

Ottawa.

Mr. E. B. Osler, M. P., has subscribed \$1,000 to Lady Minto's cottage hospital scheme.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong, St. Paul's and Rev. Mr. McLeod, MacKay Church, exchanged pulpits last Sabbath morning.

Rev. Mr. McGillivray of Carp, Ont., will officiate at both services in the Stewarston Presbyterian church next Sunday.

Miss Galt, of the Salvation Army—daughter of the late Sir Alexander Galt—has been appointed major and spiritual special evangelist, and it is expected that her headquarters will be in Ottawa.

Arrangements are being made by the ladies of the various Presbyterian churches in the city for a garden party to the General Assembly. The ample grounds of the Ladies' College will be utilized for the purpose. It promises to be a very pleasant affair.

The Erskine Church people have let the contract for a Sunday School building in stone, capable of seating between 600 and 700, at a cost of \$10,000. Of this amount the congregation is to have available by the completion of the building say \$5,000; leaving \$5,000 still to be met.

As this congregation is largely engaged in Missionary work no doubt a good deal of outside assistance will be forthcoming. Indeed not a few expressions of interest and good will have already been expressed by those in other congregations able to assist; and no doubt these sentiments will later on materialize in substantial subscriptions to the building fund. Work has already been commenced; and it is hoped to have the new building completed next October.

Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.

The Presbyterian Synod of Montreal and Ottawa met for their opening session in St. Gabriel Church Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. A. H. Scott, M. A., of Perth, moderator, conducted public worship, preaching from the text 1 Thessalonians 1: 8. After the sermon the Synod was constituted. Rev. Professor Scrimgeour, D. D., was duly elected Moderator, who thanked the Synod for the honour done him, craved the indulgence of the brethren, and asked the earnest assistance of all the members. The Rev. Dr. McVicar moved that the retiring moderator receive the thanks of the Synod for the manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair, and for the sermon he had preached.

S. S. Field Secretary.

With reference to the appointment of a synodical field secretary submitted the following, which was agreed to: "That in the event of the General Assembly approving of the remit in re-appointment of synodical Sabbath school field workers, and delegating the appointment of said officers to the several synods, that a committee now appointed by this Synod shall take the necessary steps to give effect thereto and submit to presbyteries of the bounds a name or names of persons suitable for the position and report to next meeting of Synod."

The Lord's Day Alliance.

The Synod received a deputation from the Dominion Lord's Day Alliance, consisting of the Rev. Dr. J. Edgar Hill and the Rev. Dr. W. D. Armstrong.

The Rev. W. D. Morrison moved "that the Synod has heard with much interest and profit the excellent addresses delivered by Dr. Hill and Dr. Armstrong on the organization and work of the Lord's Day Alliance, and thanks those gentlemen for the same. It would record its sense of gratitude for the substantial progress made in safeguarding the sanctity of the Sabbath, and in restraining the selfishness of those who for sordid gain are robbing the people of the blessings of the Sabbath. It also pledges itself to heartily co-operate with the Alliance in such assistance as it may be able to give."

Ottawa Ladies' College

The Rev. Dr. Armstrong gave a report of the Ottawa Ladies' College. This year had been one of true success. The teaching staff was all that could be desired. The pupils numbered more than in previous years, and were getting a truly liberal and religious education. The income had been sufficient to meet all expenses and interest on the debt, and leave a surplus of several hundred dollars. Subscriptions had been given in connection with the century fund to remove the debt on the institution. These amounted to over \$10,000.

The Rev. A. H. Scott moved "that the Synod expresses its gratification at the continued success, attending the Ladies' College, Ottawa, and recommend the college to parents as an excellent school to which they may with confidence send their daughters for a superior education under wholesome moral and refining influences," etc. This was agreed to.

Christian Life and Work.

The Rev. D. Strachan, of Brockville, read the report of the committee on life and work. The recommendations of this report as received and adopted were: That sessions give special attention to the promotion of religious life in the home; that boards of management be urged to adopt the financial methods best adapted to their congregations; that the Synod enjoin upon all the members and adherents of the Church the careful and religious observance of the Lord's day, and it expresses its cordial appreciation of the work done by the Lord's Day Alliance; that the attention of sessions be given to the suppression of drinking and to the consideration of the best methods of dealing with the liquor traffic.

At the evening session after devotional exercises the conference on Christian Life and Work was opened by the Rev. Mr. Heine reading a paper on the reason for the decrease of the interest in Christian life and work among the men. He stated that statistics were not to hand to separate the men from the women. But there was undoubtedly a decrease of interest among the people. Their liberality was decreasing. There were fewer joining the fellowship of the Church now than in 1890, notwithstanding the increase of 30,000 families to the Church this year. The prayer meetings were attended by a small number, especially of men. There were many attractions to draw young men from the Church and from true Christian life. The home had lost its hallowed influence over the children, as the father seldom acted as the priest of the family. The children were left to learn the Bible truths at the Sabbath school or day school. The mother was kept working hard, and had no time to instruct her children.

The Rev. Mr. Bruneau read a paper on the responsibility of the English Protestant people towards the French Roman Catholics of this province. His address was very interesting, showing how faithful work for Christ was always successful. He affirmed that the Church was in duty bound to remember those brethren who were left in ignorance of the true way of life.

