

districts; second, the instruction of Protestants of uncertain convictions in their duty in this respect. He explained the nature of the injustice done to Protestants by the Legislature of Quebec in refusing to amend the school laws so as to give them their own taxes for school purposes.

The Rev. Dr. R. Campbell asked the sympathy and aid of brethren in Ontario in this matter of education. The Romish hierarchy, which more and more directed all public affairs in Quebec, knew well the power of the Presbyterian Church in securing equal rights to all. Hence the use of such an expression of opinion as given in the report.

Mr. Walter Paul said that we are approaching a crisis in this matter. The undeniable rights of Protestants to their own taxes for school purposes must be granted. The Rev. Mr. Dewey called attention to the large number of Protestant youths believed to be attending convents and Roman Catholic colleges. The Rev. Charles Tanner urged the danger of this practice. Many members of the Court spoke in terms of approval of the report, which was unanimously adopted. The Committee was re-appointed and instructed to overture the General Assembly to prepare a letter on the danger referred to in the report, to be read from all the pulpits of the Church.

The report upon the state of religion,—an admirable and, on the whole, a most encouraging one,—was presented by the Rev. Mr. Clark, of Ottawa. Special mention was made of the invaluable services of elders in visiting members and adherents of the churches and as teachers of the young.

The report on Sunday schools was presented by the Rev. Mr. McGillivray, of Brockville. The total number of pupils within the bounds of the Synod is 23,486, with 2,500 teachers, an increase of pupils during the year of 7,200. Aggregate contributions, \$13,572, an increase of \$2,400 over last year. Regret was expressed at the tendency shown in some quarters to neglect the use in schools of the Shorter Catechism.

The report on temperance was presented by the Rev. Mr. McArthur. It characterized the trade in intoxicants as cruel and destructive to morality and piety. Great progress and improvement in the general sentiment of the people is apparent. None of the kirk sessions were satisfied with the present state of things and a strong resolution was unanimously adopted declaring that the time has come when Parliament should pass a prohibitory law for the whole Dominion. This evening was wholly occupied in a most profitable conference upon the three last named reports. Altogether it was felt that there was abundant cause for gratitude to God for the progress made along these lines of Christian work.

The Synod, having finished its business, adjourned, to meet again within St. Gabriel Church, Montreal, on the second Tuesday of May, 1891, at 8 p.m., and was closed with singing and benediction.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Following is a summary of the official call for the sixth International Sunday School Convention of the United States and British North American provinces, to be held in Mechanical Hall of the Exposition building, in the city of Pittsburgh, Pa., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, June 24th, 25th, 26th, and 27th, 1890. The call is signed by B. F. Jacobs, chairman of the International Executive Committee.

Each State, Territory, and Province having an inter-denominational Sunday school organization is entitled to representation in the convention. Delegates must be elected by the several conventions or appointed by the executive committees of such conventions or associations. The number for Ontario is fifty-two (52). The Provincial Executive Committee heartily invite suggestions from any part of the province as to suitable persons for appointment as delegates. The total number of delegates provided for under the plan of apportionment (four for every 150,000 of population) is about 1,700. Each delegate must be furnished with a certificate signed by the proper officers of the state, territorial or provincial organizations. All duly accredited delegates will be entitled to hospitality, and these only will have the right to vote in the convention. It is earnestly desired that these delegates be carefully selected from among the best workers in the various organizations, as matters of the greatest interest to all friends of Sunday schools will be considered by the convention, among others the following important topics:—

The improvement of the work done under the direction of the International Sunday School Executive Committee.

The election of a new Lesson Committee.

The question of a uniform course of Normal lessons.

The report of the delegates to the World's Sunday School Convention at London in 1889.

The plan for co-operation in Sunday school work throughout the whole world.

The World's Sunday School Convention to be held in the United States in 1892 or 1893.

Special arrangements, not yet completed, are being made for the transportation of Ontario delegates. The route will be by steamer from Toronto to Lewiston, thence by special cars, including Pullman, direct to Pittsburgh without change. The rate will be a very low one. Full particulars may be obtained from Mr. L. C. Peake, chairman of the Provincial Executive Committee, 32 Church street, Toronto.

