

principal clerk. Dr. J. H. Wilson read the report on Jewish Missions. The expenditure for the year was upwards of \$32,000, and although the results were not apparently very great, they were encouraged to continue and increase their efforts, believing that converted Israel had a great part to act in the future triumphs of the gospel. A new formula for deacons was adopted. Much time was given to the state of religion and discussions upon Sabbath observance, temperance, the colleges of the church, &c. Principal Rainy carried a motion declaring the conviction of the Assembly that disestablishment and disendowment are essential, and that the time has come to press the question energetically upon the attention of the Legislature.

CANADA: The four branches of the Methodist Church in Canada are now one under the name of "The Methodist Church." This marks a most interesting epoch in the ecclesiastical history of Canada, and to the parties immediately interested it is an event of unspeakable importance. It places the Methodist Church, numerically, at the head of the Protestant Churches in the Dominion, thereby putting upon it great responsibilities. The influence of this union upon other branches of the Methodist family, in other countries, is likely to be widespread. Indeed the whole Protestant Church will in some degree be moved by it. For one thing, the consummation of the union passed off in a very quiet manner. There was no public demonstration to emphasize the fact. The district conferences met at the usual time, in their respective localities, and the members said to one another, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" And the great outside world took knowledge of them that they had merged their differences and that the long expected union had been accomplished. *Esto perpetua!* The Congregational Union had a pleasant meeting in Montreal last month, when delegates from all parts of the Dominion were present. An interesting feature in the proceedings was the ceremonies connected with the opening of the new building for the Theological College, of which Rev. Dr. Stevenson is the Principal. The total number of Congregational ministers in Canada, in charges, is between seventy and eighty.

### Our Own Church.

**W**E learn that Rev. John Rose, a Gaelic speaking minister commissioned by the Colonial committee of the Free Church of Scotland, arrived at Halifax in the end of May, and proceeded to the Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond, C. B. The Rev. Thomas Christie, formerly of Couva, Trinidad, has accepted an appointment

as missionary at St. Maria, Lower California, under the auspices of the Home Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church, United States. Rev. C. E. Amaron, for some years minister at Three Rivers, Que., has left us to enter upon the duties of his charge at New Lowell, Mass. We hope he may be very successful in the work among the French-speaking people in that neighbourhood. The Rev. M. R. Paradis, for some time assistant to Rev. C. Chiniquy at St. Anne's, Kankakee, has removed to Farmer City, Illinois. His services were highly appreciated at St. Anne's as we doubt not they will also be in his new field of labour. Rev. Wm. Aitken of Newcastle, N. B., sails about this time for Britain, having obtained two months leave of absence.

Rev. Principal King of Winnipeg, appeared before the General Assemblies of the Church of Scotland, the Free Church of Scotland and the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Edinburgh and met with a very cordial reception.

**WOMEN'S WORK.**—The second annual meeting of the Montreal Woman's Missionary Society was held in Crescent street Church on the 3rd of April. President, Mrs. John Campbell; Recording Secretary, Miss McMaster; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Henderson. The receipts for the year were \$683.39. Monthly meetings were held during the year. Interesting addresses were delivered at these meetings by Mr. and Mrs. Morton of Trinidad, Mr. Robertson of Eromanga and others. Letters were also read from our missionaries in India, the New Hebrides and Formosa. The Society carries on three branches of work, namely.—French Evangelization, Home Missions, and Foreign Missions.

### ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

**EAST WILLIAMS : Sarnia** :—Rev. John Anderson was inducted on the 29th of April.

**BARRIE** :—The Rev. D. D. Macleod, formerly of Dumfries street Church, Paris, was inducted on the 3rd of June.

**ELGIN AND ATHELSTAN : Montreal** :—Rev. Andrew Rowat, late of West Winchester, was inducted on the 29th of June.

**RUSSELLTOWN : Montreal** :—Mr. Archibald Lee was ordained and inducted on the 17th of June.

**LAGUERRE : Montreal** :—Mr. A. P. Grant was ordained and inducted on the 19th of June.

**SUNDERLAND : Lindsay** :—Rev. A. Stevenson, formerly of St. Vincent and Sydenham, was inducted on the 24th of June.

**LINDSAY** : Mr. D. McTavish was ordained and inducted into St. Andrews Church on the 17th of June.