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Hamilton. Wesley church, Wm. J. Hunter, D. D.
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Joseph Odery, 181 John street north, Hamilton,
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Superannuated, Waterdown, Wm. C. Watson, M. A., Waiter E.
Pescott; Burlington, John E. Lanceley, John
Histon, superannuated; Oakville, Daniel E.
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Creek, James Mooney, Thomas L. Kerruish, W.
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E. A. Williams, D.D., Church street, Thomas
Rump, superannuated, St. Catharines, first, John
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Holmes, chairman; A. Andrews, financial secretary.

Stratford District—Stratford, Geo. Richardson; Stratford South, William H. Hincks; Mitchell, Andrew Cunningham; Harmony, James McLachlan, B.A.: Fullerton, Ezra A. Fear, J. T. Legear; Moncton, David A. Moir; Walton, Thomas Gee; Seaforth, John Mills; St. Marys, William C. Henderson, president of conference, James Hannon; Kirkton, James Harris, John Kennedy; Granton, Robert Phillips; Lucan, Robert Davey; Alisa Craig, David Rogers; Kintore, Henry E. Hill; Milverton, William H. Moss; Liuwood, Ebenezer Teskey, W. C. Henderson, M.A., chairman; John Mills, financial segretary. financial secretary.

Goderich District-Goderich, Thomas M.

Campbell; Clinton, James Gray; Kincardine, James MoAllister; Holmesville, William Birks; Bayfield, William Baugh, George Kennedy, ir.; Hensell, Alfred E. Smith; Londesboro, John Hough; Blyth, John S. Fisher; Belgrave, Edwin A. Chown, B.D., one wanted, W.m. J. Brandon retires for one year on account of ill-health; Wingham, George H. Cornish; Brussels, David C. Clappison, George Lounds, who shall reside at Ethel; Lucknow, George R. Turk, John Walker, superannuated; Ashfield, Christopher Hamilton, Lucknow; Teeswater, Richard W. Walker, superannuated; Ashfield, Christopher Hamilton, Luckhow; Teeswater, Richard W. Williams; Riversdale, David Auld; Dungannon, John Turner, Luther O. Rice, superannuated; Auburn, James Caswell; Bervie, Samuel Sellery, B.D., John J. Happ, James Geddes, supernumerary; George H. Cobbledick, John S. Cook, college. James Gray, chairman; G. A. Cornish, financial secretary.

FUNDS AND MEMBERSHIP. At this juncture the President announce At this juncture the President announced that there was a net decrease of \$375.50.

The Secretary of the Statistical Committee reported the following increase in membership:—On trial, 1,610; full members, 1,847; total, 3,457; rateable members, 2,775. CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.

Rev. G. H. Cornish read the report of the Bratford, J. Brock; Woodstock, W. Williams; Brantford, J. Brock; Woodstock, W. Williams; Simcoe, A. E. Russ; London, E. B. Rightman; St. Thomas, W. R. Parker; Chatham, J. Graham; Sarnia, Dr. Sanderson; Guelph, W. S. Grifin; Wellington, J. T. Hollman; Strafford, the president; God. T. Holmes; Stratford, the president; Goderich, J. Gray.

The chairmen of the respective districts

nominated their secretaries as follows:— Hamilton district, R. W. Woodsworth; Hamilton district, R. W. Woodsworth; Niagara, J. Kay; Brantford, W. J. Maxwell; Woodstock, C. R. Morrow; Simcoe, D. Chalmers; London, J. V. Smith; St. Thomas, B. Clement; Chatham, J. Whiting; Sarnia, W. McDonagh; Guelph, J. Broley; Wellington, A. Andrews; Stratford, J. Mills; Goderich, G. H. Corniah.

The president nominated as the Conference Special Committee Reva. J. Wakefield, D. S. Sutherland, LL. B., Joseph H. Robinson, and Dr. Fowler, which was confirmed.

Rev. Dr. Douglass pronounced the benediction, and thus closed the last session of the last conference of the Methodist Church of Canada.

## UNITED METHODISM.

Meeting of Montreal Conference of the Methodist Church

BROCKVILLE, June 5.—The first session of BEOCKVILLE, June 5.—The first session of the Montreal Conference of the Methodist Church was commenced here this morning in the Wall street church. There was a very large attendance of delegates, the body of the church being completely filled. Rev. Dr. Carman, second General Superintendent of the United Church, presided at the prelimithe United Church, presided at the preliminary exercises, and he was supported on the platform by a large number of the aged brethren in the ministry.

