

Church News.

We are thankful for news of church news from all quarters, and we are glad to hear that the work of the church is prospering in every direction.

This congregation of North Elmley are about to build a new manse at Oliver's Ferry, towards which \$500 has already been subscribed.

MISS BLACKBURN, of our Trinidad missions, has returned to Nova Scotia. We regret to learn that she has been very ill, and is not yet fully recovered.

Rev. N. Smith was inducted into St. Andrew's church, Niagara, on the 19th inst. Rev. Mr. Young, of Niagara Falls South, preached. Rev. F. McQuigg, of Welland, addressed the newly inducted minister, and Rev. J. Mordy, of Niagara Falls, addressed the congregation. Rev. Geo. Hanson, of St. Catharines, presided as moderator.

We clip the following from the London Free Press:—The Presbyterian congregation at Parkhill had made arrangements for a public supply from this city Sunday, but at the last moment the arrangement fell through. Rev. Messrs. Lynch and Freeman, of the Episcopal Church, kindly filled the gap by taking the service morning and evening respectively.

A CORRESPONDENT writes from Kildonan:—Last Sabbath was communion Sunday in Kildonan. It was the largest communion for many years. Prof. Hart preached a very instructive and practical sermon from Prov. ix. 18, in which the untold life of the Christian was clearly illustrated. On Friday, at the preparatory service, eleven applications for membership were received, five by profession and six by certificate, this being the largest since the church was established. No special evangelistic services have been held, but people and pastor expect the conversion of the people in the ordinary means of grace; and when this expectation is kept alive by prayer there is no uncertainty of results. Where additions to the church are made under these circumstances you will find the least percentage of falling off. Where truth is trusted to do its work, rather than human effort, and quiet conviction working like leaven within rather than the excitement of song or emotional testimony of young converts as yet untried and sifted brings decision, you have the healthiest church life and the strongest and most intelligent Christians.

MR. MORTON, who has just applied through the Halifax Presbytery to be received as a minister of our Church, is the Honourable and Rev. Reynolds Morton, son of the late Earl of Duple and brother of the present Earl. The late Earl will be remembered, says the *Western*, as an earnest Christian who took a deep and active interest in evangelistic work in London and elsewhere. He was a special friend of J. of Bath. Mr. Morton is one of six brothers. One of his sisters is Lady Alice Havelock. Mr. Morton entered the British navy in 1849, and took part in the Burmese and Crimean campaigns. He was contemporary with Admiral Lyons, the present Admiral on this station. Admiral Dundas, who was commander-in-chief of the naval forces in the Mediterranean, was Morton's uncle. Mr. Morton left active service about twenty-four years ago, and retired with the rank of Post Captain twelve or thirteen years ago. He came to the United States over eight years since, and was ordained a minister of the Presbyterian Church by the Presbytery of Fort Dodge, Iowa. For six years he laboured in Iowa; then in Chicago; then for two years at Norfolk, Virginia. Before coming to America he was identified for seven years with the work of the Midway institutions, London—he having succeeded Rev. W. Pennefather in charge of this great work. Impaired health constrained him to seek change of climate and of work. He has been earnestly engaged in spiritual work for the past twenty-five years.

A CORRESPONDENT writes the REVIEW from Moosejaw, N.W.T.:—The Presbyterian church here is in a flourishing condition. More zeal has been manifested during the past year, and our people are now alive to the importance of doing something for Christ; for "faith without works is dead." Consequently we have much to thank God for in the revival manifested here on all sides of religion. The church has been moved from its old site on Sanford street to a more central position on Main street and is being thoroughly renovated. In the meantime service is held in Campbell's hall. Our pastor, the Rev. S. J. Taylor, left here June 1st to attend the Assembly at Halifax. Prior to his leaving an address was presented him by the board of management, expressing how much his services had been appreciated by his congregation during the five years he has been here. During Mr. Taylor's absence the following supply has been obtained:—On the 10th June, the Rev. John McLean; 17th June, the Rev. M. Matheson; 24th June, the Rev. M. McMillan; 1st July, Rev. Mr. Halliday; 8th July, Rev. Mr. Knowles; 15th July, Rev. Mr. Nicoll; 22nd July, Rev. Mr. Moore. A young men's prayer meeting was organized by Rev. Mr. Taylor before leaving for Halifax. Upwards of fifteen attended, and under God's guidance there is hopeful promise of both spiritual and temporal success; it has been much needed by the youth of this town. The choir is composed of twelve members, with Mr. Vanderorganist. It is one of the best choirs in this country.

