal Caven, Dr. MacLaren, Dr. Warden, Dr. Fletcher, Dr. Parsons, Dr. R. N. Grant, Dr. J. K. Smith, Dr. S. Lytle, Messrs. S. Young, J. Abraham, A. Stewart, J. C. Tibb, R. Pettigrew, J. Neil, J. Currie, Wm. Burns, W. J. Clark, L. H. Jordan, H. R. Horne, P. Straith, Stuart Acheson, J. A. Macdonald, J. Mutch, E. R. Hutt, Ministers; and Messrs. J. K. Macdonald, David Fotheringham, D. Ormiston, D. D. Wilson, A. I. McKenzie, R. Kilgour, G. Rutherford, John Cameron, T. D. Cowper and G. C. Robb.

2. Senate.—Principal Caven, Chairman; the Professors and Lecturers of the College, Dr. Cochran, Dr. Abraham, Dr. Laing, Dr. R. Torrance, Dr. Gray, Dr. Wardrope, Dr. McGurdy, Dr. James Carmichael, Dr. D. C. McIntyre, Dr. Milligan, Messrs. R. P. McKay, M. McGregor, W. G. Wallace, D. M. Ramsay, J. A. Turnbull, J. S. Henderson, J. R. S. Burnett, D. McKenzie, John Ross, R. C. Tibb, H. E. A. Reid, J. Crawford, and Dr. Somerville, W. A. J. Martin, S. H. Eastman, representing the Alumni, Ministers; and Messrs. T. Kirkland, A. MacMurchy, W. Mortimer Clark, Geo. Dickson, J. A. Paterson, and Hon. G. W. Ross, Elders.

V. MANITOBA COLLEGE.

1. Board of Management.—Hon. Chief Justice Taylor, Chairman; Principal King, Prof. Hart, Dr. Bryce, Dr. Duval, Dr. Robertson, Prof. Baird, Jos. Hogg, P. Wright, J. Farquharson, C. B. Pitblado, E. D. McLaren, Jas. Herdman, John Hogg, R. G. McBeth, and D. Carswell, Ministers; and Sir Donald Smith, Messrs. J. C. Saul, J. Sutherland, A. Dawson, Jas. Fisher, Alex. McDonald, K. McKenzie (Winnipeg), C. H. Campbell and J. B. McLaren.

VI. HOME MISSIONS.

1. Western Section.—Dr. Cochran, Convener; Mr. A. T. Love, Dr. Warden, Dr. W. D. Armstrong, Dr. Hamilton, Dr. McMullen, Messrs. James Stuart, A. Givan, M. W. McLean, M. McKinnon, R. Moodie, A. Findlay, A. Gilray, J. H. Ratcliffe, Dr. McRobbie, Dr. Somerville, Dr. R. Torrance, Messrs. J. M. Aull, Hector Currie, Samuel Acheson, Dr. J. R. Battisby, Messrs. J. L. Murray, A. Tolmie, A. Henderson, J. Rennie, Dr. Robertson (Supt.), Messrs. E. D. McLaren, James Farquharson, J. A. McKean, A. A. Scott, Dr. F. F. Torrance, J. Neil, C. W. Gordon, L. H. Jordan and Dr. Dickson, Ministers; and Messrs. R. Kilgour, W. E. Roxboro, John Penman, Hon. E. H. Bronson and David Ormiston.

2. Eastern Section.—Mr. J. McMillan, Convener; Dr. Morrison, G. S. Carson, A. Gandler, A. Bowman, J. K. Fraser, J. R. Munro, D. McDonald, A. Simpson, J. A. Forbes, W. Hamilton, J. M. Robinson, T. Stewart, J. W. Crawford, James Ross, T. F. Fullerton, D. Henderson, David Wright, A. D. Gunn and Joseph McCoy, Ministers; John Willett, H. Dunlop, R. Baxter, J. S. Smith, Judge Forbes, T. Cantley, O. M. Hill, William Frew and Isaac Creighton.

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1. Western Section.—Dr. Campbell (Renfrew), Convener; Dr. Warden, Dr. Kellogg, Dr. Robertson, Dr. Laing, Dr. S. Lytle, Dr. Somerville, Messrs. Herridge, W. J. Clarke, W. G. Wallace, R. D. Fraser, M. McGillivray, J. A. Macdonald, D. B. Macdonald and Peter Wright, Ministers; Messrs. D. Morrice, Joseph Henderson, A. T. Crombie and Colin McArthur.

