

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Home Missions and the Amount Paid to Missionaries.

The Case of J. S. Mullin Referred to the Judicial Committee.

Good Progress in the Foreign Mission Field and Satisfaction Expressed.

London, Ont., June 12.—The twenty-first General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada met in St. Andrew's church this evening at 7.30 o'clock. The moderator, Rev. J. S. Mackay, of Formosa, was accompanied to the platform by Rev. Dr. Wardrop, a former moderator, and Rev. Mr. Johnston, minister of the church.

The opening service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Wardrop at great length. After worship Rev. Dr. Mackay preached an eloquent sermon from Exodus 14th chapter and 14th verse: "The Lord said unto them, go forward." The preacher showed that the line today was surrounded by difficulties which rendered necessary for the church the reiteration of the divine command, go forward. So much is the case that it is proposed to gather help for our progress from other so-called religions. These he showed, however, could not give the help needed. The only solution of the difficulty would be found in the dwelling power of the spirit of God as seen in its operation among men. Then indeed the world would be won for Christ.

The audience was large and enthusiastic and several times heartily applauded the telling points in the moderator's discourse.

After the service Mr. Mackay constituted the court and ordered the roll to be called.

Quite a number of the maritime delegates answered to their names and more are expected to arrive tomorrow. After roll call the election of the moderator for the ensuing year took place.

Dr. Robertson, superintendent of home missions in the west, was nominated by Dr. Wardrop, seconded by Dr. Forrest, and was unanimously appointed moderator.

On taking the chair Dr. Robertson thanked the assembly for the honor conferred upon him and referred feelingly to the loss the church had sustained by the death of Rev. Mr. Murray, who had invited them to meet in London, but who soon after his return home from St. John had been suddenly cut off in the midst of his usefulness.

Dr. Mackay reported replies to the loyal addresses sent to the queen and governor general and Dr. Cochrane presented the report of the business committee. The clauses were considered and adopted, when the assembly adjourned with the benediction.

London, June 13.—Thursday morning the Presbyterian general assembly met at 10 o'clock and devoted the first hour to devotional exercises, after which the moderator offered the constituting prayer and the minutes were read and approved.

Dr. Cochrane presented the report of the committee on bills and overtures.

Several committees were appointed to deal with the reception and retention of ministers and applications on behalf of students on which the maritime delegates held quite a number of places.

Applications on behalf of certain ministers and students from presbyteries were referred to their several committees.

When twelve o'clock came the assembly adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

The assembly met at two o'clock. Dr. Reid, through old age and infirmities, wished to resign part of his work, and asked that a committee be appointed to confer with him on the subject and report.

Principal Pollok reported on behalf of the Halifax college. Forty-eight students had been enrolled and the session had been one of the best in the college's history.

Two chairs had become vacant, and on motion Dr. S. Gordon and R. A. Falconer were appointed to the chairs of theology and New Testament Greek respectively.

The report of Morrin college, Quebec; Presbyterian college, Montreal; Queen's college, Kingston; and Manitoba college were adopted. These showed a successful course of study during the winter. All complained that the contributions from the congregations had fallen away. Post graduate courses had been constituted in Queen's and good work had been done therein. A great increase had been made in the arts department of that university.

Appeals were made for funds, and satisfaction expressed at the continued prosperity of the colleges.

Knox college report was presented by Dr. Caven and showed that twenty-eight students had graduated last session. One of the professors, Dr. Thomas, had died, and Dr. McIntosh of Philadelphia was nominated as his successor.

The college was congratulated on the attainment of its jubilee. Its report was adopted with the exception of the appointment of Dr. McIntosh, which was left for further consideration.

Dr. Gregg intimated his resignation of his professorship and a high tribute was paid to his work and success as a teacher.

Dr. Watters, at one time pastor of St. David's, in St. John, visited the assembly and was asked to sit on the platform.

