

CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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EVENING SEDERUNT.

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

After devotional exercises and confirmation of minutes.

Rev. A. Young presented the report of the Committee on Standing Committees, with the names of the Home Mission Committee.

Rev. Mr. Cochran said he had to leave for home to attend a funeral, but he would state that he had consented to retain the chairmanship of this Committee. (Applause.)

The Assembly then again went into Committee on the Union question, Rev. Dr. Thornton in the chair.

Rev. J. McTavish moved that inasmuch as a number of the members of the Assembly felt dissatisfied with the third and fourth resolutions accompanying the proposed basis of Union, this Committee agreed to ask the General Assembly to ask the Synod in connection with the Church of Scotland to confer with the Assembly in reference to those resolutions, in the hope that some satisfactory decision may be arrived at. He stated that he could not agree to the Act of Independence referred to in the third resolution.

Rev. Mr. Ure said he supposed Mr. McTavish objected to the Act of Independence because of the circumstances under which it was obtained, and not because of what it contained.

Rev. Dr. McVicar said Mr. Ure was discussing a question which had been decided.

Rev. Mr. Ure asked Mr. McTavish if he simply objected to one of the grounds on which the resolution was based.

Rev. Mr. McTavish replied in the affirmative.

Rev. Mr. Ure said in that case he saw no reason for asking for a conference upon it.

Rev. Dr. Burns said he would be willing to submit the third resolution to a conference, but was not so clear about the fourth.

Rev. Mr. McTavish agreed to separate the two resolutions.

Rev. Dr. Burns then supported the motion.

Rev. J. M. King disagreed with the course taken by Mr. McTavish. It was undesirable to multiply these references to the Conference, if they desired to have unanimity.

Rev. Professor McLaren moved—"That this Committee is of opinion that no judgment should be given by the Assembly on the 3rd resolution." He said it was clear that the documents named in this resolution had not satisfied the Assembly. As to the necessary unanimity on the question of the headship of Christ, they had now adopted a preamble which rendered them utterly unnecessary.

Rev. J. McTavish withdrew his motion in favour of Professor McLaren's motion. (Hear, hear.)

Rev. Principal Caven said the Union Committee had not looked on the Act of Independence as a statement of the doctrine of the headship of Christ. That doctrine was stated in the formula used by the Synod—"In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and only head of this Church." The Act of Independence showed the application of the doctrine to the point of the independence of the Church. The Assembly was not asked to endorse the Act as an historical document, but he was convinced that the sister Church would be quite willing to allow this resolution to drop.

At the suggestion of Principal Caven, Professor McLaren altered his resolution so as to read as follows:—"That the deliverance come to on the preamble renders it unnecessary in the opinion of this Committee that any judgment should be given by Assembly on the third resolution." Agreed to.

Hon. John McMurich moved that the Committee rise and report.

Rev. G. Ross moved in amendment that the Committee rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Hon. John McMurich thought this had gone far enough, and the time was come to limit it. They were showing no consideration for the Union Committee, but all the consideration for the other members.

The amendment was carried by 68 to 58.

Rev. J. M. King presented a commission appointing the Rev. J. Vannest a delegate from the Synod of the Reformed Church of America. He pointed out the similarity of the Church in question to their own.

Rev. Mr. Vannest was called by the Moderator, and addressed the Assembly. He extended the cordial greetings of his Church to this Assembly. He referred to the Reformed (formerly the Dutch) Church, and to the remarkable way in which it had been brought into connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church. He gave an account of the working of his own Church, stating that Christian Union was everywhere being discussed in the United States, referred to the progress of the same sentiment elsewhere, and suggested that something might arise out of the Reciprocity Treaty, so that they would come to be fellow-citizens. (Loud cries of No.) He concluded by bidding them "God Speed."

The Moderator tendered to Mr. Vannest the thanks of the Assembly for his visit and address, and observed that though as a Church they had not much to do with national reciprocity, they were happy to know that his Church and this had for some years carried on reciprocity; and though this Assembly would not favour annexation to the neighbouring country (cheers)—they would not so much object to annexation of their Churches to one another. (Laughter.)