2. Eastern Section.—Mr. E. Smith, Convener; J. F. Forbes, Daniel McGregor, G. L. Gordon, James Sinclair, J. H. Chas, Thomas Fowler, A. Robertson, Dr. G. Bruce, E. D. Miller, T. C. Jack, D. McMillan, W. Aitken, E. S. Bayne, D. McGillivray, J. A. Cairns, W. H. Spencer and W. W. Rainnie, Ministers; J. D. McGregor, T. C. James, H. W. Cameron, J. R. Calkin and Judge Forbes.

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1. Western Division.—Mr. Hamilton Cassels, Convener; Dr. McLaren, Dr. Warden, Principal Grant, Dr. Moore, Principal MacVicar, Dr. A. D. McDonald, L. H. Jordan, Dr. J. B. Fraser, Dr. McTavish, Messrs. A. J. Mowatt, Dugald Currie, R. Johnston, R. S. G. Anderson, J. G. Shearer and R. P. MacKay, Ministers; and Messrs. J. R. McNeillie, A. Jeffrey, A. Bartlett, R. S. Gourlay and D. K. McKenzie.

2. Eastern Division.—Mr. A. Falconer, Convener; E. Smith, L. G. McNeill, D. MacGregor, A. F. Carr, David Sutherland, Dr. Morrison, Alfred Gandler and J. A. McGlashan, Ministers; and J. K. Blair and D. McDonald.

IX. FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

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X. DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS.

Dr. Torrance, Convener; Messrs. J. G. Shearer, Dr. Cochran, and Jas. A. Grant, Ministers; and Geo. Rutherford.

XI. CHURCH LIFE AND WORK.

Mr. P. Wright, Convener; the Conveners of Synods, Committees and Presbyteries, Messrs. D. Stiles Fraser, J. M. Fisher, J. D. Grant, A. L. Giege, D. McD. Clarke, Dr. A. B. MacKay, Dr. McNish, Dr. W. A. McKay, D. Tait, John Hay, S. Houston, John McInnis, E. H. Sawers, J. Leishman, Jas. Murray (St. Catharines), James Wilson, John Johnston, Joseph Hogg, A. J. R. Murray, Walter Paul, George Hay, Dr. Gandler, John A. Paterson, G. Gillies, Dr. Beaton, R. McQueen, J. Charlton, Dr. McDonald (Wingham), W. D. Russell, and John Paterson.

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T. Kirkland, Convener; Dr. Warden, S. S. Craig, W. Amos, Dr. R. H. Abraham, Dr. W. A. Hunter, J. Mutch, Ministers; and J. L. Blaikie, J. Harvie, W. Gordon, Andrew Jaffray, W. Galbraith, G. F. Burns and Joseph Norwich, Elders.

2. Eastern Section.—Mr. R. Laing, Convener; Dr. Patterson, Dr. T. Sedgwick, A. McLean, A. F. Thompson, Ministers; R. Baxter, G. Mitchell, Dr. A. H. McKay and J. D. McGregor.

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1. Western Section.—Mr. J. K. Macdonald, Convener; Dr. Parsons, Dr. W. D. Armstrong, H. McQuarrie, W. Burns, Dr. Fletcher, J. Beckett, J. R. Gilchrist, A. H. Scott, G. McCay, J. A. F. Sutherland, Ministers; Dr. Bar Donald (Hamilton), Sir Donald A. Smith, Dr. Wallace, Alex. Nairn, Robert Lawrie, W. Adamson, H. J. Johnston, John A. Paterson, W. B. McMurich, J. Rowand, A. Thompson, R. Atkinson (Wardsville), John Brown, M. L. A.

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XV. FINANCE.

1. Toronto Section.—Andrew Jeffrey, Convener; Dr. Warden, A. Nairn, R. J. Hunter, R. Kilgour, Wm. Wilson, G. T. Ferguson, J. L. Blaikie, Joseph Henderson, B. E. Walker, And. Rutherford, and George Rutherford (Hamilton).

2. Montreal Section.—D. Morrice, Convener; W. D. McLaren, W. Yuile, J. Stirling, A. S. Ewing, C. MacArthur, and Alex. McPherson.

