

even though the rate of interest returns should be less.

The finances of the Maritime Province section of the church, which were reported upon by Dr. McCurdy, and which totalled nearly \$100,000 were examined by the Assembly and commendation was given to the manner of their disposition. The year, both east and west, has been an uncommonly prosperous one, all the schemes being in a satisfactory condition at the close of the year.

#### PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGES.

The afternoon was devoted to the consideration of college reports.

Prof. Campbell, acting Principal, in the absence of Mr. David Morrice, presented the report of the Board of Management. He paid a high tribute to the late Principal MacVicar, with whom he had worked for thirty years. The session was successful if saddened. The services of Dr. Scrimger and Barclay were acknowledged. The number of students was not large. He referred to the lack of sympathy on the part of McGill University and College, which never appeared during the regime of Sir William Dawson. Arrangements were completed for the next year. Dr. Scrimger will take the work of the late Principal, and Prof. Murray will lecture on ethics. Permission was asked to continue inquiry for a suitable person to succeed the late Rev. Dr. MacVicar as principal and professor. The financial statement shows that in all the funds the year's expenditure has been fully met by the revenue. The ordinary fund shows a balance on hand of \$316.28. The endowment fund now amounts to \$267,076.

Adoption of the report was moved by Principal Gordon and Prof. Bryce. There was a warm discussion on the recommendation to appoint a commission to confirm the nomination of the college board of a Principal and professor of dogmatics. The report was adopted, and the commission appointed, consisting of the Moderator, Dr. Warden, Dr. Campbell, and the commissioners to the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.

The trustees of Queen's University, after referring to the death of Principal Grant and the appointment of Rev. Dr. Gordon, report the total number of students in arts, theology, medicine and science at 858, add increase of 48. The financial statement shows an expenditure of \$62,535, and the deficit of former years, \$8,256, increased to \$8,638. This slight increase is due to the expansion of the university, and the growing charges on the revenue can only be met by increased endowment.

Principal Gordon presented the bill to nationalize Queen's University and make a separate theological faculty. He made out a strong case. His argument was that the movement was in harmony with past tradition. The bill evoked a spirited debate, led by Mr. John Charlton, who objected to the surrender of the Presbyterian University. The policy should be affiliation with theological schools, to make Queen's a strong force under the control and direction of the church.

#### THIRD DAY.

One matter engaged the attention of the General Assembly directly or indirectly for almost the whole of one sitting and a considerable part of a second one on its third day. It was the Queen's University matter.

Knowing that it was to be before the Assembly on Thursday forenoon, and with a view to test the feeling of the Assembly as an introductory consideration, the following resolution was submitted by Mr. John Charlton and Dr. Armstrong: This General Assembly recognizes the fact that the number of theological schools in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada is in excess of its requirements, and believes that the endowment and equipment of these schools is insufficient for the purpose of securing a high state of efficiency, that their unnecessary number scatters and impairs the educational forces of the church; that the superior equipment and great resources of American theological schools tends to draw Canadian students from our own theological colleges; that steps should be taken as soon as practicable to merge these colleges into an eastern and western university and divinity school, each with endowment, equipment and resources sufficient to meet in an efficient and satisfactory manner the educational needs of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Probably few members of the Assembly thought of the proposal apart from the situation at Queen's. All the speakers who took part in the discussion centered their remarks in Queen's, and all spoke in high terms of the educational

institution at Kingston, and of the desirability of retaining Queen's in her present relationship to the church, both as a university and as a theological college.

Before disposing of Mr. Charlton's motion finally, the bill from Queen's before the Dominion Parliament was brought up again for the approval of the Assembly. So much had been said inside and outside of the Assembly with regard to Queen's that a special meeting of the Queen's trustees, University council and alumni, who were commissioners in Vancouver, was held to consider whether or not it would be desirable to push the bill as originally intended.

Principal Gordon, voicing the feeling of this meeting before the open assembly, requested a free and frank expression from the commissioners who did not belong immediately to the Queen's circle. In response to this there were a series of frank expressions. The history of the institution, what the Government of Ontario has been giving to it, what might be expected in future from that Government, which was to be preferred, the support from the Government or that from the Presbyterian denomination, the asset to the Presbyterian Church of Queen's and other phases were reviewed. The temporary disposal of the matter was its submission to a special committee appointed by the moderator, with instruction to report their mind to a future sitting.

#### MISSION WORK.

The ever popular subject of Missions attracted more people than the spacious St. Andrew's church could hold, and many were turned away. Dr. McCurdy, of Halifax; Rev. P. M. MacDonald, of London, and Rev. Clarence McKinnon, of Sydney, responded when the Assembly called for the report of home missions from the Maritime Provinces. Dr. Warden, Dr. McLaren, Dr. Herman and Dr. Carmichael spoke for the home missionary interests of the Western section of the church, and they were ably assisted in the presentations by representatives from New Ontario, the Yukon district, as well as the prairies and Rocky Mountains section of the West in the persons of Mr. Childerhouse, of Parry Sound; Rev. J. J. Wright, of White Horse; Rev. S. McLean, of Moose Jaw, and Rev. D. G. McPhail from Frank.

