

In connection with the meeting of the Assembly must be mentioned the two breakfasts, given on successive mornings, by the branch of the Evangelical Alliance in Toronto, to the delegates from abroad to the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches, and by the Presbyterian laymen of the city to the Presbyterian deputies. Most of the members of Assembly were present on both occasions, and enjoyed what it is hoped may be but the first of an annual series of pleasant meetings, for promoting kindly relations between our own and other Presbyterian Churches.

Another event which has, perhaps, not obtained a prominence in the minds of members of the Church, which it deserves, is the inauguration of a genuine French Canadian Mission in Montreal, with Professor Coussirat as normal teacher, and Father Chiniquy, as he is still called, for pioneer.

The resignation of Principal Willis is a cause of great regret to many. The task of filling the position which he has so long occupied will devolve upon the General Assembly of 1871, and will be found to be one of no common difficulty.

Coincident with the union of the Red River country to the Dominion of Canada will be the formation of the new Presbytery of Manitoba, which the Assembly authorized, and which will make the operations in that country a part of the Home Mission work of the Church.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church held its first meeting in Knox's Church, Toronto, on the evening of Tuesday, 7th June. In the absence of the Rev. Dr. Ormiston, who was unable to be present on account of indisposition, the Rev. Dr. Topp, the moderator of the previous year, opened the Assembly with a very suitable and impressive sermon from Ephesians v., 25: "Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself for it," &c. At a subsequent stage, the Assembly rendered thanks to Dr. Ormiston for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair last year, and expressed their sympathy with him in his present affliction, and also tendered thanks to Dr. Topp for the impressive and appropriate discourse with which he opened the proceedings of Assembly. It may be mentioned that Dr. Ormiston was enabled to come to Toronto, and attend the Assembly for a few days in the course of its sessions. From the first the attendance of commissioners was large, and continued large until towards the close of the sittings of Assembly. All the Ministers commissioned to attend the Assembly were present, and the number of elders who were absent was comparatively small.

The Assembly will be long remembered, not only as being the first meeting under our new organization, but also from the pleasing circumstance that so many deputies from other Churches were present. Their addresses were listened to with great pleasure, and, we believe, produced an impression both on the members of Assembly, and others who were present, which will be permanently beneficial.

We give a synopsis of the proceedings of Assembly, with the results arrived at on the various subjects which engaged its attention.

APPOINTMENT OF MODERATOR.

When the Assembly proceeded to hear the nominations of Presbyteries, it was found that, with almost absolute unanimity, they had nominated Principal Willis. The Rev. W. Gregg, M. A., who had been nominated