

Great Britain for a specific purpose within the Province of Quebec, has, to the detriment of Protestant education in said Province of Quebec, been annulled and done away with without leave having been either asked or obtained from the Crown of Great Britain, the founder of said trust.

3rd. Because if the money to pay the four hundred thousand dollars to the Roman Catholic Church and the sixty thousand dollars or any other sum to the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, be taken, as it is proposed, from the public treasury of the Province of Quebec, it cannot be affirmed that there is any moral claim to make such grants, especially as the revenue of the province are in a large measure contributed by Protestants for civil purposes only, but there is thereby a violation of Art. 3,439 of the revised statutes, which reads as follows:—

"The free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship without discrimination or preference, so as the same shall not be made an excuse for licentiousness or a justification for practices inconsistent with the peace and safety of the province, is allowed to all her Majesty's subjects within the same."

4th. Because there is no parallelism between the granting of \$400,000 to the Roman Catholic Church and \$60,000 or any other sum to the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction. The parallel would have been to give the \$60,000 any sum to be divided, according to population among the different Protestant Churches in the Province of Quebec.

5th. Because it is contrary to British principle and practice to make legislation dependent on the sanction of the Pope before it becomes law, as is done by the Jesuit Estates' Act.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SCHEMES.

STATEMENT FROM REV. DR. REID.
I GIVE below a comparative statement of receipts for the principal Schemes of the Church up to 14th inst.:

	Decrease.	Increase.
1889.	\$ 290 10	\$ 290 10
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It will be seen that, with two exceptions, there is an increase more or less. In order that congregations may see the importance of making early and liberal contributions, it may be stated that to meet the claims of the first half year (up to 1st October) for Home Missions and Augmentation, upwards of \$32,000 had to be paid, while the payments for Foreign Missions were upwards of \$33,000.

TORONTO, 16th Nov., 1889.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PRESBYTERIAN UNION.

A MASS meeting of the young people of the Presbyterian churches of Toronto, was held last Thursday evening in the lecture room of Knox church, in connection with one of the regular meetings of the Young People's Presbyterian Union. There was a very large attendance. The President, Mr. R. S. Gourlay, occupied the chair, and with the assistance of Dr. Gilbert Gordon, Vice-President, opened the meeting with devotional exercises.

The Secretary, Mr. E. N. Tyrell, after calling the roll, read the minutes and also the report of the Executive Committee. The proposed new journal, the report stated, was not inaugurated because of the illness of the managing editor, Mr. Patterson; and a letter setting forth the objects of the Union to be sent to the various Canadian pastors was read. It was recommended that the representative on the Visiting Committee of the Union be chosen with care, and an exchange of visits between the various Associations was suggested. These latter the Executive Committee would endeavour to secure.

On motion of Mr. Middleton, the constitution of the Union was amended, when Mr. Patterson explained fully why the Union journal had not as yet been issued, and aroused the interest of the delegates in the undertaking. He promised, before sitting down, that the Editorial Committee would soon produce the desired paper.

The programme proper was pleasingly introduced with a glee by the University Glee Club.

The first topic of the evening—"The Unknown Young People in our Churches"—was introduced by Mr. Hamilton Cassels, M.A. But this term "unknown," he said, must be purely relative. There are some young people in the Church who are not known because they lead a life of church vagrancy, going about from one church to another before any have time to get acquainted with them; but there are others who are known personally well enough without being known in the highest sense as children of God. Among the evils that lay on the surface of this unsocial kind of worship, he found the danger that those young people would become wanderers without Church home; the failure of such to regularly support the ordinances of the Church, and that they will become hearers only and not doers of the Word. While much of the blame for, and the loss in this, must rest upon the young people themselves, the Church must bear a share of both. He thought

there was a work here that should be done, and could be done best by the young people.

Mr. McCulloch, Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., took the second topic—"Our Young Friends Outside the Churches." The Christian was called the salt of the earth, he claimed, because he was intended to arrest moral decay in the world. These great cities of ours are becoming a very menace to our civilization, and it was the duty of the Churches to keep these centres of population pure. This work he would do by house to house visitation; by organized invitation of those on the streets into the churches on Sabbath; by making these meetings more attractive; by inviting these strangers to our homes, and by a closer bond of union between the city and the country churches.

The University Glee Club contributed a couple of other choruses during the evening.

At the close refreshments were served by the young people of Knox church.

The officers of the Union for the present year are—President—Robert S. Gourlay; Vice-President—Dr. Gilbert Gordon; Treasurer—Miss Donald; Secretary—E. N. Tyrell.

