this land that it never had before. He would therefore move in amendment, "That in view of the returns sent up by Presbyteries, Kirk Sessions, and to the remit on union, it be *Uesolved*, that the Synod procoed at once to the consummation of union on the said basis, taking all necessary steps by legislation or otherwise, but reserving to ifact in the meantine the power to after the terms of the proposed disposal of the temporalities fund."

The Rev. Mr. Campbell, Montreal, in seconding the amendment, said it was explicitly stated in the remit that they did not alter in the slightest degree the principles hold by them in 1844. He proved from the records of the Church that the Synod had been overtured on the question of union several times. The Church, as it now was, all not represent the Seatch people of the did not represent the Scotch people of this country. They were universally weak, and country. They were universally weak, and the Presbyterians were universally strong but each had elements which, it unted, would form a church that every Irish as well as Scotch Prosbuterian would have eason to be proud of. He knew there were Ministers of the Church who sacrificed their own feelings and advocated this union for the advantages that would accrue to the Church in the future.

It being eleven o'clock the debate was adjourned till next day.

CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SECOND DIET.

Wednesday, June 3. The Moderator took the chair at 11 o'clock

The first hour was spent in devotional ex-orcises. Shortly after noon the Assembly was constituted for business.

The Clerk, the Rev. Mr. Fraser, read the minutes of yesterday's diet, which was sustained, after several corrections had been made. The reading and correction occupi-ed nearly three quarters of an hour.

Rev. R. Hamilton moved that Mr. Cookrane be asked to sit with the Assembly as a Corresponding, Secretary.

The motion was ruled irregular.

Rev. R. Warden read the report of the Committee on Bills and Over ures, appointing the order of business for the day. The report was read and adopted.

Rev. T. Wardrope presented the report of the Committee on Commissions, recommending that certain changes in Commissions from the Presbyteries of Guelph and

Stratford to the General Assembly be sauc The report was received. On the motion

for adoption. Rev. J. McTavish, of Woodstock, contended that the adoption of the report would lead to indefinite irregularities.

Rev. W. Reid thought it better to decide on the matter now before the Assembly and to prepare an overture subsequently to decide the constitutional points as to the time within which substitutions might be made for Commissioners who had resigned. He thought ten days before the Assembly would be sufficient.

Rev. Dr. Proudfoot moved that the charges be made, without adopting the arguments contained in the report.

Rev. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Rev. Professor McLaron contended that the motion was ultra vires, as it would set aside the constitution of the Assembly itself

After some further discussion one o clock arrived, and after an announcement that the Dominion Tolograph Company had pre-sented a franked book to the Assembly.

The benediction was pronounced, and the Assembly adjourned.

AFTERNOON SEDERUNT.

The Assembly met at 3 o clock.

After devotional exercises, the minutes of the morning sederunt was read and sus-The discussion of the report of the Com

mittee on Commissions and the point of order raised by Prof. McLaren on Dr. Proudfoot's motion was resumed.

Rev. Prof. Gregg said the action of the Assembly last night in referring this matter to a Committee had settled the competency of the motion. It Prot. McLaren desired to have the letter of the law so strictly observed, he would insist upon a third of the ministers being present.

After further discussion and several pre ecdents being quoted

The moderator ruled that in his opinion according to the letter of the law Dr. Proud foot's motion was not competent.

Rev. Mr. Wilson appealed to the Assombly on the Moderator's ruling, which was sustained by 65 to 16.

Rev. Principal Caven moved that the substitutions . scommended be allowed, but be not regarded as precedents.

Another point of order was raised and discussed, and the motion was ruled out of

After further conversation.

A motion by Principal Caven to the effect that the substitutions recommended, be allowed notwithstanding their irregularity, and that a Committee be appointed to consider the matter of modifying the part of the Act in connection with the appoint-ments, was carried by 71 to 25.

On the order for the Report of the Committee of Statistics.