The evening sederunt was occupied with the consideration of home mission matters.

Rev. Mr. McMillan presented the report of the eastern committee. Over forty ministers and 65 catechists were employed. The income from all sources was \$12,231.64, and the expenditure \$12,104.16, and the debt has been slightly decreased. A church building fund for the presbytery of St. John was sanctioned.

Dr. Cochrane reported that in the west a greater work had been done than ever before. They had received an income of \$75,326.76, including \$10,000 from the British churches and car-

ried forward a balance of over \$600 on the right side.

The remainder of the sederunt was occupied with speeches by home missionaries regarding the work they were engaged in and the many difficulties they had to encounter.

The assembly adjourned till tomorrow morning.

London, Ont., June 14.—The assembly met at 10 o'clock, the moderator in the chair. The remainder of the home mission business was discussed.

An overture was read from British Columbia regarding the amounts paid to missionaries and students. They had many hardships to undergo and their salaries of \$650 were too small to pay expense, and often were not promptly paid. The whole matter was referred to the home mission committee for reconsideration.

Dr. Mathews, representing the alliance of the Reformed churches, addressed the assembly. He spoke of the interest felt by the British churches in the Canadian church, and especially in the home mission work, and asked that a delegation be sent to the alliance meetings to be held in Scotland next year.

Principal Caven proposed a resolution commending the work of the alliance, which was carried.

The session held in the afternoon was occupied with the reading of papers regarding the reception of ministers and the studying of students, which after consideration were referred to the several committees for investigation and report.

Mr. Graham, of St. John's, Newfoundland, appealed against the action of the synod of the maritime provinces in asking him to resign. The case was referred to the judicial committee.

The case of J. S. Mullin against the St. John presbytery was called and referred to the judicial committee. The presbytery put in an appearance, but no appearance was made for Mr. Mullin. The presbytery had decided that he ought to resign, against which he appealed. The matter will be discussed before the committee tomorrow morning by Revs. J. S. Sutherland, W. W. Rainnie and Judge Forbes.

Several other appeals were considered and sent down for investigation to the same judicial committee.

J. K. McDonald of Toronto presented the report of the aged and infirm ministers' fund, showing that though the congregations had not made large collections, yet through bequests and other contributions the fund showed a slight increase. Several ministers were placed on the fund.

J. S. Carruthers presented the report for the eastern fund, which showed that a very small proportion of the maritime province ministers were connected with the fund, and urged serious consideration of the matter by the young men. The fund closed the year with a deficit of \$300. The report was adopted.

At the evening sederunt the foreign mission affairs were discussed. The gathering was large, the church being filled to its utmost capacity. Dr. Morrison presented the report of the eastern section. They had met all their liabilities for the current year and reduced their debt from \$3,000 to \$800.

Good progress had been made in the various fields, and gratification was expressed at the result attained.

On the platform were seated the returned missionaries with the family of Rev. Dr. Mackay of Formosa. Rev. Mr. Thompson of Trinidad described the work there, dwelling on its arduousness and its hindrances. Civilization the same there as here. They had Sunday trains, cock fights, and on the whole you would fancy life there had been copied from a Canadian model.

Rev. Dr. J. F. Campbell spoke for India, and made an urgent appeal for aid for the work there. He wanted better houses and more means that more stations may be opened up. Rev. Mr. Jamieson spoke of the lower condition of the people of India and the terrible sacrifices they offered to their gods, even women and children. The religion of the Hindoo was essentially one of blood.

Rev. J. McArthur described his work among the Sioux Indians under the care of the foreign mission committee. He was followed by Dr. McIntosh of China, who twice gold medalist, McGill and Toronto, and bright prospects of practice here, volunteered for the work in China. He described the province of Honan, its extent, its idolatry, its demon worship and the methods adopted to conquer the land for Christ. The medical department had done much for the breaking up of the people's prejudices and the opening of their hearts and homes to missionaries.