The consideration of the overture of the

Montreal Presbytery in reference to admitting Mr. J. S. Black, minister of Eskimo Church, was taken up. A motion referring this case to the Committee on the reception of ministers, with instructions to bring Mr. Black before them and examine him, was carried.

Rev. W. Reid read the report of the Committee appointed to supply the pulpit of Knox Church on Sabbath, recommending that the Rev. R. Wright, of Ingersoll, should preach in the morning, and the Rev. Jas. Douglas, of Cobourg, in the evening. The report was adopted.

Mr. Reid also announced that Mr. Phillips would give an evening of sacred song in the Methodist Church to-morrow, at eight o'clock. The diet then closed with the benediction.

FIFTH DIET—MORNING SEDERUNT.

Saturday, June 6.

The Assembly met at 10 o'clock. After devotional exercises and the confirmation of the minutes.

Rev. Dr. Topp stated that he had communicated the resolutions passed yesterday to the Synod in connection with the Church of Scotland, and they had consented to a conference with the Assembly at 11 o'clock to-day.

It was resolved to adjourn at 11 o'clock. The Assembly again went into Committee on the Union question.

The following resolution: as agreed to: "The Committee expresses general approval of the resolutions, with the exception of those which have already been dealt with."

The following ministers recorded their dissent from the resolution:—Messrs. J. Middlemiss, J. McTavish, J. Ross, J. Scott, J. Ferguson, and Cameron.

The Committee then rose and reported the resolution to the Assembly, by whom it was received and adopted.

The Assembly then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SEDERUNT.

The Assembly met at three o'clock.

Rev. W. Reid read the report referring to Knox College. The Board of Management reported that in October, 1873, Rev. W. McLaren had been inducted into the office of Professor of Systematic Theology, and that Rev. Dr. Proudfoot, during the first half of the session, had conducted classes in homiletics, pastoral theology, and Church government. Instructions in elocution were also given by Mr. Taverner. There were 89 students in the theological department, 18 of the first year, nine of the second, and sixteen of the third year. There were also nineteen in the preparatory department. The contributions to the ordinary fund had amounted to \$7,700, leaving a deficit of \$1,802. The endowment fund now amounted to \$8,612. The contributions to the bursary fund had amounted to \$1,988, which, with a balance from last year, amounted to \$2,074, which had all been expended except \$58. The amount subscribed for the new College building was \$86,159, of which \$22,871 had been already paid. The contracts let amounted to \$73,680, not including several items. It had been found necessary to meet engagements with contractors, to borrow \$10,000 from the Western Assurance Company on a mortgage on the old building and site. It was expected that the new building would be completed early next year. The Board especially thanked Principal Caven and Professors Gregg and McLaren for their exertions in canvassing for subscriptions, and also a sub-committee, of which Hon. J. McMurich was the Convener for the year.

The Governor-General had offered to present a silver medal for competition by the theological students, which had been accepted. An increase in the salaries of the Professors was recommended. The financial report and the reports of the Senate and Board of Examiners were also read, but the report of the Board of Management contained a summary of these reports.

Rev. W. Reid then read the report of the Board of Management of the Montreal College. They reported the completion of the new college, of which they gave a description. The receipts on account of the building fund had been \$43,522, of which \$33,304 had been paid. The amount expended for the purchase of the ground and building had been \$12,128, which was \$9,324 in excess of the receipts. Considerable expenditure was yet required to pay outstanding accounts, enlarge the building, etc. The expenditure for the year had been in excess of the receipts, the balance in hand having been reduced from \$1,112 to \$196. There had been an increase in the receipts, but this had been met by a large increase in the expenditure. The Rev. J. Campbell had been added to the staff of Professors, and in the room of the Rev. R. Gibson, removed, the Board recommended the appointment of the Rev. J. Semmer as Professor of Exegesis, at a salary of \$500.

