

Other routine business was disposed of and the Presbytery adjourned until Tuesday, Sept. 6th.

The Rev. F. Smith of Bradford, occupied the Victoria Harbor pulpit on Sunday evening.

The Rev. Dr. McTavish of Central Church, Toronto, conducted anniversary services in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Parry Sound, last Sunday.

Principal Gordon of Queen's University, was present and delivered an address on the Relation of the Church to the University.

Keas, J. A. Cranston, M.A., and J. H. Bolland, E.A., attended the regular meeting of the Barrie Presbytery held in the county town on Tuesday. Rev. I. Crow, moderator, presided.

The Presbytery of North Bay met at Sprucevale, Tuesday, 19th inst., when there was a large attendance of ministers. The Rev. J. J. Cochrane, of Kearney, was elected moderator for the ensuing twelve months.

Mrs. J. C. Thompson was at the last meeting of the Collingwood W.F.M.S. Auxiliary presented with an appreciative address and a certificate of life membership. The presentation was made by the president, Mrs. W. A. Copeland.

At the close of the regular meeting of the Westminster W.F.M.S. Auxiliary in Mount Forest, Mrs. W. G. Hanna, who has been the efficient president for five years, was asked to leave the chair and an address was read by Mrs. Hermiston, expressive of the high esteem of the society. The address was accompanied by a certificate of life membership presented on behalf of the Auxiliary by Miss Hunter.

Rev. H. D. Cameron, of Allandale, is giving a series of Sabbath evening addresses on Jerusalem and the Holy Land, he having been a delegate to the late World's S. Convention.

A call from Callander to the Rev. J. Steele was sustained by Presbytery and accepted by Mr. Steele. His induction was appointed to take place on Aug. 2nd, the Rev. G. Johnston to preach and preside, Rev. J. Becket to address the minister and the Rev. J. A. Mann to address people.

At the evening session the Rev. S. G. Steele was ordained by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery as Missionary to the French River field.

Next meeting of Presbytery to be in Callander in September, followed by a Convention of Young People's Societies.

**Western**

At the recent meeting of the Hamilton Presbytery Rev. D. M. Robertson, who was called recently to St. Ann's and Wellandport, signified his acceptance of the call, and the arrangements were made for his induction on Aug. 9.

Mr. A. E. Armstrong, a licentiate, signified his acceptance of the call to Lyndoch and Carlholme and the necessary arrangements were made for his ordination and induction on Sept. 8.

Rev. Dr. Murray, of Kincairdine filled the pulpit of Erskine church, Hamilton for two Sabbaths with great acceptance. The next four Sundays the pulpit will be occupied by Mr. L. H. Currie, of Knox College, Toronto. He will have charge of the work during the absence of Rev. R. Martin, who is taking his vacation with his family at Bruce Beach, Lake Huron.

Rev. J. B. McLaren, Columbus, who has been assisting in missionary work in Manitoba for some months, has received a call from the congregation at Kenton, Man.

**Liquor and Tobacco Habits.**

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**Maritime Provinces.**

St. Matthew's church, Mulgrave, was re-opened last Sunday, Rev. Mr. Forbes, of Glace Bay, officiating. The interior has been thoroughly reconstructed.

Rev. Dr. D. J. Fraser, of St. John, has accepted the appointment in Montreal College, to the Chair of New Testament Literature, &c. The Lunenburg congregation has called Rev. Mr. Frame.

**The Late Prof. Campbell.**

Prof. Ross writes of Prof. Campbell that 'one could not live near Dr. Campbell without feeling a strong attachment to his charming personality and great admiration for his many and varied gifts. He was an original investigator of some prominence in the department of ethnology. His mastery of foreign language was wonderful, and his skill as writer of verse, forceful English is well known. And he was not merely a plodding scholar; he had a brilliant and powerful imagination, and could clothe its productions with the warm emotions of a true Celt. I trust that his excursions into the realm of poetry may yet see the light. Some of his fugitive pieces seemed to me to possess a rare rhythmic beauty and true insight into the meaning of nature. He was a warm hearted, chivalrous and enthusiastic friend. He and his wife were never weary of entertaining and serving in every possible way those to whom they were attached. No one could have been more considerate of the feelings and interests of his colleagues than he was. In discharging his duties as acting principal he displayed a tact and skill and knowledge of human nature for which his friends had not previously given him credit. I thought many years of usefulness were yet before him, and his sudden death is inexpressibly sad.'

**State of the Funds.**

The following are the receipts for the several mission funds to the end of July, 1903, 1904.

	1903	1904
Home Mission Fund....	\$15,188 00	\$13,381 00
Augmentation Fund.....	1,668 00	1,625 00
Foreign Mission Fund....	9,975 00	21,910 00
French Evangelization..	3,599 00	2,316 60
Pointe-aux-Trembles		
Fund.....	1,040 00	1,558 00
Widows & Orphans' Fund	882 00	771 00
Aged & Infirm Ministers		
Fund.....	1,145 00	1,058 00
Assembly Fund.....	466 00	434 00

It will be seen that with the exception of the Foreign Mission Fund and Pointe-aux-Trembles Fund the contributions are less to this date than at the corresponding period last year. This is especially true of the Home Mission Fund, the receipts for which are nearly \$2,000 behind. The increased contributions for Foreign Missions are owing to the special effort on behalf of last year's deficit.