Rev. W. Cochrane stated that during the year the Convoner, Dr. Waters, had left for New Brunswick, after calling a meeting at which only members of the Presbytery of Stratford were present, and Mr. Mitchell of Mitchell, was elected convoler. Subsequently Mr. Mitchell called another meeting, at which we are was present from outquonty Mr. Mitchell called unother mouting, at which no one was present from outside the Presbytery of Stratford except Mr. Torrance, of Guelph, and Mr. Mitchell having resigned, Mr. Torrance was elected

mary of Statistics, of which the following is a synopsis.—Ministers on the rolls of Presbyteries 329, against 315 last year; number of regular charges 515, an increase of 12 with 48 stations, a decrease of two. vacancies 79, mission stations 33, number of families connected with the Church was reported to be 27,918 and estimating each family to comain five persons it might be affirmed that upwards of 140,000 persons were under the pasteral oversight of a stated ministry, or enjoy suc. occasional means of grace as Presbyteries were able to afford. Single persons not connected with congregations, numbered 4,175. The number of communicants had increased to 49,815. 5,845 had been added to the church during the year, and the diminution hall been 3,533 leaving a gain of 2,314, or 141 more than last year. The baptisms had numbered 4,703, including those of 123 adults. The number in the sabbath schools was 31,267, and in bible classes 8,269; the was 31,267, and in bible classes 8,260; the eiders were reported at 1,987; other office bearers at 3,581; and Sabbath School teachers at 4,094. Of 98,189 volumes in libraries, no less th... 86,658 belonged to Sabbath Schools. Sittings in church numbered 114,190, and Missionary Associations 168, white 28 churches and 21 manses have here below better the company of the state of the second of the second seco been built or repaired during the year. The stipend promised was \$220,885, and that actually paid \$232,504 an increase over the amount paid last year of \$11,283. The average per minister was \$700 against \$702 last year. Arrears of stipend amounted to to \$5,801, the only Presbyteries in which there were no arrears being Kingston, Hamilton, Paris, Chatham, and Huron. The amount raised for building churches and manses had been \$154,876. These sums, with \$89,540 expended in other ways, made a total of \$477,961 raised for strictly congregational purposes, being an increase of \$14,591 over that obtained last year. The total amount contributed for the schemes of the Church was, \$55,155, a considerable falling off from last year. The sum return-ed as raised for Collego buildings was \$28,-645 and for various benevolent objects \$24, 448. The total contributions for all purposes amounted to \$585,899 or an increase or an increase over the sum reported last year of \$24,998.

Lev. John Gray, of Orillia, said he thought the Assembly ought to express its gratitude to God for the great mercy that he had shown them. He moved the reception of the report, the thanks of the Assembly to the Committee and especially to the Convener for his painstaking labours, and the usual vote to him of a slight compensation.

Rev. W. Reid said the report was one of the most complete he remembered, and they must all feel grateful to Mr. Torrance for having got his report before the Assembly on so early a day. (Applause).

The motion was agreed to. The recommendations were then considered scriatim. On the first recommendation,

Rev. J. M. King, of Toronto, commented on the great incompleteness of the reports of Presbyteries at present, and advocated some step being taken to obtain the reports more promptly.

Rev. T. Wardrope argued the necessity of making the ecclesiastical year coincide with

the ordinary year (Hear, hear) The recommendation was agreed to.

On the second recommendation.

Rev. Dr. Proudfoot said he thought the mere adoption of the recommendation would not have any effect.

Rev. Dr. Taylor, of Montreal, said he thought the form of the statistical returns should be simplified.

Rev. J. M. King moved the omission of the words, and the mission stations, from the recommendation. After some discussion, the original recom-

mendation was agreed to. The third recommendation was agreed

Rov. Mr. Fraser asked if it would be in

order now to change the coclesiastical year to correspond with the ordinary year. After a few internal remarks, the subject dropped.

