

the lamps were lighted, new lustre was added from the stained glass in the windows, and could not but have been admired by the strangers present, of whom there were not a few. Both the afternoon and evening meetings were decided successes judging from the numbers and attentiveness of the audiences. The new church will seat about 120. It was built by the young men of the seven Presbyterian families who reside here, with the assistance of as many more Episcopalian families. All were united as one man and pushed forward vigorously what had been undertaken, to completion. The cost was about \$1,050 and a debt of \$200 still remains. We trust this new building will long stand as a beacon light, small though it is, compared with many magnificent stone edifices that stand round it on every side. This is one of two Protestant Churches in this county. A third, we believe, is contemplated at Marlow.

A SOIREE to celebrate the twenty-seventh anniversary of the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Moffat, was held in Free St. John's Church on Tuesday evening week. Tea was served in the basement of the church, which was very tastefully decorated with autumn leaves, having a very pleasing effect. A large number sat down and partook of the dainties so liberally provided. After this important part of the programme had been attended to, an adjournment to the body of the church was made. Dr. Moffat in his opening remarks gave a number of interesting reminiscences of the privations to be endured in the backwoods twenty seven years ago, by the minister of the Gospel. He alluded to the progress made by a comparison between the old log church of primitive times and the present handsome and commodious structure. During his connection with them he had married 382 couples, and for the last three years the vitality of the church was such, that the average number of communicants added to Free St. John's Church was twenty per year. Concluding, he read a notice of an official call from the congregation of St. George, to become their pastor. He stated that at the proper time the congregation would be called upon to take action on the matter. Rev. Mr. Scott advanced a number of arguments and propositions in favour of the long pastorate system, as compared with a short one, that in some of the sister churches found favour. He concluded by congratulating both pastor and people on the great success that had attended the ministry of Dr. Moffat among them for so many years. Mr. D. Sinclair, Registrar, spoke briefly, expressing his pleasure at being present; he claimed a personal acquaintance and friendship with Dr. Moffat for twenty years. He alluded in felicitous terms to the success that has attended him during the long pastorate of twenty seven years. He bore testimony to his thoroughly orthodox teaching and preaching, both in and out of the pulpit, and congratulated both pastor and people on the pleasing bond of union that existed between them for such a lengthened term. Mr. James Nesbitt spoke of the early trials of the pioneers in settling the district. In reference to the call from St. George Church, he trusted that Dr. Moffat will not be allowed to leave this church, until called to the church above. The proceeds of the soiree amounted to the handsome sum of \$110.

**RESIGNATION OF WHITBY.**—The Presbytery of Whitby met in Bowmanville on the 21st inst. After making arrangements for the missionary meetings, the following minute was adopted in reference to Mr. Atkinson. "As our esteemed brother, the Rev. Thomas Atkinson, has seen it to be his duty to resign his pastorate over Enniskillen and Cartwright, his co-presbyters desire to place on record the expression of their deep felt sorrow, in having so soon to part with a brother who has become beloved, and whose sterling qualities of mind and heart they were but beginning to appreciate. The Presbytery desires to express its hope that the great Head of the Church will ere long open up for him a field of usefulness, where he may be highly honoured in building up the cause of Christ." The presbytery accepted the resignation of the Rev. James Little, M.A. A large and influential deputation from the congregation addressed the presbytery and laid on the table a minute of the congregation expressive of their high regard for Mr. Little, but as he pressed his resignation, the presbytery with deep regret accepted it and dissolved the tie between him and St. Paul's Church, Bowmanville. Mr. Drummond was appointed to declare the church vacant on the last Sabbath of November and to act as Moderator of Session. The Rev. Mr. McLellan accepted a unanimous call from Ashburn and Utica and his induction was appointed to take place in the Church at Ashburn, on Tuesday, the 4th November, at eleven o'clock, Mr. Cameron to preside, Mr. Craig to preach, Mr. Drummond to address the pastor and Mr. Carmichael the people. Some other items of business not of public interest were transacted and the presbytery adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Whitby, on the third Tuesday of January next at half-past ten o'clock a.m.—A. A. DRUMMOND, Pres. Clerk.

