

their work, are one. They should not try to get pupils from each other's schools.

Good Sir William Dawson, scholar, scientist, Christian, was kindly remembered by the Assembly, as in his chamber life's sun draws on towards its peaceful setting. A resolution of respect and sympathy, proposed by Principal MacVicar, was cordially adopted and forwarded; and from the sick room came back greetings, as from the land of Baulah, breathing rest and peace and cheer and hope.

Figures, figures, figures! What multitudes of them in the Report on Statistics as presented to Assembly; a store-house of fact in all matters relating to the work of the Church. All our congregations and missions are there by name; with all that concerns each one; e.g., how many church buildings it has; how many sittings in these; the number of families, communicants, elders, managers; the number attending prayer meeting and Sunday School; what societies there are and how many belong to them; what is given by each to Home, and Foreign, and all other schemes. There are places for forty-seven different items of information in figures, regarding each congregation and its work. Scarcely a question can be asked, of things capable of being put into figures, concerning any congregation of our Church, but finds there an answer. Then there are pages and pages of averages, totals, comparisons, etc., until one wonders at the ingenuity that could devise and tabulate such numerous and varied ways of giving information and from so many standpoints. The more one looks into that store-house of information, the Blue-Book, the more inexhaustible it seems. One drawback to their value is the difficulty of getting accuracy and uniformity in the reports from sessions and congregations.

"If you seek his monument look around you," is the epitaph in St. Paul's Cathedral, to its great architect. No better proof is needed of the value of Augmentation, this grand nursing scheme of the Church, than its monuments all over the land. Since the scheme in its present shape was started, fourteen years ago, twenty-eight congregations in the East, and over two hundred in the West, have been nursed by it into self-support, and are now in their turn helping on the work of the Church in Home and Foreign lands.

Where the three Funds, Home Mission, Church and Manse, and Augmentation, have each played so large a part in the solid growth and progress of our Church in the Home land, it is difficult to say which in its measure has been the most helpful, but this can be said, that the Augmentation Fund has in its sphere done a grand work in helping weak congregations to a settled pastorate and to self-support; and without it our Church, and the cause of right, the cause of Christ, in Canada, would not be in the posi-

tion that it is in to-day. As patriots, as Presbyterians, as Christians, one of the best investments we can make for the future good of our country, our Church, our Christianity, is the loyal support of such a scheme as this one which nurses into self-support, all over our land, organized bodies of men and women whose one aim in organization and work is the establishment and up-building of goodness and truth.

The temperance stream, water, always flows deep and strong at Assembly. This year the coming plebiscite gave volume to the current, while a slight backward squall did its little part in relieving the monotony of uniformity, in calling forth the power of the movement, and making more apparent its resistless onward flow. Thus each in his own way contributed to the strength of the judgment, which, in voicing itself by resolution, found almost unanimous expression in the two following recommendations of the Committee on Church Life and Work:—

5. This Assembly desires to renew deliverances of past years on the subject of Temperance, declaring the general traffic in intoxicating drink to be contrary to the Word of God and to the spirit of the Christian religion, that total legal prohibition is the true goal of all efficient temperance legislation, and that the Church of Christ can make no compromise with a traffic that is in such deadly antagonism to all human happiness, all social virtues, and all religious life.

6. That in view of the approaching plebiscite the recommendation of last Assembly be renewed, namely:—"That our people are hereby earnestly exhorted to use their utmost endeavors in every lawful way to carry the plebiscite in favor of Prohibition, by an overwhelming majority, and thus free the Church from one of its deadliest foes, our land from untold misery and crime, and our modern civilization from its direct reproach and shame."

"French" night was this year well named. After briefly submitting the Report the Convener called in succession on a large number of French missionaries, who in ten minute addresses told of their work; while between the addresses a large French choir sang very sweetly some of their beautiful French hymns. The brief addresses, the variety in thought and speech, and also in the use of the English language, the quaint sweet French hymns, combined to make a good French night; which came to a close by a characteristic address from the Old Man eloquent, Pere Chiniquy, now in his ninetieth year. The key note of French Evangelization, which was sounded very distinctly by Rev. Dr. Amaron at the opening of the meeting, is not proselytism, but to give to the French Canadians the Word of God in their own tongue, to lead them to the light, the truth, and then to let them choose for themselves their Church connection.