On the recommendation of the Presbytery of Hamilton, it was agreed to admit Mr. Henderson as a student of the second year in theology.

The Presbytery of Manitoba made an application to have three students in the Manitoba College traind in theology under the care of the Presbytery.

Rev. Prof. Bryce said that the reason for the application was the great difficulty there was in sending the young men down to the existing Theological Colleges.

Rev. Principal Caven said this was a very grave proposal, as it was in fact establishing a theological faculty in Manitoba College. He moved the reference of the application to the Committee or College reports.

Agreed to. An application from the Toronto Presbytory for leave to retain the name of Dr. Jenning, on the Presbytery roll was agreed

It being six o'clock, the Sol-runt closed with the benediction.

EVENING SEDELUNE

The Assembly met again at half past seven o'clock. After de otional exercises and the confirmation of the minutes of the Afternoon Sederunt.

The Moderator nonunated the Committee to consider the constitutional question dis cussed in the afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Cochrane read the report of the Home Mission Committee The Committee regretted that the increase in the funds reasonably expected and absolutely necessary if the Church is to retain her present posttion, and occupy new fields, has not been fully realized; the result is that the close of the financial year finds the disbursements in excess of the receipts to the extent of \$140.52; the contributions from all sources are \$20,581 25, while the expenditure is \$20,780 70. It has only been by the strict-Convener.

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Ret. Torrance then read the report of the Committee on Statistics. After reference the Removal of Dr. Waters and acknowledging, his worth and ability, the Committee preceded to give a sum.

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The British Columbia mission asked the General Assembly to take its grant towards the minister's salary from grant towards the minister's salary nom \$1,000 to \$1,200, and to make good the deficit of \$187 in the amount of \$600 promised place th. Committee in a position to fid to be raised for that purpose by the congregation. The report from Manitoba was calculated in the purpose of the four of debt. As the case now stands, for eight months in the year the Committee, in order to meet pressing other constants. the salaries of missionaties be 8900 per annum for married men, and 3700 for un-married men, and that the Home Mission married man, and that the Home Mission Committee be hereafter relieved of the support of the Manntoba College, Messra, McKellar and Currie, students of the third year, of Knex College, had been sent to labour in the Student's Missionary Society during the present summer. The Committee, at the meeting in October, passed a resolution requiring the Presbytery of Manitoba horsefter to refer the registration of toba hereafter to refuse the registration of any missionary until the Committee has been corresponded with, and time allowed to supply his place. Notwithstanding that the Presbytery of Manitoba remonstrated against such a requirement as infringing on their rights as a Presbytery, the Committee still adhere to their resolution as essential to the regular supply of ordinances and the very existence of our stations in distant localities of the Province. The Committee announced that \$3,122 had been promised towards Church building in Muskoka. They referred with pleasure to the erection of a new church in the north west of Toronto. They concluded as follows: - The scheme proposed by the Committee and adopted by the General Assembly, with a view to the more effectual working of supplemented congregations, has met with gratifying success during the past year. In the ma-jority of cases the congregations have come up to the standard demanded, thus consuring a continuance of the home mission grant and addition to the greater comfort of the minister. In the eyes of a few where, for different reasons, measures had not been taken to bring the matter before the congregation, or where the congregations promised to come up to the requirements of the Committee before the next meeting the grants have been continued. The fact being reported to the Assembly, the Committee, at its meeting in April, agreed to recommend to the Assembly, first, that the allowance to students for support work be increased. to students for summer work be increased to six dollars per Sabbath, together with board and travelling expenses to their fields of labour; second, that the renumeration to probationers supplying vacancies be in no case less than seven dollars with board, and that this amount be increased gralually in proportion to the stipend paid by the respective congregations before they become vicant. The Committee have to notice with deep regret the loss sustained by the removal of the Rev. Dr. Waters to St. John, N. B. For many years Dr. Waters most officiently performed the duties of Clerk to the Committee, and in every way possible co-operated for the extension of our Home Mission work." Mr. Cochrane said the Committee had