Dr. Fraser Smith, also of Honan, spoke, and Dr. Thompson described his work among the Chinese of Montreal.

Koa Kou, a student from Formosa, spoke of the life and work among his fellow countrymen, telling of his conversion and the work Dr. Mackay had done there.

Mr. Mackay gave an account of his work in Formosa and held the attention of the large audience by his thrilling description of the life, manners and customs of the people and the converts who had turned from heathendom towards Godliness.

London, Ont., June 15.—The session of the general assembly Saturday was opened in due form, when certain appeal cases were read and referred to the committee for consideration.

Dr. Armstrong presented the report on Sabbath observance, emphasizing the growing practice of Sunday travelling by bicycle, etc., and the desecration practiced on that day thereby.

After disposing of the report the assembly listened to a speech by John Charlton, M. P., who has done so much for the protection of the rights and liberties of that day. He told how the dominion parliament had acted toward the bill, which, backed by many Christian bodies, he had presented, and how his majority of proposed friends had practically killed the bill.

John A. Patterson spoke also on the attempts made in Ontario and Quebec for the same, and Dr. J. K. Smith described the Sabbath life in San Francisco, and how his majority there, and urged the people of Canada to hold fast to their day of worship and rest.

The next business was the consideration of the overture presented by the St. John presbytery asking that

each presbytery in the synod of the maritime provinces be equally represented on the executive of the eastern division of the Home Mission committee.

Rev. J. S. Sutherland and W. W. Rainnie spoke in its behalf, and after discussion the whole matter was referred to the Home Mission committee for consideration.

Foreign Missions were then discussed. All the minority were re-appointed and several new missionaries were appointed. It was estimated that nearly \$1,500 would be required for the successful carrying on of the work.

TEN WORKERS KILLED

And a Large Number of Persons Fatally Injured at Fall River.

New Steam Boiler Explodes and Shatters a Harness Factory to Pieces—Fire Adds to the Work of Destruction.

Fall River, Mass., June 14.—Henry Langtry's business shop, a four story building at the corner of the street, was blown up this morning. Many men were at work on the building at the time of the explosion.

Later intelligence is that there were about thirty men and women in the building at the time of the explosion. Nine of them are reported to have escaped alive. Seven bodies have been taken out of the ruins so far. This leaves twenty-nine to be accounted for. The fire department, the police and all the doctors in the city are at the scene.

The catastrophe was caused by a new boiler, which, exploding in the basement of the building, blew out the entire end of the structure, and allowed the upper floors to settle in a mass of ruins. The flames consumed the building and the ruins soon after the explosion and began to burn briskly. The firemen rushed to the scene and made heroic efforts in their endeavors to rescue the imprisoned workmen.

The shrieks of the girls in the ruins were mingled with the agonizing cries of their helpless friends outside.

Ambulance calls were sent out hurriedly and every physician who could be reached was sent at once to the scene. The offices and the houses in the vicinity were turned into temporary hospitals. At 9 o'clock the charred body of a woman was taken out of the ruins. The fire had still smouldering, and the work of rescuing went on with much difficulty.

There were over forty-five persons employed, the greater part of this number being women, but it is said not all were in the building at the time.

A girl named Jalbert and her sister-in-law, who worked side by side on the third floor, escaped one unhurt and the other was somewhat injured. The Jalbert girls say that none of the girls or men knew what had happened. There was a terrible report, followed by a shock, and the roof seemed to lift and then fall, completely demolishing the whole building.

Henry Langtry, the proprietor, is among those rescued, but his condition is critical.

Mayor Green announced at 11 o'clock that ten persons have been killed and three are still missing. Four have been taken from the ruins. There are a number injured and several may die.

The fire is now all out, but the building is so badly wrecked that the ruins of the ruins is now progressing very slowly.

BRITISH LUMBER MARKET.

