

in the East, men have in some cases had to keep their families and meet the expenses incident to a missionary's life, for a year, for less than \$400.

An earnest request came from the Synod of British Columbia that the salaries of their missionaries be not less than \$850 per year. After long and careful consideration this was agreed to; and even then it is less than a much smaller sum would be in Old Canada or the Maritime Provinces.

Friday, the second day of Assembly, was devoted to the colleges, on which to so large an extent depend the life and prosperity of our Church. If a warm spiritual life pervade them, the ministry they send forth will as a rule carry that warmth to their life work, and the Church will reap the blessed results. If the colleges be cold and dead the men they send forth and the congregations to which these men minister will catch in some degree their spirit.

It is usual to begin with Halifax, the oldest, and "go West." This year the order was reversed.

Manitoba College whose report was presented by Dr. King, was founded when the Northwest was young, to train students for the ministry of our Church. It had to teach Arts as well as Theology, for there were no High Schools or Colleges. In the same Arts classes men are educated for other callings, and it has thus done much to impress the young life of the West, and to win for itself additional support.

Last year it had in Arts 179 students, its largest attendance, many of them looking forward to the ministry.

The Theological department, 28 now attending, is held in the summer, to enable students to supply mission fields in the winter when other students are at the college. The summer session adds to the expense, and the Church is not giving enough to support it. The College Board on this ground, asked to have the classes again in the winter, but after long consideration it was decided on account of its great help to Home Mission work, to continue the summer session and urge the Church to its better support.

Knox College Report, presented by Dr. Cavan, shows a larger attendance than ever before, 37 in the first year in Theology, 23 in the second, while from the final year 27 entered the ministry.

Dr. Greggs' resignation and Dr. Thompson's death leave two vacant chairs. To these the College Board nominated Rev. G. L. Robinson, late of Princeton, and Rev. J. Ballantyne, of Knox Church, Ottawa. After a lengthy discussion in which other names well fitted for the positions were favored by many, the nominations were confirmed and Dr. Robinson appointed to the chairs of Old Testament History and Exegesis, and Mr. Ballantyne to that of Apologetics and Church History. Increased income is needed to meet the growing needs, and friends of the College are asked for larger help.

Queen's Report, presented by Mr. Herridge, showed that of the 563 in the University, there were 40 students in the Faculty of Theology, viz., 14 just graduated, 15 in the second year, and 11 in the first year; with some 51 in Arts who purpose studying for the ministry. There is an accumulated deficit and the Faculty appeals for increased support from the Church.

D. Morrice, Esq., presented the report of the Presbyterian College, Montreal. In Theology there were 46 students during the past year, of whom 14 completed their course. In the Ordinary Fund there is no deficit and the prospects are bright. It relies upon the continued generous support of the Church in its good work.

The Report of Morrin College was presented by Rev. K. McLennan. From the will of the late Senator Ross, \$100,000 has been received, and Rev. Dr. Macrae has been appointed as Principal. Of its students six are looking forward to the ministry. Dr. Macrae and his co-workers should have the sympathy of the Church in the effort to make the light of knowledge and liberty burn more brightly amid much surrounding darkness.

Presbyterian College, Halifax, the oldest of them all by a quarter of a century, but stronger and more prosperous than ever before, was reported by Dr. Sedgwick. It had over 40 students in Theology the past year, of whom 14 graduated. Its income fell somewhat short of the expenditure, but its friends by the sea will not fail it. Its summer school of Theology will open on the 14th July. That of last summer was a marked success.

After the Colleges, on Friday, came the report on "Statistics," by Dr. Torrance; 145 closely printed pages; nearly everything in the Church reduced, as far as possible, to figures. Of the myriads note a few:

Churches and stations, 2,412; families, 96,581; communicants, 188,180; elders, 6,742; other office bearers, 10,546; paid for pastoral support, \$906,781; expended on churches and manses, \$424,820; on other congregational objects, \$484,304; schemes of the Church, \$279,494. Including some other smaller amounts given for benevolent purposes, the total giving of our Church for all purposes, during the past year, is reported as \$2,134,990, more than ever before, notwithstanding the hard times.

On Saturday morning the report of the S. S. Committee, presented by Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, Convener, showed 2,126 schools, 17,118 officers and teachers, and 148,000 scholars.

On the question of Lesson Helps, the report recommended that the place of their publication be removed to Toronto, that Mr. Fotheringham be released from his congregation and remove to Toronto to take charge of them, and that \$5,000 be borrowed to pay the cost already incurred in getting them started. After discussion