hoped that the increase for the year would have been considerably larger than it had Still, the Committee were thankful that they were hardly in debt, as the \$149 against them was balanced by \$200 due to the Committee by the Irish Presbyterian Church for the stipend of a missionary. He pointed out that the towns and cities took by far the largest share of the work of contributions, while the whole sum was only 40 cents per communicant. There were now 116 mission stations, against 111 last year; 67 supplemented congregations against 70 last year, three having become self-sustaining; and 47 probationers on the roll for distribution, against 86 last year. He explained the several statements and recommendations of the report, returned his thanks to all the members of the Committee, and especially to Mr. Torrance, the Convener of the sub-Committee, and Mr. Warden, who had given great assistance during the year, and concluded by expressing his desire to be relieved from the duties of Convener of this Committee.

Rev. Principal Cavan moved that the General Assembly receives the report of the Home Mission Committee, tender its thanks to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, for the valuable services sendered to him in the office which he holds, and remit the reports to a Committee to consider the same and report a deliverance for the adoption of the Assembly. He said they all felt themselves under deep obligations to the Committee, and especially the Conveners, who carried on most of the work of the Committee. He referred in high terms to the great services rendered by Mr. Cochrane, and heard with deep regret of his desire to reme from this position. He hoped Mr. Cochrane would reconsider the matter. The report was a zery interesting one. He concluded by moving his resolutions.

Mr. Warden King, of Montreal, seconded the motion.

Rev. John McTavish, of Woodstock, pre-ferred the motion should be separated into two parts, so that the report could be discussed by the Assembly.

Rev. J. McTavish said he would be willthe Assembly desired it to be postponed till morning. (Cries of "Go on.") He proceeded to refer to the debate of the report. He alluded to the proposal of the Committee in reference to the appointment of missionarias in Manitoba, and remarked that if Manitoba p. I the missionaries they should appoint them, but when the Committee appointed and paid them, he thought their resolutions should be sustained. He arged them to deal frankly with their peo-ple in the matter of money. He pointed out the small sum of 40 cents which was out the small sum of 40 cents which was obtained for this great work, and added that if he got all the tobacco out of the congregations, he would support all the ministers of the Church—(laughter)—and if he got the whiskey as well, he would do a great deal more, (Laughter.) He believed that if Mr. Cochrane retained both the office of Convener and his congregation as well, he would not live would not live.

Rov. W. Rogers, of Collingwood, hopod that the organization would be amended so

be necessary were the members and adherents of our Church sirve to the importance of Home Masson work. The contributions of 50,000 members should be such as to cations, have to borrow large sums of money, trusting to forthcoming collections to discharge their indebtedness. How to meet old claims without entering into new Present chounstances. The total amount contributed by the several Presbyteries, had been \$20,581 against \$19,022 last year, showing an increase of \$1,558. The receipts mentioned included \$814 from Sabbath Schools, \$272 in donations, \$486 for Mantaba from the Free Church of Scotland, and \$206 from Manitoba College. Besides this \$2,385 had been received from Knox Collego Missionary Society; \$1009 from the Montreal College Missionary Society, and \$145 from mission stations in Manitoba. The total sum received was \$24,480 as against \$21,242 for 1872-8. The Presbytaries which contributed has been supported by the contributed teries which contributed the largest amounts were, Toronto \$5,801; Montreal, \$2,728; Hamilton, \$1,996; London, \$1,883; and Paris, \$1,277. The report contained statements of considerable length and interest contributed by the people was not 40 cents, but really \$11, as shown by the report submitted in the afternoon. He objected to any coercion being used toward the Manitoba Presbytery, and suggested the employ-ment of agents to awaken interest in the people in regard to this matter.

Rev. Professor Bryce denied that the Manitoba Presbytery had set itself in hostility to the Committee.