Farnworth & Jardine's circular of June 1st notes the sale at Liverpool of St. John Birch timber, 14 1/4 inches, at 15-8d, per cubic foot; St. John spruce deals at an average of 15 1/2s, 16s, 17s, 18s, 19s, 20s, 21s, 22s, 23s, 24s, 25s, 26s, 27s, 28s, 29s, 30s, 31s, 32s, 33s, 34s, 35s, 36s, 37s, 38s, 39s, 40s, 41s, 42s, 43s, 44s, 45s, 46s, 47s, 48s, 49s, 50s, 51s, 52s, 53s, 54s, 55s, 56s, 57s, 58s, 59s, 60s, 61s, 62s, 63s, 64s, 65s, 66s, 67s, 68s, 69s, 70s, 71s, 72s, 73s, 74s, 75s, 76s, 77s, 78s, 79s, 80s, 81s, 82s, 83s, 84s, 85s, 86s, 87s, 88s, 89s, 90s, 91s, 92s, 93s, 94s, 95s, 96s, 97s, 98s, 99s, 100s, 101s, 102s, 103s, 104s, 105s, 106s, 107s, 108s, 109s, 110s, 111s, 112s, 113s, 114s, 115s, 116s, 117s, 118s, 119s, 120s, 121s, 122s, 123s, 124s, 125s, 126s, 127s, 128s, 129s, 130s, 131s, 132s, 133s, 134s, 135s, 136s, 137s, 138s, 139s, 140s, 141s, 142s, 143s, 144s, 145s, 146s, 147s, 148s, 149s, 150s, 151s, 152s, 153s, 154s, 155s, 156s, 157s, 158s, 159s, 160s, 161s, 162s, 163s, 164s, 165s, 166s, 167s, 168s, 169s, 170s, 171s, 172s, 173s, 174s, 175s, 176s, 177s, 178s, 179s, 180s, 181s, 182s, 183s, 184s, 185s, 186s, 187s, 188s, 189s, 190s, 191s, 192s, 193s, 194s, 195s, 196s, 197s, 198s, 199s, 200s, 201s, 202s, 203s, 204s, 205s, 206s, 207s, 208s, 209s, 210s, 211s, 212s, 213s, 214s, 215s, 216s, 217s, 218s, 219s, 220s, 221s, 222s, 223s, 224s, 225s, 226s, 227s, 228s, 229s, 230s, 231s, 232s, 233s, 234s, 235s, 236s, 237s, 238s, 239s, 240s, 241s, 242s, 243s, 244s, 245s, 246s, 247s, 248s, 249s, 250s, 251s, 252s, 253s, 254s, 255s, 256s, 257s, 258s, 259s, 260s, 261s, 262s, 263s, 264s, 265s, 266s, 267s, 268s, 269s, 270s, 271s, 272s, 273s, 274s, 275s, 276s, 277s, 278s, 279s, 280s, 281s, 282s, 283s, 284s, 285s, 286s, 287s, 288s, 289s, 290s, 291s, 292s, 293s, 294s, 295s, 296s, 297s, 298s, 299s, 300s, 301s, 302s, 303s, 304s, 305s, 306s, 307s, 308s, 309s, 310s, 311s, 312s, 313s, 314s, 315s, 316s, 317s, 318s, 319s, 320s, 321s, 322s, 323s, 324s, 325s, 326s, 327s, 328s, 329s, 330s, 331s, 332s, 333s, 334s, 335s, 336s, 337s, 338s, 339s, 340s, 341s, 342s, 343s, 344s, 345s, 346s, 347s, 348s, 349s, 350s, 351s, 352s, 353s, 354s, 355s, 356s, 357s, 358s, 359s, 360s, 361s, 362s, 363s, 364s, 365s, 366s, 367s, 368s, 369s, 370s, 371s, 372s, 373s, 374s, 375s, 376s, 377s, 378s, 379s, 