The ladies of Chalmers' church, Kingston, cleared \$1,000 by their recent fair.

BROUGHTON congregation are discussing the desirability of erecting a new church edifice.

REV. J. G. STEWART, B.A., of Balderston, has received a call from St. Mark's church, Toronto.

The call from Tara to Rev. D. McKenzie, M.A., has been sustained. Stipend promised, \$800 and manse.

REV. PRINCIPAL CAVEN occupied the pulpit of Collingwood church, last Sabbath morning and evening.

A FEW gentlemen friends of the Ladies' Aid Society, Knox church, Ayr, recently presented the Society with a very fine organ.

The new manse at Wellandport is completed. A "house-warming," presided over by the Ladies' Aid, took place on Thanksgiving night.

The Tonic Sol-fa class of Knox church, Ayr, under the leadership of Rev. John Thompson, recently rendered the cantata "Under the Palms," to a large and delighted audience.

REV. ANDREW WILSON, of Toronto, delivered his lecture, "The Scottish Martyrs" in Oshawa, 13th inst. There was a good audience and the lecturer was listened to with close attention.

PRINCIPAL GRANT delivered an eloquent lecture on Japan, before a large audience in Brockville, on Friday week, on behalf of the Mechanics' Institute. The institute cleared \$80 by the lecture.

The death of Rev. Dr. Archibald, formerly pastor of Knox church, St. Thomas, is much regretted wherever he was known, and more especially in his native province, Nova Scotia. An extended obituary notice from the pen of one who knew him well, will shortly appear in THE REVIEW.

THE annual sermon of the Toronto Irish Protestant Benevolent Society was preached on Sabbath, 10th inst., by Rev. Wm. Patterson, of Cooke's church. The preacher urged his hearers to protest against extravagance in dress, extravagance at funerals, and tyrannical landlordism and monopolies.

THE ladies of Brooklyn Auxiliary, W.F.M.S., held a social on Thanksgiving Day, at which addresses were delivered by Rev. J. Abraham, Whitby; Jno. Dryden, Esq., M.P.P., and others. The Treasurer's report showed the receipts from the year's work to be \$104. Over \$40 of this amount was the offering at the tables on the night of the social.

AMONG the gentlemen who took part in the Ontario Association of School Trustees in session in this city, last week, were not a few of our ministers and laymen. The Association recognized the large acquaintance with public education and administrative ability of Rev. John Somerville, M.A., of Owen Sound, by electing him to the office of President for the ensuing year. The cause of education is much benefited when our ministers take an intelligent and practical interest as citizens in it.

THE Rev. Dr. Wardrop, Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, assisted at the communion, Seaforth, on Sabbath, 29th October; the weather was favourable. Large congregations listened with rapt attention to the sermons of Dr. Wardrop.

Nearly four hundred communicants sat at the table. Mr. Anderson, of Goderich, preached on the Monday following. The congregation esteem it one of the most impressive communion seasons they have enjoyed.

MR. JAMES GRAY, who has for the past twenty-two years been manager of the Merchants' Bank, Perth, was, on the occasion of his retirement recently, presented with a very handsome gold watch and chain and a beautifully illuminated address by a number of his friends. Mr. Gray, who was superintendent of St. Andrew's Sabbath school for the long period of twenty-three years, was presented by the teaching staff and scholars with a gold-headed ebony cane and an address. Mrs. Gray was also presented with some handsomely-bound volumes. Mr. and Mrs. Gray will take up their residence in Picton.

ST. JOHN'S church, Cousin's Corner, Barrie Presbytery, after being thoroughly renovated was formally re-opened, Sabbath, 10th inst. The services in the morning and afternoon were conducted by Rev. Prof. McLaren, and in the evening by Rev. Mr. Joffe (Methodist). On the following Monday evening a social gathering of the congregation was held, at which addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Carswell, Joffe, McConnell and McKee, the pastor, Rev. P. Smith, in the chair. Proceeds of Sabbath collections and social, \$173. The cost of improvements, \$1,600, is all provided for. The sum of \$12 for church furnishing was provided by the Ladies' Aid.

THE annual services in connection with the Presbyterian church, were held in Waterdown, on Sunday, Nov. 3rd. The morning service was conducted by Rev. C. W. Gordon, B.A., of Toronto; afternoon, by Rev. Dr. Laidlaw of Hamilton; and the evening by the Rev. Dr. Fletcher, also of Hamilton. On Monday evening, in the town hall, was held the usual tea-meeting. The music was furnished by the choir and others. The

speakers were Revs. Messrs. Gordon and Robt. Haddow, of Milton, who spoke of their continental tour, and illustrated by beautiful selections of song, making an exceedingly interesting and profitable entertainment. Rev. W. Robertson, the former pastor, occupied the chair. A correspondent writes to THE REVIEW.