Rev. Principal Cavan explained that he had not intended to allude to any greater liberality on the part of the Wesleyans, but had referred to the want of organization in their own Church to obtain a Home Mission

After some remarks from Rev. Mr. Waiden, in which he complained that wealthy men did not contribute to the fund as they ought,

Ten o clock having arrived, the Benediction was pronounced, and the Assembly adjourned.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

(Thursday Morning.)

The Assembly met at 10 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. McPherson, Moderator.

The Committee on Bills and overtures esented their second Report, which on motion was adopted.

Preaching before the Assembly. A committee consisting of Messrs. Hay, Me-Millan, Durie and Rev. Messrs. Wardrope and McLaren, were appointed to make arran gements for the supply of Knox Church Pulpit next Sabbath.

Address to his Excellency Earl Dufferin. The Committee appointed to draft an address to Earl Dufferin, Governor General of the Dominion, reported said address which on motion was adopted.

The Assembly appointed a Delegation consisting of the Moderator and Clerks of Synod, with Dr. Topp, Dr. Taylor, Principal Cavan, Hon. Jno. McMurrich to present the address to Lord Dufferin.

A communication was read from the Hon. A. MacKenzie, intanating that the Parliamentary Library would be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., for the use of members of Assembly.

The Moderator announced that he would name the committee to nominate standing Committees in the af ernoon.

Principal Cavan's motion of thanks to the Convener of the Home Mission Committee, and remitting the annual Report to a Committee to consider was carried. The Moderator intimated tha the would name the Committee in the afternoon.

An overture on Home Mission regula-tions from the Cobourg Preshytery was read. It engaged certain alterations in the rules at present in force regarding . Probationers and Ministers, and also regarding congregations which were in arrears of stipend.

Mr. Bennett was heard in support of the overture. He specified certain laws now in force which were in his opinion objectionable-which neither Students nor Presbytories observed-which had been framed peacement and were inconsistent with each

Mr Ewing followed to the same effect Mr J. M. King, Toronto, moved that the overture should be sent to the Committee appointed to consider the Home Mission Report. Mr. Benuctt moved that the prayer of the everture be granted. Mr. King's motion was carried by a very large majority.

OVERTURE FROM MONTREAL PRESBYTERY ANENT REMUNERATION OF STUDENT

An overture on the above subject was read and Dr. McVicar heard in its support. The overture was transmitted to the Committee on the Home Mission Report.

An application from the Hamilton Preshytery to retain on the roll, the name of the Rev. George Cheyne, was read and unanimously agreed to.

A similar request was made on the part of the Brockville Presbytery for Mr. Lochead, and agreed to.

The request of the Presbyteries of Brockville and Ottawa, to make transference of South Gower congregation to Ottawa Presbytery, was agreed to.

A request of the Presbytary of Durham that Chosley congregation by transforred to the Presbytory of Bruce, was agreed to.

Mr. Hastie on the part of the Brockville Presbytery, applied to have liberty to put the name of the Roy. E. D. McLaren an ordaned Missionary on the roll. On motion of Mr. Warden the application

was remitted for consideration to a Com-mittee.

time added to the roll of that Prosbytery. The application was remitted to a committee to consider and report

Overture : from Presbytories of Montreal, Toronto and Hammion, in favour of holding an Economical word read also, a document in a vour of the same from the General Assumbly of the Presbyterian Church of the t .s. Pending the discussion of this subject, the Assembly adjourned to meet again at

AITERNOON SEDERUNT.

B p.m.

The afternoon sederunt commenced at three o'clock.

The subject of an Coumerical Council was taken up.

Rev. James White, of Osgoode, moved, "That we express our approval of the objects named in the communication, and appoint a Committee to meet or correspond with the Committees from other Presbyterian denominations on the subject.

Rev. R. Urc, of Coderich, liked the idea of unicu, which meant strength, and thought that in foreign missions at least this Church might correspond with other Churches. The matter, however, required some consideration. He ask I what were the objects of the Council.

