

Smith, member of Parliament for the country Derry, in his speech, prophesied a great success as a minister for Mr. Fleck in Montreal. Mr. Fleck has been most cordially welcomed in this city, and has entered upon his ministry under the happiest auspices. He is a young man and a most attractive public speaker and preacher.

INTELLIGENCE of the sudden and unexpected death of Rev. Dr. Eadie, of Glasgow, reached us this week. Many of our readers will remember this gentleman, as he appeared some three years ago at the General Assembly, held in this city, as a delegate from the U.P. Church in Scotland. He was the very picture of robust health, and the last thought that would have occurred to any one was, that he was so near the close of a long and useful and honourable life. The death of Dr. Eadie will be deeply mourned, not only by the Church of which he was such a distinguished ornament, but by all the evangelical churches throughout the world. As a Professor in the Theological Hall connected with the U. P. Church, he was much beloved by his students, and highly appreciated for his breadth of mind, the variety and extent of his scholarship, and the ability he displayed as a teacher. Dr. Eadie was eminent in the field of Theological and especially Exegetical Literature, being known as the author of many works that are regarded as standard. During the long years of his pastorate in Glasgow, Dr. Eadie has ministered to a very large and influential congregation, by whom he was regarded with rare affection and esteem. This is another of the many illustrious men to which the middle of this century gave birth, whose deaths we have had occasion to chronicle within a comparatively recent period.

Book Reviews.

A SHORT REPLY TO THE REV. R. ROGERS' LECTURES ON BAPTISM, delivered in the Town of Collingwood, by Wm. Fraser.

Mr. Fraser, the author of this reply, must be a man of incredible learning and industry; for all the books which he has read would occupy any ordinary man a hundred years, without giving his attention to anything else. In support of baptism by immersion, and in opposition to "Infant baptism," he quotes from no less than eighty-nine authors, many of whom wrote very extensive works on theology. Mr. Fraser gives extracts from Quitt, "Greenfield's and Graves' Greek Lexicon," "Worcester's Quarto Dic," the Apostle Paul, Dr. Carson, Calvin, Whitely, Luther, "Dr. Brewster, of the Free Church," Dr. Chalmers, Whitfield, Dr. Doddridge, Bossuet, John Wesley, Dr. Wall, Assembly of Divines, Pool, Dr. Neander, Dr. Stuart, Bishop Reynolds, Bishop Hopkins, Dr. Robinson, Gutherus, Archbishop Tillotson, Cyril, Dr. Campbell, "Vulgate, Syriac, and other ancient versions," Justin Martyr, Barnabas, Hermas, Tertullian, Gregory, Nazianzen, Basil, Ambrose, Cyprian, Bishop Burnet, Baxter, Goodwin, Sawrin, Scott, Matthew Henry, Boston, Charnock, Bishop Frideaux, Mr. Burkit, Shorter Catechism, Dr. Miller, Curcellus, Jerome, Mr. Holland, MacKnight, Guise, Hammond, Limbrock, Mr. S. Palmer, H. W. Beecher, Regalations, Venema, Sucerus, Salustius, Dr. Lange, Kurtz, Giesler, Dr. Jacobi, Dr. Barnes, Tindale, Frith, Mosherius, Grotius, Olshausen, Hann, Gerenius, Myers, Baumgarten, Crusius, Dr. Barlow, Bishop Taylor, Walafridus, Strabo, Rigaltius, Matthies, Winer, Brecheimeder, Rheinwald, Edinburgh Encyclopedia. In further proof of Mr. Fraser's scholarship (?) the following sentence is given:—"A large portion of the Bible is written in defence of divine truth from the errors, working in from its professors and the ages through which it passed." This is a most extraordinary assertion. It is impossible for common people to believe that "a large portion of the Bible is written . . . from the errors working in from its professors and the ages through which it passed." This is a specimen of this strange pamphlet. Many similar sentences might be quoted, but the above may be considered sufficient. —D. B. C.

"Read Sermons."

Editor BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.