**THE PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.**—The Presbytery of Montreal met in the David Morrice Hall, on Tuesday, 7th inst. Mr. Thomas Cumming, Moderator, *pro tem.* Elders' commissions were read and sustained. Session records were laid on the table and committees appointed to

examine them and report. Mr. R. H. Warden, convener, reported on behalf of the Home Mission Committee, reviewing the work done in all the stations within the bounds during the past quarter, and making recommendations for the future which were adopted. Mr. A. B. MacKay, convener, reported on behalf of the Committee on the Augmentation of Salaries, calling special attention to the regulation requiring congregations to furnish evidence that all arrears of salary have been paid before receiving payments from this fund. Mr. R. Campbell, convener, read the report of the City Mission Committee for the past quarter. He read a synopsis of the work done and extracts from the diary kept. Mr. Patterson supplemented the report by a short statement. The report was received and the importance and success of the work dwelt upon by several of the members present. A very satisfactory financial statement was also submitted. It was also proposed to continue the canvass of the city begun last year. Missionary reports of a very encouraging nature were received from the congregations of Georgetown, English River and Howick, and Russeltown. Other congregations were instructed to make the necessary arrangements for holding such meetings and report in January. Mr. Watson on behalf of Presbytery's examining committee reported; and it was agreed to certify to the senate of the Presbyterian College the following students: In Theology—John McLaren, John H. Graham, Thomas J. Barron, David Hodges—as having completed their first year; and William K. Shearer, Toussaint Z. Lefebvre and Joseph L. Morin—as having completed their second year. In Preparatory Course—John MacDougall, Paul N. Cayer, and Charles W. Whyte; also Calvin J. Hastings, George Alexander Berwick, John Archibald Morison, William J. Jamieson, David M. W. Jamieson, William D. T. Moss, Norman Lindsay, Archibald McKenzie, Peter L. Naismith, Louis L. Bouchard and Charles H. Vessot. Mr. Robert Campbell reported that he had attended a meeting of the Glengarry Presbytery, held on the 1st inst., at which Mr. Cornack had declared his willingness to accept the call from Lachine, and the Presbytery had agreed to release him from his charge of Alexandria. The Presbytery resolved to meet at Lachine on Friday, the 24th of October, at seven p.m., to induct Mr. Cornack as minister there. Mr. Campbell was appointed to preside, Mr. Bennett to preach, Mr. Watson to address the minister, and Mr. Warden the people.—The Presbytery will also consider a call from the congregation of Hemmingford, and a call from St. Andrew's, Truro, to Rev. T. Cumming. Mr. R. P. Ducloux having been appointed to a field within the bounds of the Presbytery, his name was added to the roll. Mr. George Coull asked the Presbytery to release him from his charge of the congregation of Valleyfield. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in David Morrice Hall on the second Tuesday of January, 1885.—JAMES PATTERSON, Pres. Clerk.

#### SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces, in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was opened on Tuesday evening, 14th inst., in Knox Church, Pictou, N. S., there being some 230 members present. The opening services were conducted by the retiring Moderator, Rev. Dr. Burns, of Fort Massey Church, Halifax, who preached an able and eloquent sermon. His text was from 1 Corinthians, ix. 4.

The Synod was then constituted with prayer by the retiring Moderator. The clerk, Rev. P. M. Morrison, submitted the roll as corrected and amended, after which the retiring Moderator called for nominations for Moderator. Rev. A. McLean Sinclair, Rev. Allen Simpson and Rev. James McLean were nominated. On the vote Rev. James McLean was declared elected. Mr. McLean then addressed the Synod.

A motion of thanks was unanimously passed to the Rev. Dr. Burns for his able and admirable sermon and for his courteous conduct during his occupancy of the Moderatorship.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures submitted their report of the business to be before the Synod and the order in which it was to be taken up. The report was adopted.

The College Board met this morning, at nine o'clock, to discuss the present connection of the Presbyterian Church with Dalhousie College, and it was unanimously resolved to recommend that the Synod notify the governors of Dalhousie that the Church would cease to pay the salary of Principal Ross after May 1st, 1885.