Dr. Carman, in calling the meeting to order, said they would engage for a short time in devotional exercises betitting that important occasion. They wished to receive the

baptism of fire, and they knew that was given in answer to prayer. It was not by indifference, by formalism, not simply because they were there, but because in the spirit of repentance and consecration, in entreaty, humble dependence, and mighty faith they drew nigh to God that the indispensable blessing of the Holy Ghost might come down

from heaven upon them.

The conference then sang with energy Charles Wealey's beautiful hymn, "O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing My Great Redeemer's Praise," after which Dr. Carman endeemer's Praise," gaged in prayer.

Rev. Dr. CARMAN then delivered an

eloquent address, in which he touchingly referred to the illness of Dr. Rice. The roll was called by reading of the lists of ministers and delegates from district meetings, after which conference proceeded to elect a president. Out of 210 ballots 106 were necessary for election. Rev. W. Galbraith, Montreal, received 120 votes, Rev. T. G. Williams, Brockville, 85 votes, while five votes were given to other ministers.

votes were given to other ministers. Superintendent Carman accordingly declared Mr. Galbraith elected president.

The PRESIDENT in coming forward was loudly cheered. He thanked them for the honour conferred upon time, and said after the exhaustive address of Dt. Carman he could only emphasize one or two points therein mentioned.

herein mentioned.

The first balloting for secretary was void. no candidate receiving a majority vote. On the second ballot Rev. W. Blair, Farmerswas accordingly declared elected, and rewas accordingly declared elected, and returned thanks in a brief speech.

Dr. LAVELL, Kingston, moved that an expression of sympathy and condolence be forwarded to General Superintendent Rice. He had visited Dr. Rice recently, and as a professional man, understanding his case, he could inform them that during the past few weeks he had passed through incorposively.

weeks he had passed through inconceivable agony. Dr. Rice took a great interest in the conference, and he would be cheered considerably if they seat him a friendly greeting. The resolution was adopted, and Rev. W. Scott and Dr. Lavell were appointed to draft the resolution.

The conference took recess.

Evening Session. Rev. Prof. Shaw presented a lengthy memo-rial from Montreal district on the subject of WORK AMONG THE FRENCH,

It suggested that a superintendent of French missions be appointed exclusively for this work, that he be selected from among the ninisters who are in the effective work of the vote his whole attention to the advancement and oversight of the French work, also that an advisory board of ministers and laymen assist him in his work. He moved that the memorial be received and considered clause by clause.
The motion was adopted.

Rev. Prof. Shaw, in moving the adoption of the first clause, said he regretted to state that their French work was not in a satisfactory condition. He attributed this in part to their placing an aged minister in charge, to their placing an aged minister in charge, and giving him a small salary of two or three hundred dollars a year. The senior minister and his colleagues worked indefatigably, but they wanted more support. His impression was that they should prosecute work among the French in a far more vigorous manner.

Mr. GEO. BISHOP seconded the motion.

Rev. H. W. KONLING LEADING PARES.

Mr. GEO. BISHOP seconded the motion. Rev. H. W. KNOWLES, Lachute, moved an amendment that the French district be assigned to the several English districts within the bounds of which the French work is in operation; secondly, that the chairman of English districts have the same official ontrol of the French work within the bounds of their respective districts; thirdly, that French missionaries be members of the quarterly board nearest to which they reside, to which quarterly board they shall make their terly board nearest to which they reside, to which quarterly boards they shall make their returns, and with which and the superintendent thereof they shall take counsel, and that in all respects the French work shall be connected with and under the supervision of the English districts of this conference. He objected to the resolution on the ground that it was unconstitutional. They could not as an annual conference create a new office; then they were not ready as a Church for this new office. The work as a Church for this new office. The work was not sufficiently large for the office created, nor was it sufficiently extensive.

Rev. J. Kines, Morrisburgh, seconded the Rev. G. Forsey, Prescott, moved in amend-Rev. G. Forsey, Prescott, moved in amendment to the amendment the reaffirmation of the resolutions adopted by the last conference as to the way the French work should be conducted. He deprecated repeated change in their modes of working. The plan had only been in operation one year, and if it had not been very successful so far that was not saying that it might not become far more productive in future. To increase the expenses was not advisable while many of the missionaries were existing upon starvation wages. aries were existing upon starvation wages,
A discussion ensued, which was not concluded when conference rose.

BROOKVILLS, June 6.—The Montreal Conference of the Methodist Church resumed its session here this morning. As the discipline provides that a general superintendent and the conference president shall preside on alternate days. Bev. W. Galbrath, president

Rev. DR. RICE'S ILLNESS.