Sir,—In your issue of the 9th inst., there appeared a communication headed "Read Sermons," in which your correspondent, "H," brings out some good ideas regarding that class of discourses. His remarks will meet with the universal approval of the laity, and that of the energetic portion of the clergy as well. That a minister should be allowed the moderate use of notes in the delivery of his sermon is quite right; but when he produces his "paper," and reads to the end in a monotonous, ineffective manner—scarcely ever lifting his eyes, and then putting his finger on the place, and withal often losing it—he is prostituting the mission of the pulpit, and dishonoring the glorious profession to which he belongs. That such kind of preaching should exist even in scattered instances, is by no means creditable to the ministry, in the light of all the educational and eloquent advantages of the nineteenth century. Good reading is a beautiful thing in its own place, but, in my opinion, even good reading was never intended to take the place of preaching, and certainly not bad reading. There seems to be a good deal of reason in the causes assigned by your correspondent, which "make many read in the way they do." Closer application in their study, during the week, would make many ministers more successful in the pulpit on Sunday. Let those who are content to write a sermon during the week, and read it off to their hearers on Sunday, awake out of their lethargy, and adopt for their motto, "never to offer to the Lord what cost them nothing," and they will find in their happy experience that the result will be their own benefit and the promotion of good.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

For Ontario and Quebec—Mr. John McTavish, Convener; Messrs. D. H. Fletcher, John Scott (North Bruce), Middlemiss, H. McQuarrie, Robert Leask, J. C. Smith, Daniel McMillan, Mungo Fraser, George Simpson, Richard Bentley, ministers; Messrs. Archibald Ferguson, James Croil, T. McCrae, George Hadden.

For the Maritime Provinces—Mr. George Patterson, Convener; Professor McKnight, Messrs. George Roddick, A. Ross, H. B. McKay, Isaac Murray, Chase, J. McLeod, A. McLean, Sinclair, R. Cumming, ministers; Messrs. G. Underwood, James Murray, John McMillan, Howard Primrose.

ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Messrs. T. Wardrop and D. Morrison, Joint-Conveners; Principal Caven, J. Duncan, J. E. Croly, James White, H. Donald, J. W. Mitchell, Jas. Robertson, Winnipeg; J. K. Smith, Prof. McKerran, Wm. Burns, Gustavus Munro, J. McTavish, John McMillan, J. McLean, D. B. McLean, J. C. Burgess, W. M. Rogers, R. S. Patterson, Mowitt, ministers; Dr. Gordon, Messrs. J. McLean, James Brown, A. D. Fordyce, Charles Robson, Thomas Laidlaw.

ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Messrs. R. Laird and W. T. McMullen, Joint-Conveners; Dr. Bain, Dr. Bayne, Dr. McLeod, Messrs. J. C. Baxter, J. M. Cameron, F. W. Farries, Donald McRae, Robt. Campbell (Renfrew), ministers; Messrs. J. F. Blanchard, C. Murray, A. F. Wood, Alex. Mutchmore.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Of the late Canada Presbyterian Church—Messrs. W. Alexander and T. W. Taylor, Joint-Conveners; Dr. W. Reid, Messrs. W. Fraser, J. Dick, J. Pringle, Geo. Benson, ministers; Messrs. James Brown, John K. Macdonald, J. Osborne, Thomas Gordon, A. Mutchmore, Warden King.

Of the Presbyterian Church in the Lower Provinces—Dr. Bayne, Convener; Dr. McCulloch, Dr. McLeod, Messrs. J. Stewart, D. B. Blair, Dr. G. Patterson, W. Maxwell, A. L. Wylie, T. Sedgwick, J. Bennett, J. Law, J. McKinnon, E. A. McCurdy, D. McNeil, ministers; Messrs. Howard Primrose, J. S. McLean, J. D. McGregor.

ON STATISTICS.

Mr. R. Torrance, Convener; Professor McKnight, Dr. Bell, Dr. Waters, H. H. Macpherson, R. J. Cameron, ministers; Messrs. J. Croil, W. Mitchell, R. Lawrie, D. McCrae.

JUVENILE MISSION.

