

ern section there was a balance in the east. He concluded by making a feeling reference to the loss sustained by the death of the Rev. John Gibson. After the singing of a hymn the Moderator called upon the Rev. John Wilkie who delivered a fervent and impressive address. We are, he said, in India passing through a crisis—a revolution. The people of India comprise nearly one-fifteenth of the entire population of the globe. They are our equals in every respect save one. They have not the Gospel. They are awakening to a sense of their powers. If these persons were consecrated it would be a great means of Christianizing the world. Caste is rapidly losing its power. Hinduism has to a large extent lost the respect of the people. The crucial question in India is the atoning work of Christ. They feel that all existing Indian systems are decaying. Infidel missionaries are busy. The struggle is now a life and death one. The converts in some parts of India are doubling every five years. There are more than 1,000,000 Christians in India at the present time. He urged strongly the extension of educational work of a strictly Christian character in Central India.

The three young men, Rev. Messrs. Murdoch McKenzie, J. H. MacVicar, B.A., and John McDougall, B.A., who are about to proceed to Honan, China, delivered stirring, impassioned and impressive addresses on the cause of Foreign Missions.

FOURTH DAY.

After the opening exercises President Forest submitted the report of the Presbyterian College, Halifax. The report was in every respect satisfactory and was at once adopted.

Rev. A. T. Love, B.D., presented the report of Morrill College, Quebec, which was not printed but was read by Mr. Love. It showed that last year twenty-eight students were in constant attendance, of whom fifteen were taking the theological course. Eight students engaged in mission work last summer. The income was reported to be far below the requirements. The College had gone through a long series of hard times. But gratification is expressed that the people of Quebec in sympathy with the Church were becoming alive to the needs of the College. Great assistance had already been rendered by Messrs. John and Frank Ross, the latter having expressed the intention of endowing a chair. The motion for the adoption of this report was moved by Rev. Mr. Carmichael, the oldest graduate of the College, who spoke in terms of the highest appreciation of the institution, and presented in the strongest light the necessity for supporting it liberally. Rev. R. A. Lee, of Sherbrooke, seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

Rev. Dr. Warden presented the report of Montreal College, of which the following is a summary. The Senate reported with much satisfaction the successful termination of a prosperous and eventful session. The whole number of students in attendance was eighty, of whom thirty attended theological classes, the remaining fifty taking their Arts course in McGill College or in the literary department of the Presbyterian College. This is the largest number of students the College has ever had within its walls, and illustrates the steady advance which it is making in the confidence of candidates for the sacred ministry. Of these eighty students, fifteen this year completed their course in theology, and are prepared to enter upon their life work. Four of the fifteen join Mr. MacKellie, one of the graduates of last year, in the foreign field—a field to which several graduates of the College have aspired, but the way to which has only recently been opened by the missionary spirit and liberality of congregations in the city of Montreal; four more are French-speaking students, prepared to take their place in the important work of French evangelisation; of the remaining seven, two have signified their intention of labouring in the Northwest; one is doing mission work in Arizona, and the others have spheres of labour before them in the older Provinces. The Session has been an eventful one, in that the missionary spirit which has characterised it has borne such abundant fruit, fruit that, in comparison with what the College by the divine blessing still may yield, is but the handful of corn on the top of the mountains. The receipts of the year were \$12,735. Disbursements, etc., \$12,676 94. Dr. Warden, in presenting the report, presented the necessity for a more stable income and advocated very strongly the increase of the endowment, suggesting \$300,000 as a fair figure. He made an earnest and forceful speech in support of this proposal.

Rev. G. D. Bayne, of Pembroke, moved the following resolution: That the report be adopted; that the Assembly expresses pleasure at the continued prosperity and success of the college, and commends anew to the liberality of the Church its more complete endowment. This was seconded by Rev. Mr. Somerville and unanimously carried.