Rev. W. Scott (Ottawa) moved the adoption of the following resolution:—"That this conference has heard with profound sorrow of the continued serious illness of the Rev. Dr. Rice, general superintendent of the Methodist Church, and, therefore, of his inability to be present with us on this auspicious occasion, the first annual conference of the Methodist Church under the basis of union. The remembrance of the deep and fervent piety of our much beloved friend and brother, his ardent zeal and courageous perseverance in the cause of Christian missions, his earnest and successful prosecution of superior education, and his special REV. DR. RICE'S ILLNESS. ageous perseverance in the ceuse of Christian missions, his earnest and successful prosecution of superior education, and his special interest in the promotion of Methodist union, renders his absence all the more regretful to this conference in that we are deprived of the benefit of his wise suggestions and judicions counsels. The conference finds itself unable in any suitable form of words adequately to express its affectionate sympathy and condolence with our estimable ministerial fellow-labourer in the painful affliction he is called to experience. To this inscrutable dispensation of Divine Providence we bow in human submission, accompanied with most sincere prayer to Almighty God that the Holy Spirit, the comforter, may be largely imparted to the Christian sufferer, and that the God of all power and love may lay his restoring hand upon our afflicted brother, to the end that he may be long spared to aid by his wisdom and experience in carrying forward the purpose of our comspared to aid by his wisdom and experience in carrying forward the purpose of our compact organization, the complete evangelization of this whole Dominion. That a copy of this resolution be engrossed and forwarded by the secretary of this conference to the Rev. Dr. Rice, with such additional remarks as may be appropriate to the circumstances."

Dr. Lavell (Kingston) seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

NEXT YEAR'S MEETING. Some discussion took place as to the time and place of next year's meeting. It was eventually decided to meet at Stanstead on the last Thursday in May.

THE PROPOSED FRENCH SUPERINTENDENCY. The debate on Rev. Prof. Shaw's motion The debate on Rev. Prof. Shaws motion for the appointment of a superintendent of French missions was resumed by Rev. Wm. Scott, chairman of the French district. He said it was distinctly understood three years ago that the work of French evangelization was not in a satisfactory state, and there was the expression of a hope that improvement might take place. When it was proposed at the Napanee Conference to appoint a chairman of the French district, he had no idea that he would be selected for that position. From his knowledge of the French position. From his knowledge of the French work now he thought it better that the proposed changes should be referred to the Ger eral Conference. At the conclusion of a protracted debate,

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Rev. F. CHISHOLM moved that the resolution be tabled. The motion was lost.
Rev. Prof. SHAW said his motion was
adopted from the first clause of the memorial
of the Montreal Conference, and therefore he
would not make any charge in it. Rev. S.
Bond moved the reconsideration of the motion
to table the resolution. Carried.
Rev. F. CHISHOLM then moved that the
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ber the Sabbath day to keep it nois. It recommended that the ministers discountenance Sunday visiting, and preach on the subject of Sabbath observance once a year.

Rev. G. A. GIFFORD (Lyn) suggested that the report be recommitted for the purpose of adding a condemnation of Sunday cheese making the support of the frontier. ing which was very prevalent on the frontier Other delegates suggested condemnations of Sunday travelling, excursions on the Sabbath to camp meetings, the opening of livery

The report was accordingly referred back. EVANGELISTIC WORK. The minute from the Montreal Conference

The minute from the Montreal Conference of the Canada Methodist Church approving of the work of the Evangelistic Society and recommending conference to contaue the appointment of Rev. Mr. Winter as evangelist was presented and adopted. RULINGS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

Rev. A. B. CHAMBERS propounded the following question to the chair:—Does the law regulating the Superannuation Fund render it imperative for every minister and probationer to pay the annual subscription named in the discipline?

Superintendent CAEMAN said that the president, Mr. Galbraith, and he were agreed that the law made it imperative. There was

no option. Superintendent Carman then gave his rul-Superintendent Carman then gave his ruling on the questions submitted by Rev. 8. Bond on the first day of the conference, as to whether the children of ministers were claimants on the Superannuation Fund or the Children's Fund. He said they were claimants on the Children's Fund. The regulations of the Superannuation Fund allowed the Superannuation Board to make special provision, but children were not claimants on that fund. They were claimants on the Children's Fund; they might be beneficiaries on the Superannuation Fund. (Hear, hear.) SABBATH DESECRATION.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Desecration was again presented. An animated discussion took place respecting the running of steamboats to camp meetings on the Sabbath. One delegate suggested that if they condemned steamboat running on Sunday they should also condemn the running of them to the district camp meetings. On day they should also condemn the running of teams to the district camp meetings. On clause probibiting the opening on Sundays of the gates at camp meetings, Rev. Prof. Shaw moved in amendment to substitute "we strongly recommend that in connection with our camp meetings there be the utmost vigil-ance that the Lord's day be not violated." our camp meetings there be the utmost vigilance that the Lord's day be not violated."
The amendment was rejected, and the clause
adopted. Some further discussion took place
on the report, when a reconsideration of the
above clause was moyed and carried. Rev.
Wm. Jackson then moved the following
amendment, "We recommend our people to
discourage all desecration of the Lord's day,"
which was adopted.
The conference then adjourned.