Prof. Mowat, Convener; Prof. Ferguson, John Burton, Patrick Gray, A. McAllister, G. M. Macdonnell, ministers; Miss Macfar, Secretary-Treasurer.

TO WATCH OVER PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

Mr. O. P. Pittblado, Convener; Professor McKnight, Dr. McCulloch, Dr. MacIsaac, Dr. P. G. McGregor, J. Forrest, James Bennett, John Campbell, J. C. Burgess, Donald McRae, Isaac Murray, Thomas Duncan, N. McKay, James Allan, E. A. McCurdy, John McKinnon, D. McCrae, ministers; Hon. D. Laird, Messrs. C. Robson, R. Murray, John Stewart.

Those resident in each of the Provinces to act as a sub-committee within that Province as circumstances may require; the first-named in each Province to be Convener of said sub-committee.

Some discussion took place with regard to the appointment of Miss Macfar, of Kingston, to the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the Juvenile Mission. Rev. Mr. Laing objected to the appointment as unsuitable, and one or two others took the same view. On the other hand, it was pointed out that the Assembly had already recognized the principal of employing women in the active work of the Church, by appointing several of them foreign missionaries.

The appointment was finally adhered to. The Assembly adjourned at noon, until Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

MORNING SIDERUNT—19th JUNE.

The Assembly met again on Monday morning at eleven o'clock.

DELEGATE FROM IRELAND.

Rev. Mr. Cargin, delegate from the Irish Presbyterian Church, was invited to a place on the platform.

MEASURES FOR NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Assembly resumed consideration of that portion of the report of the Committee to mature business for the next General Assembly, which had been left unadopted. The following are the chief recommendations of the Committee which were adopted:—

That there shall be a central committee for home missions.

That there shall be two central funds—one for the support of home mission work generally, the other for the assistance of congregations requiring supplements—both of which shall consist of all moneys contributed for their support, whether by contributions from the congregations, mission stations, and Sabbath schools of the Church, or by grants of money from foreign churches, or of moneys accruing from other sources, such as legacies, donations, and other kindred contributions.

That the Assembly shall annually appoint a Home Mission Committee consisting of forty-five members, of whom one-third shall be from the Maritime Provinces, and two-thirds from the rest of the Church; that each of these shall constitute a sub-committee for the transaction of business in its own territory.

It being one o'clock, the Assembly adjourned.

AFTERNOON SIDERUNT.

The Assembly resumed at three o'clock. The consideration of the report of the Committee to prepare business for the next General Assembly was continued, and the following was adopted:—

That the system adopted hitherto in the different sections of the Church, viz., in the Maritime Provinces, of two funds, one for home missions proper and one for

supplementing stipends of ministers in weak congregations, and administered by two committees; and in the western section, of one fund for both objects, administered by one committee, be continued for the present year; and that it be sent down to the Presbyteries to consider the subject and report to the next General Assembly.

THE MACDONNELL CASE.

Rev. Mr. Laing presented the report of the Committee to whom was referred the reference from the Presbytery of Toronto, which was as follows:—

"The Committee beg leave to report to the General Assembly that Mr. Macdonnell met with them and stated that, while he was desirous to meet the wishes of the Assembly in regard to conference with the Committee, he respectfully referred them to the statement made on Thursday evening, before the Assembly, as clearly defining his position, and that the report of that statement, which was published in the *Daily Mail* of the 10th inst., is substantially correct. After mature deliberation the Committee agreed to lay before the Assembly the following minute for the adoption of the court:—"Considering first, that this General Assembly has declared that the statement of his views made by Mr. Macdonnell before it, was not satisfactory; secondly, that on meeting with the committee appointed by the Assembly to confer with him he signified that he had at present no further statement to make, by which his position towards the doctrine in question might be modified; thirdly, that the doctrine of the eternity or endless duration of the punishment of the wicked, as taught in the Confession of Faith, is a doctrine of Scripture which every minister of this Church must hold and teach,—the General Assembly feels under obligation to continue its care in this matter; but inasmuch as Mr. Macdonnell expresses his regret for having preached the sermon which gave occasion to these proceedings, has intimated that his mind is at present in an undecided state as regards the doctrine in question, and has engaged while seeking for the light not to contravene the traditions of the Church,—the Assembly, in the hope that Mr. Macdonnell may find his views in accord with the standard on the subject in question: Resolved, that further time be given him carefully to consider the matter; and that he be requested to report through his Presbytery to the next General Assembly whether he accepts the teaching of the church on the subject. The Assembly would commend their brother to the guidance of the Spirit of Truth, praying that with the divine blessing upon further study of the Word of God, all difficulties as to the Scriptural evidence of the momentous doctrine incurred may speedily cease to perplex his mind."

