

HIGHER SALARIES FOR TEACHERS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Miramichi Presbytery De-plores Present Schedule and Urges Increase.

Chatam, N. B., Sept. 17.—The quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of Miramichi was held in St. James' Hall, Newcastle. Special matters of importance were dealt with. The continuation programme of the forward movement received attention. Consideration was given to some special features of the situation in connection with the public schools of the province. Nominations were made to church offices in the city of the general assembly. Temperance and prohibition came in for discussion, leading up to the appointment of a prohibition committee within the Presbytery, and the forwarding to the government of a nomination to the chief inspectorship under the Provincial Prohibition Act.

In the absence of the moderator, Rev. L. H. MacLean was elected moderator pro tempore. Elders' commissions, entitling them to membership in Presbytery for the current year were received, and accepted, on behalf of Messrs. Robert Hardy, of the congregation of New Richmond; William Maxwell, New Mills; Cayva Murray, Ruxton; George Henderson, Doulastown and Nelson; David Sadler, St. Andrew's church, Chatam; John A. McNaughton, Black River; James E. Miller, Campbellton; George Colhart, Loggieville, and P. A. Forsythe, of St. John and Whiteville.

The Forward Movement
Rev. F. W. Thompson, convener of the Forward Movement committee, reported a supplementary report, and submitted a resolution, which was adopted, endorsing the continuation programme outlined by the general assembly and commending it to the hearty support of the people.

The Presbytery took up the matter of nominations to vacancies in church offices and professorships. Rev. A. H. Foster, of Oakburn, Manitoba, was nominated as business manager of the Presbyterian Publications. Rev. Geo. S. Carson, D.D., was nominated for appointment as editor-in-chief of the proposed official church weekly paper in the event of the Presbyterian Witness, of which he is at present editor, being merged in the new periodical. It was agreed to make no nominations for the vacant professorships in Robertson College, Edmonton, and in Saskatoon Theological College.

Rev. A. D. Archibald, reporting for the committee on public education, called serious attention to existing problems in the public school life of the province, which must sooner or later result to the detriment of the community at large. He moved the following resolutions, which were adopted as expressing the view of the Presbytery:

"That while we appreciate what has been done to increase the salaries given to teachers, we would strongly urge the government not to rest satisfied until the teaching profession is made as remunerative as its value to the community deserves.

"That Presbytery learns, with alarm, of the increasing number of vacant schools, and would strongly impress upon the proper authorities the necessity of taking measures to supply these, either by consolidation, or, in cases where this is deemed impossible, by increasing the government grant.

"That this Presbytery views with disapproval the infringement of the public school system in the interest of any particular religious denomination.

"That Presbytery urges the enforcement of compulsory education.

"That our ministers endeavor to quicken the interest of our people in the cause of education, and that our growing boys and girls be encouraged to remain at school until they have received the benefits of a good education, and that their attention be directed to the claims upon them of the teaching profession.

"That we co-operate with the Presbytery of St. John, the Anglican, Methodist and any other churches in an effort to secure a measure of religious education in our public schools."

Temperance Work
Rev. W. M. Matthews brought up the discussion of temperance work in the province, calling attention to the inadequate organized efforts put forth by the Presbytery in the cause, and expressed a desire to see a more aggressive educational policy along these lines inaugurated especially in view of the approaching referendum on the question of the importation of intoxicating liquors. He moved that a committee on prohibition be appointed to act in such way within its rightful sphere as would best serve the cause. The motion was carried. The committee appointed includes Revs. L. H. MacLean, convener; Dr. E. B. Wylie, F. W. Thompson, G. S. Gardner, T. Harrison, G. P. Tuttle, G. A. Grant, Hugh Miller, A. D. Archibald and J. H. MacLean, and Messrs. E. A. McMur-

dy, John A. McNaughton, and W. R. McMillan.

Rev. Mr. Matthews further moved, seconded by Rev. T. Harrison, that in view of the approaching vacancy in the chief inspectorship, under the Provincial Prohibition Act, the Presbytery of Miramichi beg leave to present to the serious consideration of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council the name of Rev. Dr. E. B. Wylie, of St. Andrew's church, Chatam, as a man admirably qualified to fill the position. This motion was carried unanimously.

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