FOURTH DAY,

BROCKVILLE, June 9.—There was no meeting of the Montreal Conference of the Methodist Church, in consequence of nearly all the delegates being engaged at the meetings of

committees. Conference assembled at 2 p.m., Rev. Wm. Galbraith, president, in the chair.

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Rev. Wim. Scorr reported a constitution for the Conference Missionary Society, and it was adopted.

A very important report came up from the Committee on Church Property. It related to the relief of embarrassed churches now united in this conference. The report embarced a statement of indebtedness and a method of relief, and after considerable discussion it was adopted. The Sabbath School Committee reported, and recommended Rev. Mr. Madge assecretary-treasurer, which was adopted. The Educational Committee reported the names of the young men who are appointed to go to college. Two of them, Mesars. Elliott and Harris are permitted to attend college if they are not required by the Stationing Committee. The Rev. J. M. Hogan read the report of the trustees of the Stanstead Wesleyan college, which was laid over, except that part which related the positions of the Rev. A. Hardie, and the conference endorsed his continuance in England to obtain supplies, and retained his services as secretary-treasurer. The Stationing Committee having been in consultation for several hours the conference sent a message requesting them to report at nine p.m.

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Opening of the Annual Session in Mont MONTREAL, June 5 .- The Congregational

Montreal, June 5.—The Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec resumed its session in Emmanuel church this morning. The proceedings commenced by the chairman delivering an address.

After hearing Rev. Mr. Dunning, of the Congregational Publishing Society of Boston, a motion was passed authorizing the Publication Company of Canada to enter into arrangements with the Boston Company to get book and periodicals for introduction into the Churches of Canada.

It was resolved to invite Manitoba Congregationalists to come into the union.

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A committee was appointed to consider the desirability of the Union ministers adopting the American Church new confession of faith. Formal business occupied the rest of the session.

SECOND DAY. Montreal, June 6.—The Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec met again in session this morning. After some formal business was transacted, part of which was selecting Hamilton, Ont., for the next annual meeting, the section of the report of the committee which discomntenanced the admission of women as delegates to the union was discussed.

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withholden, and there hath been no latter rain;" and Ezekiel xxxiv., 26, "I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing, and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing."
After the sermon the Assembly was con stituted and the roll called.

DR. COCHRANE'S REMARKS. The MODERATOR pro tem., before calling for nominations for the position of chief official of the Supreme Court of the Presbyterian Church, addressed the assembly. In his remarks he made feeling allusion to the deaths that have occurred during the

the deaths that have occurred during the year among the ministers, missionaries, and active membership of the Church. Special mention was made of the loss to Presbyterianism by the deaths in Scotland of Drs. Begg and Kennedy and Sir Henry Moncrieff. Reference was made to the missionary operations of the Church, the newly launched augmentation scheme, and other matters which would be brought before the assembly. Having returned thanks for kindness and courtesy extended on this and a assembly. Having returned thanks for kindness and courtesy extended on this and a previous occasion, when he had the honour to preside over the chief court in the Church, the speaker called for nominations for mode-ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

The clerk read the nominations sent up by presbyteries. These were—Dr. McKnight, Principal Grant, Rev. K. Maclennan, Prof. McLaren, Dr. Wardrope, Revs. J. K. Smith, and C. B. Pitblado. Messrs. Pitblado, Maclennan and Smith asked, and the Assembly agreed, that their names should be withdrawn. Two nominations were made on the floor of the assembly, one by Hon. Alex. Morris, seconded by Rev. S. Lyle, in favour of Prof. McLaren; the other by Dr. Macrae, seconded by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, in favour of Principal McKnight. On a vote being taken, Prof. McLaren was chosen by a majority of eleven. majority of eleven.

NEW MODERATOR'S ADDRESS. NEW MODERATOR'S ADDRESS.

