WITH THE PRESBYTERIANS

INTERESTING SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Rev. Dr. Robertson Appointed Professor in Knox College—College Reports Show Good Work in Every Department—Good News From Far Countries—Reports From the Foreign Field.

Educational matters were taken up at the morning session of the General Assembly, the report of Manitoba College being the first to come under review. The year had been a prosperous one for the college, save in one particular, it having been found necessary to abandon the summer session, owing to lack of support. The latter question was placed in the hands of a committee, which will try to devise a means for the holding of a session this summer.

Knox College report was presented by the venerable Principal, Dr. Caven. An extension of the class lists was shown, but the report called attention to a great need for increased funds, shrinkage in interest having brought the revenue from investments down to $10,000, leaving a deficiency of over $6000.

Regarding the vacant chairs in Old Testament Literature and Exegesis and Apologetics and Church History, the board of the college nominated two candidates. For the first-named chair Rev. George L. Robinson, Ph.D., of Roxbury Church, Boston, who was named in the report, was unanimously elected. For the second term the name of Rev. Jas. Ballantyne, pastor of Knox Church, Ottawa, was submitted by the board. In the discussion, however, the name of Rev. James Somerville, D.D., of Owen Sound, was presented and discussion was prolonged until the noon hour.

Educational Concerns.

College matters were under consideration during almost the entire afternoon sederunt. The question of filling the vacant chair of apologetics and church history in Knox College was discussed at considerable length. In amendment to the College Board report, nominating Rev. James Ballantyne, Rev. Dr. McKay moved the remission of the report for further consideration in the light of the recommendations of Presbyteries and expressions of opinion in the Assembly. The debate was rather warm, several speakers expressing the opinion that the nomination of Mr. Ballantyne was in the nature of a compromise. This was combated by Prof. McLaren and Dr. Burns, who stated that the board was unanimous in recommending the nominee. The amendment was defeated by a large vote, and on the nomination being put to the court the board's nominee was unanimously elected to the vacant chair.

Professor-designate Ballantyne, whose attainments were highly spoken of in the Assembly, is 35 years of age, and graduated from Toronto University in 1880 and from Knox College in 1883 with high standing, continuing his studies in the Universities of Edinburgh and Leipsic. He is at present pastor of Knox Church, Ottawa. He is a son of Hon. Thomas Ballantyne, ex-Speaker of the Legislature.

Striking reports were presented on behalf of Queen's University, Kingston; Presbyterian College, Montreal; Morrin College, Quebec; Presbyterian College, Halifax, and Brantford Ladies' College, each showing remarkable results, with comparatively small expenditure, and the speakers who commented on the reports, as well as those who presented them, expressed the utmost gratification at the splendid showing made.

Gratifying Advancement.

Rev. Dr. Torrance, convener of the Committee on Statistics, presented a report, which showed advancement in almost everything connected with the internal prosperity of the church.

In the number of churches and stations constituting charges—2412—there was an increase over 1894 of 73. The number of families was 96,581, an increase of 2216; and of single persons, 27,529, an increase of 6078; while communicants numbered 188,180, or 8601 more than the preceding year. There was a decrease of 820 on those joining the church on their personal profession of faith; but an increase of 249 on those joining by certificate—7599. The removals by death were 2699, or 179 more than in 1894; by certificate, 6260, 40 fewer; without certificate, 3364, an increase of 262; and by discipline, 162, an increase of 51.

The aggregate number reported as being under "pastoral oversight" was 224,806, an increase of 23,610.

In 1895 the stipend paid was $906,781, an increase of $8633. Home Mission receipts were increased, but for most of the other causes there were slight decreases; the total contributions to the schemes of the church aggregated $279,494, or $15,946 less than in 1894. Payments for all purposes were $2,134,990, an increase of $8003.

Evening Session in Cooke's Church

There was a crowded attendance in Cooke's Church last evening when the subject for consideration was foreign missions. The reports were on the whole encouraging, and the addresses by Rev. A. B. Winchester, British Columbia; Dr. Buchanan, Central India; and the speakers for West Indies and other fields very stimulating. Following is the gist of the reports submitted:

Report on Foreign Missions.

There were sent out last year seven new missionaries, increasing the staff in India to 26, and in Honan to 12. The staff remains the same in Formosa, where the year has been an eventful one. The church there has been passing through great triulation. How many of the native Christians have fallen a prey to the misrepresentations of the enemy is not yet known, but many have lost their lives, and the mission has been in a measure disorganized. Persecutions have been promised as one of the church's blessings, and Formosa has had her baptism of fire more than once.

