

All are no doubt becomingly increasingly dear to the Church; and it is hoped that ere long all shall be so endowed as to obviate any difficulty regarding their support from year to year. The Colleges are in a large measure the hope of the Church in her operations at home and abroad; and in the continued prosperity of these institutions, every one who loves the good cause will heartily rejoice.

Our Home Missions received much consideration, and it was obvious that the most thoughtful and energetic men in the Church are realizing the importance of evangelizing the field which God has specially made our own. Much remains to be done in the way of drawing out the Church's resources in this direction. The kindred theme of "Sustentation"—the strong helping the weak—was brought before the Assembly, and its consideration will be resumed next year.

No department of the Church's work attracted more attention than that which is under the care of the Board of French Evangelization. A million of French fellow-citizens require the light at our hands, and shall we refuse to them the gift? The Assembly listened with the greatest satisfaction to the details given in the Report and in the addresses of members acquainted with the Board's operations; and it was resolved with perfect unanimity to prosecute the work with increasing energy.

Our Foreign Missions have now a deep and lasting hold upon the affections of the Church and of the Assembly. The evening devoted to that subject was one of the "best of all the week." We were carried first to the fertile banks of the Saskatchewan, then to China and to India, to Trinidad, and away to the sunny New Hebrides. Subsequently the Assembly listened with delight to the success of the agencies supported by the Juvenile Missionary Society. The work in all its branches is growing upon our hands. It has the full sympathy of the Church and the Assembly.

No review of the late representative gathering of our Church would be complete, without a reference to the happy conclusion of the "Macdonnell case" so called. After anxious discussion and brotherly deliberation, common ground was reached where all were able to stand securely side by side. The truth of God is vindicated; the standards of the Church are maintained in their integrity; brotherly united is cemented; clouds of misunderstanding are swept away, and anxious fears are completely allayed. "It is the doing of the Lord, and wondrous in our eyes." No scene was ever witnessed in our Assemblies so profoundly

affecting as that which was presented in St. Matthew's Church when the Special Committee reported a unanimous and cordial conclusion of the case. Tears streamed from eyes unused to weeping, and joy and devout gratitude thrilled every heart.

The Assembly was presided over by the venerable Dr. Macleod, of Sydney, Cape Breton. It was attended by many of our most venerable ministers and elders. The good people of Halifax showed all their proverbial hospitality to their numerous guests. All in all it was an Assembly long to be remembered with gratitude to God.

The Church which prayed so long and earnestly for blessing on the Assembly and for Divine guidance in midst of perplexity, will now assuredly offer thanks and praises to the gracious hearer of Prayer:

Now let the Lord our gracious God
Forever blessed be;
Who turned not my prayer from Him,
Nor yet His grace from me.

Third General Meeting of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

THE first General Assembly of this Church was held in Montreal in 1875, —the memorable year of the Union. The second was held last year in Toronto; and the third met in St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, on Wednesday evening the 13th June, and at 7½ o'clock. Dr. Topp, the retiring Moderator, preached an impressive discourse on Esther 4: 14,—showing the duty of the Church to avail herself of all her opportunities and advantages to promote the Kingdom of the Lord. Responsibility rests not only upon the Church as a whole, but on every individual—members as well as office-bearers. The attendance of commissioners as well as of the public was large. After devotional exercises the Assembly was constituted in the name and by the authority of the Lord Jesus, the King and Head of the Church.

Rev. Hugh Macleod, D D., of Sydney, Cape Breton, was elected Moderator.

After the thanks of the Assembly had been conveyed to Rev. Dr. Topp for his conduct in the Moderator's Chair, and for his excellent sermon, the "Business Committee" was appointed, consisting of the officers mentioned in the standing order, and of the following members:—Dr. Topp, Toronto; Rev. Finlay McCuaig, Clinton; Dr. Bell, Walkerton; Rev. Mr. McTavish,