Rev. Dr. Ure moved that the report be received.

Rev. Mr. Sedgwick rose to a point of order. He held that the Committee had no right to travel beyond its instructions; and these were that they should confer with Mr. Macdonnell in the hope that they might be able to bring in a report with reference to Mr. Macdonnell's views which might be satisfactory to the Assembly—nothing more, nothing less. He asked the Moderator to rule, too, whether the Committee had power to bring in any recommendation—whether its duty was not simply to confer with Mr. Macdonnell and then tell the Assembly whether his (Mr. Macdonnell's) views were satisfactory or not. Another point was that the Assembly had voted down the very proposition which the Committee had now made to the House.

The Moderator said it was for the Assembly to determine itself whether the Committee had travelled beyond the power which was given to it by the Assembly. As to the other point he would be inclined to rule against Mr. Sedgwick, because although the Assembly might have voted down the other motion that did not prevent them bringing in such a report as would be in conformity with their principle; the fact of the Assembly doing away with any of the recommendations that were voted down.

After some further discussion, Rev. Prof. McLaren held that the offences of a committee in going beyond their instructions could be condoned if unexpected circumstances connected with the case referred to them arose.

Rev. Mr. Sedgwick asked what the emergency was in this case?

Prof. McLaren said it was the fact that Mr. Macdonnell had refused to confer with the committee.

Rev. Dr. Waters moved that the report be received, that the consideration of it be postponed until to-day, and that the report, with Dr. McVicar's motion, be printed for the use of the Assembly. Carried.

BUSINESS FOR NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Assembly then resumed the consideration of the report of the committee appointed to prepare business for the next General Assembly, and adopted the following among other clauses of less importance:—

The amount of aid granted to any congregation receiving supplement, shall in no case exceed the amount necessary to make the salary of the minister, from all sources seven hundred dollars. But the sub-committees are empowered to supplement the salaries of ordained ministers engaged in mission work in towns and cities beyond that amount.

EVENING SIDERUNT.

The Assembly met again at half-past seven o'clock.

JUVENILE MISSION.

Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, on behalf of Miss Macfar, the Secretary-Treasurer, read the report for last year of the Indian Orphan and Juvenile Mission Scheme. This mission has been in existence for nearly twenty-five years. The amount of contributions received has been steadily increasing; a remittance of \$210 sterling which was received last year is the largest single contribution yet made to the fund. Through the instrumentality of this mission a large number of children in the East Indies have received instruction, who would otherwise have been without it. In Calcutta one large school is supported by the children of the Montreal Sabbath schools. There are altogether forty Sabbath schools, besides individuals and other associations

contributing to the fund of the mission. The total receipts last year, including a balance of something over a hundred dollars from the previous year, were \$1,165, and \$218. 6s. 4d. sterling was transmitted to carry on the work.

Mr. Macdonnell moved "That the Assembly receive the report, thank the committee, and especially the Secretary and Treasurer, for their diligence, and in the continued success with which God has crowned this effort on the part of the children in Canada, to send the glad tidings to the women and children of India, and cordially commend the mission to the support and co-operation of our Sunday schools."

Rev. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which was carried.

LUMBERMEN'S MISSION.

Rev. Dr. Gordon (Ottawa) read the report of the Lumbermen's Mission, which gave a very satisfactory account of the work. Last year only two ministers were able to visit the shanties. One of them stated that the lumbermen among whom he worked contributed \$70.50 to the funds of mission, and double that amount would have been received from that source had the men received the same wages, and had as many of them been Protestants as previously. During the past season the receipts as a whole were much smaller than previous years, while the ordinary subscriptions have not increased; and yet the work was carried on as fully and efficiently as previously—indeed more so. The receipts last year for the first time were less than the expenditure by \$27.

