

the control of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

At that time men were idle. All the work on the building was given free, the value of the labor thus given amounted to over \$1,000.

A debt was incurred for materials, lumber, etc., which we hope our Eastern friends will help us to wipe out. We hope to get a Government grant, and expect the hospital will pay running expenses, also that there will soon be a surplus which will go toward our—the nurses'—maintenance.

The hospital is a plain wooden building, contains one large ward, bath-room and a small room which we use either as operating room or private ward. Although plain, it is very comfortable, bright and airy.

At the back is a tent kitchen; Mr. Charlson, in charge of the Government telegraph outfit, made us a present of a fine range and stove furniture, which has been a great comfort.

One of the churches in Victoria, sent us a box containing a dozen pairs of blankets, sheeting, pillows, pillow cases, etc., and gradually things are assuming quite a hospital air.

The hospital and our house are side by side, which is a great convenience. In such places as this, if the sick are to be at all properly cared for, there must be some such place as that we have for hospital purposes.

The winter is now practically over, although the lake is still frozen over, and may be for another month yet, but the wild flowers are out, and that looks like spring, does it not? Yesterday I went out to a hillside about three miles away, and gathered a large quantity of crocuses. The roads were very muddy, and I was very glad of my "gum boots"; indeed, I would not have attempted to go without them.

We have found the climate here much less trying than we expected, and have not suffered the least from the cold, and we both have splendid health, and manage to get along quite comfortably without many of the luxuries and so-called necessities of other days.

Perhaps I have failed to tell you what you most wanted to know, if so and you will let me know, I will try to answer any questions.

Miss Mitchell intends writing by next mail.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am,

Yours very sincerely.

HELEN BONE.

THREE SYNOD MEETINGS.

The three Synods of Old Canada meet in the spring. This year the Synod of Hamilton and London, consisting of nine Presbyteries, met in St. Andrew's Church, London, 30 April; that of Toronto and Kingston, twelve

Presbyteries, in College St. Church, Toronto, 7 May; and that of Montreal and Ottawa, six Presbyteries, in St. Andrew's Church, Perth, 8 May. At the first-mentioned Rev. Gustavus Munro of Ridgetown was chosen to succeed Rev. Dr. Mungo Fraser, of Hamilton, as moderator; at the second, Rev. Dr. Torrance, of Peterboro, to succeed Rev. A. Gilray, of Toronto; and at the third, Rev. A. H. Scott, of Perth, to succeed Rev. J. Hastie of Cornwall.

One thing that characterized all the meetings was the presence of Dr. Robertson and Dr. Campbell, from which it goes without saying that in neither of the three Synods did Home Missions or Century Fund lack strong and stirring presentation.

Another common feature was that in all three Synods a larger place and a more earnest consideration was given to Sabbath School work than perhaps ever before. The importance of this work, the necessity for closer supervision and greater helpfulness on the part of the church, for watchfulness against leakage and for increase in numbers and efficiency, is being more fully realized, to the advantage of both schools and Church.

Young people and their Societies and Work, Church Life and Work, the Augmentation Scheme, filled as was fitting, an important place in each Synod.

In its "Conference" the Synod of Hamilton and London had sufficient variety to suit all tastes, its subjects ranging from "Trusts," through "Present Day Preaching," and "The Meaning of Belief in the Scriptures," to "The Future Life." The "Conference" in the Synod of Montreal was chiefly confined to some congregational lines of work, that of the Board of Management and Pastoral Work in Town and Country.

In the matter of legislation, Hamilton and London furnished two overtures. One, by Dr. Laing, asked Synod to take steps to secure the teaching of the Bible in the public schools of Ontario. It was adopted, and steps taken for bringing the matter before the Provincial Government.

Another, by Dr. Proudfoot, proposed reducing the Synods to three, Maritime, Old Canada, and Far West, giving them larger powers, control of Colleges, Home Missions, etc., the Assembly to meet every three years. After keen discussion, it was remitted to a committee to consider report to next Synod. The overture has much to commend it, and of the proposals, looking to less frequent assemblies, that have ever been before the Church, it is undoubtedly the best.

Toronto and Kingston had an overture that churches be allowed to elect elders and deacons for a term of years instead of for life. It was passed on to the Assembly. They also appointed a committee to consider the question of the Bible in schools, as mentioned above.

The next meetings are to be in Knox Church, Stratford; St. Andrew's, Toronto, and St. Gabriel's, Montreal.