The Executive Committee ask that frequent and earnest prayer be offered that wisdom may be given to all who have direction in the preparation for this gathering; that Jesus Christ, our divine Lord, may be glorified; that the Holy Spirit may be honoured; that the inspired Word of God may be magnified by all who participate in the exercises; and that the blessing of God may rest upon and crown the deliberations of the convention.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.—The Presbytery of Owen Sound met on the 17th inst., and was constituted by Rev. D. A. McLearn. A large amount of business was transacted. A general re-arrangement of congregations was effected. Lake Charles was united to Warton provisionally for six months. Big Bay was connected with Sarawak and Kemble provisionally for six months. Keady, Desboro and Peabody were united. Messrs. Somerville and McAlpine were appointed to visit Latona, Rocky Saugeen and Crawford with the view of union. Daywood was joined to Annan and Leith, and a committee, with Mr. Waits Convener, appointed to visit the field. Johnson, Woodford, and Caven were united, and a grant of \$6 per week asked with Rev. Mr. Rodgers in charge for six months. Should this re-arrangement become permanent a saving of \$400 per annum will be saved to the mission funds. The following were appointed the commissioners to the General Assembly: Ministers—Messrs. Fraser, McAlpine, McLennan, Ross and Somerville. Elders—Messrs. John Armstrong, R. Malcolm, John Clark, North Keppel, Jas. Pater-son, J. Blantyre, and Geo. Ledingham. Rev. Dr. Laing was nominated as Moderator of Assembly. Rev. Mr. McAlpine was appointed on the Synod's business Committee. Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Waits from June 1st for three months. Committees appointed to visit the augmented congregations reported, and all grants were revised. The reports on the State of Religion, Sabbath Schools, Sabbath Observance and Temperance were presented by the Conveners of the various committees and adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the Convener of the Synod's Committees. The Treasurer, Mr. McLaren, presented his annual report, audited and ready for printing. The report was received, thanks tendered, and instructions given to have the report printed for distribution. The

matters remitted from the General Assembly were considered. It was agreed to recommend—(1) that the roll of the General Assembly be made up of one-fourth of the ministers and an equal number of elders; (2) that it is not expedient to make it obligatory on all ministers to become members of the Aged Ministers' Fund; (3) that a Sabbath school secretary should not be appointed. It was resolved to make application to the General Assembly for leave to receive Mr. Magee as a minister. In future Presbytery will meet for business at 9 a.m., instead of Monday at seven p.m. The next meeting will be held in Meaford on Tuesday, the 24th June, at nine a.m., and Messrs. Ross, McLennan and Jas. Gardiner were appointed a committee to arrange for a public meeting on Tuesday evening. The meeting was closed with the benediction. JOHN SOMERVILLE, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—This Presbytery met in Cooke's Church, Kingston, on March 18, the Rev. William T. Wilkins, B.A., Moderator. There was a large attendance of members. The Rev. Thomas S. Chambers, being present, submitted a Presbyterial certificate from the Presbytery of Los Angeles, California, and was received, his name being placed on the roll of this Presbytery as a minister without charge. A circular was read from the Presbytery of St. John, N. B., stating that said Presbytery would ask leave of the General Assembly to receive as a minister of this Church the Rev. Thomas F. Fullerton, of Wagga Wagga Presbytery, New South Wales. Reports of the dispensation of ordinances at mission stations were given in and received. A letter from the Rev. D. Kelso, of Wallacestown, Ont., was read, claiming arrears of stipend due him by the congregation of Roslin and Thurlow. A committee consisting of Messrs. Maclean and Gray, ministers, and Messrs. Dr. Boulter and Hugh Walker, elders, was appointed to visit the said congregation at an early day, and endeavour to bring this matter of arrears to a satisfactory conclusion. It was unanimously agreed to nominate the Rev. Dr. Laing, of Dundas, as Moderator of the next General Assembly. Mr. R. J. Craig, minister, and Mr. S. Russell, elder, were appointed members of the Synod's Committee on Bills and Overtures. The remits sent down by the General Assembly to Presbyteries were considered and delivered upon as follows: 1. On the Constitution of the General Assembly, that the representation be one sixth instead of one-fourth of the ministers, and a like number of ruling elders; 2. That the Presbytery does not deem it expedient to appoint a general secretary of Sabbath schools; and 3. That connection with either of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Funds be left optional. Mr. Gracey was empowered to moderate in a call to a minister at Lansdowne, Fairfax and Sand Bay when the people were ready, and similar power was given to Mr. Steele in the congregation of St. Columba and St. Paul. The question of dividing the Presbytery was taken up, and after due consideration it was agreed to memorialize the General Assembly to pass an act forming the Presbytery of Kingston into two Presbyteries—one to be called the Presbytery of Kingston and the other the Presbytery of Belleville—the dividing line between them to be the line between the counties of Lennox and Hastings, the county of Prince Edward to be included in the Presbytery of Belleville. The Rev. E. W. Florence, a member of the American Presbyterian Church, being present, applied to be received as a minister of this Church. His application and papers were read, and a committee appointed to confer with him and report. At a subsequent stage the Committee brought in a report recommending that his application be received and sent up with relative papers to the General Assembly. The following are the commissioners to the General Assembly: Rev. Messrs. R. J. Craig, I. Mackie, J. Cumberland and W. S. Smith by rotation, and the Rev. Principal Grant, D.D., and Rev. Messrs. H. Gracey, M. McGillivray and J. Gallaher, ministers, by election. The elders are: Messrs. Professor Fowler, G. Gillies, Dr. Boulter, R. Thompson, D. Nicol, J. Duff, A. F. Wood and W. P. Hudson. Reports on the State of Religion, Sabbath Schools, Sabbath Observance and Temperance were given in by the respective Conveners on these subjects, and received. The Convener of the Home Mission Committee submitted and read an interesting and full report of work done within the large mission bounds of this Presbytery, for the past six months, which was received and adopted as a whole. Mr. Houston, Convener of the Examining Committee, handed in a list of students of Queen's College, asking for employment in the mission field. The list was received and ordered to be transmitted to Dr. Warden. The report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was received from Miss Fowler, secretary, and read by the Clerk, showing that \$1,048 had been raised during the year; that \$20 were contributed as usual towards a bed in the hospital at Indore; that two large boxes of gifts and prizes had been collected for the mission schools in Central India; that a large bale and parcel had been sent to Miss McLaren at Birtle, Manitoba; and that five mission bands have been organized during the year. The report was received and disposed of as follows: On motion by Mr. Gracey, seconded by Mr. Maclean, it was agreed that the report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society be received, and the Presbytery expresses its gratification at hearing such a favourable report, and wishes the members of this Society God-speed. The Presbytery hears with pleasure of the formation of five new mission bands. The Rev. Thomas S. Chambers was appointed as ordained missionary to St. Andrew's Church, Wolfe Island, for a period of two years. The next meeting was appointed to be held in John Street Church, Belleville, on the first Tuesday of July next, at half past seven o'clock in the evening.—A. YOUNG, *Pres. Clerk*.