The corner stone of the new St. John's church, Cornwall, was laid on the 18th inst. At half-past eleven the old St. John's church was well filled to listen to the services in connection with the laying of the corner stone of the new stone church. Rev. Neil McNish, B.D., L.L.D., the pastor, conducted the services, assisted by Rev. James Hattie, of Knox church, Rev. F. C. Reynolds, of the Methodist church, Rev. Mr. Gilmore, of the Baptist church, and Rev. Mr. Pettit, of Trinity church. The services were commenced by Mr. Hattie reading the forty-eighth Psalm. After a hymn, and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Reynolds, there followed a historical sketch of the church and society by Judge Pringle. The Building Committee made a report, and the services of the church concluded

with the singing of the hymn, "Christ is our cornerstone, on Him alone we build." The congregation then went to the foundation of the new church, where the pastor laid the cornerstone with a silver trowel, which was presented to him. The trowel was inscribed as follows:—"Presented to Rev. Neil McNish, B.D., L.L.D., laying of corner stone of St. John's church, June 18th, 1888." In the box in the corner-stone was placed the historical sketch read at the services, the report of the Building Committee, constitution of the society, coins and postage stamps of Canada, PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW, *Montreal Witness*, *Canada Presbyterian*, *Scotland*, *Record of Church of Scotland*, *Scottish American*, *Cornwall Freeholder*, *Cornwall Standard*, *Gleaner*, and a list of the officers of the church and society. The new church is built facing Second street, and is one hundred by eighty-eight feet, with a Sunday-school room fifty-eight by thirty-nine feet. The main room is of ample proportions, with a seating capacity of 800; the Sunday-school room seats about 400, and can be opened into the main room by sliding doors. The tower and spire are to be 112 feet high. The building is of broken ashlar stone, and over the main entrance will be a tablet. The cost of the building and finishing will be about \$32,000. This does not include the land. The location of the church and the manner of architecture are such that it is expected to be not only pleasing in appearance but good in acoustics. Rev. Dr. McNish has been the pastor since 1873. Previous to him the Rev. Hugh Urquhart was pastor for forty-four years, and within the old St. John's church there is a tablet to his memory, which will find a place in the new building.

MISSION WORK IN SEATON VILLAGE.

A CORRESPONDENT sends the REVIEW the following:—A year ago last January a Sabbath school and preaching service were begun in a small hall under the direction of College street Presbyterian church session. Very soon it became evident that in order to undertake the work a larger building was required. Through the generous contribution of Mr. Wm. Mortimer Clark, the trustees were enabled to purchase a most desirable lot on Becliff avenue, running back to Seaton Village square. The next step was to procure a suitable church. This matter was brought before the Presbyterian council of the city, as well as other ministers; and received the hearty endorsement of that body. Through the kindness of Mr. William Gregg, architect, plans were prepared which gave the utmost satisfaction to the building committee. The building is now up, and in fact was opened on the 24th of this month. Services at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. A missionary is in the field with good prospects before him. Hearty thanks are hereby tendered to one and all of the friends in the city who have so liberally contributed in sympathy and money to this movement. In not many years hence, it is believed, that this will be more than a self-sustaining church.

EAST CHURCH, TORONTO.

LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE OF THE NEW BUILDING.

Saturday 16th inst. was a red-letter day in the history of East Presbyterian Church, Toronto, the occasion being the laying of the corner stone of the new building to be erected on Oak St. and near Parliament St. The erection of this new church not only marks the growth of this particular congregation, but is a pleasing proof of the vigorous growth of Presbyterianism in this city. At the hour appointed, 3 p.m., notwithstanding the excessive heat, a large company had assembled to witness the ceremony. There was a temporary platform erected on the corner of the structure, over which chairs were placed and occupied principally by ladies. Among those occupying seats on the front row were Mr. John McGregor, chairman of the Building Committee, who presided; Rev. Prof. Gregg, D.D.; Rev. J. M. Cameron, pastor of the congregation; Rev. Alexander Gilray, Mr. Wm. Critchton, secretary; Rev. G. E. Freeman, Deer Park; Rev. R. P. McKay, Parkdale; Rev. Mr. Little, formerly of Bowmanville; Rev. Hugh Johnson, Mr. William Mortimer Clark, Rev. G. M. Milligan, Rev. W. Frizell, Leslieville; Rev. W. Cleland; Mr. Wm. Gooderham, the Editor of the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW, etc., etc. The services at the new building consisted of the singing of the Old Hundred Psalm, the reading of Scripture by Rev. George Freeman, prayer by Rev. Prof. Gregg, D.D., and the singing of Psalm lxxvii.