#### FOREIGN MISSION FINANCES.

Many were turned away last night when the Assembly was dealing with the popular phases of its foreign mission work. The work in Corea, Demarara, Trinidad and the New Hebrides is managed by the Synod of the Maritime Provinces at an expense of \$51,000. The Western section of the church undertakes the work in Central India and China, as well as among the Chinese and aborigines scattered all over the Dominion at an expense of \$136,000. Bequests and donations, etc., in amounts varying from \$50 to \$2,500 have come in during the past year to the foreign mission treasurer from a score or sources, which swelled the total income by more than \$56,000. The W. F. M. S. has had another prosperous year. The total receipts were \$52,284.75, being \$4,663.37 more than the preceding year. Their auxiliaries and mission bands now number 1,023 with a total membership of 23,108.

The total estimated expenditure for the current year is \$151,645. Of this amount \$5,815 is for work of the W. F. M. S. The estimate for the work directly under the Foreign Mission Committee is \$99,828, which is \$15,000 in excess of the receipts of the church last year. In other words, to meet the expense of carrying on the work for the current year it will be necessary, apart altogether from the funds of the W. F. M. S. to receive from the church \$35,000 in excess of the amount got last year. The committee directed special attention to this and earnestly solicited the hearty co-operation of ministers and sessions in securing the amount required. It means practically an increase of 90 per cent on the amount received from congregations last year. The additional expenditure is consequent upon the enlargement of the work, and could not well be avoided. The committee stated however, that they did not feel justified in yielding to the urgent appeals from the missionaries in different fields for an increase of the staff to the extent they desired, yet it is important that the staff should keep pace with all requirements of the work, and expressed the hope that the growing liberality of the church would make a steady increase possible in the future.

Dr. Moore and Dr. A. Falconer, joint-commissioners on the committee, presented the report to the Assembly in brief addresses and they were followed by missionaries from the

fields of Korea, Hawaii, Vancouver Island and Central India.

#### FOURTH DAY.

Saturday was a half day in the General Assembly. After a religious opening and routine the consideration was resumed of the aged and infirm ministers' fund. Mr. J. K. MacDonald presented the report of the western section, and Mr. Anderson Rogers, of New Glasgow, that of the eastern section. There were a number of overtures from various quarters which, if acted upon, the assembly believed would militate against a fund which is one of the most important schemes of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Dr. Somerville, of Owen Sound, acted as mouthpiece of those presenting the overtures and moved that the fund be divided into two parts. An amendment, presented by Rev. Clarence McKinnon, of Sydney, and seconded and supported by Rev. A. H. Scott, of Perth, for another disposition of the overtures by a reference to the standing committee on the fund, was carried over the proposal of the framers of the overtures by a practically unanimous vote. Dr. Warden, Mr. J. K. MacDonald, and Mr. Anderson Rogers supported the amendment in vigorous addresses.

#### QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.

The committee to which has been entrusted the specially important matters bearing upon the future relationship of Queen's University to the Presbyterian Church in Canada, reported this forenoon. The result of the examination was presented in the accompanying resolution, read by the convener, Prof. Murray:

"(1) As to the subject of Queen's University that this assembly deprecates the proposed severance of the connection between Queen's University and the Presbyterian Church in Canada and recommends and will actively promote a movement for securing an adequate increase in the endowment of the university if it is decided to continue the connection at present existing, and that the moderator be directed to appoint a commission with assembly power to confer with the trustees of the university and adopt the proper motions to secure the necessary financial aid for the purposes of the university, with the understanding that should it be found advisable for the Church to retain the university, with a guarantee of adequate maintenance the commission should refer the question to the Presbyterians of the three central synods before taking final action.

"(2) That the consideration of the question of the consolidation of the theological colleges embraced in Mr. Charlton's resolution be deferred."

During the proceedings a telegram was received from his son, bearing tidings of the continued improvement in the condition of Principal Caven. The Assembly rose and sang, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," following which Dr. Duval led in prayer. The Assembly instructed the clerks to express the gratitude of the commissioners over the good news from the sick room of the distinguished patient.

A marriage was performed on the express which brought the delegates to the coast, the ceremony taking place just after leaving North Bend. George Frederick Knight, of this city, was the bridegroom, and Miss Mabel Lennox, of Bexton, N.B., who came out with the family of a ministerial delegate, the bride. Rev. Mr. McOldum, of Moncton, N.B., solemnized the marriage, assisted by Rev. Dr. McLaren, Vancouver; Rev. Mr. Townsend and Rev. E. J. Mary. A purse of \$50 was presented to the bride by the delegates.

#### Northern Ontario.

When the Presbyterians of Orillia undertake anything they invariably do it well. Their anniversary services were no exception to the rule. On Sunday two inspiring sermons, by the Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt, were enjoyed by large congregations. On Monday evening Mr. Knowles gave an address at the social meeting, and George D. Grant, M. P., for North Ontario, assisted in the laying of the corner-stone of the church at Shakespeare, Perth County, on the 9th inst. Mr. Grant's grandfather was one of the founders of Presbyterianism in that district.