On his appearance upon the platform, having been escorted thereto by his mover and seconder, the newly-elected moderator made thankful recognition of the honour conferred, acknowledged the responsibilities of the position for which, he said, he had no special fitness, touched upon the subjects which were to come before the assembly, asked for moderation in debate, alluded to the great schemes of the Church, making special allusion to the new scheme of augmentation, and asked the indulgence and help of the members in the position to which they had just elevated him, had just elevated him,

Dr. Raid, in behalf of the Committee for Choosing Delegates to the Pan Presbyterian Council, which meets at Belfast, Ireland, presented a report.

It was found that all the ministerial delegates from the first lists chosen last June in London expected to be present at the Coun-cil, except Dr. Reid and Prof. McLaren. The

This was agreed to,
lowing four be appointed, viz.—Thomas
Kirkland, Dr. Geikie, R. Kilgour, and William Kerr. Two others being required to
constitute the full representation of eight in
the eldership, the assembly agreed to transfer two ministers into the position of elder
representatives. The name of Rev. J. Fleck,
of Montreal, and Rev. L. H. Jordan, of
Halifax, were proposed and accepted.

CANADIAN REFRESENTATION.

The names of the gentlemen, clerical and
lay, who represent the Presbyterian Church
in Canada at the General Allkance of Churches
holding the Presbyterian system, to be held
in Belfast, beginning the 24th day of June,
are the following:—
Clerical.—Dr. King, Principal Caven, Dr.
MaoVicar, Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Burns, Rev. M.
Burrows, Dr. Matthewa, Rev. A. B. McKay,
Lay.—James Croil, Hon. D. Laird, Thos,
Kirkland, Dr. Geikie, R. Kilgour, Wm. Kerr,
Rev. M. Fleck, Rev. L. H. Jordan.

REPORT OF HYMNAL COMMITTEL.

Rev. Dr. JEXKINS presented the report of
the Hymnal dommittee. During the year
31,700 copies of the various editions of the
Hymnal had been sold, making a total of
142,240 copies sold since the original publication of the work. The sum of \$506 had been
received from the publishers, being the
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presbyteries for leave to receive ministers.

The Presbytery of Montreal asked leave to receive Rev. John Fraser, a Congregational minister. Certificates of ordination and character were read.

Alex. Frazer and D. McCannell of the Presbytery of Manitoba, and the Rev. J. Y. Thirde, of Huntsville, in the Presbytery of Barrie. These breaches in the mission staff, unexpected and deeply regretted, call for renewed zeal, and sarnest prayer to the great King and Head of the Church that others may be raised up to carry on the work in the fields left destitute.

After giving in detail the condition of the work in the different presbyteries, the report of the Presbytery of Manitoba, transmitted by Rev. James Robertson, superintendent of missions, was submitted.

"Churches were erected at Rat Portage, Stonewall, Greenwood, Cadurcis, Indian Head, Qu'Appelle, Humesville, Moosemin, Rosedale, Moose Jaw, Calgary, The Ridge, Willoughby, The Flats, Union Point, Condie, Grenfel, and Edmonton. Church maness at Virden, Broadview, Prince Albert, Regna, Gladstone, and Rat Portage. The church at Gladstone was enlarged; and the churches at Carberry. Dominion City, and Miami finished. The total cost of these buildings was between \$35,000 and \$40,000. More than two-thirds of the amount was contributed by the people, and the balance was met by advances from the Church and Manse Building Fund. Since this fund was brought to bear on our work the number of church edifices within the bounds of the presbytery has about trebied.

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The total amount subscribed as per last year's report was \$80,772.25; to which has been added during the present year \$14,647.01; total subscribed to date, \$95,319.25, of which were paid last year, as per report, \$20,903.64, and this year, as stated above, \$11,742.26; total paid, \$32,645.80.

LUMBERMEN'S MISSION.

The work of the lumbermen's mission was yigorously prosecuted during the past winter, and the missionaries and colporteurs were early furnished with a large and varied stock of books and tracts, with which they all expressed great satisfaction. atisfaction.
Financially the mission is in a prosperous con-lition. The total income for the year war \$433.36; the total expenditure, \$181.00; which leaves a balance on hand of \$252.56.

HOME MISSIONS (RASTERN SECTION). The report of the Committee on Hom Missions (eastern section) was then sub-

mitted.

It stated that during the year past, 13 ordained ministers and 10 licentiates have been engaged under the direction of the committee; besides four ministers during a portion of the term, aiding prestyteries by mutual arrangement in the supply of vacant charges. As most of the licentiates were soon called and settled, a good proportion within the first haif of the year, the 27 agents would not average more than six months each, in what is regarded as strictly home mission work; but the other six months were devoted by a good number, to congregations in which they were settled, and of the supply of which the committee was relieved.

