

Fund from all sources was \$25,598 in the Eastern Section alone, while the whole receipts from all sources were over \$91,000 nearly four times as much as at the Union. In 1880 ten years ago the total receipts East and West for Foreign Missions were \$35,710. During the year just closed, Women's Societies alone raised \$35,000 while, as stated above, the whole receipts were over \$91,000.

COLLEGES.

These have all proved their right to live by living and prospering. There is now no talk of beheading any of them. Our college in Halifax which for some time trembled for its life, as proposal after proposal was made for closing it, and sending our students elsewhere, shows by its report a very prosperous year, and a steadily increasing attendance. Congregational colleges have been about \$200 more than last year and the receipts for the year have exceeded the expenditure by \$315, but a larger balance is needed as there is a floating debt which has accumulated in past years of \$7,394, which it is hoped will be gradually paid off by the increasing contributions of the Church together with the reduced amount that will be paid to Dalhousie College in consequence of the death of Dr. Lyall.

One great element in the prosperity that may attend our work in the future will be a faithful and prayerful support of our own Theological Hall and the training at home of our own young men for the ministry.

SABBATH SERVICES.

The Assembly's Sabbath Services were conducted in the morning by Rev. T. Sedgewick, of Tatamagouche; in the evening by Rev. Dr. Thompson, of Sarnia. We had the pleasure of hearing the morning sermon, a thoughtful, excellent one, of barely thirty minutes, on John XVII: 15, "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil." In the evening we went to hear Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of Toronto, in St. Andrew's Church. Intense, nervous, plain, practical, was the discourse which lasted well on to an hour. In the afternoon the Assembly held a special communion ser-

vice of about an hour's length at which the Lord's Supper was observed, the exercises being almost wholly of a devotional character. The pulpits of the various Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, and Congregational Churches were supplied for the day by Commissioners to Assembly.

FRATERNAL VISITS.

The Methodist Conference held its meeting this year at Ottawa, and was closing its sittings as the Assembly met. Four delegates came to convey the greetings of the Conference to the Assembly. Their addresses were terse and interesting, and were warmly received by the Assembly. While organic unity, all churches united as one, may be far off, may indeed never be accomplished in this world, this fraternal intercourse will do much to bring about that which the Scripture enjoins, the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, all working as brethren for one common end, even though it be under different names.

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

On Monday evening this ever living question was taken up, more pressing in its importance than ever before on account of the increasing boldness of Romish aggression. During the year the 36 schools have been carried on with 1,020 pupils, 16 colporteurs have been employed and 38 missionaries supply 92 stations. The total receipts for the year have been over \$53,000. Father Chiniquy who usually addresses the Assembly on this subject, was present, looking as young and fresh as in past years but there was not time to hear him.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTER'S FUND.

This Fund is partly made up of annual rates paid by the ministers and by donations and contributions from individuals and congregations. Its aim is to provide some support for those who have given their lives to the service of the Church when unable to work either through sickness or old age. The largest amount given from it to any one man is in the East \$200, in the West \$220.

In the East the total receipts for the year have been \$3069, expenditure \$3,548 leaving an adverse balance in the work of the year of