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bly was the Supreme Legislature of the Church, and consisted of four hundred or five hundred members coming from all parts of the country, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, many of whom had not met before or done any business with each other; that it was a body which treated the ecclesiastical business of nearly a million of people, with a revenue amounting to \$2,000,000 coming under its review; instead of being considered strange that their sitting should extend over a week, it was something of a marvel that their business should be compressed within that time. This was all the more remarkable when they compared the time taken up by the Parliament of the Dominion and the Provincial Legislatures, which, he believed, wasted two or three weeks appointing committees. This fact, that they were able to do all their business, legislative, executive and judicial, in such a time, showed that Presbyterianism was a thoroughly workable system. It could adapt itself to the necessities of the country. It was their claim that the civil power in modern times was more and more basing itself on their fundamental principles, and the other Churches were likewise doing so. He thought, too, that perhaps the latter did better than the Presbyterian Church in the matter of thorough representation of Christian people. In speaking the clerical rather predominates over the lay element in the Assembly. This was not so in one or two of the great Protestant Churches. At one time the Churches did not recognize the lay element at all. The speaker expressed his thankfulness to God for the harmony which had prevailed during their deliberations, and said that their differences would only give them greater determination to work for the glory of God and the good of the country. He referred to the Galt "Heresy" case, which, he said, was not really a heresy case, but a case of discipline. He said that such cases were to be taken up with calmness and deliberation, and much time was to be spent on them, as when a man appealed to a court

of justice the utmost and most careful consideration should be given to the matter. He was glad that the appellants felt that they had been treated with thorough fairness and courtesy by the court, and had been constrained to acquiesce in its decision. He acknowledged the services of Dr. McMullen in this connection, who presided throughout the discussion of this question, and relieved him of the arduous duties in connection with it. Many matters had been before them of great interest, not only to the Church, but to the country, and he called attention to the report on the proposed union with the other Churches. Although they had been able to give but little time to the report, yet from the manner in which it was presented to them, and the whole circumstances connected with it, they must be inspired with the conviction that better days were drawing near, when the different Churches of Christ would consent to meet together on a common platform, and consider matters on which they had hitherto differed, with a desire to minimize their differences as far as possible. Such conferences must lead to a better understanding between the Churches, and then in the next place to lessen the conflict in different parts of the country; and it might be to some extent, if not absolutely, to shape their operations so that they might form a confederation in which all might retain their distinctive peculiarities, the same as in a confederation of provinces, and appoint a common body that would take common action in many matters. This would fill their hearts with gladness. There were difficulties, but these would only strengthen them in the work. Instead of unnerving them they would only make them trust God more absolutely, and their own reason and conscience more, and go forward to do the duty of the day, believing that if they did so God would bless them, the Church, and the country.

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- CALGARY—Calgary, Sept. 3rd, 10 a.m.
- CHATHAM—Windsor, July 9th, 10 a.m.
- COLUMBIA—New Westminster, Sept. 10th, 3 p.m.
- GLENORA—Alexandria, July 11, a.m.
- GUELPH—Guelph, July 16th, 10.30.
- HUBERT—Goderich, July 9th.
- LONDON—London, July 9th, 2.30 p.m.
- MARYLAND—Wingham, July 9th, 11.15.
- ORANGEVILLE—Orangeville, July 9th, 10.30.
- PARIS—Paris, Sept. 24th, 10 a.m.
- PETERBORO—Peterboro, July 9th, 9 a.m.
- QUEBEC—Richmond, July 9th, 7.30 p.m.
- SAVOKEN—Harrison, July 9th, 10 a.m.
- SARNIA—Sarnia, July 10th, 10.30 a.m.
- WHITBY—Newcastle, July 16th, 10.30 a.m.
- WINNIPEG—Winnipeg, July 23rd, 7.30.

Births, Marriages, Deaths.

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Births.

RATHBUN.—At Bayview, Deseronto, on June 24th, the wife of Mr. W. C. B. Rathbun, of a daughter.

Marriages.

EASTON—MURDOCK.—In Toronto, on June 12th, by the Rev. Dr. Parsons, William Easton to Elizabeth Herberston Murdock, third daughter of the late A. W. Murdock.

FARRELL—DICK.—On June 26, 1889, at Kingston, by Rev. Malcolm Macgillivray, M.A., Alexander Gray Farrell, barrister, Smith's Falls, to Isabella Jane, only daughter of W. J. Dick, Esq.

MILNE—MILLS.—On June 26th, at Toronto, by Rev. A. Gillray, T. A. Milne, V.S., to Mary Mills, both of Toronto.

McMILLAN—KENNEDY.—At Hornby, on June 18th, by the Rev. Robert Haddow, B.A., George W. McMillan of Evesing, to Isabel Kennedy, of Trafalgar.

WHITSLY—KENNEDY.—At Powassan, on June 26th, by the Rev. J. M. Goodwillie, M.A., Francis Whitsly, of Chapman township, to Myrtha A. Kennedy, of Powassan.

MACVICAR—McNAB.—In Crescent street church, Montreal, on June 26th, by the Rev. A. B. McKay, D.D., assisted by the Rev. Principal MacVicar, D.D., LL.D., father of the groom, the Rev. J. H. MacVicar, B.A., to Bessie, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Thomas McNab.

DELOS—HOLBROOK.—On June 25th, at Ottawa, by the Rev. W. T. Herridge, assisted by the Rev. R. P. Ducloux, father of the groom, Chas. A. Ducloux, Esq., advocate, of Montreal, to Belle Holbrook.

DONALDSON—PATERSON.—At Agincourt, on June 26, 1889, by the Rev. J. Mackay, B.A., Alexander Donaldson, Markham, to Hannah Ellen, second daughter of J. I. Paterson, Esq., Scarborough.

CAMPBELL—McALISTER.—On June 26th, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. W. Farquharson, B.A., assisted by the Rev. G. McLennan, B.A., the Rev. Alex. N. Campbell, B.A., of Uxbridge, Ont., to May, second daughter of Duncan McAlister, Esq., Comber.

Deaths.

FRASER.—At Brandon, Man., June 4, 1889, Rev. S. C. Fraser, aged 83 years.

EDWARDS.—At Peterboro, on the morning of July 2nd, Mary Ann Harriett, beloved wife of E. B. Edwards, Esq., and second daughter of the Rev. Dr. Reid, Toronto.

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