The committee acknowledge the receipt from the executors of the late Alexander McLeod, of Halifax, of the sun of two thousand dollars for Home Missions which has been reserved, till by conference with the Committee on Augmentation, it is decided in what way this sum can be used with greatest advantage in furthering the common object of the committees. at apart for augmentation, the receipts for the car for this part of home mission work have een \$4.233.00, which with balance on hand May st, 1883, gives on the credit side of the account, 4.05.72, expenditure \$4.334.42 leaving the small alance in fund of \$81.30. Our hindrance in this mportant work is the want of preachers, a want is even in summers. The report of the Western section was

The report of the Western section was then taken up.

Rev. Mr. Cochrane moved the adoption of the recommendation on page 21, to the effect that the salary of Mr. Robertson, the super-intendent of missions to Manitoba, be \$2,000 a year and travelling expenses.

The motion was then carried.

Rev. Dr. Cochrane moved that the proposal for the division of the Manitoba Presbytery lie over until the papers are before the assembly.

This was agreed to.

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BULES FOR THE FUND.

report. Mr. W. B. McMurrich seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS.

The Secretarr read the applications from presbyteries for leave to receive ministers.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the motion was not disposed of.

The sederunt of the General Assembly

membership.

Rev. John Pendley moved that they did not judge it expedient to exclude women at present from sitting as delegates. He said that a voting member should not be excluded. He believed that the constitution of the union was determined largely by convention, and that

\*\*EVERY MEMBER SHOULD HAVE A VOICE.\*\*

The doors should be thrown open to every Christian man or woman, and by so doing not trouble would follow. A woman was certainly a power in the Church. He knew of a church in Ontario which had not enough men in it to make a church of it. He was paster of that church. Every question in that church had to be voted upon by ladies.

Mr. O'Hara said he could not agree with either the report of the amendment, and he moved that this union would not be justified in refusing to admit say member in good standing, and that the report of the committee of the had to be ordered.

A motion to adjourn having been put and lost, and Mr. O'Hara baving consented to withdraw manmendment to the amendment.

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of all the turritory not specified, and which is now within the bounds of the Presbytery of Manitoba.

2. That these three presbyteries shall constitute the Synod of Manitoba.

3. That the superintendent of missions shall devote his whole time to the mission work in the western Presbytery of Portage la Prairie or Brandon, and that his relations to that presbytery be the same as they now are to the Presbytery be the same as they now are to the Presbytery of Manitoba.

4. That the Presbyteries of Pembina and Winning shall work the mission fields under the same regulations as are in force for the other presbyteries of the Church, and that the Presbytery of Brandon shall conduct its operations in general accordance with the special provisions framed for the conduct of the work in the present Presbytery of Manitoba.

The report was received and the following resolution adopted:—The committee, having carefully considered the whole subject, recommend, in view of the changed circumstances during the year in the working of the mission field of the North-West, that no action be taken meantime.

Dr. Laing moved in terms of this recom-

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Rev. D. M. GORDON moved in amend-

ment to the motion of the Home Mission Committee that a division of the Manitoba Presbytery take place, and that the Presbyeries of Winnipeg, Brandon, and Rock Lake should now be formed. The amendment of Mr. Gordon was then Rev. Mr. Gordon then moved this resolution, that each presbytery have charge of the mission work within its own bounds.

Rev. Mr. Parsons moved that the money be sent in a lump sum to the Synod of Mani-

toba when constituted.

After further discussion a vote was taken on Rev. Mr. Parson's motion, which was carried by a large majority.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Rev. Mr. McMullen presented the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance. It gave a history of the steps taken by the various Churches of the Dominion with the view of taking joint action in presenting petitions to the House of Commons for the passage of a bill to secure the better observance of the Sabbath.

Rev. Mr. Parsons then moved that the report be adopted, and that the assembly express its strong disapprobation of the various forms of Sabbath profanation mentioned therein, especially the running of unnecessary trains, making up of mail matter, holding funerals unnecessarily, etc., and the assembly hereby urges on persons within the Church to abstain from and discountenance these several forms of Sabbath profanation.

The resolution was then carried unanimously.

me forty student missionaries retire in the fall continue their studies.

SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS SALARY,

F. Junor, returned missionary from Formosa, and Rev. Kenneth J. Grant, missionary to Trinidad, addressed the meeting.

FOURTH DAY,

The General Assembly met on Saturday morning at ten o'clock, and was opened with praise, reading of Scripture, and prayer by Dr. Gregg. The minutes of the two previous sederunts were read and sustained.