The devotional part of the service over, the following articles were deposited below the corner stone by Mr. Wm. Critchton, namely:—A copy of the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW, *Canada Presbyterian*, daily papers and *War Cry*, also the following coins: 1c, 5c, 10c, 25c, and 50c pieces.

Mr. John McGregor then presented the silver trowel to the pastor of the congregation, Rev. J. M. Cameron, who at once proceeded to lay the corner stone, a duty which he discharged so faithfully and well that it drew forth favourable comment from among those who witnessed the ceremony.

Owing to the intense heat the proceedings were made as brief as possible, after which the assembly adjourned to the Parliament Street Methodist church near by, which had been courteously offered for the occasion. It was well filled.

The Chairman read letters of regret and apology from Mayor Clarke and Mr. W. H. Howland. It was also announced that Mr. W. Gooderham had been obliged to leave at an early stage of the proceedings, having to attend the laying of the corner stone of a church with which he has been identified.

Mr. Wm. Critchton read a brief history of the church, of which the following is a summary:—The nucleus of the present congregation was formed in 1861 under the auspices of the Toronto Presbyterian Sabbath School Association, and continued for many years in the rank of a mission, supplied by students from Knox College. In 1869 a lot was purchased on King street, near Seatonville, and in August of that year the erection of the present edifice was commenced. In 1870 the

basement was completed. In 1871 Rev. J. M. Cameron, the present energetic pastor, was inducted, and the history of the congregation ever since has been one of continued harmony, prosperity and spiritual good. So well is the congregation organized for all church work that it is said that there is no church in the city can boast of doing better work for all classes concerned. When Mr. Cameron took charge there was only one communicant, but now the membership is 378. The Sabbath school numbers 500 with thirty-three teachers. For years, therefore, it was felt that the accommodation of the present edifice was inadequate for the ever-growing congregation. Then, again, owing to local reasons, the church is not centrally situated, members and adherents being attached to the congregation who hail from distant parts in the city. Five or six years ago the Toronto Presbyterian Ministerial Association defined the limits of the parish of the East Presbyterian church, the bounds being the Don on the East, Sherbourne street on the west, Gerrard Street on the north, and the bay on the south. When it is remembered that people worship in the church Sunday after Sunday who live as far north as Amelia and Wellesley streets, the inconvenience of the present building can be seen. It was, therefore, the desire of the congregation for some time to purchase a lot in a central portion of the parish as could be got. Early in the present year at a congregational meeting leave was given the managers to sell the present edifice and site, which was shortly afterwards effected at \$12,000. In a few days afterwards it was decided to build a new church, and with the above ends in view a beautiful site was purchased on Oak street at a cost of \$4,000. This is the history of the congregation, and is one demanding the sympathy and liberality of all Presbyterians in the city. The congregation is not wealthy, being composed largely of workmen and their families, but it is a working one, which accounts for the success achieved in the past. There are reasons why this church in beginning to rebuild justly looks for the generous assistance of other congregations in the city. It does a large amount of mission work, the flourishing congregation in Leslieville being the fruit of the real shown in that department of church work. When the present building was erected promises were made by Presbyterians in the city to wipe out the debt, but little was done in that direction. The congregation confidently hope that their efforts to extend the power and influence of Presbyterianism in the city in a locality so favourable for the purpose will be subvented by other city churches.

Excellent short addresses were then delivered by Rev. A. C. Courtes, (pastor of Parliament street Methodist Church), Rev. G. M. Milligan, Dr. Thomas (Baptist), Alex. Gilray, J. Mutch and Mr. Wm. Mortimer Clark, who all congratulated the congregation on their present happy prospects, and bore testimony to the faithful work done by the pastor and his session and the extraordinary success that had attended their efforts.

