

# Ministers and Churches.

## General Assembly.

The Assembly granted \$3,000 from the fund to the Ladies' College at Ottawa, and as a special recognition of his faithful services as agent during his term of office the Assembly sanctioned the action of the committee in handing to Dr. Campbell, of Perth, the sum of \$2,500 over and above his income for the two former years of service.

The case of West church, New Westminster, famous on the Pacific Coast, was referred to a special committee. The application of British Columbia Presbyterians for leave to establish boys' schools of a distinctly Christian character at Kamloops and Calgary was favored.

The Victoria Ladies' College report, presented by Dr. Campbell, was approved. The committees on students' applications and reception of ministers presented their reports. The recommendations of the Committee on Young People's Societies were adopted.

## SEVENTH DAY.

The Moderator has nominated a large commission with Assembly powers, the number being nearly sixty, to investigate the affairs of the Central India Mission. The nomination was confirmed and the first meeting fixed for an early day in September in Toronto. The Moderator of the General Assembly is convener of the commission, it being understood that Dr. Herridge should act in the Moderator's stead in the event of his being unable to serve.

## SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

On the subject of Sabbath observance and legislation Rev. W. L. Clay, of Victoria and Mr. Charlton, M.P., addressed the Assembly, presenting the accompanying recommendations which the Assembly adopted:

(1) The General Assembly reaffirms its faith in the need and therefore the right of all men to a weekly day of rest. (2) The General Assembly urges upon her ministers, Sunday school teachers and parents an earnest emphasis of their teaching upon the sacredness and worth of this day. (3) The General Assembly invites all her membership to a hearty defence of the day and in particular to such personal interest in its purpose and self-denial in its observance as will reduce to a minimum late Saturday trading, social gathering, travelling, or pleasure seeking during its whole course.

An additional resolution was confirmed commending the worth of the Lord's Day Alliance.

## CHURCH LIFE AND WORK.

On the subject of church life and work, which was introduced to the General Assembly by Rev. Mr. Leitch, of Stratford, two exceptionally able addresses were delivered by Dr. Peter Wright, of Nelson, and Dr. W. A. MacKay, of Woodstock. In addition to a resolution, magnifying the place and importance of home and reasserting the views of former Assemblies as to the banefulness of the liquor traffic, the following recommendations were passed: (1) That the questions as to church life and work for the year 1922, be confined to the sphere of the Christian congregation as to its services, organizations and methods. (2) That pastors and elders be advised in their visitations to impress upon the heads of families, the value of regular family worship, thanksgiving at meal time, and religious instruction in the home and to give such guidance as seems necessary. (3) That the ministers of the Church be instructed to make the questions and answers on Church life and work, the text of discourse of some diet of public worship. (4) That the Assembly take into consideration the question of publishing for use in the homes of our people a compendium modeled on the lines of Presbyterian handbook, published by the authority of the Northern Presbyterian Church of the United States and also recommend use of the General Assembly's aids to family worship. (5) That due emphasis be given in teaching and preaching to the setting forth of the true relation of those baptized in infancy to the Church and that parents be admonished to instruct their children as to their duty and privilege in entering into full fellowship with the Church. (6) That Presbyteries be urged to have returns made of the Church life and work, report to the convener of the Assembly's committee in due time.

Rev. A. H. Scott, of Perth, presented the record of the year's work of the Ladies' College at Ottawa and moved, seconded by Dr. Somerville, a resolution covering the report which was immediately sanctioned by the Assembly.

Additions were made to the rules governing the management of the minister-evangelist scheme.

The people of West church, New Westminster, were allowed the site of their choice which was the subject of misunderstanding between the congregation and the Synod of British Columbia.

## TWO MINISTERS RETIRING.

Dr. Warden and Rev. Scott asked the General Assembly to grant permission to the Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Perth, to retire for a time in view of the condition of his health and to instruct the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew to retain his name on the roll of his old Presbytery. The request was hardly granted when a like request in behalf of the Rev. J. G. Murray, of the Presbytery of Hamilton was acceded to.

The assembly declined to appoint a permanent Sabbath School Secretary in the meantime, but continued the committee that had the matter in hand for the two days in expectation that the appointment may be made and the rules governing it sanctioned at next assembly.

## MONTREAL WOMEN COMMEMORATE.

Recognition was made of the good work done by the Women's Missionary Society of Montreal, through a formal resolution supported by Dr. Campbell and Dr. Scrimger.

A communication was received from the alliance of the Reform church, holding the Presbyterian system and acknowledged. Greetings from the officers of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada were conveyed and responded to by resolution.

An overture on the appointment of standing committee on college from the Presbytery of Toronto was held in retentis.

Rev. W. R. Cruikshank and a number of associates were appointed a committee to confer with the authorities of Morin College, Quebec, during the coming year. A statement was made as to the preparation and circulation of the new publication, "Aids to Social Worship" and a like recognition was given to the work on the "Uniformity of Public Worship."

The Presbytery of Victoria was ordered to ordain Mr. Swartout a worker among the Indians in British Columbia and an overture on Indian work was referred to the foreign mission committee to examine and report upon at St. John, N.B., next year.