380s, 381s, 382s, 383s, 384s, 385s, 386s, 387s, 388s, 389s, 390s, 391s, 392s, 393s, 394s, 395s, 396s, 397s, 398s, 399s, 400s, 401s, 402s, 403s, 404s, 405s, 406s, 407s, 408s, 409s, 410s, 411s, 412s, 413s, 414s, 415s, 416s, 417s, 418s, 419s, 420s, 421s, 422s, 423s, 424s, 425s, 426s, 427s, 428s, 429s, 430s, 431s, 432s, 433s, 434s, 435s, 436s, 437s, 438s, 439s, 440s, 441s, 442s, 443s, 444s, 445s, 446s, 447s, 448s, 449s, 450s, 451s, 452s, 453s, 454s, 455s, 456s, 457s, 458s, 459s, 460s, 461s, 462s, 463s, 464s, 465s, 466s, 467s, 468s, 469s, 470s, 471s, 472s, 473s, 474s, 475s, 476s, 477s, 478s, 479s, 480s, 481s, 482s, 483s, 484s, 485s, 486s, 487s, 488s, 489s, 490s, 491s, 492s, 493s, 494s, 495s, 496s, 497s, 498s, 499s, 500s, 501s, 502s, 503s, 504s, 505s, 506s, 507s, 508s, 509s, 510s, 511s, 512s, 513s, 514s, 515s, 516s, 517s, 518s, 519s, 520s, 521s, 522s, 523s, 524s, 525s, 526s, 527s, 528s, 529s, 530s, 531s, 532s, 533s, 534s, 535s, 536s, 537s, 538s, 539s, 540s, 541s, 542s, 543s, 544s, 545s, 546s, 547s, 548s, 549s, 550s, 551s, 552s, 553s, 554s, 555s, 556s, 557s, 558s, 559s, 560s, 561s, 562s, 563s, 564s, 565s, 566s, 567s, 568s, 569s, 570s, 571s, 572s, 573s, 574s, 575s, 576s, 577s, 578s, 579s, 580s, 581s, 582s, 583s, 584s, 585s, 586s, 587s, 588s, 589s, 590s, 591s, 592s, 593s, 594s, 595s, 596s, 597s, 598s, 599s, 600s, 601s, 602s, 603s, 604s, 605s, 606s, 607s, 608s, 609s, 610s, 611s, 612s, 613s, 614s, 615s, 616s, 617s, 618s, 619s, 620s, 621s, 622s, 623s, 624s, 625s, 626s, 627s, 628s, 629s, 630s, 631s, 632s, 633s, 634s, 635s, 636s, 637s, 638s, 639s, 640s, 641s, 642s, 643s, 644s, 645s, 646s, 647s, 648s, 649s, 650s, 651s, 652s, 653s, 654s, 655s, 656s, 657s, 658s, 659s, 660s, 661s, 662s, 663s, 664s, 665s, 666s, 667s, 668s, 669s, 670s, 671s, 672s, 673s, 674s, 675s, 676s, 677s, 678s, 679s, 680s, 681s, 682s, 683s, 684s, 685s, 686s, 687s, 688s, 689s, 690s, 691s, 692s, 693s, 694s, 695s, 696s, 697s, 698s, 699s, 700s, 701s, 702s, 703s, 704s, 705s, 706s, 707s, 708s, 709s, 710s, 711s, 712s, 713s, 714s, 715s, 716s, 717s, 718s, 719s, 720s, 721s, 722s, 723s, 724s, 725s, 726s, 727s, 728s, 729s, 730s, 731s, 732s, 733s, 734s, 735s, 736s, 737s, 738s, 739s, 740s, 741s, 742s, 743s, 744s, 745s, 746s, 747s, 748s, 749s, 750s, 751s, 752s, 753s, 754s, 755s, 756s, 757s, 758s, 759s, 760s, 