

sion reserved the right of being heard as to such location. The Session also pointed out that it is contrary to the customs and usages of the Church for any petitioners for organization to state the name of the pastor whom they propose to call. J. B. McKilligan spoke in support of the report presented. He stated, however, that he did not believe St. Andrew's would be hurt in the least if the permission asked for were granted, especially if the new congregation located in James Bay, as St. Andrew's had once contemplated starting a branch or mission there. Rev. D. A. Macrae asked Mr. McMicking how he would view establishment in James Bay. Mr. McMicking answered that a resolution favouring the starting of a mission in James Bay was still on the books of St. Andrew's church, which might yet go on with that project, if no one else did. He doubted very much whether a church could yet succeed there; the most thought of before, was a mission hall. The farthest part of James Bay, it must be remembered, was only a mile from St. Andrew's. Rev. Dr. Campbell spoke on behalf of the First church, and read a resolution passed by the Session, in which the opinion is expressed that there is at present no need for another congregation in the city—much less for services in the place where the petitioners have been holding them, and further, that if a site more remote from the present churches were selected, it would be more in the interest of the cause of Christ and of the Church. He added that if permission were given to locate temporarily in the place suggested, very probably the congregation would not be willing to move. He thought a congregation, might with advantage be organized at James Bay, where four out of his seven elders resided, and where there were 35 or 40 families now attending his church who had to come a distance too great for convenience. Mr. Chapman, on behalf of the petitioners, said the building now in use had been taken as the only one available, and there was no intention of permanently locating there. As to James Bay, that had been thought of, but the congregation was too young to take the responsibility of putting up a building just yet. The case was then put before the court. Rev. D. A. Macrae, having summed up the facts, said it was clear the petitioners had rights which must be recognized, and he for one, would be sorry to lose the sixty members whose names were on the new roll, or the three hundred who were said to be regularly worshipping with them. If they could be retained by following out the spirit of the law, this was what he would advise. The site he considered the weak point in the petition. The petitioners had now a splendid opportunity to show their charity and good will by adopting the suggestion to go to James Bay, and should they do so, the Presbytery would no doubt say God bless you, and the members of the present congregations would say, Amen. He proposed that a committee of the Presbytery be appointed to meet and confer immediately with the representatives of the petitioners, to see if such an understanding could not be arrived at, and to report the following morning. After further discussion, in which Mr. Falconer said he feared no practical result could be arrived at in so short a time, and Mr. McKilligan urged that if James Bay were decided

on, the location should not be too close to St. Andrew's, the proposition was carried, and Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rev. A. B. Winchester and Alex. Shaw, were named as the committee. Upon resuming on the following morning, the Rev. D. A. Macrae, from the committee appointed to confer with the representatives of the petitioners for organization as a new congregation, reported that they had been unable to arrive at a definite conclusion; and recommended that the matter be taken up at the stage at which it had been left the previous evening. This was agreed to, the matter to be taken up at the afternoon sitting. At the afternoon Session, the matter of the petition for the organization of a new congregation, was taken up. The chair having for the time being been taken by the Rev. Dr. Campbell, the following resolution was moved by Rev. D. A. Macrae, seconded by Alexander Shaw: "Whereas the petitioners desire organization in the old Methodist church, corner of Broad street and Pandora avenue, and refuse present organization in any other part of the city; whereas the old Methodist church, the place of worship, is within about 500 yards of St. Andrew's church, and about 300 yards of the First church, and the organization of a new church so near to these two churches is calculated to weaken these churches which are now struggling with heavy financial responsibilities; whereas it is the expressed opinion of the representatives of the petitioners, as well as of all other parties interested, that there is no need of a new organization in the vicinity of the present place of worship; whereas notwithstanding the most careful inquiries, the Presbytery has been unable to ascertain whether the proposed new organization will be able to be self-sustaining or not; whereas the name of Rev. P. McF. McLeod is mentioned in the petition as that of pastor-elect of the proposed organization, which is contrary to the law and usage of the Presbyterian Church in such cases; whereas Rev. P. McF. McLeod is at present under the censure of this Presbytery, and therefore cannot be appointed by this court; whereas the petitioners refuse organization in James Bay, notwithstanding that the session of St. Andrew's First church, the missionary in charge of St. Paul's church, Victoria West, and the Presbytery are unanimous in the belief, that not only is there room, but much need of mission work in the locality to overtake the work of our Church; Resolved, That the Presbytery refuse to grant the prayer of the petition in its present form, but recommend that the petitioners proceed immediately to take the necessary steps to petition the Presbytery for organization at a central point in James Bay district." Some words of explanation having been given, the resolution was unanimously adopted. The chairman asked the representatives of the petitioners who were present in the audience whether they acquiesced in the decision of the Presbytery. J. H. Falconer replied that, by instructions from the petitioners, he had on their behalf to protest against the decision, and he craved for the necessary extracts from the minutes, as required by rule. The reasons for the appeal would be handed in within ten days as required. Rev. D. A. Macrae, Rev. A. B. Winchester, Rev. D. MacRae and Alex. Shaw were appointed a committee to deal with the reasons given by the petitioners for their appeal, and the Presbytery adjourned.

MARITIME PROVINCES SYNOD.