THE MARRIAGE QUESTION.

At the last General Assembly a committee was appointed to investigate the Scriptural authority on which marriage with a wife's relatives within the degrees prohibited by the Confession of Faith is condemned, and report with reasons their judgment to this assembly; also, to enquire further into this matter and recommend what action should be taken in reference to marriage within the forbidden degrees, and to report to next assembly.

Discussion on this question was left to a future sederunt.

future sederunt. THE COLLEGE QUESTION.

Some time ago the Presbytery of Paris came before the Synod of Hamilton and Lon-don with the following overture: don with the following overture:

"Whereas the powers of the General Assembly are derived from the presbyteries of the Church and are limited by the constitution under which the assembly exists, and also by the Barrier Act;

"Whereas the assembly has not obtained from the presbyteries the power to originate new theological colleges nor to institute new chairs of theology in existing collegiate institutions;

"Whereas by its present practice the assembly is assuming that it has this power independently of the consent of presbyteries;

"Whereas it is desirable for the peace of the Church and the harmonious working of our Presbyterian system that the constitutional rights and relative powers of the Courts of the Church be watchfully guarded and maintained,

"It is therefore overtured to the synod to take this whole subject into consideration with the view of such steps being adopted as may be necessary to secure that, in the matter referred to, the presbyteries of the Church shall in future be consulted and the mind of the Church ascertained before final action be adopted by the assembly."

This overture was adopted by the synod

This overture was adopted by the synod and transmitted to the assembly, and in this way comes before the court.

FIFTH DAY.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada commenced its fifth day's session in St. James' square church at ten o'clock, the moderator, Rev. Dr. McLaren, in the chair. After devotional exercises the assembly was declared constituted for busi-

On motion of Rev. Dr. LAING, seconded by Rev. Dr. Gregg, the application of the Presbytery of Hamilton for the transfer of Dundas street station to the Presbytery of Toronto was granted.

fifth, viz., the institution of new colleges.

Principal Grant's amendment was carried.

FOREIGN MISSIONS. The unfinished business in connection with The dominished Justices in connection with the foreign mission report was then taken up. The MODERATOR said that at the last meet-ing of the assembly the question of the unifi-cation of the Western and Eastern Committees came up for consideration, and was referred to the two committees. The subject was considered by a joint meeting of the two committees, and they passed a resolution declaring that it was advisable to have the 

next year to the assembly."

The motion was carried unanimously.

Rev. Dr. Macgregor moved "That the assembly adopt the report of the eastern section, and express their gratitude to God for the encouraging facts it contained." It recommended that the assembly approve of the project to provide a house for the Rev. Mr. Grant, of the Trinidad mission. The mission work in Trinidad and the New Hebrides was referred to in terms of special congratulation.

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The motion was carried.

Principal Grant moved:—"That the Foreign Missien Committee, western section, be instructed to place at the credit of the Foreign Mission Committee, eastern section, the sum of \$2,500 to provide a house for the Rev. Kenneth Grant, if such sum be required for the purpose." He explained that the western section had a surplus, while the eastern section was in debt. He thought the eastern section had a legal claim to this assistance, in view of the legacies left the eastern section was in debt. He thought the eastern section had a legal claim to this assistance, in view of the legacies left the western section to which it might be urged that the east had a claim.

The motion was carried.

Rev. Dr. Grant moved the adoption of the report of the Foreign Mission Committee, western section. The report having been in the hands of the members since Friday was not read.

not read.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Rev. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph, presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions (Western section).

The report was a long one, and gave details of the work under the direction of the committee in the North-West, in China, and in India.

Rev. Dr. McGregor presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions for the Maritime Provinces.

The reports were received.

Rev. H. A. Rosgrason, representative of Tromanga, New Hebrides Mission, Rev. K.

thodist Church in such manner as may be deemed most fitting."

Rev. Dr. Laing seconded the motion.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The Moderator named the mover and seconder and Principal Caven as the committee

morning at ten o'clock, and was opened with praise, reading of Scripture, and prayer by Dr. Gregg. The minutes of the two previous sederunts were read and sustained.

PARTY POLITICS.

Rev. W. Armstrong rose to move the motion of which he had given notice on Friday concerning the evils arising from party politics, that it should receive attention at an earlier period than that laid down in the docket. The overture, he said was to be regarded not as a political, but as a moral question. It did not attack party politics, but aimed at the smoothing of asperities belonging to politics. He moved, seconded by Dr. Proudfoot, that the docket be reconsidered and this subject be set down as the first item of business for Monday afternoon.

The Marriage Question.

Home mission committee.