Rev. Dr. Topp said that for instance it was desirable that the Presbyterian Churches should not interfere with one another in foreign mission fields, and it was also advisable that no alteration should be made in the Confession of Faith without a general agreement.

After some conversation,

Rev. Mr. Reid said that the Committees would simply consider the time, place and manner of holding the Council, but it would be two or three years before the Council could be held.

Rev. Mr. Ure urged that the Committees ought to receive instructions as to the course they should take.

Rev. W. Reid said the first thing for the Assembly to consider was the advisability of the meeting of the Council. Then it should consider the appointment of the Committee.

Rov. J. McTavish wanted to know if the appointment of the Committee would bind the Church to an approval of the Council.

Rev. J. White, of Osgood, thought there was too much fear in this matter.

Rov. Principal Caven said he believed the motion committed the Assembly to approval of the general idea of an Œcu-menical Council, and he would vote for it on that ground.

Rev. Mr. Inglis of Ayr, thought this Church had looked too much to themselves in past years. He hoped they would go forward in this work without doubt or fear. The motion was then agreed to.

Rev. Mr. Fraser moved that the following be the Committee:—Dr. Topp, Professor Gregg, Principal McVicar, Dr. Burns, Hon. John McMurrich, and Mr. Staunton. names of the Moderator and Clerks, and the Revs. Dr. Taylor and J. White were added and the motion then passed.

Rev. J. M. King presented the report of Committee on Delegates from other bodies.

Rev. H. Gordon then addressed the Assembly. He bore fraternal groetings from the Church he represented to the General Assembly. He urged that at this time above all others, they should unite to defend their Church. They wanted more esprite de corps among Presbyterians and he was sorry to say that there were ministers and elders who felt compelled to apoldgize because they were Presbyterians. He contended that they had nothing to be ashamed of in Presbyterianism though he was only too happy to recognize the service rendered to Christianity by other bodies. There never was such a field for Christian effort as the Am-Rev. H. Gordon then addressed the Assuch a field for Christian effort as the American Continent. When every ism had its representatives, Presbyterians ought to be in the front, and never trail their banner in the dust. A tremendous crisis was coming upon the church and history was being made in a day. He hoped their respective bodies would stand shoulder to shoulder to meet the crisis, to labor for the salvation of souls and the extension of the Redeemer's king-dom. He contended that the inculcasion of truth was the great back-bone of the Christian Church. He proceeded to allude to the proposed marriage between the other church and this one. In the United States church and this one. In the United States they had gone through this stage. He had been present in Pittsburg when the bodies united, and described the scene on that occasion. With the union a spirit of Missionary zeal and of religious conventious sprang up, and the result was a blessing to the whole community. He pointed out that there was no necessity for two regiments that there was no necessity for two regiments to picket against one another, or for one denomination to occupy a field already filled by another. The Home Mission Board of the United States were perhaps the most perfect of the Boards of the Presbyterian Church of the United States. All this was the result of the Union consumated in 1858. The Dominion now held by far the most ranguificent field for labor. He concluded by wishing that God's blessing might rest upon them, and that the future might tend to God's glory, and the extension of the Church. The Moderator expressed the thanks of the Assembly to Mr. Gordon.

Roy. Mr. Warden moved that the report riev. Air. Warden moved that the report presented by Mr. King be received, and that Messrs Wallace and Campbell, of Toronto, be appointed to wait upon the Congregational Union, to meet in that

An overture from the Presbytery of Pres-cott, praying that Mr. John J. Richards, a student from the States, be licensed was read, and the prayer was granted.

An overture was then read praying that the financial year be changed so as to conclude with the ordinary year.

Mr. H. Young moved that the overture be referred to the Presbyteries.

A long, desultory discussion took place. Rev. J. White moved that the overture be received and laid on the table.

The amoudment was lost, and the original motion carried. The Committee appointed to consider amondments to the act of Assembly reported. They suggested an amendment to the

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