

was still due. The local receipts had been \$2,395.97; expenditure, \$2,402.36. He also read the report of the Senate. The rev. gentleman then advocated the representation of the state of their college in Manitoba to the churches in England, Scotland, and Ireland, and thus endeavor to raise money to endow the institution. The Board of Management would be quite content with \$100,000, but no less a sum would enable them to do the work properly.

Rev. Principal Caven said the colleges had no interests apart from the Church, and those who took a desponding view of their condition forgot the great progress these colleges had made, and the large amount raised for the endowment of these institutions. For Knox College they had got nearly \$183,000 for the endowment fund. The people, therefore, contradicted the statement that they took no interest in the colleges. He concluded by moving that the reports of the several colleges should be remitted to a special committee, and with instructions to consider them carefully and report to an early meeting.

Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Kingston, seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

The Moderator named a very large Committee.

THE BUXTON FUND.

Mr. Croil applied for leave for the Standing Committee to appoint a committee to manage the Buxton fund, in connection with the Synod of Hamilton and London.

Leave was granted.

TRANSFER OF CHARGES.

An application was read from the Presbyteries of Owen Sound and Barrie, requesting the transference of the charges of Parry Sound and Collingwood Mountain from the former to the latter Presbytery.

On the motion of the Rev. Mr. Wilson, the overtures were received and the prayer granted.

REPORT PRESENTED.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of Assembly, Synods, and Presbytery of Manitoba, was presented, received, and the records ordered to be attested.

The Assembly then took recess.

AFTERNOON SEDERUNT.

The Moderator took the chair at three o'clock.

BRANTFORD YOUNG LADIES' COLLEGE.

The Rev. Dr. Cochrane, the President of the Young Ladies' Presbyterian College at Brantford, gave in the annual report of the progress of the institution—the report in substance was as follows: The Directors are happy to state that notwithstanding the wide-spread commercial depression, which has been felt severely in similar institutions, the number attending the College has been nearly equal to that of last year. The College, which has been in operation four years, will have graduated at the close of the present session fifty-eight young ladies, who have finished the curriculum and passed the requisite examinations, namely, in 1876, twenty-two; in 1877, thirteen; in 1878, twenty-three. Many of these graduates are already occupying positions of influence and usefulness in different parts of our land.

An analysis of the attendance at the College during the present year shows, that of the 100 students seventy-two are Presbyterians, and of the twenty-three in the present graduating class, twenty-one belong to our own Church. These statistics show beyond all question, that a denominational college for the training of our Presbyterian young women has not been established too soon, and indicates how highly it is appreciated by the members of our Church. It is as yet with us the day of small things; but sufficient has been accomplished to indicate what may be attained ere many years elapse. The Directors, encouraged by the patronage accorded them in the past, and the valued recognition and commendation of the General Assembly from year to year, are determined to spare no expense or efforts to render the College in every way worthy of the Church.

The written examinations in the higher classes during the past year have been for the most part conducted by ministers of the Church, eminent in the departments of literature and science. The reports of these examiners which are now in the hands of the Board of Directors, speak in the highest terms of the exact scholarship and intelligence displayed in the large majority of the papers brought under review.

During the year in addition to the regular lectures and lessons given by the teachers of the College, short courses of lectures have been given on "Rhetoric and Elocution" by Professor Melville Bell, and on "Science and Revelation" by Dr. George Bell, of Walkerton. It is the intention of the Directors to continue such lectureships during the coming year.

The health of all the pupils has been uniformly good, from the opening of the College in 1874 to the present date. Every possible precaution is taken against anything that might engender disease, and the sanitary regulations of the College are most complete. The deportment of the young ladies has been beyond all praise, not a single case of discipline having occurred during the year. Along with a marked devotion to study there has also prevailed a deep religious interest, and fourteen have made a public profession of their faith and united with the Church.

The Board of Directors in closing this report feel that they have done something to provide a felt want in the Church, and that they can with perfect confidence look to this General Assembly for encouragement and support in the carrying out of their plans for the steady advancement of the institution.

Rev. Mr. Torrance spoke in high terms of the Ladies' College, and introduced a motion to the effect that the report be adopted, and that the Assembly express its gratification at the work of the College and commend it to the Church.

Rev. Mr. Grant (Ingersoll) seconded the motion. He said he had been an examiner at the College and he could testify to the good work which it did. The teaching was of a very high order, and parents could depend upon their children receiving a thorough Christian training there. He was glad to know that Mr. T. M. McIntyre, M.A., Principal of the

Ingersoll High School, was appointed Principal of the College. Mr. McIntyre was a gentleman of high character and good literary attainment, and was well qualified to discharge the duties which would devolve upon him in his new position. He could assure the Assembly that young ladies placed under his care would be well taught and well cared for. The citizens of Brantford too treated the College students with much courtesy and kindness.