The twentieth meeting of the Maritime Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada was held in Truro—opening on Tuesday evening, Oct. 3rd, at 7.30 o'clock, in St. Paul's church. The retiring Moderator, Rev. Isaac Murray, D.D., preached a most profound discourse from 2 Timothy 4: 3, "The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine." In dealing with the Home Mission work of the Synod, it was stated that grants had been made amounting in all to \$7,320, leaving a balance on hand of \$3,000. For next year, 44 grants were required to the amount of \$8,500. In nine years \$79,000 had been raised and \$75,000 paid out in aid of weak congregations. While emigration is weakening many congregations, eleven, have been enabled to become self-supporting by means of the fund.

The Foreign Mission work of the Synod received very full consideration, especially the question referred to it by the General Assembly of the transference of the New Hebrides Mission to the care of the Australian Presbyterian Church. A letter was read from the Rev. Dr. Paton, regretting his inability to be present at the meeting, and strongly deprecating the change. After discussion upon the subject, conducted in a very fine spirit, the following motion was submitted and carried:

"That while acknowledging the guiding hand of an all-wise Providence in directing our Church to the New Hebrides as the field of our first missionary effort, and while gratefully recognizing the approval of the Great Head of the Church in the wonderful success which has attended the labours of her missionaries there for the long period of well-nigh fifty years; yet in view of the proximity of the New Hebrides group to the Australian Colonies the Synod regards it as more natural that these Churches should assume the evangelization of those islands if able to overtake the work and thus set our Church free to extend her operations in fields lying nearer, and which are at least equally necessitous and urgently calling for our aid. The Synod would therefore look forward to the time when such transference might take place, and would grant the request of the committee by authorizing them to correspond with our missionaries and the Churches of Australia on this matter, subject to the approval of the Assembly; but that no further steps be taken until the results of such correspondence be submitted to the Synod."

A brief statement regarding the Foreign Mission work was made by Rev. A. Falconer. The amount of debt against this work is about \$6,000. Next year, June, 1894, will be the jubilee year of the Synod's Foreign Mission.

The Synod was addressed by Rev. Mr. Coffin of the Trinidad Mission. The work has been passing through a crisis. There are more than 80,000 East Indians now in Trinidad, and embracing neighboring countries, over 300,000 East Indians. Fresh accessions arrive every year to the number of about 10,000. They are becoming settlers in the interior, and thus the field is expanding. We must occupy the country districts—Educational and Evangelistic work is carried on at the same time and with the same end in view. He explained how education is advancing. 6,000 children are in our schools receiving religious instruction. Very few children that have passed through our schools have had to appear before the courts. Our best converts are those who have passed through our schools. Some of the converts are from eight to ten years of age, and these have endured the fires of persecution. The missionaries are doing all in their power to teach the teachers and to train the best of the young men to be teachers and evangelists. He gave illustrations of the great good being done by the schools. He spoke of the value of the college to train native ministers. There are 39 students. He has a very high opinion of the Christian character of the students and catechists. The Church of Scotland congregations in Pictou aid the mission work in Grenada where Trinidad catechists are engaged. In St. Lucia, through the exertions of Mr. Cropper, great progress has been made. The Jamaica Presbyterians are applying for catechists and teachers to work among the 15,000 Indian coolies in that island. In Demerara there are 110,000 without the Gospel. The work will require an increasing expenditure. Our Mission affect for good the Hindus in their old homes in India. A young Brahman converted in Trinidad, is now a trusted elder in our Mission in Central India. Mr. Coffin's address was peculiarly good and impressive. Rev. W. J. Mackenzie, who proposes to go to Korea, was introduced by Mr. Falconer. The Board does not approve of his special enterprise, but they highly appreciate his spirit. China has been suggested to him, but he sees his way thus far only to Korea. In a brief address, he showed the need of more zeal and earnestness, the power of prayer, the hope for the future. Mr. Morrison stated, that for the past two years we were behind \$2,000 on current account. There were 150 maps of the New Hebrides for sale. Price \$1.50. These are intended for Sabbath schools, and they ought to be at once bought up. Rev. Mr. McFarlane spoke of the duty of at once grappling with the debt. "Now" is the time. Mr. Redpath, elder, urged the duty of giving as the Lord has prospered us. He was followed in the same spirit by Mr. Ross, of New Glasgow, and Mr. Cameron, of Glenelg, and Rev. Mr. Quinn. On Thursday, the Synod decided that the Sabbath School Committee should hereafter be the "Committee on Sabbath Schools and the Welfare of the Young."

In the evening a suitable minute was adopted with regard to Dr. Paton's letter and visit. The collections made by him exceed \$2,000.

The question of a Superintendent of Home Missions is sent down to Presbyteries. A powerful Home Mission statement was submitted by Mr. McMillan. Addresses were given by Rev. Jas. Ross, Woodstock, T. F. Fullerton, and D. McDougall. The Rev. Dr. Robertson eloquently pressed the claims of the North-west.

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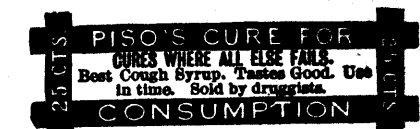
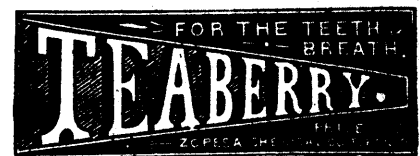
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