The structure now in course of erection will be a square massive pile, thoroughly orthodox in design, being distinguished more for its solidity than elaborateness. There will be seating capacity for 1,200 to 1,300 persons. The material will be brick with stone facings, and will be made as attractive as mechanical skill can make it. There will be erected in rear of the church proper an elegant Sunday school, which will be capable of accommodating from 500 to 600 children, with rooms for junior and senior bible classes, parlours, lecture room, kitchen, and rooms for ladies to meet in for their own separate work. A feature of the infant classroom will be a circular gallery with separate seats. The interior of the church proper will be furnished with modern style of seating and minister's platform. The seats will be in circular form, and will gradually rise from the minister's platform, so that every person in the church will have the eye of the preacher. The gallery will not be very high, and will resemble that of old St. Andrew's church in form and design. The total cost of the church and Sunday school will be about \$34,000, and the congregation assumes the work with confidence that they will soon wipe off the unpaid amount. The church will be heated with steam, and with all its other features it will be a desirable addition to the many of Toronto's handsome churches.

The Sunday school will be pushed on to completion as soon as possible, and when finished the congregation will worship there until the church proper is ready for that purpose. It is expected that the congregation will be worshipping in the Sunday school the beginning of September.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOURTH DAY.

The Assembly held a short session today, (Saturday), adjourning at 1 p.m. to enable the members to take advantage of the excursion arranged by friends in the city. The business taken up was the reports of the various colleges.

MORRIS COLLEGE, QUEBEC.

Rev. A. T. Love presented the report of Morris College, indicating progress throughout the year. Twenty-eight students had been in attendance, fifteen of whom were studying for the ministry. The revenue for the year was \$4,600. Mr. Love stated that the Assembly would be asked to commend to the Church the effort being made to raise an endowment to \$150,000 to found new professorships. Dr. McCrae, of St. John, moved and Mr. Dewey seconded the reception of the report, and that the Assembly commend the college to the interest and liberality of the Church in further efforts to extend its usefulness. Morris College had given to the Church at little cost many able ministers, and its continuance in Quebec was an absolute necessity in that part of our land.

HALIFAX COLLEGE.

Rev. Dr. Burns presented the report for Halifax College, and indicated the very prosperous condition of the institution, not only as regards attendance and efficiency, but as regards the funds. The revenue for the year was \$1,000 in excess of the expenditure.

On motion of Dr. Cochran, seconded by Principal Forest, the Assembly expressed its gratification at the prosperous

state of the institution. The report was received and adopted.

MONTRÉAL COLLEGE.

Professor Scrimger presented the Montreal College report, which stated among other things that the class that graduated in April was the largest that had ever passed out of the institution, and that all but one of the graduates had received the degree of B.A.

Professor Scrimger moved, seconded by Rev. A. H. Scott, as follows:—That the Assembly receive the report, express its satisfaction at the prosperity and success of its work during the year, commend anew the further endowment of the institution to the liberality of the members of the Church, and adopt the recommendation to continue the Rev. L. H. Jordan as lecturer in Church Government.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON.

Professor Ross, in the absence of Principal Grant, presented the report of Queen's College. He stated that in 1869 Queen's College had a revenue of only \$7,783 and ninety-three students. In 1888 the revenue was \$32,000 and the students in attendance 420. Dr. Smith had been appointed to take charge of the jubilee fund of \$250,000, which had been subscribed mainly through the indomitable perseverance of Dr. Grant, whose efforts had greatly impaired his health. An additional professor was required for the Faculty of Theology.

Rev. Dr. Proudfoot moved a resolution, seconded by Rev. J. Cumberland, which was adopted, rejoicing in the growing prosperity and efficiency of the college, and the grand success of the endowment fund, and expressing its gratitude to the citizens of Kingston for their great liberality, and also expressing sympathy with Principal Grant in his serious illness, by which he has been laid aside for a time from his duties. The Assembly recognized the necessity of appointing another professor at an early date.

KNOX COLLEGE, TORONTO.

