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**CORRECTION:**—In publishing Miss Blackadder's report of the Princetown school for 1885, we made a mistake in the omission of some figures. There were in school during the year 208, the average number enrolled was 119, daily average 86.

The present is an interesting period in the history of Presbyterianism. Last winter there was celebrated in Montreal the centenary of the establishment of Presbyterianism in that city, which may be taken as the origin of Presbyterianism in the Upper Provinces of our Dominion. During the present summer, the Presbytery of Truro purpose celebrating the centenary of their existence. One hundred years ago that Presbytery, the oldest Presbytery in the Dominion, was organized. One hundred years ago this summer, Rev. Dr. MacGregor landed in Pictou, and began his work, and although the Presbytery was not organized until later, it is the centenary of Presbyterianism in the County, and should be appropriately observed by the Presbyterians of the County.

The State of the Foreign Mission Fund at the close of the accounts is a matter for gratitude. The income for the year paid the years expenditure, all but about \$200. In the report it is stated that the receipts are within \$44,50 of the expenditure, but it must be remembered that at least \$150 of this was given by a lady in the West for a fourth missionary to the New Hebrides, and if he be not appointed it must be held at her disposal. It does not belong to the

Committee for its ordinary work though it had to be included in the years receipts.

Our position is a matter for thankfulness, because we have not added more than \$200 to the debt, whereas during the previous year it was increased by about \$400, but it is not a matter for self congratulation, for during the few days before the closing of accounts more than \$1000 was unexpectedly received from different sources in the West. Had not this been done our expenditure for the year would have exceeded our income by a much larger amount than during the previous year.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, purposes celebrating two years hence, in 1888, in Philadelphia, the Centenary of its organization. The committee appointed to make arrangements have made the following recommendations:

First:—The Assembly of 1888 shall meet in Philadelphia, and the second Thursday of its meeting be set apart as a day of thanksgiving and rejoicing.

Second:—As leading up to this it be urged on all churches, Presbyteries and Synods to arrange for the collection and publication of the facts of their history; the Presbyteries and Synods to have these presented at their fall meeting in 1887, and forward copies to the Clerk of the Assembly and to the Presbyterian Historical Society. The Boards of the church are urged to prepare a history of their work. The day of thanksgiving, it is recommended, be devoted to meetings in which shall be discussed the history, progress and outlook of the Presbyterian church. The raising of a thanksgiving fund of \$5,000,000 during 1887-8 is also recommended, the interests of which is to be devoted to the permanent funds of the different Synods. Finally, the committee recommend that the year 1887-8 be made a year of special prayer in all the churches for the blessing of God.