OBITUARY.

DR. DONALD J. GRANT.

Dr. Donald J. Grant an efficient and devoted elder of Knox Church, Gravenhurst, and lately of Woodbridge, where for ten years he occupied a similar position in the Church, departed this life at his late residence Gravenhurst on Sabbath March 2nd, 1890, in the 54th year of his age.

Dr. Grant was a native of the county of Glengarry but for the last five years lived in Gravenhurst, where his medical skill was much appreciated and sought after. He was a man of genuine and unaffected piety whose walk and conversation was an influence for good to all who knew him. He leaves a wife, two sons and a daughter. The immediate cause of death was inflammation of the lungs contracted by severe exposure in driving. His end was peace. The remains were removed for interment to the family plot in Williams-town, Glengarry, where for several generations his forefathers have rested "asleep in Jesus."

MRS. THOMAS MCCRACKEN.

Mrs. Thomas McCracken, a lady widely known and highly esteemed, passed away last week in the fifty-first year of her age. She was a native of Girvan, Scotland, and came to Canada in 1851, having lived for a time in Hamilton and in London. She took an intelligent and active interest in church work for many years up to the time of her death. On taking up her residence in Toronto her family connected themselves with Knox Church, in which Mr. McCracken was an honoured office bearer. When Union Street congregation was formed the family were intimately identified with the new organization, and Mrs. McCracken did all she could to advance its prosperity. She was busily engaged in active Christian work and was a devoted friend of missions, having been connected with the societies of the respective congregations with which she was associated, and was active in general philanthropic work. She was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, her pastor, Rev. W. G. Wallace, and Professor McLaren conducting the funeral services. She leaves a husband, two sons and a daughter to mourn their loss.

British and Foreign.

THE Rev. N. D. MacLachlan of Dalkeith has been unanimously called to the West Church, Rothesay.

GOOD authorities assert that, in spite of all declarations to the contrary, the Queen has boycotted Dr. Liddon.

THE remains of Margaret Duff, sister of Dr. Duff the Indian missionary, were interred in the churchyard of Mount, Perthshire, recently.

MR. STEVENSON is to move an overture to Perth Presbytery asking the General Assembly to prepare a book of service for public worship.

THE Pope has sent a locket made of a cameo, the head of the Virgin Mary, to a bazaar to be held in Edinburgh in aid of the Catholic day schools.

THE Rev. D. S. Rae, for over forty-three years minister of the parishes of Lethendy and Kinloch, Perthshire, died after a protracted illness at his manse lately.

PRINCIPAL RAINY, in his address to the students of New College, Edinburgh, at the close of the Session, paid a fine tribute to the late Dr. Edwin Hatch, of Oxford.

DR. PIERSON is expected to be in Edinburgh at the time of the Synod and Assembly meetings and he has been invited to address each of the courts on missions.

THE Rev. Andrew Russell, M.A., minister of Leslie, Fife, has a work in the press entitled "Glimpses of Eastern Cities—past and present." It will be issued presently.

MR. STALKER'S "Imago Christi" and Luthardt's "Fundamental Truths of Christianity" are presented to each student in the U. P. divinity hall by an anonymous friend.