3. Halifax Section.—Mr. J. C. Mackintosh, Convener; Dr. Morrison, David Blackwood, J. W. Carmichael, J. F. Stairs, Geo. Cunningham, James McAlister and John Stewart.

XVI. STATISTICS.

Dr. R. Torrance, Convener; Dr. Gray, J. C. Smith, A. B. Dickie, L. G. McNeill, Alexander Grant, D. McLaren, W. A. J. Martin, A. E. (Victoria), Prof. Baird, J. S. Hardie, W. T. Wilkin, R. D. Fraser, and R. J. Glassford, Ministers; John Hawley, Charles Davidson, T. C. James, D. F. McWatt, R. McQueen and William Parker (Cayuga).

XVII. PROTECTION OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Hon. Justice MacLennan, Convener; Dr. Boil, Dr. Warden, Dr. R. Campbell (Montreal), Dr. Pollok, Dr. Torrance, Prof. Hart, Dr. John Campbell (Victoria), and Dr. Robertson, Ministers; and Hon. D. Laird, J. L. Morris, Q. C., G. M. Macdonnell, Q. C., J. McIntyre, Q. C., Hon. Chief Justice Taylor, W. B. McMurich, Hamilton Cassels, Hon. D. C. Fraser, Judge Forbes, Thornton, F. H. Chrysler, Q. C., W. B. Ross, Q. C., J. A. McKinnon, James Muir, Q. C., A. W. A. Paterson, Major Walker, Judge Cressor, W. M. Clark, Q. C., Hon. Justice Sedgwick, Thomas Caswell, Judge Trueman and J. M. Browning.

XVIII. CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING FUND.

Hon. Chief Justice Taylor, Chairman; Dr. Robertson, W. L. Clay, Dr. Duval, Joseph Hogg, T. Scouler, G. A. Wilson, J. C. Hordman, James Farquharson, M. C. Kumball, J. A. Carmichael, and C. W. Gordon, Ministers; and C. H. Campbell, John Paterson, James Fisher, Major Walker and Alex. McDonald.

XIX. HYMNAL COMMITTEE.

Dr. Gregg, Convener; Dr. Jenkins, Dr. Macrae, Dr. W. D. Armstrong, Dr. J. B. Fraser, Messrs. J. A. Macdonald, W. J. Day, J. Thomson (Ayr), Dr. D. M. Gordon, W. T. Herridge, G. C. Heine, James Anderson, J. B. Mullan, Alex. Henderson, Dr. MacLaren, Dr. D. L. McCrea, Dr. J. Somerville, Dr. Scrimger, R. S. G. Anderson, M. C. James, Ministers; and Messrs. W. B. McMurich, R. A. Beckett, John H. Thom, Joseph Henderson, R. Murray, Jas. Gibson, James Johnson (Hamilton), Prof. S. W. Dyde and Dr. W. B. Geikie; the members in Toronto to be an Executive Committee.

XX. PRESBYTERIAN RECORD.

Dr. Warden, Convener; Editor of Record, Dr. R. Campbell (Montreal), Prof. Scrimger, W. R. Cruickshank, J. Fleck, C. B. Ross, J. McGillivray and Prof. Jas. Ross.

XXI. YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Mr. R. Douglas Fraser, Convener; the Conveners of Synod and Presbytery Committees: A. J. Brown, A. D. McDonald (P. E. I.), W. D. Burgess, Messrs. Anderson Rogers, W. Shearer, Dr. J. A. R. Dickson, J. G. Shearer, John Little, W. G. Jordan, Alex. Hamilton, J. A. Carmichael, D. G. McQueen, W. M. Rochester, Dr. J. Campbell, W. Patterson, S. H. Eastman, Ministers; Messrs. John S. Smith, W. J. Parks, S. Stewart, J. C. Thomson, Prof. J. F. McCurdy, J. Armstrong, J. H. Burger, G. A. McGillivray, I. Pitblado, J. B. McKilligan, T. M. Henderson, G. Tower Ferguson, James Mather, J. D. Higinbotham, R. M. Hamilton, C. McKillop, D. C. Hossack and John Young.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

This afternoon Rev. Dr. Caven first presented two reports, one referring to uniting with other Churches in the formation of a Federal Court, or Council, which was thought to be a better name; to make arrangements for acting in concert in any matter in which this could be done with advantage, especially in the mission field at home, to avoid overlapping and waste of men and means. Dr. Caven gave a brief account of what little had been done in the matter, and after some discussion suggesting mainly caution in entering into alliances which might lead further than we could safely go, the committee at the suggestion of the convener was continued, as the whole subject is as yet only in an initial stage.