761s, 762s, 763s, 764s, 765s, 766s, 767s, 768s, 769s, 770s, 771s, 772s, 773s, 774s, 775s, 776s, 777s, 778s, 779s, 780s, 781s, 782s, 783s, 784s, 785s, 786s, 787s, 788s, 789s, 790s, 791s, 792s, 793s, 794s, 795s, 796s, 797s, 798s, 799s, 800s, 801s, 802s, 803s, 804s, 805s, 806s, 807s, 808s, 809s, 810s, 811s, 812s, 813s, 814s, 815s, 816s, 817s, 818s, 819s, 820s, 821s, 822s, 823s, 824s, 825s, 826s, 827s, 828s, 829s, 830s, 831s, 832s, 833s, 834s, 835s, 836s, 837s, 838s, 839s, 840s, 841s, 842s, 843s, 844s, 845s, 846s, 847s, 848s, 849s, 850s, 851s, 852s, 853s, 854s, 855s, 856s, 857s, 858s, 859s, 860s, 861s, 862s, 863s, 864s, 865s, 866s, 867s, 868s, 869s, 870s, 871s, 872s, 873s, 874s, 875s, 876s, 877s, 878s, 879s, 880s, 881s, 882s, 883s, 884s, 885s, 886s, 887s, 888s, 889s, 890s, 891s, 892s, 893s, 894s, 895s, 896s, 897s, 898s, 899s, 900s, 901s, 902s, 903s, 904s, 905s, 906s, 907s, 908s, 909s, 910s, 911s, 912s, 913s, 914s, 915s, 916s, 917s, 918s, 919s, 920s, 921s, 922s, 923s, 924s, 925s, 926s, 927s, 928s, 929s, 930s, 931s, 932s, 933s, 934s, 935s, 936s, 937s, 938s, 939s, 940s, 941s, 942s, 943s, 944s, 945s, 946s, 947s, 948s, 949s, 950s, 951s, 952s, 953s, 954s, 955s, 956s, 957s, 958s, 959s, 960s, 961s, 962s, 963s, 964s, 965s, 966s, 967s, 968s, 969s, 970s, 971s, 972s, 973s, 974s, 975s, 976s, 977s, 978s, 979s, 980s, 981s, 982s, 983s, 984s, 985s, 986s, 987s, 988s, 989s, 990s, 991s, 992s, 993s, 994s, 995s, 996s, 997s, 998s, 999s, 1000s, 1001s, 1002s, 1003s, 1004s, 1005s, 1006s, 1007s, 1008s, 1009s, 1010s, 1011s, 1012s, 1013s, 1014s, 1015s, 1016s, 1017s, 1018s, 1019s, 1020s, 1021s, 1022s, 1023s, 1024s, 1025s, 1026s, 1027s, 1028s, 1029s, 1030s, 1031s, 1032s, 1033s, 1034s, 1035s, 1036s, 1037s, 1038s, 1039s, 1040s, 1041s, 1042s, 1043s, 1044s, 1045s, 1046s, 1047s, 1048s, 1049s, 1050s, 1051s, 1052s, 1053s, 1054s, 1055s, 1056s, 1057s, 1058s, 1059s, 1060s, 1061s, 1062s, 1063s, 1064s, 1065s, 1066s, 1067s, 1068s, 1069s, 1070s, 1071s, 1072s, 1073s, 1074s, 1075s, 1076s, 1077s, 1078s, 1079s, 1080s, 1081s, 1082s, 1083s, 1084s, 1085s, 1086s, 1087s, 1088s, 1089s, 1090s, 1091s, 1092s, 1093s, 1094s, 1095s, 1096s, 1097s, 1098s, 1099s, 1100s, 1101s, 1102s, 1103s, 1104s, 1105s, 1106s, 1107s, 1108s, 1109s, 1110s, 1111s, 1112s, 1113s, 1114s, 1115s, 1116s, 1117s, 1118s, 1119s, 1120s, 1121s, 11