Rev. Professor Bryce read the report of the Board of Management of Manitoba College. The receipts up to the first meeting of the Board had been \$1,021, and the expenditure \$1,021. The receipts for the building fund during the last year had been \$577. During the year the College had been removed to a new building, for which \$3,000 was required. The total receipts of the College for the year had been \$2,315. There were 32 students in the College.

Rev. W. Reid read the report of the Commission appointed last year to visit Manitoba and enquire into educational matters. The following were the principal paragraphs of the report, which was signed by the Rev. R. Ure and W. C. Chevrone—"The Commission visited Manitoba and remained there from July 15th until August 18th, 1873. During that time they visited the various congregations and mission stations, and met with the Presbytery, the Building Committee and the Board of Management of the Manitoba College. In prosecuting their enquiries in regard to the College, the following are the points to which attention was chiefly directed, together with the statements of facts and opinions elicited in reference to them. 1st. The origin of the College, and the circumstances that led to its being placed where it now is, in the parish of Kildonan. Upon these points no information could be obtained from the minutes of Presbytery. Whatever was done in regard to them was done informally,

and without being minuted. The testimony, however, of Mr. Black, who was then and who is still a member of the Presbytery, was to the effect that the project of establishing an institution of the sort now in existence, had on more than one occasion been a subject of conference in the Presbytery; that the desirability of having such an institution was recognized by all, and that in the event of its being proceeded with the arrangement agreed to by all, or at least objected to by none, was that it should be placed in the parish of Kildonan. The building, although it has been for some time in use, is in an unfinished state. It is estimated that a further outlay of \$700 would be needed to render it at all complete. As it now stands it has cost about \$1,200, of which \$1,484 is held by the Building Committee as a loan from the Hudson Bay Company, the rate of interest being 5 per cent. per annum. The remainder, \$2,716, was received as free contributions. Last session there were in all 28 pupils, 18 being from Kildonan, 9 from Winnipeg, and 1 from Portage La Prairie. As to whether the interests of the College and the purposes for which it has been established would be promoted by having classes taught in connection with it both in Kildonan and in Winnipeg, compromise of this sort had been proposed by some parties, but it was not really acceptable to any one. The Presbytery expressed itself opposed to the scheme by a majority of 5 to 4, holding that it would be against the interests of the College to have recourse to it under any circumstances. Those who at all favored the plan did so not as believing it to be a good one, but from a desire to conciliate Kildonan interests. All interested in Kildonan, however, were at one with the majority of the Presbytery in rejecting the compromise, declaring that rather than agree to such a change they would prefer to have the institution removed from Kildonan altogether. As to whether, in the event of the compromise above mentioned being set aside, the interest and usefulness of the College would be promoted by its removal to Winnipeg, the Commissioners, after a careful consideration of the circumstances of the case, express the following as the conclusion to which they have come—"That it would be injurious to the efficiency of the College to divide the time and labours of its professors between Kildonan and Winnipeg; that Winnipeg and not Kildonan is the place where the College should be situated; that the General Assembly enjoin that the teaching in connection with the College be conducted wholly in Winnipeg so soon as equitable arrangement can be effected in reference to the present building; that the following be the arrangement in regard to the latter matter:—That the building be given to the parish of Kildonan, to be used as a manse; that the debt on the building, to the amount of \$1,000, be raised and paid in the proportion of one third each, by the following parties, viz:—the parish of Kildonan, the Board of Management of Manitoba College, and the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

The reports were received and referred to a Committee.

Rev. W. Reid a request from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in connection with the Church of Scotland, requesting members of the Assembly to join with them in a communion service to-morrow at four o'clock, the Moderators of the two bodies to preside jointly.

The Assembly then adjourned until Monday morning.

Monday, June 8.

SIXTH DIET—MORNING SEDERUNT.

The Assembly met at 11 o'clock. After devotional exercises and the reading and confirmation of the minutes.

Rev. R. Hamilton read the report of the Committee on the Kankakee mission, from which it appeared that St. Ann had a population of 400, the inhabitants being chiefly French Canadians. When they settled they were Roman Catholics, but now the great majority were Protestants. There were four Protestant churches in the villages.

The report was referred to a Committee.

