

part he would rather announce a dance in a saloon than announce a sacred concert in a church because the people would really know what to expect. He would not say anything more, but if he were in his own church he would make his statements stronger. He trusted that all those who had convictions on the matter would show them by staying away." Mr. Cooke is to be commended for the stand taken.

#### Montreal.

The Presbytery of Quebec will meet at Quebec on 9th Dec.

Rev. G. Colborne Heine, pastor of Chalmers church in this city, was presented at the annual social with a purse of gold, in recognition of his twenty-one years' pastorate. Mrs. Heine received a bouquet of choice flowers.

His Excellency the Governor General and Lady Eileen Elliott attended service at St. Paul's Presbyterian church last Sunday morning. The Rev. Dr. Barclay preached from the text, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is." (Heb. 10: 25.)

Messrs. Thos. Rodgers, J. A. McPherson, Warren Dow, and P. Fitzpatrick, having been elected to the eldership of Taylor church, their ordination and induction took place last Sabbath evening, Rev. Prof. Scrimgeour officiating. The service is now composed of twenty members, and the addition was rendered necessary by the wide extent of the field, and the rapid growth of the congregation.

Bible study is deservedly occupying a good deal of attention in the Y.M.C.A. in this city. Four new classes have been commenced this week. The courses of study and the leaders are: "Outline of the Life of Christ," D. A. Budge; "The Great Men of Israel," Geo. E. Williams; "Studies in Old Testament Characters," Rev. J. L. Gilmour. A normal class for the training of Bible class teachers, C. K. Calhoun.

The recent annual congregational social of St. Matthew's church held under the auspices of the board of management was a great success. There were about five hundred persons in attendance. Speeches were made by Mr. Sharpe, chairman of the board of management; the Rev. W. D. Reid, of Taylor Presbyterian church; the Rev. J. R. Dobson, and Mr. Ormiston. A musical programme was furnished by the choir under the leadership of Mr. Albert Tattersall. The board of management thanked the congregation for the generous donations, and also the ladies and gentlemen who assisted in making the entertainment a success.

#### Ottawa.

The anniversary services of St. Paul's Church will be held on Sabbath, Dec. 14th. Rev. Dr. Rose of Dominion Methodist Church will preach in the forenoon and Rev. Dr. Herridge in the evening. The anniversary social will be held on Tuesday evening, the 16th inst. There will be music, addresses and refreshments.

#### Century Fund Notes.

Within five days of the closing date the following balances are yet due for Common Fund, in the various sections of the Church:

Maritime Provinces, \$3,000 on \$96,000 subscribed.

Ontario & Quebec, \$22,000 on \$148,000 subscribed.

W. of Lake Superior, \$16,000 on \$61,000 subscribed.

Maritime friends set the pace, and are working for still better results. Ontario and Quebec should show as good a record as the East before they close, but will have to hustle to do that.

In the West, the big wheat crop should help to even up, and doubtless in the coming month, there will be a great change in figures there for they know the need.

By the bye, it is not too late to distribute those envelopes, sent in October, and to make an earnest plea for a good Contribution for Common Fund. If this were generally done throughout the Church, the \$25,000 to \$30,000 required to round out the \$600,000 might yet be obtained. Why should not all do this?

Some say: "Give us time to take a breath." Most Congregations have made but one effort for Century Fund. They have had a couple of the best years God ever gave this country in

which to take breath. Might it not be in order now that these should fill their lungs and by a long pull, a strong pull, a pull all together land the Common Fund safely across the line?

See how the Methodist brethren deal with this breathing time argument. Century Fund appeals, College appeals, St. James' Church appeals, all crowded upon them during the last three years. The General Conference met and sent down two further appeals; asking \$50,000 at once, to provide for Home Missions in the West, to be followed by a John Wesley Memorial Fund of \$25,000. Not much breathing time there. Last week they went at the work, held a big meeting in Toronto, at which the first shot was fired, and near \$12,000 secured for the \$50,000 appeal. Why should not Presbyterians stop talking about appeals and get to work after this fashion? If we don't, we may have cause to mourn when we seek for means at an ebb tide.

Do our well-to-do and our wealthy friends understand the position? At the large meeting last week, Toronto Methodists who had subscribed heavily before, added hundreds and thousands, in response to the new appeal, and did that knowing of the further appeal awaiting them. Why? because they know that this is the growing time in the West, and a critical period in the religious development of that great land and, therefore, they hasten to provide largely for the Mission Work. There can be no truer patriotism than has been thus shown by these large givers. The like need lies behind the appeals that have been made for generous help in the closing days of the Common Fund. A dozen friends, or so, have understood and have added from \$50.00 to \$1,000.00 to their first contributions. Very likely if the Agent had been able to continue moving about the field more might have done so. Yet past experience shows that it is not necessary to canvass our people personally, if they get to understand. Time and again they have provided voluntarily \$25,000 or \$30,000, for Home or Foreign Missions, when a deficit threatened. They could do that next month on behalf of the Common Fund. What is asked is that they inform themselves. If they do that, they will voluntarily and generously send in contributions, such as have been indicated in the case of the friends who have already taken action. The \$25,000 or \$30,000 is much needed, else it would be pleaded for, and it is those whom God has prospered will lay hold of this matter we may have the whole amount before the year closes. Let those who understand send their additional contributions to Dr. Warden.

