

The Presbyterian Assembly met in Ottawa. Principal Grant, the retiring Moderator, preached a powerful sermon. Rev. Dr. Laing was elected Moderator, a fit reward for a life of earnest labour. The various reports gave evidence of great prosperity in most of the departments of Church work. The income for Home Missions exceeds \$80,000. The Foreign Missions cover a wide field, but ministers on what we term Domestic Missions, are well cared for. The Augmentation Fund seeks to give all such, at least, \$750. The mode of procedure adopted by the Committee of this Fund might be adopted in all our Conferences on behalf of the Sustentation Fund. On behalf of Temperance, Sabbath Observance, and other public questions, the Assembly spoke in strong terms. We are glad to see that a fraternal delegation from Montreal Conference, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Ryckman and others, was cordially received.

The Pan Presbyterian Council is to meet in Toronto in 1892. Rev. Dr. Matthews, Secretary, has been visiting all the Assemblies in America respecting this great gathering, which will be one of unusual interest.

The yearly meeting of the Canada Society of Friends was held at Pickering during the last week in June. All the sessions were held in the Methodist church. Sunday was a great day; two services were held in the Presbyterian and three in each of the Methodist and Friends' churches. The chief ministers were J. T. Dorlam, W. Wetherald, and Mrs. Dale. A meeting in the interest of Home Missions was held on Saturday night, and another on behalf of Japan, on Monday night, at which our own missionary, Rev. J. T. Cocking, was the chief speaker, and made a fine impression. The evening and Sabbath services were largely of an evangelistic character, and were well calculated to promote spiritual growth in Christians, and bring the undecided to decision.

RECENT DEATHS.

Few things have so deeply stirred

the sympathies of the community where he lived as the sudden and tragical death of Mr. Edwin T. Coates, who was killed by being thrown from a horse on the 21st ult. He may be said to have been born and brought up in the Toronto Methodist Book Room, of which his father, Mr. C. W. Coates, now Manager of the Methodist Book Room, Montreal, was for many years the trusted head clerk. In this post he was succeeded by his son, who won the esteem and confidence of all who knew him. He but recently left the Book Room to engage in publishing on his own account, receiving on that occasion a handsome testimonial of the regard of the whole establishment. We little thought that so soon his bright career was to be cut short. No young man in Toronto, we think, had a larger circle of attached friends, or will be more missed and regretted. This distinction he won by his manly Christian character, and his readiness to assist in church work. He was leader of the choir of McCaul Street Church, and an ever-welcome and ever-ready assistant at musical services in the Toronto churches. What a priceless consolation to know that his sudden call found him ready for the summons. "Take me home!" were the only words he uttered after his fall. And how amply fulfilled was his dying request. Swiftly summoned to his eternal home, to the holy angels and the symphonies of heaven, and to the God and Saviour whom he loved and served—a bright young life closed on earth, but unfolding forever in sublimest beatitudes on high.

Wm. M. Souther, late of Hamilton, Ont., recently died at Shanghai, China, where he was labouring as a missionary under the Rev. J. Hudson Taylor. He is the second member of the Hamilton contingent who has died at his post. Mr. Taylor is calling for 1,000 labourers to travel far and wide, distributing books, preaching to the masses, to lend a strong, helping hand in the great work of Christian education, and to exhibit to China the benevolent side of Christianity in healing the sick.