## THE CLOSING SESSION.

Dr. Campbell, of Montreal, and Dr. Murray, of the Presbyterian Witness, in eloquent terms moved the usual vote of thanks.

The Moderator, in his parting words, spoke feelingly, and the familiar phrase, "Pray that Jerusalem may have peace and felicity," was sung. Dr. Wright, of Nelson, led in prayer and with the accompanying pronouncement, the twenty-ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada was dissolved.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, only King and Head of the Church, and by authority of this Assembly, I now dissolve this Assembly and order another General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to meet in the city of St. John, N.B., and within St. Andrew's church there, at eight o'clock in the evening on the first Wednesday in June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four.

The Assembly was photographed immediately after the dissolution and the commissioners took steamer a few hours afterwards to be entertained by the capital city of the province of British Columbia.

## Toronto.

St. Andrew's College closing exercises and presentation of prizes on Friday was extremely well attended, and the garden party thoroughly enjoyed by all. The proceedings were opened by Rev. Dr. MacLaren, and speeches were also made by President Loudon, Professor Baker of Toronto University, Rev. H. J. Cody, and Rev. Armstrong Black, who gave advice at once judicial and humorous to the boys who testified their approval in true boy fashion. Lady Kirkpatrick also presented the prizes given by her brother, Mr. W. Molson Macpherson, and the Principal, Mr. D. Bruce Macdonald, alluded to the fact of the hall being on the site of the famous conservatory, so well known to many in Toronto, of the old Macpherson home, then known as Chestnut Park. Principal Macdonald alluded to the purchase of twenty-three acres for a new building, but it had been decided by the board that the work of erection must be delayed for a short time. The school was in a most prosperous and successful condition.

## Ottawa.

Rev. J. H. Turnbull of Bank street church preached at Stewart Presbyterian church Sunday morning on the occasion of the anniversary services. The preacher at night was the Rev. Salem G. Bland of the Eastern Methodist church.

The annual meeting of the synod of the diocese of Ottawa which was held here, last week in Christ Church cathedral by Rev. L. N. Tucker, secretary of the church board of missions, preached an eloquent sermon on the duty of self-sacrifice at the opening session.

## Eastern Ontario.

Mr. T. H. Billings, M. A., preached last Sabbath in St. John's church, Brockville.

Rev. T. J. Glover, of Kingston, conducted both services in the Gananoque church on Sunday.

It is expected that the Kinburn congregation will celebrate the anniversary of the induction of Rev. N. H. McGillivray on July 10th.

Last Sunday evening the Ancient Order of United Workmen attended Knox church, Perth in a body. The service was conducted by Rev. D. Currie and was much appreciated by his hearers.

The young people of St. Andrew's church, Almonte, were the hosts in a most pleasant affair on Tuesday evening when they entertained the young people from St. John's church and those of Carleton Place.

Rev. J. S. Burnet, Summerstown, conducted Divine service in St. Andrew's church last Sunday at 11 a. m. and on Wednesday evening Rev. K. McDonald took charge of the prayer meeting in the same church.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed on Sunday, after the morning service. The new pastor is winning golden opinions from his people as a preacher, and the congregations for the past two Sundays were large.

The service in the First Presbyterian church, Brockville, for the last two Sabbaths were conducted by Rev. Prof. Jordan, D.D., of Queen's University, Kingston. No more popular preacher ever visits Brockville than Dr. Jordan, and large audiences gather to listen to his inspiring words and clear and explicit expositions of holy writ.

Rev. John Mackie, of St. Andrew's church, Kingston, preached a strong sermon on Sunday, expressing approval of the action of the General Assembly in refusing to give over Queen's, but to maintain its efficiency. The preacher discussed why it was proposed to cast the institution upon the state, chiefly because of lack of funds. It was thought that the late Principal Grant had an understanding with Premier Ross on the matter, but the Premier says the province has no intention of supporting a second university.

The first anniversary of the induction of Rev. J. L. Small, as pastor of the church at Carlow, was successfully celebrated by the re-opening of the church on Sunday, 14th inst., after a course of renovation. The walls and ceilings have been papered, the outside of the church repainted, and the church sheds repaired, and the edifice is now in good order. On the Sunday afternoon, Rev. Alex. McMillan, of St. Enoch's church, Toronto, formerly in charge of the church in Carlow, occupied the pulpit and preached to a large congregation. In the evening Mr. McMillan preached again, having a fairly good attendance in spite of the heavy rain. On the following Monday evening the church was filled to the door, for the entertainment and lecture. Rev. J. L. Small, the esteemed pastor of the church, presided. The feature of the evening was a lecture by Rev. Alex. McMillan, on the subject, "Rab and his friends."

There was a large gathering of women, representing most of the congregations in the Presbytery 20th Annual meeting of Glenagry Presbytery of St. John's church, Cornwall, last week, when the 20th annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was held. About 100 delegates were present. The chair was occupied by Mrs. A. Graham, Lancaster, President of the Society, who opened the proceedings with a few appropriate remarks, after which prayer was offered by Mrs. A. Alguire. An excellent address on Individual Responsibility was given by Mrs. Langill, and an address to the children by Mrs. Gollan. There are in the Presbytery of Glenagry 33 auxiliaries and 14 mission bands. The amount contributed during the year was \$2824.50. In the evening the