Rev. W. Reid presented the report of the Committee on French Evangelization. This report was referred to the same Committee as that to which the report on the Kankakee Mission had been referred.

Rev. W. Reid read the report of the Committee on the consolidation of the St. Ann, Kankakee, and French evangelization work. In the present state of the negotiations in regard to union it was considered inexpedient to enter on the consideration of the larger question.

After some discussion, the report was referred to the same Committee as that to which the other reports had been referred.

It was then agreed that Mr. Chiniquy be heard up to the hour of adjournment.

Rev. C. Chiniquy contended that he should be left at Kankakee for five months longer to meet the clouds which had been brought over the mission. He advised the Assembly not to unite the two funds, and requested the Assembly to permit him to go to England again, as the great battle had to be fought there. He proceeded to point out the errors of the Church of Rome in reference to the host and the confessional.

It being one o'clock, the Assembly adjourned.

AFTERNOON SEDERUNT.

The Assembly met at 3 o'clock.

Rev. A. Young submitted the report of the Committee to strike standing Committees.

After some discussion, the report was recommended as far as relates to the Knox College Committee.

The rest of the recommendations were adopted.

Rev. Mr. McTavish presented the report of the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. The expenditure was for the first time greater than the income. The receipts had been \$2,453. The Committee asked to be relieved from the payment of \$430 to Principal Willis, which ought to be paid out of the College Fund. The report was received, and the recommendation was deferred, as it would come before the Committee on College Reports.

It was resolved to put Mrs. Malcolm on the Widows' Fund, and her husband, now in the Asylum, on the Aged Ministers' Fund.

The Committee was authorized to deal with an application from the London Presbytery to place Rev. J. Donaldson on the Aged Ministers' Fund.

Rev. Principal Caven said that Principal Snodgrass and Mr. Croyl were present as a deputation from the Synod in connection with the Church of Scotland.

These gentlemen took seats on the platform.

Rev. Principal Snodgrass said he had a message to deliver which he believed would be entirely satisfactory. He and Mr. Croyl had been deputed to wait upon the Assembly and ask at what time it would be convenient for them to meet the Synod in conference in reference to the Union question. He suggested to-morrow forenoon.

Rev. Principal Caven moved that at 11 o'clock to-morrow the Assembly receive the Synod in conference in this Church. Agreed to.

The report of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund Committee was then read, showing that there were 28 widows on the list, against 23 last year.

The report was adopted.

The Special Committee on the report of the Home Missions Committee presented their report, recommending that the additional allowance to Mr. Jamieson, missionary to British Columbia, of \$200, be not granted.

Rev. Principal Caven explained that when Mr. Jamieson took the position of missionary to British Columbia at \$600 a year an addition of \$100 was made by the Home Missionary Committee. During the past year the congregation had contributed only \$463 instead of \$600, so that it was \$137 in debt. He thought the report was now brought it should be adopted, because they ought not to offer a premium to the congregation for doing less than they ought to have done.

After discussion, on motion of Rev. Dr. Burns, it was resolved to make the grant of \$200 for one year only.

The Assembly adjourned at 6 o'clock.

EVENING SEDERUNT.

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

After devotional exercises and confirmation of minutes.

Rev. J. McTavish made a statement in reference to a remark which had been so credited to him. It had been understood that he had said that Mr. McMurich's statement that the Presbyterian Church in connection with the Church of Scotland should entirely manage the Temporalities Fund, was not true. He entered into explanation and in conclusion desired to say that he had been entirely misunderstood.

Rev. R. Ure, in the absence of Hon. J. McMurich, said the explanation was perfectly satisfactory.

Rev. W. Reid read the report of the Foreign Mission Committee, which showed that a most encouraging state of things existed in the Indian and Formosa Missions. Detailed accounts of the work in each were given by Dr. J. D. Fraser son of Rev. W. Fraser, of Bondhead, had been authorized to proceed to Formosa as a medical missionary. The total receipts had been \$12,085 which with a balance from last year of \$5,150, made a total of \$17,235; the payment left a balance in hand of \$8,421. The Committee recommended that a third missionary should be sent to China.