The Augmentation Board met to discuss the scheme to increase the minimum salary of ministers to \$750 and a manse. They reported that only \$1,000 would be required for that purpose.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Synod met at ten a.m. in Knox Church. The Augmentation Committee presented their report, after which the delegates of the Western Church, Messrs. Macdonnell and Warden, addressed the Synod. They gave a full account of the operation of the scheme in the west, stating that they had now a balance of \$18,000.

Considerable discussion arose at last night's meeting over the question of the nomination of the committee to appoint

standing committees. The Committee on Bills and Overtures had appointed this committee, and last night it was vigorously contended by many that the Moderator alone had that right. This morning, after further discussion, the Synod decided that the right belonged to the Moderator, and resolved that henceforth he alone should nominate that committee. He then appointed as such committee Rev. Dr. Macrae, Rev. Dr. Calder, E. McCurdy, Neil McKay and E. Miller.

The report of the Augmentation Scheme Committee, apportioning to each Presbytery the amount they were to be required to raise, and calling for special reports in needy cases to be handed in on or before February 1st, was taken up and adopted.

The Hunter Fund report was submitted by Rev. Dr. McGregor, showing the operations for the year, and was adopted.

The Home Mission Board reported asking for authority to employ the eldership of the Church to supply vacant congregations and mission stations during the winter months, and asking leave to correspond with the Presbyterian Church in Scotland and Ireland to secure help. There are now twenty-six vacant congregations and sixty mission stations in the Maritime Provinces. The leave applied for was granted.

In the afternoon the next meeting of the Synod was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, St. John, next October.

An overture of Mr. Jas. G. Forbes, asking that trust funds be not invested in bank stocks, was referred to the Financial Committee of the General Assembly for the Eastern Section of the Church for advice.

Mr. Waddell read a resolution of the elders pledging themselves to do what they can in their respective Presbyteries to promote the cause of the Gospel. This resolution was gratefully heard by the Synod, which recorded its deep sense of appreciation.

The subject of the unification of the Foreign Mission funds of the Western and Eastern Sections of the Church occupied the remainder of the sederunt.

At the evening session, Rev. Mr. Donald gave in his report on Sabbath Schools, which showed an increase in the number of schools and workers. The report was received and a spirited discussion took place, after which its recommendations were adopted.

Rev. Mr. Simpson, convener of the Temperance Committee, presented the report on Temperance, which showed increasing interest in the cause in the Church. The report of the committee was received and its recommendations adopted.

The subject of unification was then again taken up.

The discussion on the Unification of Foreign Mission Boards, Eastern and Western, resulted in a resolution that the matter be deferred for another year.

#### THURSDAY MORNING.

On a proposal to unify the Home Mission funds of the eastern and western sections, a resolution was passed approving of the proposal, but deferring the matter for another year, in order that an arrangement for augmenting the funds of the Eastern Church might be in meantime completed.

Dr. McGregor read a report of the College Board, which recommended the retirement of Principal Ross from the chair of Ethics and Hebrew in Dalhousie on the 1st of May next, and that he be given as a retiring allowance the sum of \$800 per annum. The report and recommendations were adopted.

Rev. J. S. McGillivray presented a report on Sabbath Observance, showing that in many localities there has been of late an improvement; also that the committee had not been very successful in dealing with the Government on the question of Sunday trains on the Intercolonial.

Rev. E. A. McCurdy presented a report on Systematic Benevolence, in which he narrated the work of the committee during the year, especially their attempt to get literature in connection with this subject introduced into the Church, and stated that their work in this respect had been almost a failure. They asked if, in view of this fact, it would not be advisable to do away with the committee altogether. On motion, the Synod unanimously agreed to continue the committee.

Reports were read from various Presbyteries in reference to contributions to various schemes of the Church. Many showed a decided increase and on the whole the work was very encouraging.

After the usual vote of thanks to the church managers, the committee on entertainment, people of the town, press and railway, the Moderator delivered the closing address and one of the longest and most successful Synods which has been held since the union adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's Church, St. John, on the Tuesday after the first Sabbath of October, 1885.

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