The motion was adopted.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES.

Rev. Mr. McKee presented the report of the committee to consider applications for licenses. The committee recommended that leave be granted to the Presbytery of Toronto to take on probationary trials for licenses the following:—Messrs. P. Wilkie, F. Ballantyne, J. McCoy, F. R. Beattie, and D. Johnson.

Presbytery of Kingston—A. H. Scott, T. S. Glassford, T. Moody, A. McLean, and H. Taylor.
Presbytery of Guelph—J. Hamilton.
Presbytery of Lindsay—A. Fraser, and A. W. Smith.
Presbytery of Barrie—D. Ross.
Presbytery of Owen Sound—A. Leslie, and D. G. Mackay.
Presbytery of Whitby—T. Atkinson.
Presbytery of Manitoba—J. Duncan, and S. Polson.
Presbytery of Montreal—C. McKillop, J. R. McLeod, W. D. Russell, A. C. Crachet, and F. Walker.
Presbytery of Quebec—W. Pringle.
Presbytery of Saugeen—A. P. Cotter.
Presbytery of Glengarry—J. Geddes.
Presbytery of Chatham—Donald Currie.

The report was adopted.

Rev. Mr. McKee also presented a supplementary report with reference to special cases, recommending that the Presbytery of Toronto be allowed to take on trial W. D. Fotheringham, that the Presbytery of Barrie be allowed to take Wm. Rothwell, that London be allowed to take Mr. Galloway, that Montreal be allowed to receive Antoine Internoscin and George Bernard Tanguay, ex-priests of the Church of Rome, that John Cairns be placed under the care of the Presbytery of Chatham, that the request of the Presbytery of Ottawa, with reference to Mr. James Robertson, be granted, and that the action of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, in admitting Mr. E. Gillies without having attended the Arts Curriculum be sanctioned.

The report was adopted.

PROPOSED NEW PRESBYTERY.

An application was read from three ministers of the Presbytery of Stratford, eleven of the Presbytery of Huron, and nine of the Presbytery of Bruce, to form a new Presbytery on the line of the southern extension of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway, to be called the Presbytery of Maitland.

Rev. Mr. Brown, of Wroxeter, supported the overture on the ground that it was a great difficulty and waste of time and money to get to the Presbyteries as they at present existed, and that by the formation of a new Presbytery the meetings could be more easily attended, ministers and elders would be nearer home, the attendance would consequently be larger and the proceedings more interesting.

Rev. Mr. Cameron (Kippen) also supported the application.

Rev. Mr. Cameron (Lucknow) declared the difficulties members of the Presbytery had to undergo in reaching the place of meeting, and stated that when the Presbytery of Huron met in the north the business was conducted by those of the north; while if it met in the south the business was conducted by the members of the south.

Rev. Mr. Fraser (St. Thomas) moved that the request be granted.

Rev. A. Tolmie opposed the application, contending that no benefit would be derived from the proposed change.

Rev. Dr. Bell, of Walkerton, contended that the granting of the prayer would result in breaking up the Presbytery of Bruce. The Presbytery of Bruce was against the petition unless the Assembly would re-adjust the bounds of that Presbytery.

Rev. Dr. Reid moved that the matter be postponed for a year in order to give each Presbytery an opportunity to send in an opinion as to the plea.

Rev. Mr. Fraser said he would be willing to withdraw his motion for the granting of the prayer if the Assembly would grant him leave to do so.

Leave was granted.

Rev. Mr. McMullen moved that the matter be referred to the Synod of Hamilton and London for decision.

Rev. Dr. Reid said he would withdraw his motion then.

Rev. Prof. McKerras said he would be sorry to see Dr. Reid's motion withdrawn and the matter sent to the Synod because some of the Presbyteries affected were not in the Synod.

Rev. Dr. Reid thereupon said he would not withdraw his motion.

Rev. Mr. Pringle moved that the prayer of the overture be granted.

Mr. McKee moved that a committee be appointed to consider the matter and to report at the next meeting of the Assembly.

A vote was then taken, and Rev. Dr. Reid's motion was carried.

NEW PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.

An application was then read from the Presbytery of London for leave to erect a new Presbytery in the Synod of London and Hamilton, to be called the Presbytery of Sarnia.

Objection was taken to proceeding with the application, inasmuch as the petition was incomplete, and the number of mission stations and congregations being omitted, and reference to them being made in the following manner: "There are blank congregations and blank mission stations in the Presbytery."

The matter was left over in order that the blanks might be filled up.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

An overture in favor of the erection of a new Presbytery

out of the Counties of Lanark and Renfrew, which forms part of the Presbytery of Ottawa, was then brought up.