The report was received and referred to a Special Committee.

Rev. Prof. Gregg bore testimony to Dr. Fraser's attainments and the success he had met with in Knox College.

Rev. J. McCall urged that Dr. Fraser should visit several of the congregations before his departure.

Rev. J. Thompson, of Sarnia read the report of the Sabbath School Committee. He said it was gratifying to see that more interest was being taken in Sabbath-schools. Every one under sixteen years of age should be connected with Sabbath-schools or Bible classes. Those comprised half the population. He thought it would be better that the Assembly should be less tedious in discussing technicalities, fighting exact Satans, and should give more time to such practical matters as this. He hoped the Assembly would devote a sederunt to the discussion of this matter.

Rev. R. Torrance moved the thanks of the Assembly to the Committee, especially to the Convener, and the reference of the report to a Select Committee.

Rev. J. R. Watt, in seconding the motion complained that these select committees seldom suggested anything practical.

Motion agreed to.

Rev. Dr. Topp announced that the Revs. Messrs. Williamson and McMeeken, delegates from the Irish Presbyterian Church were present.

These gentlemen were immediately invited to take their seats on the platform.

Rev. Principal McVicar read the report of the Committee to whom had been referred the report of the Committee on the Kankakee Mission, the French Evangelization Fund, and the consolidation of both. The Committee recommended that the congregation of St. Anne, Kankakee, be placed under the supervision of the Presbytery of Chatham, that Presbytery to draw on the French Evangelization Committee, for not more than \$2,500 annually, for the support of the Mission; that Mr. Chiniquy's connection with the Kankakee Mission should be severed by the Chatham Presbytery, in order that he might be employed in evangelistic work among the French Canadians of the Dominion; that Mr. Chiniquy should act under the authority of the Committee on French Evangelization, that Mr. Lafontaine's name should be placed on the roll of the Presbytery of Chatham; and that the said Presbytery take legal advice in reference to the suits now pending in relation to the Kankakee property.

The report was adopted.

The Assembly adjourned at ten o'clock.

The following is the roll of the General Assembly for the year.—

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

MINISTERS.—Revs. S. K. McDonald, W. A. Johnston, J. Campbell, M.A., William Grant, R. M. Thornton, B.A., J. McFarlane, J. McAllister, B.A., W. Taylor, D.D., Jas. McConechy, J. Scrimger, M.A., Alexander Young, D. H. McVicar, L.L.D.

ELDERS.—Messrs. James Court, John Brodie, C. McRae, D. Peebles, Geo. Rogers, John McLeod, Alex. C. Clarke, James R. McKenzie, James Brodie, John Stirling, Warden King, Peter McLeod, Adam Stevenson.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

MINISTERS.—Rev. James Whyte, John McEwen, Wm. Moore, H. J. McDermid, W. Burns, Robert Williams.

ELDERS.—Messrs. Geo. Hay, Jno. Harrie, S. S. M. Hunter, John McMillan, David Wyllie, D. Lang.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

MINISTERS.—Revs. Jno. Turnbull, John Burton, Andrew Wilson, Thomas S. Chambers.

ELDERS.—Dr. Rufus Holden, John Dickson, Messrs. Alex. McAllister, Chas. Shibley, Andrew Fraser.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

MINISTERS.—Revs. A. Melville, J. Morrison, A. Glendonning, J. Hastie.

ELDERS.—Messrs. Bellenden, Thos. Coulthard, Jno. Ferguson, W. Kerr.

PRESBYTERY OF COBBOURG.

MINISTERS.—Revs. W. Bennett, Jas. Douglas, W. Mitchell, N. Clark, J. Ewing, K. W. Smith.

ELDERS.—Messrs. Walter Iddell, W. Hunter, Cravin Craig, Jas. Hall, M.P., Jos. Nelson, Dr. Montgomery.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.

MINISTERS.—Revs. Dr. Thornton, John Smith, J. L. Murray, W. D. Ballantyne, J. A. G. Calder.