DR. KILLEN, President of the Irish Assembly's College, Belfast, has in the press a volume on Church government to be entitled "The Framework of the Church."

DR. STEWART, of Dennistoun Free Church, Glasgow, announces that \$130,000 has been raised for the jubilee debt-extinction fund, and that only \$10,000 more is required.

THE Rev. John Smith of Broughton Street U. P. Church, Edinburgh, with the consent of his Session, has accepted an invitation to take part this summer in the Northfield convention.

MISS MAVOR, a daughter of the late Rev. Mr. Mavor of Pollok shields, is on her way home from India on furlough; for about five years she has been a missionary teacher at Nagpoor.

ARCHBISHOP SMITH, of Edinburgh, officiated at Crief convent on two sisters taking the habit of the novice. Such a service has not been held before in Scotland since the Reformation.

MR. WALTON of Berwick will be nominated for the chair, vacant by Prof. Elmslie's death, by Dr. Macleod of Birkenhead, and Mr. Skinner of Kelso by Mr. Hugh H. Matheson of London.

THE Duke of Argyll is expected to preside at the annual conference of the Church of Scotland guilds to be held at Hamilton in October. Professor Charteris is to preach the opening sermon.

THE dean and chapter of St. Paul's decline to allow a memorial of Wilkie Collins to be erected in the cathedral, and the \$1,500 subscribed will be presented to the people's palace at Mile-end for a library.

THE *Christian Leader* says: The title of Dr. Talmage's forthcoming book, "From Manger To Throne," throws more light on the character of its author than the work is likely to throw on its subject.

DR. ANDREW BONAR's congregation, Glasgow, has a membership of 964 and last year realized \$10,045. The venerable pastor still continues able to discharge the ministerial duties of his large church without assistance.

THE Rev. James Milroy, M.A., of Dreghorn, who had been living in retirement with relatives in Dumfriesshire since 1885 when he was attacked with paralysis in the pulpit, is dead. He was a distinguished Hebrew scholar.

CAVOUR, at eighteen, wrote to one of his uncles: It is not wise to attempt too many things or apply the faculties to too many subjects. The rays of the sun united in one point can burn even wood, while distended here and there they make no effect.

DR. MARSHALL LANG and Rev. James Wells, M.A., were the preachers at the annual church parade of the boys' brigade in Glasgow. On the following day 3,500 officers and boys were expected to be present at the drill inspection by Sir Wm. J. M. Cunningham.

LORD POLWARTH presided at the fifth annual meeting in connection with the fifth annual conference of the Scottish branches of the railway mission, held in Edinburgh recently. Reports from twenty-six branches all spoke of progress. On Sunday a series of evangelistic meetings were held.

GLASGOW Presbytery, which has already sanctioned a course of lectures for the training of women as nurses, now takes the further step of arranging for a practical training in the Royal Infirmary of Christian ladies who are willing to serve the Church in parochial visitation of the sick and infirm.

PROF. CHARTERIS has been appointed Convener of committee to arrange the programme of the next meeting of the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance which will be held in Toronto in 1892. Prof. Blaikie and Dr. Marshall Lang will represent the Alliance at the jubilee celebration of the Irish Presbyterian Church in July.

PROVOST MONCK, presiding at a conference in Dundee which agreed to petition the school board to introduce temperance teaching of the young, said it was unfortunately getting too common in these days not only to see young men and women entering a public house in company, but doing so without a blush of shame.

THE Rev. James Rennie of St. Vincent Street U. P. Church, Glasgow, was presented with an illuminated address and a purse of \$1,750 at the celebration of his semi jubilee, Mrs. Rennie receiving a silver salver. Rev. A. Hunter of Dalkeith presented an address from Mr. Rennie's former congregation of King's park.

DR. RENTOUL, the newly elected member for East Down, is described by the *Manchester Guardian* as "the master of a peculiar kind of florid oratory which will fairly astonish the House of Commons if ever it is let loose there." Though a member of the London County Council the doctor has never addressed it.

DR. DONALD FRASER, Moderator of the English Presbyterian Synod, in a congratulatory letter to Rev. Dr. Rentoul, now M.P., commits himself to the statement that Home Rule is at present "a mere phrase bandied about for party purposes, no one pretending to know how it could be practically worked without breaking up the United Kingdom."

NEWINGTON U. P. congregation invited eight ministers to preach as candidates for the vacancy, but, with one exception, they declined to engage in the "preaching match." The congregational committee were instructed to look for others who will be more obliging. Rev. D. Silars of London declined to allow himself to be nominated at the recent meeting of the congregation.

THE lately published census returns of Switzerland show that the Protestants are gaining on the Roman Catholics. A similar phenomenon has been observed in the various sections of Germany. The remarkable development of industrial and business interests in the latter country in the last two decades is chiefly the work of the Protestant centres of population.