We clip the following respecting Thanksgiving Day in Crescent-street church, Montreal, from the *Gazette*—"The Rev. A. B. Mackay, D.D., preached in this church to a large congregation in the morning. He took for his text Psalms cvii, 30, 'So He bringeth them to their desired haven.' The preacher showed that this was the last touch in one of four pictures which showed forth the goodness of God. Then he applied it to the experience of individual Christians in the voyage of life; but specially dwelt on its application to the peculiar circumstances of the congregation. He shortly traced the history and experience of the congregation since it met in Lagache street, and pointed out that October 17, 1889, would henceforth be a memorable date in their history, because on that day the last cent of debt upon Crescent-street church had been paid. The most faithful worker for this end would most heartily acknowledge that this was the doing of the Lord. They had also special cause for thankfulness that this had been brought to this haven in peace. Changes had been made in their mode of conducting worship, but all in the spirit of Christian brotherhood and mutual respect. He then pressed upon his hearers that God's goodness should stir them all up to more thorough consecration and more unselfish effort. Let them show their thankfulness by offering the sacrifices of righteousness and declaring God's works with singing. The collection, which was in aid of the Montreal General Hospital, amounted to \$167. The large organ which has just been built by Messrs. R. Warren & Son, Toronto, at a cost of between \$7,000 and \$8,000, was used for the first time, and gave universal satisfaction by its many fine qualities. During the past summer the church has been decorated in excellent taste by Mr. W. P. Scott, St. Catherine street. At the same time arrangements were made for putting in the electric light. A fine porch was built in Crescent street, a ladies' room fitted up in the front of the church, and other improvements made. A stained glass memorial window is also to be put in by a gentleman whose name has been identified with the congregation from the beginning, and it is expected that others will follow. A comfortable house has also been erected for the sexton. All the money for these purposes, amounting to over \$36,000, has been subscribed, and the most of it already paid."

REV. FULTON J. COFFIN, our new Missionary to Trinidad, was entertained at a farewell meeting in Mount Stewart church, Prince Edward Island, on the evening of the 31st ult. The building was filled by an audience in which all denominations were represented. On the platform, in addition to the esteemed pastor of the Mount Stewart and West St. Peter's congregation, Rev. A. B. McLeod, were the missionary elect, Rev. E. Slackford, of the Methodist Church, Rev. A. W. Mahon, of St. Peter's Road, James Carruthers, of St. James', Charlottetown, Mr. F. C. Coffin, theological student, and T. C. James, of Charlottetown. After the opening exercises and prayer by Rev. A. W. Mahon, Rev. Mr. McLeod, in a few well-chosen words, spoke of the high honour conferred upon the Church in selecting one of their number to go forth to the heathen, and in behalf of his people pledged them to a deeper interest in the work for the time to come, promising that their prayers and efforts would gather more closely around foreign missions, now that one of their number was at the front. Addresses were then delivered by Mr. F. J. Coffin, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Slackford, Mr. James, Mr. Frank Coffin, Rev. Mr. McLeod, on behalf of the congregation of Mount Stewart and West St. Peter's, then presented Mr. Coffin with a purse containing \$75 for his personal use, with an earnest prayer for his health, preservation and success, that the power of the Holy Spirit may rest upon him, and that he may be honoured in leading many souls to the feet of Jesus. Mr. Coffin thanked his kind friends, referring to his youth, his training in his Sabbath school, and the many memories that clustered around his home. Commending them to God, he bade them an affectionate farewell. Rev. Mr. Mahon pronounced the benediction. The *Parade*, in giving report of the proceedings, says: "On the whole, it may safely be said that seldom if ever has a meeting of greater interest been held in our Island. His fellow-countrymen will watch with deep interest Mr. Coffin's career, and they feel assured that in sending him forth they are giving no unworthy contribution to the cause of Foreign Missions."

REPORT of the average amounts contributed by the members of the various congregations within the Presbytery. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the same place on December 3rd, at 10.30 a.m.—A. F. TULLY, Clerk.

