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supplying in turn the vacancies in the Synod; thirteen ordained missionaries, supplying groups of mission stations, and thirty-five student catechists during the summer months in other parts of the Home Mission Field. The receipts for the year were \$5,589.75. Expenditure, \$5,288.84. Next year \$1500 more will be required.

Mr. Edwin Smith submitted the Report on Augmentation, Eastern Section. Out of 178 congregations in the Maritime Synod, 132 paid in full the amount asked of them; 33 paid partially, and only 13, of which 7 were vacant charges, failed to contribute. The whole receipts were \$8,566; the expenditure about \$8,000.

Rev. Dr. Cochrane submitted the Report on Home Missions and Augmentation in the Western Section. The receipts for the year were \$76,000; the expenditure, \$83,000, shewing the great work done, especially in the vast North West.

After the reception of the reports the Assembly was addressed by Rev. John Stewart, delegate from the Free Church of Scotland.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14TH,

was occupied chiefly with devising the best ways and means for carrying on work in Manitoba and the North West Territories, and the appointment of standing committees on the different schemes of the church for the coming year.

Tuesday evening was devoted to the Report on Foreign Missions. Addresses were given by three missionaries who were present who labor among the Indians in the North West, viz.: Revs. James Fleck, John McKay, and Hugh McKay. In the veins of the two former runs an equal admixture of Scotch and Indian blood. The evening was a thoroughly enjoyable and interesting one. Of the substance of the Report we shall have more to say hereafter.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15TH.

The forenoon session was chiefly occupied in the appointment of the standing committees on the different schemes of the church, and in the afternoon one important item of business was the consideration and adoption of rules and regulations for the management of the Aged Minister's Fund, East and West.

Considerable time was also given to the question of reduced representation in the

Assembly, as also to the question of a certain course of studies for intending medical missionaries.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16TH.

The returns of Presbyteries to the remit of last Assembly regarding marriage with a deceased wife's sister, aunt or niece, was taken up, and the Assembly, after full discussion, resolved, that in the meantime discipline be not exercised for such marriage, and that the proposal to strike out from the confession the clause forbidding it, be sent down to Presbyteries in terms of the barrier act.

Some time was occupied in considering the report of the committee on the reception of ministers from other churches as also that on the retirement of Aged Ministers.

Not the least interesting and important of the subjects before Assembly was the "State of Religion," Temperance, and Sabbath-schools; all of which were spoken to earnestly and well, and to the subject matter and facts of which we hope to return from time to time more fully. A number of other items of lesser importance were disposed of, and the Assembly adjourned at noon on Friday, strengthened and encouraged to go forward to the work of another year.

A PURE HEART MAKES PURE SPEECH.

The true way to make pure and wholesome our own share in the ceaseless tide of words which is forever flowing around us is to strive to make pure and wholesome the heart within. "Keep thy heart," says the wise man, "keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." If once our hearts have been trained to care very deeply for what is best and purest in life, for what is beautiful and true in thought, our heartiest mirth, our freest jest, or hasty words, will not be those of men and women who are indifferent, who care nothing for noble living, nothing for a Christian life, nothing for a Christian spirit.

There are three things which the true Christian desires with respect to sin:—justification, that it may not condemn; sanctification, that it may not reign; and glorification, that it may not be.—*Cecil*.

I have seen many dying beds, but never have I seen one which seemed to me to be a proper place in which to make preparation for eternity.—*Albert Barnes*.