On motion by the Rev. Principal Caven, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Laing, it was agreed that the report be received and approved; that the thanks of the Assembly be given the committee, and that the support of the mission be specially commended to the members of the church in the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Rev. Dr. Reid, on behalf of Rev. J. Thompson, of Sarnia, convener, who had to leave the city, submitted the report of the Sabbath School Committee, which recommended that the Assembly encourage the formation of missionary associations in connection with the schools; and that the Moderator should send a pastoral letter on the subject to the children.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. McLennan the report was received, the recommendations adopted, and the thanks of the Assembly voted to the committee, and especially to the Convener.

DELEGATE FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND.

Rev. Mr. Robb introduced to the Assembly by the Rev. James Cargin, delegate from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

Mr. Cargin said he came to convey the greeting of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland to the Church of Canada, and to assure the latter of the kindly feeling entertained toward it by the church to which he belonged. He had had the privilege of visiting the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and under the spreading wings of the eagle he had felt at home; but he felt still more at home here, where he was within reach of the lion's mane, and could see the word *Victoria Regina* embossed upon doors, and if need be, upon the flag beneath which he travelled. (Applause.) The Irish Church had suffered in consequence of the Government ceasing to give it the assistance which the church formerly received from that source; but that had been more than compensated for by the increased liberality of the people, so that last year, though Ireland was under a financial depression, the subscriptions there to missions reached the highest point they had ever done. (Applause.) There was also in Dublin an asylum for the orphan children of the church which was well supported. He went on in eloquent language to describe a recent religious awakening in Ireland. He claimed that if it had not been for the Presbyterian Church evangelical truth would now be dead in Ireland. The only church which could pretend to compete with it for the crown of Ireland's evangelization could not do so successfully until she cleansed her formularies of all dubious language with regard to baptismal regeneration. He had been delighted to see the place Canada occupied in the Centennial Exhibition, where the Province of Ontario, especially, shone more brightly in some respects than either the United States or Great Britain; he hoped the time would come when Canada would shine equally among the nations of the earth on account of the activity with which her people engaged in the dissemination of the truth. (Applause.)

REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. Mr. Grant submitted the report of the delegates to the Presbyterian Churches in Great Britain in the course of which it was stated that the Presbyterian Church in Canada might count on increased interest, sympathy, and respect from all the Scottish churches, which looked on the Canadian Church not as a daughter merely, but as an ally.

Rev. Mr. McKay moved, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Meikle, that the report be received; that the thanks of the Assembly be conveyed to the delegates, and that a committee, to whom it was proposed the report should be committed, should prepare a statement setting forth the work of the Church in Canada and the claims of certain departments of the latter on the parent Churches. (Carried.)

Rev. Mr. Laing presented the report of the delegates to the Presbyterian Churches in the United States.

Mr. James Croil, one of the delegates, spoke in high terms of the manner in which business was conducted in the Assembly of the United Presbyterian Churches. On one occasion, during the meeting of the Assembly, three thousand persons sat in the body of Dr. Talmage's church in Brooklyn, and partook of the Lord's Supper together. He had been very much struck with the great importance which every one, who spoke of the matter at all, attached to a strict adherence to the Confession of Faith, as well as with their earnestness in opposing the opening of the Centennial Exhibition on the Sabbath day. He believed

that if it had not been for the interference of that Assembly the gates of the Exhibition would have been opened to the public on the Lord's day. The great business of the Assembly was in connection with its mission work, regarding which very interesting information was given. He regretted to say that the word Canada would not have been mentioned in the Assembly had it not been for the delegates from this Assembly themselves. He hoped that the delegates which would be sent to that Assembly next year from this country would be men who, by their social influence or something else, would command more respect than last year's delegates did. (Laughter.) In Philadelphia they were more cordially received.

On motion of the Rev. Principal Caven a vote of thanks to the delegates was passed.