ELDERS.—Messrs. Wm. Reid, G. A. Pyper, Adam Gordon, A. Mustard, A. Beith.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

MINISTERS.—Rev. Dr. Topp, J. Adams, A. Carriek, Prof. McLaren, D. M. McIntosh, Prof. Gregg, J. Breckenridge, W. Reid, Principal Caven, J. McKing.

ELDERS.—Hon. J. McMurich, Messrs. T. W. Taylor, Jas. Brown, J. Somerville, J. Barclay, J. McLennan, M.P., J. McBean, M. Staunton, S. Marshall, J. Bruce.

PRESBYTERY OF SIMCOE.

MINISTERS.—Revs. W. Fraser, Robert Rodgers, John Gray, Mungo Fraser Thomas McKee.

ELDERS.—Messrs. Thos. Dallas, Charles Morris, Robt. Gordon McCraw Simon Fraser, W. McWhenny.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.

MINISTERS.—Revs. Robert Dowar, Jas. Cameron, Alex. McLennan.

ELDERS.—Messrs. C. Ormiston, P. Christie, Jno. Durie.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

MINISTERS.—Revs. C. Fraser, Geo. Christal, Samuel Fenton, D. H. Fletcher, J. A. MacBain, John McCall D. D. McLeod.

ELDERS.—Messrs. Hugh Young, Wm. Henderson, John Scott, Robt. Lawrie, Wm. Brown, Wm. Muir, Dr. Comfort.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.

MINISTERS.—Revs. Jas. Little, John Goodwillie, J. McDonald, D. D. McLennan, J. Wardrop, R. Bently, James Middlemiss, R. Torrance.

ELDERS.—Messrs. Thos. McCrea, M. Douglas, A. N. Forrier, M. C. Lutz, Alex. Granston, Archibald Campbell, R. Wood, Dr. McGuire.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

MINISTERS.—Revs. Walter Ingles, P. Wright, J. A. Aill, J. McTavish, W. T. McMullen, R. N. Grant.

ELDERS.—Messrs. J. Sutherland, A. Whitelaw, R. Kerr, H. Davidson, A. Wilson, Jno. Chisholm.

PRESBYTERY OF DURHAM.

MINISTERS.—Revs. W. Blair, R. C. Moffat, C. Cameron, J. Morrison.

ELDERS.—Messrs. Thos. Lander, James Nesbitt, James Scott, Duncan McMillan.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

MINISTERS.—Revs. A. Tohnie, John Anderson, D. Davidson, Peter Currie.

ELDERS.—Messrs. John Dewar, Alexander McKinnon, James Rowand, W. P. Patterson.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

MINISTERS.—Revs. J. B. Duncan, J. A. McDonald, J. Baird, J. Milloy, John McAlpine, J. Scott, J. Thompson, N. McKinnon, Dr. Proudfoot, G. Guthbertson.

ELDERS.—Messrs. J. H. Caird, R. Fleming, Wm. Grieve, Alex. McCall, P. McCallum, Donald Chisholm, D. S. Robertson, John Thompson, Alexander Smith, Thomas Gordon.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

MINISTERS.—Revs. T. McPherson, J. Boyd, R. Hamilton, D. Gordon, J. K. Hislop.

ELDERS.—Messrs. Donald Gordon, Alex. Dunbar, John Webster, Wm. Dunn, Wm. Whealey.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

MINISTERS.—Revs. Robt. Ure, Jno. Ross, Charles Fletcher, Geo. Brown, Alex. Grant, Jno. Ferguson, Alex. Y. Hartley.

ELDERS.—Messrs. Arch. Matheson, Jas. Spence, Jno. Gardner, Jas. Agnew, Walter Scott, D. D. Wilson, Geo. Walker.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

MINISTERS.—Revs. A. McColl, W. King, W. Forrest, R. H. Warden.

ELDERS.—Messrs. W. Webster, W. Stainforth, A. Bartlett, R. Urquhart.

PRESBYTERY OF MANITOBA.

MINISTERS.—Revs. A. Fraser, Professor Boyce, A. Mathieson.

ELDERS.—Messrs. J. Fraser, D. McVicar, P. R. Young.