TORONTO. MET on the 5th inst., Rev. Walter Amos, Moderator. A petition was read from sixty-one members and twenty-four adherents of our churches, residing in or around Brockton, praying the Presbytery to organize them as a congregation. In support of the prayer of said petition Messrs. R. Rankin, A. Scott, R. Johnston and J. Lochrie appeared as commissioners, and were duly heard. It was moved and agreed that intimation of this petition be sent to the neighbouring Sessions, with request that they express themselves thereon at next meeting of Presbytery. And a committee was appointed, Rev. J. A. Grant, convener, to explore the field, to confer with the parties petitioning, and to report also at next meeting. A petition was read from the congregation of St. Paul's church, Toronto, praying the Presbytery to appoint one of its number to moderate in a call; and a relative paper was also read, appointing Messrs. G. E. Dalby, J. Lindsay and J. J. Harton to support the prayer of said petition. Said petitioners appeared accordingly, and were duly heard, who expressed the hope that by extraneous help they might be able in the meantime to give a stipend of \$1,000. After some discussion, it was carried by a large majority to grant the prayer of said petition, and at a later stage Rev. A. Gilray was appointed to conduct the moderation in the call. It was reported by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell that he had moderated in a call from St. Mark's church, Toronto, which was given unanimously in favour of Rev. J. G. Stuart, minister of Balderston, etc., in the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew. The call was found to be well signed. A guarantee for stipend was also read, promising \$1,200 per annum. Messrs. Hodgson, Dale and Joss were heard as commissioners. And thereafter the call was sustained and ordered to be sent, together with relative papers, to the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew. Also Rev. J. Carmichael was appointed to appear before said Presbytery and act on behalf of his own Presbytery in prosecution of the call. Leave was given, as applied for, to the trustees of Bloor street church, Toronto, to borrow further \$20,000 for the building, etc., of their new edifice, and to the trustees of West church to increase their mortgage on the mission property on Claremont street from \$2,600 to \$3,150. As convener of a committee previously appointed to organize as a congregation of our Church, the people who meet for worship in St. George's Hall, Rev. W. Frizell reported that they had met with eighty-three of them as certified members and eighty-six as adherents, and had given them the status of a regular congregation. It was also reported by said committee that the congregation so organized had chosen two of their number, formerly in office, to perform the duties of the eldership among them, and the Presbytery appointed an interim Session, with the more immediate end in view of having the elected brethren inducted as elders of said congregation. Application was made through Rev. G. E. Freeman for the organizing of the people of the mission station at Eglinton as a regular congregation; and Mr. Freeman and Mr. Gibson were appointed a committee to organize them accordingly. Notice was given by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell that he would bring up an overture at next meeting for a revision of the Confession of Faith. It was moved and resolved to hold a conference on spiritual life in connection with next meeting of Presbytery; the first diet of said conference to be held in St. Andrew's church, commencing at 4 p.m., the subject for consideration at that diet to be Faith, its Nature and Results, to be introduced by Rev. R. P. Mackay; and the second diet to be held in Erskine church, commencing at 8 o'clock in the evening, the subject for consideration at that diet to be "The Prayer-meeting," to be introduced by Rev. Wm. Patterson. Agreeably to application made, authority was given to Rev. Dr. Kellogg to moderate in a call from the congregation of St. John's church, Toronto, at whatever time they may be ready for the same. It was reported by Rev. G. M. 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And on looking to the schedules recently prepared it was found that the aggregate contributions to said fund which the Presbytery had agreed to ask of its congregations would amount to a little more than the sum asked by the Finance Committee.—R. MONTEATH, Clerk.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

STRATFORD. MET on the 12th inst. Several items of routine business being disposed of, the following report from the assessors in re the books of Jas. Brydone, ex-Treasurer of Burns church, Milverton, and his removal from the eldership, and his suspension from the membership of the Church, was presented. In compliance with the instructions of Presbytery at its last regular meeting, the assessors appointed to confer with the Session of Milverton beg leave to report that the ground on which Mr. Brydone was removed from the eldership and suspended from the membership of the congregation, was his refusal to give an explanation of the various matters relating to the Treasurer's book which have been under consideration, although he had been frequently cited by the Session to do so. Further, that the report handed in by the assessors some months ago expressed the facts of the case so far as these are disclosed by the Treasurer's book and have been learned by the assessors. A call from the congregation of Marsboro in the Presbytery of Quebec, in favour of Rev. D. Gordon, of Harrington, was laid upon the table. It was agreed to hold a special meeting on the 3rd of December, in Knox church, Stratford, at 10.30 a.m., and cite congregation of Harrington to appear at said meeting for their interests. Rev. R. Scott was appointed to cite the congregation on the 23th inst. Mr. Chrystal gave a detailed

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