Rev. Peter Wright asked leave to interpolate a matter of business which if it were to be attended to at all must be taken up at once. The Women's Christian Temperance Union would not be in session after to-day. He therefore moved: "That a deputation be appointed to wait on the Women's Christian Temperance Union of the Dominion, now in session in this city, and express to them the profound sympathy of this Assembly with them in the cause of Temperance and its high appreciation of the great work they have accomplished, and that the said deputation consist of Rev. W. A. McKay, Mr. Walter Paul and the mover."

The Moderator said it was a dangerous precedent to set to bring up business in this way except through the Bills and Overtures Committee in the regular manner, and ruled the resolution out of order. However, leave was given to the Bills and Overtures Committee, of which Dr. Laing is the Convener, to meet at once and consider the matter. The Committee retired and the regular business proceeded. At a later stage of the proceedings the Committee reported the resolution. On proposal to adopt it, Chief Justice Taylor said it naturally suggested the question whether the Assembly would be willing to receive deputations from outside bodies, and moved that the regular business be proceeded with. The amendment was seconded by Dr. Laing, but on being put was lost, though a considerable number voted for it. The main resolution in favour of the deputation was carried.

Rev. Dr. Thomson, of Sarnia, presented the report of the trustees of Queen's College and University. The number of students continues to increase. Last session 425 were enrolled, 231 being in Arts. Seventy-eight are studying for the ministry. Concerning the finances the report says: "The most serious deficiency under this head is in the amount from the General Assembly's College Fund. The college requires from this fund, for the maintenance of the theological department, \$4,000 per annum. The average amount received annually for the seven years previous to the last was \$2,819.40. During the past year, however, only \$1,612.71 has been received. The explanation of this, so far as can be learned, is that congregations assumed that on account of the success of the Jubilee Fund little or nothing was now needed. It is therefore necessary to point out that the Jubilee Fund was for distinctly specified objects in the Faculty of Arts; and that the very existence of the Theological Department depends on the Assembly's College Fund. A gratifying fact is that the places that gave most for the Jubilee Fund, Kingston and Toronto especially, gave also most liberally to the Assembly's College Fund. The reason for this may have been that the large sums given by the few to the Jubilee Fund stimulated giving on the part of the many, whose contributions made up the bulk of congregational collections. Fortunately, arrears from the Temporalities Fund were received during the year, and the greater part of the deficiency was thus covered. But, as this cannot happen again, the Trustees implore the General Assembly and all who value the religious side of the University's life and feel the necessity of having the Theological Department sustained not to forget the urgency of the case, as here submitted."

The disbursements were \$30,801, and the receipts fell short of this sum by about \$1,800.

Dr. Ross stated that the earnest mission spirit which had always characterized the students of the college was still maintained. He went briefly over the changes made in the charter by legislation applied for and granted at the last Session of the Dominion Legislature. Referring to the deficit in ordinary revenue, he mentioned besides the falling off in contributions to the college, the fact that many of the pastors in the western part of Ontario, the wealthiest portion of the Church, were graduates of Knox, and it was only natural that the contributions of these congregations should go to Knox College. But, natural though it was, it did not do away with the fact that the colleges were all doing the work of the Church, and that they should all be fairly supported.

Rev. Dr. Thompson, of Sarnia, moved the following resolution: That the Assembly receive the report of Queen's College, express satisfaction at its continued progress, approve of the legislation secured, and regret that the contributions for the College Fund Scheme of the Church have fallen so far short of the amount received in former years in the support of the theological faculty, and hope congregations will respond to the appeal for additional assistance. In presenting this resolution, Dr. Thompson referred to the time, about ten years ago, when many of the members of the Assembly thought that there were too many colleges for their constituency. But they had now found out the need of these colleges, and the possibility of supporting them for their constituency was not Canada only, but the heathen lands beyond, to which many of their missionaries were sent. Dr. Thompson referred to the fact that the Principal of Queen's, then Moderator, had come back from his tour of the world in improved health, and expressed the earnest hope that he would be spared in health and strength to carry on his work for the college, the Church, and the country. (Applause.)