THE PRESBYTERIAN ALLIANCE.

Rev. Principal Snodgrass submitted the report of the Committee appointed to consider the report of the delegates to the meeting of representatives of all the Presbyterian Churches throughout the world, held in London last year. Its consideration was postponed.

The Assembly then adjourned.

Presbytery of Lindsay.

A regular meeting of this Presbytery was held at Woodville on the 30th day of May, at which the following business was transacted:—The minutes of the last regular meeting, and of a *pro rata* meeting held at Woodville on the 18th of April, and of two special meetings held in Toronto on the 2nd and 8th days of May, were read and sustained. The Moderator, Rev. A. Currie, M.A., presented a call from the congregation of Lindsay, which was signed by one hundred and twelve members and ninety-four adherents. It was in favour of the Rev. James Hastie, of Prescott. Stipend promised, \$1,200 per annum. The call was sustained and ordered to be transmitted without delay to the Presbytery of Brockville. The Moderator was appointed to appear as the Presbytery's representative before the Presbytery of Brockville to prosecute the call. It was arranged, conditional on Mr. Hastie's acceptance of the call, and the Brockville Presbytery's agreeing to his translation, that his induction take place in St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, on the 20th day of June, at 7 p.m. The Rev. A. Currie, M.A., was appointed to preside; the Rev. E. Cockburn to preach; the Rev. J. T. Paul to address the minister, and the Rev. J. McClung to address the congregation. The Rev. Mr. Murray laid on the table another call, which was from the congregations of Cambray and Fenelon to the Rev. D. McDonald, of Arthur. It was signed by one hundred and thirty-three members and one hundred and fifty-two adherents, and was accompanied with a promise of a stipend of seven hundred dollars per annum and a free house. The call was sustained and ordered to be transmitted to the Presbytery of Saugeen with the usual accompanying documents. A communication was read from the Rev. G. M. Clark, intimating that as he had accepted a call from Kempsville he declined the call from Kirkfield and Victoriaville. At the urgent request of the Rev. D. Watson, M.A., and of his congregation (Thorah) his name and theirs were removed from the roll of the Presbytery of Lindsay. They continue their connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland. Extracts from the minutes of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston were read, declaring N. Mara and associated stations part and parcel of the Presbytery of Lindsay. The Rev. J. McNabb was appointed Moderator of the N. Mara session during the vacancy. The Rev. J. A. Andrew, of the Methodist Church of Canada, applied in person to be received as a student of divinity into the Presbyterian Church of Canada. A committee consisting of the Revs. Messrs. Cockburn, Campbell and McNabb were appointed to confer with Mr. Andrew, and to report as soon as convenient. Permission was granted to the building committee of the Victoriaville congregation to mortgage their church property to the amount of \$600. At this stage, the committee appointed to confer with the Rev. Mr. Andrew returned and gave in their report, which was in every sense favourable. Mr. Andrew himself addressed the court, and answered several questions proposed by the Moderator and other members. After due consideration it was unanimously resolved that the application be received and that the Presbytery apply to the General Assembly for leave to receive Mr. Andrew as a student of divinity of the second year's standing. Messrs. Cockburn and Murray were appointed to support the application before the General Assembly. The next regular meeting of the Presbytery will be held (D.V.) at Canumington, on the last Tuesday of August, at 11 a.m.—Con.

The Rev. A. A. Drummond, of Shakesphere, has received a call from the Presbyterian Church in the village of Newcastle.

Rev. C. F. Torrance, B.A., of Montreal, has accepted the call from St. Paul's Church, Peterboro'. The Presbytery will meet at Peterboro' for ordination on Wednesday, the 28th inst. Mr. McRae has declined the call from Warsaw and Dummer.

The Presbyterian Congregations, of Mountain and South Gower, purchased a manse for their minister, the Rev. A. Henry Cameron, last spring, at a cost of \$1,550, and have got it paid for. The Mountain Congregation intend erecting a fine new church, at Smilkville, the present one, although a good building, being much too small.

Eyes hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.—1. Cor. ii. 9