

diffused much information about Manitoba there. He had published a work on the country, and met large numbers of intending settlers. The emigration from Scotland this year is very large. Three hundred persons are said to have left Edinburgh alone. He had received before leaving for Scotland notice of contributions of \$1500 from Hon. Donald A. Smith, and \$2000 as a legacy from the late Mr. Joseph MacKay, in addition to \$1000 to the College Building Fund. On reaching Scotland, Prof. Bryce found that the attention of the churches had been much directed to New Zealand, Australia and South Africa and that they were not fully aware of the great need of assistance in Manitoba. He had succeeded in obtaining assurances of increased grants. He had met with a kind reception from the Church of Scotland's Colonial Committee and the General Assembly. The feeling there is unmistakably in favour of our United Church. The committee is behind in funds, but was so anxious to show sympathy that it gave a grant of £25 and the members made up the amount to £76. It is hoped that the grant next year may be £200. The Free Church of Scotland showed Prof. Bryce every kindness, both in the Colonial Committee and Assembly, and cheerfully granted £150 to the ordinary fund of the college. The Rev. J. C. Burns, of Kirkliston, is now Convener of the Free Colonial Committee. The Irish Colonial Committee had willingly given £100 to ordinary fund and had invited Prof. Bryce to be present at the General Assembly, which he found was impossible. The grants to the Canadian Church from Ireland, in a year of great disturbance there, reflect much credit on the Irish Church. The United Presbyterian Church has revived its old interest in Canada and made the liberal grant of £250 towards endowment.

THE ROLL was then called. The number present, together with those who had previously answered to their names was understood to be 153 ministers and 72 elders, in all 225, or about two-thirds of the entire number of commissioners—a goodly representation, all things considered. Some of the members had travelled twenty-five hundred miles, and must double the mileage before they reach home again.

#### NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The rival candidates for the honour of entertaining the Assembly next year were Toronto and Hamilton. On motion of Mr. J. Allister Murray the decision was awarded in favour of Hamilton; the place of meeting, St. Andrew's Church, and the time, the second Wednesday of June. This ended the business of the day and of the week. Saturday afternoon being proclaimed a half holiday, most of the members took the opportunity of inspecting the

city and its environs, though the Judicial Committee was confined to its room the whole afternoon and until late in the evening.

### The Sabbath.

By appointment of the General Assembly, Rev. W. T. Parsons, of Toronto, preached in St. Andrew's Church in the morning and the Rev. C. A. Doudiet, of Montreal, in the evening. On both occasions the church was well filled. On the platform were the moderator and clerks of the Assembly, as well as the minister of the congregation, Mr. Mitchell, all of whom took some part in the services. The psalmody was led by a very efficient choir, and a sweet toned organ. Mr. Parsons preached an able and interesting extempore discourse from Hebrews 10: 19-20, the substance of which, he said, might almost be compressed into a single word, namely, *Consecration*. That involved (1) the necessity of Christians separating themselves from the world. (2) Their putting on the garments of righteousness, as their distinctive badge of office in the Church of God. (3) Filling their minds with the Word of Truth. Mr. Doudiet delivered an earnest and excellent discourse from the text "What think ye of Christ." Nearly all the other pulpits in the city were occupied by prominent members of the Assembly, so that none of them were crowded above measure. The largest assemblage was probably that which met in Calvin Church (Dr. MacIse's) in the afternoon, when the children of the different Sabbath Schools came together and, with their friends, completely filled the church. It was a grand meeting, and although there were five or six speakers the interest was well sustained. The young people seemed to be delighted. One little fellow, when it was all over, very naively asked if all the stories those gentlemen told were true?

### Fifth Day.

#### MORRIN COLLEGE.

The whole of the morning sederunt was occupied with the consideration of an overture on behalf of this institution which has hitherto been supported entirely by private contributions. It had originated in a bequest of 50,000 dollars, made a good many years ago by the late Dr. Morrin, of Quebec, coupled with certain stipulations for its future management. The overture asked that it should now receive a portion of the common College Fund, or that the Presbytery of Quebec be assigned to it as a territory from which it might, with the consent of the Assembly, ask for collections from the congregations within the bounds, for its support. The application was supported by Dr. Mathews, Dr. Wier, and Mr. Mac-