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MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY.

- ALGOMA.—At Gore Bay in September. BRANDON.—At Brandon on July 14th, at 10 a.m. BROCKVILLE.—At Lyn, on July 14th, at 3 p.m. BARRIE.—At Barrie, on May 26th, at 10.30 a.m. BRANDON.—Regular meetings in March, first Tuesday; second Tuesday of July and September of each year. Meets next in Brandon. CALGARY.—At Pincher Creek, Alberta, on September 2nd, at 8 p.m. CHATHAM.—At Chatham, in First Church, on July 14th, at 10 a.m. GLENGARRY.—At Alexandria on July 14th, at 11 a.m. GUELPH.—At Guelph, in Knox Church, on May 19th, at 10.30 p.m.; adjourned meeting at Ferris, in Melville Church, on April 9th, at 2.30 p.m. HAMILTON.—At St. Catharines, on May 21st. HURON.—At Brucefield, on May 12th, at 10.30 a.m. KAMLOOPS.—At Enderby, on Sept. 1st, at 7 a.m. LINDSAY.—At Beaverton, on April 21st, at 11.30 a.m. LONDON.—At St. Thomas, in Knox Church, on May 11th, at 2 p.m.; for conference, and for business on the 12th, at 9 a.m. MAITLAND.—At Wingham, on May 19th, at 11.30 a.m. MONTREAL.—At Montreal, in Knox Church, on June 30th, at 10 a.m. ORANGEVILLE.—At Orangeville, on May 5th, at 10.30 a.m. OWEN SOUND.—In Division Street Hall, Tuesday, April 21st, 10 a.m. PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.—At Portage La Prairie May 4, at 7.30 p.m. PARIS.—At Ingersoll, in St. Paul's Church, on July 7th, at 11 a.m. PETERBOROUGH.—At Peterborough, in St. Andrew's Church, on July 7th, at 9 a.m. REGINA.—At Qu'Appelle on July 8th. SARINIA.—At Sarinia on July 14th, at 7 p.m.

HOME MISSIONS.

MR. EDITOR,—In Western Canada Church extension is endeavouring to keep pace with the march of settlement. New ground is broken this spring in Cariboo, Trail, Ainsworth, New Denver and Midway, in the mining district, and in nine districts on the prairie. There will be 174 missions, with 670 stations in all, occupied this year. Connected with them are over 6,000 families, over 3,000 young men, and more than 7,000 communicants. During the past year there has been a gratifying gain all along the line, the net increase in communicants being about 1,000. Missions are rising to the status of congregations and augmented congregations are becoming self-sustaining. Edmonton, Kamloops, Chilliwack and Comox went off the augmented list this week, and congregations like Union, St. Paul, Victoria, etc., went on. A number of missions like Roland, La Risiere, Chater, Alexander, Whitewood, Wolseley, Douglas, etc., are in a position to call.

From Halifax, Quebec, Montreal, Kingston and Toronto students are going west to give supply during the summer, and they are to be joined by men from the Mother land. Twenty-seven men from the east and Britain have already been appointed, and twenty-five from Manitoba College, and several more have to be appointed in room of men who fell out. In addition to these, the Student's Missionary Societies of Montreal, Queen's and Knox have appointed a large number of men. These appointments are in addition to the ordained missionaries and catechists who were in the field all winter, who will bring up the figure to the number stated above. Several of the students now appointed have agreed to remain out for a year, or eighteen months, so as to meet the wants of the work more adequately. The Synod of British Columbia was allowed \$13,000 for its work last year, and this year the figure had to be increased to \$15,000. The Synod of Manitoba and the N.W.T. is allowed \$16,750. In addition to these large sums the Assembly's Committee pays the Superintendent's salary and all the travelling expenses of students. Owing to the long distance men have to travel to remote points in the West, these expenses are necessarily very heavy.

The American Presbyterian Church, in consequence of large deficits, has been obliged to cease employing students, and for two years no new ground has been broken. This is a ruinous policy in a new country. The Canadian Church has shown a better appreciation of the situation; and promptly wiped out the threatening deficit of last spring. We trust the income will equal the expenditure this year, three weeks will tell. But, if the work is to be vigorously carried on, the revenue must be kept up.

An inadequate revenue begets a timid, halting policy that discourages the missionaries in the field and disappoints the Church. The Church, we trust, will more and more show her appreciation of the opportunity her Redeemer is affording her to extend and establish His kingdom in the new West by steady and generous contributions for its proper maintenance.

J. ROBERTSON.

Toronto, April 16th, 1896

THE STANDARD TICKET FARCE.

MR. EDITOR,—Your reference to the "standard ticket farce" suggests a further word. To those far away from Toronto the reduced railway rate is a matter of considerable importance, as the question of attendance at the opening or closing of College and at Alumni meetings has often to be determined by the question of expense. But unfortunately so many of our graduates seem so utterly careless, or it may be so utterly selfish, that they will not lift a finger to make it easier for those far away to attend. One occasion is remembered when there were plenty present to secure the reduced railway rate, had they but brought the Standard certificates with them. But one thought it not worth while to get a certificate for the short distance he had to come, another had a mileage ticket and that was just as cheap for him, a number either had no certificates or neglected to hand them in time, etc., etc.—not a thought apparently of the advantage or disadvantage to any but themselves. Your correspondent then concluded that either he must pay the regular return rate or forgo the pleasure and profit of attendance at the meetings, and he has generally taken the latter alternative. Possibly a good many others are in the same position, or were in this position until they ceased to think of attending, and lost interest in the work of the Alumni. What wonder "Old Knox" is not helped by her graduates as she might be, when they will not help one another to help her. Let the ticket farce cease.

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Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.

The Synod of Montreal and Ottawa will meet (D.V.) in Eskimo Church, Montreal, on the second Tuesday of May next, at eight o'clock in the evening.

The Business Committee will meet the same day, at 4 p.m.

All papers intended for the Synod should be in the clerks hands at least ten days before that date.

The usual privileges for travel will be given by the leading railway companies; and careful attention to the conditions imposed, at the commencement of the journey, is particularly noted.

K. MAULENNAN,

Levis, March 30th, 1896.

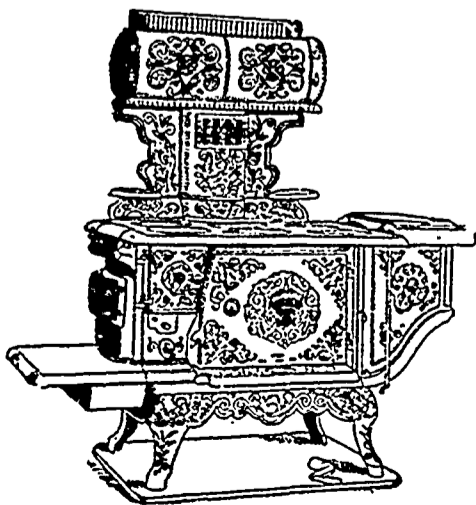
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