The overture was agreed to.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report of the Foreign Mission Committee was then taken up, and in connection with it an overture from the Presbytery of Manitoba for permission to form a class of workers composed of young Indian men and boys for education as missionaries.

Rev. Prof. Bryce supported the overture. In doing so he said it was necessary to have workers with Indian blood in their veins. There were two young men now whom the Church had in charge—Donald McVicar and John Black—and it would not require a great deal of money to educate them for the ministry.

Rev. Dr. Reid moved that the overture be remitted to the Foreign Mission Committee, which was agreed to.

Rev. Principal Grant continued his remarks with reference to the Foreign Mission Report, from which he had moved that a paragraph disapproving of the course of the Juvenile Mission Society be expunged. He repeated that the Juvenile Mission was just as much a mission of the Church as any of the missions, and it had been fully recognized by the General Assembly. He contended that the Juvenile Mission could not properly confine itself to receive subscriptions from one section of the Church—the section to which it had belonged before the Union. He was also of opinion that the Committee had the right to assist any of the foreign missions, and especially proper was it for the Juvenile Mission to send its money to the missions of the Church of Canada abroad, instead of sending it, as heretofore, to the wealthy mission corporation of the Church of Scotland. To follow in that course tended to obliterate the old lines and force the Church into one harmonious whole. He found out that the complaint in the Foreign Mission Report was against the Juvenile Mission Committee raising money for buildings. Money had been received from the Juvenile Mission towards the support of agents, and surely the Foreign Mission Board could not object to receive subscriptions from the same quarter for buildings—buildings which the report itself had set out to be very much needed. Such a good work on the part of the Juvenile Mission Board certainly did not call for snubbing. On the ground of Christian efficiency he claimed that it was improper for the one Mission Board to snub the other. The matter could have been brought privately to the notice of the Convener of the Juvenile Mission Committee, and it could have been settled without taking public notice of the matter, and making it appear that there was an apparent collision between the committees. If there was a collision and if the two committees ought to be fused, the course which the convener of the Foreign Mission Committee had taken was not one which would be very likely to bring about that fusion. In conclusion, he expressed a hope that Professor McLaren would withdraw the paragraph and save him from the necessity of pressing his motion to a vote.

Rev. Mr. Burton (Belleville) seconded the amendment of Principal Grant. At the suggestion of Dr. Reid, Principal Grant changed his motion so as to read that the report should be returned to the Foreign Mission Committee for alteration. Rev. Mr. Burton said the statement in the Foreign Mission report was a reflection on the Juvenile Committee, and had the latter Committee known that such a reflection was about to be made, it would have been prepared with a reply before the Assembly. The Juvenile Mission Committee had done the best it could in mission work, and in the course of its work circulars were issued asking for aid for the buildings at Indore. The first intimation that Committee had that it was infringing on the rights of another Committee, was a publication in the "Presbyterian Record." In matters like that, it was generally the custom to give a private intimation of a supposed wrong, and not to publish it abroad without giving those who committed the wrong an opportunity to explain their action.

Rev. Prof. McLaren, in reply, read the paragraph complained of. Principal Grant had, he said, made an unnecessary assault on the Foreign Mission Committee, and the motion he proposed was a very unusual one. Some of the reasons Principal Grant had given in support of his motion, were as uncommon as the motion itself. He had said that the Juvenile Mission Committee was an independent Committee, and not amenable to the Foreign Mission Committee, and, consequently, the Foreign Mission Committee should not call its proceedings in question. It was simply because the Foreign Mission Committee had no right to call in question the action of the Juvenile Mission that it brought the matter before the Assembly, and asked it to call the action complained of into question. He contended that it was unusual in complaining of the report of a Committee to attack the Convener, especially as—as was the case in this instance—the report had been adopted unanimously by the Committee. If the terms used in the Committee with reference to the Juvenile Mission Committee had been introduced into the report it would have been found that the language was a little more stringent than the language in the report. He claimed that the Juvenile Mission Committee was instituted as an auxiliary to the Church of Scotland Mission and it was not its practice until recently to interfere in the work which specially belonged to the Foreign Mission Committee. The new work had been admitted by the Juvenile Mission Committee to be a new departure and that departure was never authorized by the Assembly.

It being six o'clock, Rev. Dr. Robb said there were many committees yet to sit and he would ask that there be no meeting of the Assembly to-morrow morning in order to give the committees an opportunity to meet.

The suggestion was adopted and the Assembly rose.

(To be continued.)

THE revenue of the Established Church of Scotland was £11,000 less this year than last, and the revenue of the Free Church of Scotland was more than £10,000 larger than last year.