Dr. Laidlaw seconded the motion to receive and adopt the report of Queen's College. He regretted the abolition of the Common College Fund, as some of the colleges had suffered in consequence. It was natural that graduates of the respective colleges would favour contributions to the particular institutions in which they had been trained. Still the college work was one and ought to receive a generous and impartial support.

Mr. James Croil said a few words in support of the motion. This very day, the 15th of June, was a red-letter day in the Church's calendar. On that day fourteen years ago the Church was united. This is the anniversary of the union in 1875. He had been present at every meeting of the Union Committee and one after another the obstacles to union were overcome. The last was the question of colleges. The matter had been left to the adjustment of time and the wisdom of this course was now amply justified. The colleges are doing excellent work, and are deserving of the fullest support. The Presbyterian Church must have an educated ministry. In some quarters there is a cry that we are turning out too many ministers, as there are too many doctors and lawyers. The requirements of the home field are still great, but when it is filled there are boundless fields in the regions beyond.

Principal Caven presented the report of Knox College. At the outset he expressed his entire sympathy with Mr. Croil's remarks concerning the number of candidates for the ministry. The number of students graduating from Knox this year (twenty-two) was exceptionally large, but they are all likely to obtain speedy settlement. The spiritual tone of the college was good. The increase of the missionary spirit and the development of Foreign Mission work had exercised a most beneficial influence. They should feel profoundly thankful for the increasing numbers devoting themselves unreservedly to the service of Christ wherever in Providence they may be called. At a time like this when in many quarters men's hearts were failing them for fear this increasing consecration of young men to the service of the Gospel was eminently reassuring. Dr. Caven gave generous recognition to the services rendered by Rev. R. Y. Thomson and hoped that they would soon be in circumstances when they could avail themselves of his permanent services. At the present he was in Germany prosecuting a course of Old Testament studies. When the colleges were endowed all friction would be removed and nothing but the kindest feelings would prevail. He suggested that the college Board be empowered to negotiate, if necessary, for the sale of the present site of Knox College, and concluded by moving the reception and adoption of the report which was seconded by the Rev. Geo. Burson and agreed to. This is the motion:

The General Assembly expresses gratification with the increase of the number of young men who are preparing for the ministry in Knox College, as well as in the other colleges of the Church; commends the college to the liberality of the Church, and hopes that its financial standing will soon warrant such increase of the teaching staff as the work of the college obviously requires. In regard to the request of the citizens of Toronto in the neighbourhood of Knox College, that some body should be authorized to negotiate with them as to the purchase of the college property, the Assembly deems it sufficient to instruct the College Board to report to the next Assembly any definite proposition that may be made to them by any parties who desire to acquire the property.

It was agreed to receive a deputation from the Methodist Conference on Tuesday.

Dr. Reid made a personal explanation and disclaimed all responsibility for the abolition of the colleges Common Fund. The Assembly abolished the fund, and in fact it had abolished itself.

Dr. Warden regretted the abolition of the Common Fund. He considered it was a mistake, and the falling off of contributions confirmed him in this belief.

Chief Justice Taylor presented the Manitoba College report. The number of students in attendance during the past Session has been 112, an increase of eight over the preceding year. Of these, eighteen were enrolled as students of theology; seventy were in attendance as students in the Faculty of Arts; and the remainder were in the Preparatory Department. The honours and scholarships gained by students of the Colleges, at the University examinations, as detailed in the report of the Senate, transmitted herewith, afford ample proof of the efficiency of the teaching staff in the institution. That the college is growing in public estimation as a place of education, is shown by a comparison of the numbers sent up by the affiliated colleges to the university examination in progress at the date of this report. These are, from St. Boniface College, seven; from St. John's College, twenty-three; and from Manitoba College, sixty-four. The number of young men who have, during the past three years, proceeded from the various colleges to degrees in the University of Manitoba has been, from St. Boniface College, six; from St. John's College, eighteen; and from Manitoba College, thirty-two. The number of students in attendance in the Theological classes is specially gratifying. To have such a large number of young men in the Northwest, available for service in the mission field during the summer months, is the means of saving a large amount annually to the Home Mission Fund, in the mere matter of travelling expenses, and gives the college an additional claim upon the liberality of the Church. The Principal and staff of professors were overworked, Dr. Bryce's health had suffered by the great burden of work laid upon him. The college had been privileged in having the services of Rev. R. Y. Thomson, and he was pleased to learn that they were to be continued. He referred to the loss sustained by the death of the Hon. A. G. B. Bannatyne.