The next matter was a proposal to define more accurately the respective duties and rights of Sessions and Deacons' Courts or Boards of Managers in the control of Church property, and the uses to which it can only be properly put. A change of a few words in the Book of Rules of Procedure was agreed to as being sufficient for the purpose.

The report of the Committee on the Sabbath School Committee was next called for, and presented by the Rev. Dr. Morrison, of Halifax. It stated in effect that at present there was a debt resting upon the committee of \$5,000, for the payment of which it was proposed that the Assembly should borrow a sufficient sum, and ways and means whereby it was to be repaid were pointed out. It next proposed that as a saving of \$800 in the expense of printing the Sabbath School publications of the Church could be effected by the work being removed from St. John to Toronto, the removal be made; the \$800 of saving and \$500 allowed Mr. Fotheringham for clerical help be taken to pay him a salary of \$1,200 as editor of Sabbath School periodicals. The whole matter was very fully entered into by Dr. Morrison, who moved that the recommendation of the report be adopted. The Rev. Drs. Laing and Scrimger both took strong ground against the motion, the latter of whom proposed an amendment.

The Rev. Mr. Hogg defended the committee's report. The Rev. Mr. Fotheringham, Rev. Dr. Warden and Mr. John A. Paterson, elder, who has taken an active part and interest in the work of the Sabbath School Committee, in very clear and able statements of the work, the present stand and prospects of the committee, defended the course proposed. An amendment to the motion, proposed by the Rev. J. B. Fraser, to the effect that the Assembly become responsible for the debt, but that the work in other respects be conducted for the present in St. John as it is now and the whole question sent down to Presbyteries to report to next Assembly, was eventually carried and became the judgment of the Assembly.

Mr. Cassels read a minute of the Foreign Mission Committee in connection with retirement from it of the Rev. Dr. Wardrope, who was its convener for some years, and has for long been connected with it. It expressed high appreciation of his valuable services, and regret at now losing them, and was cordially carried by the Assembly.

The Rev. R. P. Mackay, for the Rev. H. H. MacPherson, read the report of the Committee on the Foreign Committee's Report, Eastern and Western Sections. It contained many recommendations, admirable in spirit, which were passed without dissent, and gave the estimate for next year's work as being for the Eastern Section \$31,000; Western Section, including work among the Indians in the North-West and British Columbia, Chinese work in British Columbia and Montreal, and work abroad, \$111,000; and for the work of the W.F.M.S., \$49,000.

Rev. Dr. Moore then reported on behalf of the committee which had been nominated at the morning sederunt to adjust the motions relating to the Finance Committee. The resolutions recommended by it first provided for the admission of the Knox College Funds, which had already been agreed upon. The second resolution referred to the transfer of the securities, and was substantially identical with the original resolution authorizing the transfer from Dr. Reid's executor to Rev. Dr. Warden. The third resolution referred to the legislation, and differed only in details from the resolution on the subject submitted in the morning. The fourth resolution recommended the elimination of the clause in the Finance Committee's report stating that there has been considerable difference of opinion as to the respective powers of the two Financial Committees or Boards appointed by the last Assembly. The fifth resolution was that there should be one Finance Committee for the Western Section of the Church. All these resolutions were carried. The Finance Committee for the ensuing year was then appointed, Rev. Dr. Warden being convener. This concluded the afternoon sederunt.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The customary loyal address having been agreed upon, the question of the election of a ruling elder to the Moderatorship of Presbytery, and consequently of the higher courts as well, which has been agitating some parts of the Church during the past year, came up. After some discussion it was decided, upon motion of Rev. Dr. Thompson, of Sarnia, that consideration of the matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Assembly.

The report of the Committee on Uniformity in Public Worship and an overture from the Presbytery of Maitland protesting against liturgical innovations were laid over for a year, the committee being continued. The report suggested an order of service, spoke with a certain amount of approbation of responsive readings of Scripture, audible repetition of the Lord's Prayer and the Creed, and the reading of the Ten Commandments.

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