Rev. Mr. Warden in the Committee on Standing Committees recommending the appointment of the following committee on the American Committee on Standing Committees recommending the appointment of the following committee on Standing Committees recommending the appointment of the following committee on Standing Committees recommending the appointment of the following committee on Standing Committees recommending the appointment of the following committee on Standing Committees recommending the appointment of the following committee on Standing Committees recommending the appointment of the following committee on Standing Committees recommending the appointment of the following committee on Standing Committees recommending the appointment of the following committee on Standing Committees recommending the appointment of the following committee on Standing Committees recommending the appointment of the following committee on Standing Committees recommending the appointment of the following committee on Standing Committees recommending the appointment of the following committees for the Home Mission, western section. Dr. Cochrane, convenier, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Campbell, M. W. Maclean, J. A. Carmichael, E. Cockburn, A. Cilray, E. Modie, J. Somervill HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted. KNOX COLLEGE BOARD.

Rev. Mr. WARDEN moved the adoption of the following Board of Management for Knox College :— Board of Management—Mr. W. M. Clark,

terby, J. Thompson (Sarnia), W. A. Wilson, Colin Fletcher, H. McQuarrie, H. M. Par-sons, S. C. Smith, A. Stewart, John Smith, J. Carmighael and Market John Smith,

sons, S. C. Smith, A. Stewart, John Smith, J. Carmichael, and Messrs. W. Jeffrey, T. Yellowbees, J. Henderson, D. D. Wilson, Hon. G. W. Ross, Geo. Rutherford, Hamilton Cassels, R. Laurie.

Senate—Principal Caven, chairman; the professors and lecturers of the college; Dr. Reid, Dr. Laing, Rev. Messrs. H. M. Parsons, D. J. Macdonnell, S. Lyle, J. M. Cameron, P. McF. McLeod, A. P. McKay, G. M. Milligan, J. Carmichael, and Messrs. J. Kirkland, A. McMurchy, W. M. Clarke.

Board of Examiners—Dr. Laing, chairman; the Senate; Dr. Wardrope, L. D. McLaren, F. R. Beattie, P. Wright, R. Torrance, J. Gray (Orillia), D. C. McIntyre, R. P. Mc Gray (Orillia), D. C. McIntyre, R. P. Mc-Kay, W. G. Wallace, and George Dickson. The recommendation was adopted.

DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.

The appeal of Rev. Dr. Gregg and others from the Synod of Toronto and Kingston regarding the performance by a minister of the Presbytery of Kingston of the marriage ceremony between a man and his deceased wife's sister was then taken up.

Rev. Dr. Gregg then stated the circumstances of the case. He said that by an article in the Confession of Faith no man could marry his deceased wife's sister, and no law of man could do away with this law. Secondly, the law was not a dead letter, and had been again and again enforced in the cutting off of members who had contracted this relation. The parties were members of a congregation near Kingston, of which Rev. T. S. Chambers was moderator pro tem. They applied to him to marry them. Mr. Chambers refused, and on application to Mr. Gallagher, who was minister of a neighbouring congregation, he married them. Mr. Chambers then called the parties before the session, and at the same time resigned his position as moderator of the session on the ground that

French Evangelization. Rev. Principal MacVicar presented the re-port of the Board of French Evangelization. The following extracts are given:—

FINANCES. FINANCES.

From the accompanying financial statement it will be seen that \$24,990,37 were received during the year for the ordinary work of the board, and \$3,485.01 on behalf of the Pointe aux Trembies schools, making a total of \$30,475.38 for the year. Among the receipts is a sum of \$1,450.10 from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland. To this church and the convener of its colonial committee, Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Limarick, as also to all the friends of the mission in Canada, R. itain, and the United States, the board return heartfelt thanks for their generous contributions.

The following is the financial statement:

By balance on hand from last year \$2,985.50

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JUVENILE MISSIONS.

Dr. JARGINE made reference to an appendix to the Foreign Mission report bearing upon the Juvenile Mission scheme. Regarding this scheme there has been a good deal of dissatisfaction. A sub-committee of the Foreign Mission Committee recommends the appointment of a secretary who should have charge of this work, but the Foreign Mission Committee did not fall in with this. He moved, seconded by Dr. Fraser

That the thanks of the assembly are due to Miss Mechar, who has faithfully and efficiently performed the duties of secretary to the scheme for so many years. The assembly is of opinion that the duties of stimulating, guiding, and reporting the efforts of the children of Sabbath schools in favour of the various schemes of our Church belong properly to the Sabbath School Committee, which, therefore, ought to be instructed to assume them, and that the Foreign