Principal Caven, submitted the report for Knox College. Fifty-two theological students had attended the classes last year, and thirteen had graduated. The receipts from all sources during the past year have amounted to \$16,652.99, while the expenditure has been \$16,407.58, leaving an apparent surplus of \$245.41, as at the 1st May, 1888. The endowment had now reached the sum of \$208,000, of which \$176,000 had been paid. He emphasized the need of a still larger endowment, which was small compared with Princeton, with its \$1,300,000, and Union Seminary, New York, with its million and a half. He spoke of another professor being added as soon as possible, but in the meantime they would continue as best they could with the three professors and two lecturers. Speaking of the common college fund, he felt that it did not meet the desire of the Church from various reasons and might as well be abolished.

Dr. Bryce moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Dr. Burns. The resolution contained an expression of gratification at the growing prosperity and improved financial condition of the college and asked the Assembly to appoint as permanent lecturer the Rev. R. Y. Thompson, M.A., B.D. The resolution was adopted.

MANITOBA COLLEGE.

Rev. Dr. Bryce presented the Manitoba College report. The college had been in a highly satisfactory state during the year. They were to-day \$8,000 better off than they were a year ago. The salary of the theological chair was provided for by the congregations in the North-West. Over \$32,000 had been received from college fees. There were eight students in theology. The total number of students enrolled was one hundred and four, as compared with ninety-one last year. The number engaged in the study of theology was smaller than in the former year; on the other hand the number ready to enter the theological classes is much larger than at any previous period in the history of the college. The admission of ladies to the privileges of the college has been attended by no injurious consequences. They have thus far shown themselves able to keep their own in their competitions with the students of the other sex. The revenue of the college was \$22,785, as compared with \$17,084 last year. The congregations of Ontario and Quebec have contributed \$5,500. Sixty-one of the 108 students in the University of Manitoba were from Manitoba College, and a very large number of the honours of the university had been taken by our students. Dr. Bryce referred to the sad bereavement that had befallen Dr. King during the past and other years, but was glad to say that his health, which had been so sadly undermined, was now in a fair way for restoration.

Rev. D. M. Gordon, seconded by Dr. Caven, moved the adoption of the report and spoke of the exceedingly gratifying results now attained compared with earlier years, the debt on the building having now been completely extinguished. The salaries of Rev. Dr. Bryce and Rev. Professor Hart were increased from \$2,000 to \$2,450.

Rev. Dr. Burns reminded those of his brethren who had subscribed in Winnipeg for the reduction of Manitoba College debt that it was most desirable to have these amounts paid at once. Out of the \$18,000 subscribed only \$11,000 had been paid.

COMMON COLLEGE FUND ABOLISHED.

Rev. Dr. Reid, the Agent of the Church, presented a statement of the amounts paid into the college fund during the year, and the amounts paid to the several colleges.

On motion of Dr. Bryce, seconded by Rev. Wm. Burns, the report was received, and it was agreed to abolish the common college fund in the future, leaving it to the congregations to give to whatever college or colleges they see fit. A committee was appointed to send an explanatory circular to congregations in regard to this change and enforce the claims of these institutions.

FIFTH DAY.

After the transaction of routine business the court proceeded to hear the report of the Committee on the

DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS.

Among other things it stated that sixty-

four vacancies had been reported during the year for partial supply. Thirty-three of these had been settled and three others placed under ordained missionaries. Forty-six names of probationers had been upon the list. Of these only nineteen remain and four have withdrawn, one from ill-health, two from going to other fields and one from dissatisfaction with the scheme. The recommendations were:—1. That the committee be not required to accept applicants for service under their direction, except from presbyteries regularly reporting in full. 2. That the committee be authorized to drop from the roll of probationers any name that has been on it for two years. These were agreed to.

STATISTICS.

The Committee on Statistics after some preliminary remarks, and before entering on their figures, expressed their satisfaction with the effect of the injunction of the Assembly to Presbyteries to see to it that the congregations in their bounds make their year close with the calendar year. In consequence of this, the returns this year are said to be very full and numerous, there being but five congregations coming under the head of delayed returns. As the chief items of interest in the Statistical Report were given in the editorial columns of the REVIEW last week it is unnecessary to repeat them here.