In Honan a new mission centre has been occupied. Chang Te Fu is said to be a point of great strategic importance, and as has been noted from time to time the reception given to the missionaries has been cordial. Mrs. Goforth has received about 3000 calls from Chinese women within six weeks, and the chapel has been kept open for religious instruction eight hours a day. What the strain upon our missionaries must be, we can but dimly imagine—and that in a climate and surroundings that are in themselves at times exceedingly trying.

The extent of mission organization in India is somewhat bewildering. This year two new stations have been opened—Dhar and Jhabua—making in all seven centres, around which schools and dispensaries and preaching services cluster. The very large number of villages in Central India make it possible to extend the work indefinitely—workers being the only limitation.

When we read of fifty or sixty Sabbath schools and of 10,000, 15,000, 20,000 treatments in connection with dispensaries, there is a feeling of bewilderment, and when that is associated with a climate at times 104 degrees in the shade, we see visions of physical weariness and collapse, which are facts only too frequent in the history of that mission.

The church has been interested and delighted by reports from time to time of the work amongst the Chinese in Montreal and British Columbia. Much credit is due the Presbyterianism of Montreal for the decision with which they have adopted the only true and Christian method of dealing with the Chinese problem. The Chinese are here to stay, and the sooner the church realizes that fact and bends her energies towards their evangelization, the better for the country and for them.

We in the west are not kept so well informed as to the missions in the New Hebrides and Trinidad. They are controlled and supported by the eastern section of the church, it is true, but the Presbyterian Church in Canada, is one, and we are interested in the whole work. Of all our missions, none lies nearer the heart of the church than the martyr isles of the South Seas.

An Excellent Number.

The General Assembly number of The Presbyterian Review, published this week, is an excellent issue. Besides presenting its readers with a double-page photo-engraving of members of the First General Assembly held in Montreal in 1875, The Review contains several illustrations of leading members and officers of the Assembly, with portraits of the three divines who have filled the pulpit of the Central Church, where the General Assembly holds its sessions. The picture of the General Assembly of 1875 is one that all Presbyterians will cherish. The issue is also full of interesting matter relating to the General Assembly and the schemes of the church.

Mr. Preston's Candidature.

There was a somewhat meagre attendance at Candidate W. T. R. Preston's meeting in Wardell's Hall Thursday evening. The speakers were Messrs. Jardine, Lindsey, Tait and Preston. Mr. Clute failing to appear. Mr. Jardine made a speech condemnatory of Sir Charles Tupper's egotism. Mr. G. G. S. Lindsey confined his remarks principally to refuting the contention that Mr. Osler's public career should not be attacked in his absence. Any man, said the speaker, who did not wish his public actions discussed might avoid it by departing to foreign climes. Mr. Joseph Tait directed his remarks to the alleged inconsistency of Mr. E. F. Clarke's position on the school question. Then, amid loud and prolonged applause, Mr. Preston proceeded to define his position on the school question. He was in favor of leaving it to the Province for settlement, desired conciliation and not coercion, and would oppose in every possible way any Government, Liberal or Conservative, which might make coercion a part of its policy. He believed, if Manitoba were approached in an honest and friendly manner by a Federal Government, that an amicable and satisfactory settlement could be reached. He would support Mr. Laurier's general policy, but would be free to differ with him if he wished.

For Lorne Park.

Lorne Park opens for the season today, when the steamer Eurydice, which has been entirely refitted throughout and lighted by electricity, will leave the wharf, foot of Bay-street, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., calling at Queen's wharf. Returning will leave Lorne Park at 5.30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tickets can be had at the Palmer House or from Mr. J. O'Brien, 248 Spadina-avenue, or on the boat.

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LAW SCHOOL EXAMS.

Results of the First and Second Year—Those Who Receive Honors.

Those who passed the second year examination with honors were:—A. M. Stewart, C. A. Moss, W. H. Burns, C. S. MacInnis, A. D. Meldrum, A. B. Thompson, Miller Lash, R. G. Amieck, A. A. Carpenter, J. E. Fergusson and Sydney B. Woods, the first seven receiving scholarships.