Principal King recognized the value of Judge Taylor's services in promoting the welfare and efficiency of the college. He spoke of the relatively large number of theological students that had been trained and who were now receiving tuition in the college. They were raising a native ministry in the North-West and they had two of

their graduates labouring in China and others occupying important positions in the United States. He also referred to the heavy burden of work laid on the professors and lecturers in the college. The financial condition of the institution was clearly explained and it was shown that the efforts for improving that condition during the last few years had been most gratifying in their results. He solicited subscriptions on condition that an existing obligation of \$10,000 was wiped out. (At the closing of the sederunt a gentleman occupying a prominent position was overheard arranging with Dr. King for the providing of a cheque.)

Dr. Duval, of Knox Church, Winnipeg, in a vigorous and interesting speech moved the reception and adoption of the report. Winnipeg was the gateway of the west and the centre of America. There was room for seven Ontarios out there. Manitoba College had a splendid and a most important future before it. He did not know any college of its size on this continent that was doing the amount of work it was doing and doing so well.

Dr. Campbell, of Renfrew, in a few sentences seconded the motion, which was carried, and is as follows:

That this Assembly in receiving and adopting the report of the Manitoba College records its high gratification with the efficiency exhibited and the progress made during the past year, and in consequence of the very wide field of influence occupied by the same in relation to the rapidly-developing West, this Assembly renews its kindest commendation of this institution to the prayerful consideration and liberal support of the whole Presbyterian Church in Canada. Thus the work mapped out for Saturday's sederunt was completely and most satisfactorily accomplished.

SABBATH SERVICES.

The Assembly preachers in St. Andrew's west, were, in the morning, the Rev. Principal Forest, of Dalhousie College, Halifax, who gave a stirring, impressive and profitable discourse from Matt. xii. 32. In the evening the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. James Ross, B.D., of Knox Church, Perth, who delivered an excellent practical sermon. The Toronto pulpits were filled by commissioners to the Assembly. Dr. Laidlaw preached in St. Andrew's east in the morning, and the same pulpit was filled by Principal Forest in the evening. Rev. James Fleck, B.D., Montreal, preached in Central Church. Principal King preached to his old congregation in St. James Square, a thoughtful and helpful practical discourse. Dr. Bryson, of Huntsville, Alabama, gave a vigorous, eloquent sermon from Psalm lxxiv. 22. Dr. Duval, of Knox, Winnipeg, was the preacher in Cooke's Church, in the morning. Those who ministered to the congregations in Knox Church, were Rev. L. H. Jordan, B.D., Montreal, and the Hon. and Rev. R. Moreton, of Hamilton. Rev. S. Huston, M.A., Kingston, preached in Chalmers Church. Rev. J. A. Brown, of Belmont, who was in the city as a delegate to the Anti-Jesuit Convention, preached excellent discourses morning and evening in St. Mark's Church. Professor Mowat, of Queen's University, preached at West Toronto Junction on Sabbath last. The Rev. A. J. Mowat, Fredericton, N. B., was the preacher at the morning service in Bloor Street Presbyterian Church.

The practice of dispensing the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sabbath during the session of the General Assembly was instituted at Halifax last year, and was so thoroughly enjoyed by the participants that it was decided to make it one of the annual events held in connection with the Assembly. In the afternoon of Sabbath last the Sacrament was dispensed to about four hundred persons. The services were conducted by the Moderator, assisted by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, Rev. Dr. Fraser, Rev. Dr. Reid, and Rev. A. H. Scott. The galleries of the church were well filled. The services were solemn and impressive.