#### Railway Rates to Vancouver Assembly.

After correspondence, as well as interviews with the Railway authorities, the following are the rates determined upon, to Vancouver and return:—

From Toronto, Hamilton and points West in	
Ontario to Detroit river.....	\$62 40
" Peterborough.....	64 70
" Kingston.....	67 80
" Ottawa.....	68 00
" Montreal.....	68 00
" Quebec.....	71 00
" St. John, N.B.....	79 50
" Halifax.....	81 00

From other points not named, there will be a corresponding reduction in the rate, and, in good time, information regarding this, as well as other particulars, will be given.

As enquiries are being made by Ministers and others regarding rates, I think it well to give this information now, to all concerned.

ROBERT H. WARDEN.

Toronto, 18th November 1902.

#### North Bay Presbytery.

The campaign on behalf of the prohibition bill is on in earnest and great enthusiasm prevails in certain quarters at least. Rev. B. H. Spence of Winnipeg delivered rousing addresses at Warren, Sturgeon Falls, N. Bay, Burk's Falls, and Huntsville. At the latter place four Sabbath evening services are being devoted to St. Andrew's church to the following series: The liquor traffic in relation to its supporter (including the manufacturer, vendor and the elector), the church, the state and the home. Mr. Wm. Wright ex-mayor of Huntsville, is chairman of the executive for the district south of Scotia Junction and meetings are being held at ten

points in the townships surrounding the town on week nights, to which contingents of speakers and singers are sent out. Victory is in the air but a few weak-kneed people, even Presbyterians, are waiting for a still higher tide before asserting their convictions. Shame on the pastor who must know how his people are going to go before he sends a blast from the walls of the Holy City.

#### Young People's Societies.

The Rev. F. M. Dewey, M.A. of Montreal, recently held a conference with the students attending the Presbyterian College, Montreal, on the subject of Young People's Societies and their work. The aim was to secure the sympathy and co-operation of the students in this work so that when they go to mission fields they organize societies wherever practicable. The students seemed to be desirous of rendering all the aid in their power.

Messrs. Reede and Drummond of St. Thomas who were appointed a sub-committee to prosecute the work of organization have issued a circular to Conveners of Presbytery Committees, urging them, if possible, to organize societies where none now exist; to institute Presbyterian Unions in which some specific work may be carried on, and to encourage presbyterial oversight. They say, "This committee would suggest that an earnest effort be made throughout every Presbytery to have a place given on the docket at an early meeting to young people's work. Some use might be made of this circular, and the convener should without fail come with some definite plan for aggressive work." If the suggestion given by this committee are carried out a great impetus will be given to the work of Y.P. Societies.

#### The Atlin Hospital.

The lecture on the Atlin hospital, given by Miss Mitchell at the Thankoffering meeting of the Young Woman's Missionary Society, on Tuesday evening, the 18th instant, in the Presbyterian lecture room, Orillia, was most interesting and stirring. It is to be regretted that the audience was rather small, owing to another meeting at the same hour, but the lecture-room was fairly well filled, and the offering at the close of the meeting amounted to \$32. The chair was taken by the Rev. Dr. Gray, and the devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Robert Knowles. A pleasant musical programme preceded the address, which was introduced by a few earnest words on Home Mission work, by Dr. Gray. Miss Mitchell held the attention of her audience until the end. She spent seven weeks in Atlin during the past summer, and gave a vivid account of all she experienced, from the time of leaving Vancouver until her return. While in Atlin she visited one of the two nurses who constitute the staff of the Atlin hospital, and also assisted in the work. She described most touchingly the lonely, reckless life of the miners, the devotion of the hospital nurses, and the patient, heroic work of the Rev. John Pringle, the missionary who labours there. Atlin is picturesquely situated on the shore of a mountain lake, and is the centre of a large mining district. The Presbyterian hospital, with its two nurses, and the little church, with its faithful pastor, are the only influences for good in all that wild and lonely district, and should receive the support of all who have the welfare of Canada at heart. The Atlin hospital is supported largely by voluntary contributions. Last summer the necessity for a woman's ward became so imperative that, though the expense was great, one was erected, and it was through Miss Mitchell's faithful efforts the work was accomplished. No one who heard her earnest appeal for help could resist the feeling that this is a good work, in which all Christian Canadians should have a part. Those wishing to contribute to the Atlin hospital fund will please leave their contributions with Mrs. E. B. Alport, Peter street, before the 5th of December.

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