Treasurers having missionary funds on hand will oblige by forwarding the amount. They can be allocated according to the desire of the congregation at the end of the year.

R. H. W.

Toronto, July 30th, 1904.

**Chinese in Honan.**

A letter was received recently by Rev. R. P. McKay, Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society, from Miss Bella McIntosh, who was sent out from Toronto last autumn to the mission station at Weiwei, Province of Honan, China. She writes of the beautiful position of the station on the Wei River, where to the west is a splendid view of a mountain range, and the great number of grain fields which lie in the immediate vicinity, show the prosperity of the inhabitants.

"One Sabbath morning," says the letter, "I walked out to a village and heard a number of weird sounds. On coming to the place from where they proceeded I found that it was a funeral procession, with a drummer beating on his instrument with great vigor, the noise of it mingling with the wailing of human voices. Within a few minutes' walk of this spot where the solemn ceremony over the dead was being performed, a number of the natives were at work in the fields, unconcerned over the noise and untrodden over the desecration of the Sabbath. Presently the bell rang in the chapel, and it was a great surprise to me to find the number of Chinamen who had gathered there to join in the

service. As one looks into the upturned faces of the people listening to the everlasting Gospel, it is apparent that to many of them the tidings are of great joy. They sing the hymns so heartily, making melody in their hearts, if not in their voices. Men without Bibles can be seen looking over the shoulders of the persons in front and reading of the life that is to come."

**Sparks From Other Anvils.**

Sunday School Times:—Body without spirit is the most worthless thing in the world. Jesus likened it to the salt earth from the dead sea which, when its savor was gone, was not fit to grow flowers in the bed nor fruit in the garden. It is almost as if he said, better be a dead body which grow violets and vegetables, than a living body which because of a dead soul grows only hateful, hurtful, selfish deeds, unbeautiful, unloved, Pascal once said, "Man is but a reed, but he is a thinking reed." When we take the thinking, loving, worshipping out of man, what a worthless, pitiful reed indeed is there left! There is a natural body, and it is thought; and there is a spiritual body, and it is life,—life here, and life forever and forever.

Christian Observer:—In our religious life spirituality is its very highest quality. This spirituality is more than intellectual, for it is the intellect bowing in deep devotion before the throne of God. It is more than morality, for it is the conscience, quickened into firm conviction, rendering happy obedience. It is also more than sentimentality, for it is the emotions, kindled by the flame of love, throbbing with abiding consecration. It thus implies that the head, the conscience, and the heart are to be touched, moved and warmed by the Spirit of light, life and love, in order to the production of the truly spiritual element in religious experience. Such a life is the life which is hid with Christ in God. It is the life which walks in the Spirit and not after the flesh. This is the life where spirituality is rampant.

Christian Intelligencer:—A loving heart makes a willing hand. Where there is no affection there is no spontaneity in service. Their "heart made them willing" hence the contributions of the children of Israel to the tabernacle were so spontaneous and full of good cheer. There was no constraint put upon them except the constraint of love. Their willingness was not the result of any external inducement. The fountain was right, therefore the stream ran full and free and joyous. The whole man is moved by the heart. This is true, both in a physical and moral sense. When the heart stops beating, man stops living, when the heart stops sympathizing and loving, man stops praying and giving and doing. That attachment is worth nothing where the heart is not the propelling power. That religion is nothing but a cold abstraction; it is worth nothing if it does not engage the heart; it is worth nothing if it does not engage the heart of him professing it. Real, earnest, zealous workers in the Church, and the royal givers are they who have hearts that make them willing, whose pulsations answer to the heart beats of their Divine Lord and Master; who put a heart into everything they have, and give and do. Let the Church be replenished with such, and we shall see a wicked world surprised and made better.

Southwestern Presbyterian:—The history of men like Rehoboam and Jeroboam teaches us the lesson that except one be born again he cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven. The principle of heredity is so mighty, the practical reproduction of evil so universal and potent, that nothing short of a change of nature can compass its influence. History and experience no less than the direct words of Christ tell us of the necessity of the new birth.

**A Fifty Million Dollar Problem.**

The above title is the caption of an interesting pamphlet issued by the passenger department of the Grand Trunk Railway System in connection with the World's Fair at St. Louis, April 30th, to December 1st, 1904. The publication contains a very comprehensive and interesting description of the Fair, given in the speech delivered by the Hon. Richard Bartholdi in the House of Representatives, Washington. The information contained in the brochure will tell you how to solve the "\$50,000,000 Problem," and help you to decide upon the best way to reach St. Louis, the cost, many suggestions, and a number of side trips that can be taken en route, with the price of tickets, etc. The pamphlet is for free distribution, and may be obtained from any of the Agents of the Grand Trunk Railway System.