The conference was continued by the Rev. Mr. Cornuck, Maxville. He said that we must remember that the power of the early Church was the personal power of Jesus. This was the secret of success in the Reformation, and later in the eighteenth century in England under the revival by the Wesleys and Whitefield.

A vote of thanks was accorded those three brethren for their interesting addresses.

Home Missions.

The Rev. Dr. Robertson addressed the court on home missions. Twenty-five thousand dollars more would be needed this year than last. There was a great influx of people into the North-West. About half of these were Galicians, Poles, Russians and other people from central and northern Europe. They should be educated and taught the principles of Christianity. Many were also coming from the United States, where they had been without the means of grace. They also should be assisted.

The Rev. James Hastie moved "that the Synod express its great pleasure that the Rev. Dr. Robertson, the venerable superintendent of missions, had been restored in the good providence of God to his wonted strength and energy, and prays that he may be long spared to prosecute the work in which he has been so eminently successful."

Young People's Societies.

The Rev. Mr. McNichol gave the report on the young people's societies. He reported a decrease in the number of societies and of members. But a larger number of the present members are members in full communion in the church. The amount raised by these societies last year was over \$4,000. This report was received, and Mr. McNichol thanked for his excellent report.

The Lanark Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Ross presented the report of the committee appointed to consider the reference from the presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew. Having heard all parties, they moved "that since it appears that the feelings are such that there is no hope of reconciliation between the parties, they instruct the presbytery of Lan-

ark and Renfrew to formally organize the mission in Lanark as a mission station, it being understood that such mission shall have no claim on the Home Mission funds of the church. This was agreed to. The parties in the case were called before the court and informed by the moderator what the finding of the court was. They were asked if they acquiesced in this finding. The parties who represented St. Andrew's Church intimated their willingness to do so. Those representing the mission were not unanimous in the matter. Some accepted for themselves, but could not say what their fellows would do.

The Synod also adopted a resolution thanking the ladies of St. Gabriel Church for their kindness in entertaining the ministers on Wednesday evening, also thanking the minister, elders and managers of the church for their arrangements for the comfort of the Synod. With closing remarks and the benediction by the moderator, the Synod adjourned to meet next year in St. Andrew's Church, Carleton Place, in May, 1902, Ottawa.

Winnipeg and West.

At the meeting of Winnipeg Presbytery a report of the evangelistic services carried on throughout the bounds of the presbytery was read by Rev. Dr. Kilpatrick. It was resolved to establish a standing committee to take charge of similar meetings in the future, and the following were elected: Rev. Dr. Kilpatrick and Rev. D. Munroe to be joint convenors; Revs. J. H. Cameron, J. C. Madill, D. H. Jacobs, A. G. Bell, D. Carswell, C. W. Gordon, D. Sinclair and J. McNaughton. The application of Clandebye for a loan of \$4,000 for the erection of a church was approved of; and a resolution of regret was passed at the departure of Rev. Mr. Muldrew, of Morris, who goes to Souris. Rev. H. J. Stirling was appointed to succeed Rev. J. H. Jarvis as moderator in Springfield.

The following were appointed by Winnipeg Presbytery Commissioners to General Assembly instead of parties who resigned: Revs. Joseph Hogg, Dr. Wilson and Prof. Hart with Dr. Kilpatrick and Rev. R. M. Dickey, as alternates. To fill the vacancies on the list of elders the following were appointed: Messrs. Alexander McIntyre, B. A., John Paterson, John B. Halkett (Ottawa), John Kean (Ottawa). Rev. A. McFarlane thanked the presbytery for the sympathy extended to him in the death of his daughter. A report on the Sabbath school attendance was submitted by Rev. J. H. Cameron, showing 31 schools open during the whole year.

The Board of Management of Knox College at a very fully attended meeting resolved to recommend to the General Assembly that Rev. Halliday Douglas of Cambridge be appointed to the new chair in apologetics in Knox College. Mr. Douglas has been for the last seven years minister of the chief Presbyterian church at Cambridge, where he has established such a strong influence over the undergraduates of Nonconformist faith that strong efforts are being made to induce him to remain. Mr. Douglas was formerly assistant to Dr. White at St. George's, Edinburgh. He was educated at New College, where he took a most distinguished course. His father was Dr. Halliday Douglas, a celebrated Edinburgh physician, and his brother, Mr. C. M. Douglas, has a seat in the British House of Commons.

In sixty years Queen's University has conferred 94 honorary degrees, 51 L.L.D.'s and 37 D.D.'s. Thirty-two so honored are dead, fifteen or more holding degrees are in Britain and Australia, so that only fifty of Queen's graduates reside in Canada and the United States. This does not warrant the charge made by a Toronto paper that Queen's is one of the Canadian colleges that has lavishly handed out honorary titles.

Rev. J. W. Penman, M. A., who recently concluded a successful mission at Victoria Harbour, has been appointed to the important field of Orville, Muskoka District, and stations therewith connected.

Mr. J. Burt Sutherland, Montreal, is announced to lecture in St. Paul's Church, Hawkesbury, on the 4th prox.

The Presbyterians of Allandale have about \$2,000 subscribed towards the erection of a new church.

Rev. D. Y. Ross, of St. George, preached in Fergus, last Sunday.