On motion of Principal Caven, the report was received and adopted and ordered to be printed in the minutes. Thanks were given to the committee, and especially to Dr. Torrance, for their diligence, and gratitude was expressed for the steady growth of the Church and the large amount of liberality that has characterized the membership. In his address Dr. Caven referred to the marvellous increase in the membership, contrasted with the Churches of the Old World, and spoke in eulogistic terms of the blessed effects of Union, which had enabled united Presbyterianism to take a firmer hold of the country. He spoke also of the good work done by the Women's Missionary Societies, which had increased the spirit of missions throughout the entire Church, and the indebtedness of the Assembly to Dr. Torrance for his great skill, industry and correctness in this and all his former reports. It was a great boon to the Church to have such a Marvellous statistician. Dr. Bryce, Dr. Burns, Mr. James Croll and others spoke in similar terms.

CITY MISSION WORK.

An overture from the Montreal Presbytery regarding city mission work was received. Dr. Campbell, of Montreal, was heard in its support. It asks that missionaries be appointed in the larger towns and cities without any particular locality being designated and to be paid or assisted by the home mission funds of the Church, the same as missionaries in country districts.

Rev. Dr. Cochran moved, seconded by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, that the Assembly receive the overture, recognize the great importance of the matter to which it calls attention, approve of the object at which it aims and remit it to the Home Mission Committee, East and West, to suggest regulations under which city mission work might be done, if the principle of the overture were adopted, and report to next General Assembly.

CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING.

Rev. Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions, presented the report of the church and manse building fund for the North-West and British Columbia. The Board during the past year assisted nineteen congregations and stations to erect or complete churches or manses. The building season does not synchronize with the year for which the Board reports, and hence in four instances payments are made in part during the past year to congregations reported the previous year. Of the fifteen new congregations assisted one in the Presbytery of Rock Lake, one in the Presbytery of Calgary, two in the Presbytery of Regina, and eleven in the Presbytery of Brandon. Since the organization of the Board 100 buildings for church purposes have been erected. Of these buildings fifteen are manses, four church manses and ninety churches; twenty-one are built of brown logs, eighty are frame buildings, three are brick, and five stone. Fifteen are in the Presbytery of Winnipeg, eleven in that of Rock Lake, thirty-five in Brandon, thirty-seven in Regina and eleven in Calgary. Fifty of the churches are in villages, or towns along the railway. At present the expense of home mission work in the North-West falls almost exclusively on the Province of Ontario. Since so many settlers come to the North-West from the Maritime Provinces, surely assistance should be given by the members of the Church there at least for the work entrusted to this Board. The claims of the work need no advocacy and it is hoped that the presence of the General Assembly in Halifax this year will result in securing the co-operation of the Eastern section in the future to a much larger degree than in the past. Dr. Robertson, in presenting the report, gave an admirable address, showing the large increase in the Presbyteries, settlers in the North-West, which demanded not only the supply of Gospel ordinances, but church buildings where they may be gathered in through these churches. Visibility and permanence had been given to the churches.

On motion of Rev. D. M. Gordon, the report was adopted. He made special mention of the valuable services rendered this fund by Dr. Robertson and Mr. J. B. McKilligan, of Winnipeg, and urged upon the people of the Maritime Provinces the privilege as well as the duty of assisting the home mission and church building funds of the West.

UNION WITH THE ANGLICAN CHURCH.

Dr. Burns reported on behalf of the Committee on Union with the Anglican Church. The committee met in Halifax, on Thursday, the 14th inst. It was then reported that correspondence had been carried on with members of the committee and with the Rev. J. Langtry, the convener of the Anglican Committee, and that a joint meeting had been arranged for the 17th October next in Toronto. The report was received and Dr. Caven appointed convener.

PAN-PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL.

It was agreed unanimously to invite the Pan-Presbyterian Council to meet in Toronto in 1889.

THE MARRIAGE QUESTION IN INDIA.

An overture from the Presbytery of India anent the rule now in force in India preventing our Presbyterian missionaries from solemnizing the marriage rite, was read, and Dr. Moore heard in its support. It was agreed on motion of Dr. J. B. Fraser, that the Foreign Mission Committee, through the Moderator, should memorialize the British Secretary of State that this grievance should be removed.

AID AND INFIRM MINISTERS FUND.