The gathering of Sunday school children at Knox Church yesterday, was somewhat interfered with by the rain that fell in the earlier part of the afternoon, but at three o'clock the main floor of the church was fairly well filled with little ones from Knox, Erskine and St. Andrew's (West) Sunday schools. The galleries were occupied by parents and friends of the children. Superintendent McMurrich, of Knox Church school, took the chair, and beside him on the platform were the three speakers of the afternoon. Rev. Dr. Bryson, Huntsville, Alabama; Rev. Dr. Moore, Ottawa, and Rev. A. Fleck, Montreal. Dr. Bryson, of Huntsville, Alabama, was the first speaker, and won the hearts of his juvenile audience by telling an anecdote of the time when he was a chaplain to the Conference army in the great civil war. A gray-haired soldier lying dying from a wound on the battle field with his last breath said the child's prayer that he had learned at his mother's knee. Training of a kind that would come back to the mind at the last extremity was good for them, and the Shorter Catechism had a great deal to do with giving a man backbone. Rev. Dr. Moore, of Ottawa, with apt Scriptural illustrations, told the children that Jesus, who could find and bring into His service Zaccheus from the tree top, the Samaritan woman at the well, the tax gatherer at the receipt of customs, and the malefactor on the cross, could come near and watch over them under all circumstances. Rev. A. Fleck, Montreal, is pre-eminently a teacher of children. He succeeded in getting close attention by complimenting the little ones on their neat appearance and nice manners, and then pressed home with apt illustrations and pretty stories the necessity of belonging to the Kingdom of God. Referring to the fact that the pulpit often preaches in a tone not explicit enough to be understood by the children, he related a story of a child in New York, at the door of its own home that was left in a pitiful condition from the pelting storm, because the knocker on the door was out of its reach. He trusted that the teachers of Toronto would not place the knocker on the door of the Kingdom of God, the home of little children, so high that they could not reach it.

Advantage was taken of the presence of a large number of Gaelic speaking ministers at the General Assembly to have a Gaelic sermon preached to the Highlanders in the city. Accordingly a goodly number gathered on Sabbath afternoon in the lecture-room of Knox Church to hear Rev. Adam MacQueen, of Ripley, discourse in the vernacular of the Gael. The reverend gentleman selected Hebrews iv. 16, for his text, and delivered an excellent sermon on the throne of grace, the invitation contained in the text to draw near that throne, and the Divine purposes of mercy for which the invitation was given. He gave an eloquent exposition of his theme in the rich language of the hills, the terms and tones of which reminded many of those present of Quiraing and the palmy days of Snizort. An announcement was made that another sermon in the same language might be expected in the same place on Sunday next.

On Saturday afternoon a goodly number of Assembly commissioners and their friends had a pleasant trip to Oakville per steamer Steinhoff. The afternoon proved to be a lovely one, and everyone was thoroughly delighted. The only feature with which any fault could be found was in not allowing a longer stay on shore. On the arrival of the boat at Oakville Miss Wilkie Patterson stepped aboard with a magnificent basket of flowers, a gift intended for the Moderator, who unfortunately was not on board. The proceedings were made more interesting by a pleasing little incident that occurred on the return trip. By the unanimous voice of the excursionists Dr. Battisby, of Chatham, was called to the chair. Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, of Galt, then called the Committee on Arrangements to the front, and read them a resolution, expressing on behalf of the Assembly, their hearty thanks for providing such an enjoyable trip. The motion was seconded by Rev. J. Beckett, of Thamesville, and carried amid cheers for the committee. Several felicitous speeches were then made by Rev. Mr. Buras, Mr. Milligan, Mr. J. K. Macdonald, and Mr. McNab, and all arrived home feeling benefited by the five hours spent on the water.

(To be continued.)