The rest who passed were: W. J. O. Neall, H. A. Little, J. H. Clary, D. A. H. McDougall, J. T. Gobo, G. E. Dunbar, A. H. Beaton, W. R. Boultbee, W. B. Craig, F. R. Morris, W. H. Moore, A. E. Christian, H. G. W. Wilson, George S. Moore, George C. Heward, E. A. Dunbar, J. V. Hughes, M. S. McCarthy, F. B. Goodwillie, H. B. Robertson, G. H. Draper, E. C. Cattenach, W. B. Laidlaw, W. A. Gilmour, L. J. Kehoe, B. W. Thompson, J. R. Brown, J. E. Kerrigan, B. A. C. Craig, J. F. Cross, J. N. Vincent, E. H. Bickford, L. M. Lyons, H. H. Shaver, J. M. Hall, W. R. Wadsworth, J. H. Scallen, M. B. Jackson, F. B. Osler, N McFadden, F. J. Maclennan, H. C. Becher, W. A. Hollinbrake, J. D. Barry, Charles Kapelle, W. H. M. Nellies, W. J. Laudor, T. R. Atkinson, C. A. S. Body, A. A. Miller, J. R. L. O'Connor, E. F. Applebee, T. E. Weldon, E. H. Cleaver, J. A. Philion, E. W. Jones, E. C. Clark, R. W Eyre and G M Brown

First Year.

Those who passed the first year examinations with honors were:

J H. Hunter, S. S. Sharpe, J. Montgomery, T. H. Hilliar, L. F. Stephens, J. R. Graham, C. W. Cross, all being entitled to scholarships.

The rest who passed were: G. D. Moncrieff, J. H. Hunter, T. H. Hillard, J. G. Fraser, J. R. Graham, S. S. Sharpe, L. F. Stephens, C. W. Cross, A. R. Hamilton, A. M. Chisholm, C. F. Maxwell, H. G. Kingston, J. Montgomery, A. R. Hassard, H. A. Clarke, S. H. Robinson, O. E. Culver, E. G. Osler, R. L. McKinnon, George McCrea, J. A. Macginess, J. A. Thompson, C. E. Hollingdrake, F.M.L. Gordon, F. E. Parrin, A. J. Kapelle, N. Williams, A. E. Drake, W. A. Chisholm, J. C. McIntosh, C. W. Atkinson, T. R. Carling, Ilingdrake, F. M. L. Gordon, F. E. Parterson, T. A. Hunt, W. D. Hendry, R. R. Griffin, E. Gillis, T. J. Rigney, A. C. W. Hardy, M. J. Kenny, N. Hayes, D. S. Bowlby, D. R. Doby, V. Mills, R. G. R. Mackenzie, H. J. F. Sissons, A. Hall, W. L. McLaws, W. Thornburn, J. D. McMurrich, J. C. L. White, D. P. Kennedy, G. H. Levy, T. J. Murray, C. A. Macdougal, J. B. T. Carron, F. L. Pearson.

Gen. Baratieri's Fate.

Massowah, June 12.—The prosecuting officer, in closing his case against Gen. Baratieri in the court martial of that officer, yesterday demanded that Gen. Baratieri be imprisoned in a fortress for a period of ten years.

The Unspeakable Turk.

Constantinople, June 12.—The Turks have seized a Greek vessel conveying munitions of war and provisions to the insurgents in Crete. The seizure was made in Cretan waters.

Canea, June 12.—Reports have been received here that the Turks have pillaged and burned 20 hamlets in the interior of the island.

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Good Roads.

The services of Mr. A. W. Campbell, Provincial Instructor in Roadmaking, are being well sought after by the municipalities. He has visited Orangeville and Barrie during the present week, and is now in Arnprior. Next week he goes to Brighton, Port Hope and Ingersoll. Invitations have come from the Townships of York, Tiny and Norwich for the following week. It appears, therefore, that all parts of the Province are awake to the advantages of road-improvement and that both town and country are interested.

Hospital for Consumptives.

Lady Aberdeen has written the treasurer of the National Sanitorium Association suggesting that the proposal to establish homes for consumptives be brought before the local councils of the National Council of Women of Canada. These local councils represent important gatherings of the influential ladies in the different cities and towns of Canada, and it is believed that in this way very important help will be rendered to the National Sanitorium Association.

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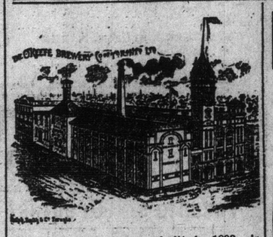

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