Mr. Chase presented the report of the aged ministers' fund for the East and Mr. McCoy for the West. Both reports were accepted. Mr. McCoy, in the absence of Mr. J. K. McDonald, stated the present state of the fund and its urgent wants, and intimated that an effort would be made this fall to raise an endowment for the fund of \$100,000. Dr. Reid made a detailed statement of important matters connected with the work of the committee.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong also spoke in earnest and eloquent terms, urging the claims of the aged and infirm ministers' fund to the most zealous and earnest support of the whole Church.

Rev. G. M. Clark spoke very earnestly on behalf of the fund, as did also Mr. James Croll, who was followed by

Rev. G. McArthur, who said that he never lost an opportunity of raising his voice on behalf of our much neglected aged and infirm ministers. He had letters in his pocket which showed that many of our aged ministers had great difficulty in keeping the wolf from the door. There were men wandering about from presbytery to presbytery almost begging and beseeching for employment to preach a chance sermon. We should be willing to sit at the feet of some of these men. These men had endured toils and hardships in endeavouring to plant Presbyterianism in Canada. They had been the pioneers of the Church, and wandered through trackless forests, on foot or on horseback, or by any mode of travel that was available; they had endured cold and hunger, and hardship such as ministers to-day could hardly understand, and it was a shame to a great and wealthy Church that they should be in poverty now. They might talk about their college schemes, or what they would, and all the Church's schemes were good, but he claimed that this fund had greater and stronger claims upon their sympathies than any other. He was in a position to say from his own experience, that if that fund is not in a more flourishing condition than it is, it is not the fault of the laymen, but the fault of ministers themselves who failed to present it in its true light before their congregations.

The report was adopted, and, by resolution, it was recommended that a fund of not less than \$200,000 be raised, and that the committee be empowered to adopt such means as they deem judicious, and, if necessary, employ an agent to collect the money.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ASSEMBLY. It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Assembly in St. Andrew's church, King street, west, Toronto, (Mr. Macdonnell's) on the second Wednesday of June 1889.

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THE DANGER BEFORE US.

We have already alluded to the importance of housekeepers paying more attention to the kind of baking powder used in leavening their bread. This is a matter to which we cannot draw attention too often, because it is something which involves the most serious consequences to the general body of mankind. Temperance apostles tell us—and there is ample foundation for the statement—that there is disease, both moral and physical, in the intoxicating cup; and in the same way there is disease, slow and sure, but certain, in the time and alum leavening agents employed in many of the homes on this continent.

No punishment is too severe for those manufacturers who place these poisonous alum and lime baking powders before the public with the assurance that they are pure and wholesome articles. In the belief of the truth of such statements such baking powders are largely used in the preparation of food, and in this way the poisonous ingredients are taken into the system without a suspicion of their presence. By and by come spells of headache, distress in the stomach, loss of appetite, a fluttering of the heart; the child is seized with an apparently causeless cough. The coating of the stomach is destroyed, perhaps; one of the vital organs is rendered almost useless; the kidneys are attacked with Bright's disease. The health of the child is irreparably broken down; the adult becomes a chronic invalid. These are the doings of the modern cheap baking powders that are composed of lime and alum, or that contain sulphuric or phosphoric acid.

In view of these facts surely all housewives should exercise the care that is, we know, now exercised by some in the selection of a proper brand of baking powder. She who does not do so, whether the neglect is the result of ignorance or recklessness, cannot free herself from the responsibility for the health, perhaps life, thereby endangered. No housewife need be ignorant of the quality and composition of the article which she uses to leaven her bread, biscuit and cake. The official reports of the government chemists, who are certainly unprejudiced, have been published, and show very clearly the quality and strength of all the baking powders in the market. The Royal Baking Powder, which is accessible at every hand, is reported absolutely free from lime, alum, phosphoric acid, or any injurious ingredient. It is further stated by the most eminent authorities on food hygiene that food leavened with it is more wholesome than when raised by any other method. Its use is therefore to be commended. It is to be regretted that no other baking powder, when there are so many in the market, some of which will find their way into use, is free from all of these substances. The official analysis assures us, however, that all except the Royal contain either lime or alum. The housekeeper who regards the health of her loved ones should not only order the Royal, but make personal examination to be sure that no other brand is sent her in its place.