

The Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools.

Special Thanksgiving Day Collection.

In accordance with time-honored custom we ask again for the Pointe-aux-Trembles' Schools in the prayers and gifts of the people at their National Thanksgiving Day services.

One of the strongest forces making for national righteousness in the province of Quebec is the influence of these mission schools.

The growing appreciation of the advantages which they offer is seen in the number of applications for admission. Already this year over 200 (two hundred) applications have been considered about one half coming from Roman Catholics, although the number admitted has to be limited to 140.

The school opened on the 7th inst. The outlook for the session is bright. There is however one dark spot, last year was closed with a debt. This was due no doubt to want of consideration on the part of friends of the schools, who gave their support to more clamant, but certainly not more deserving claims.

The Treasurer states that the receipts to date for Pointe-aux-Trembles' have not wiped out the debt.

We appeal to all friends of the schools for a larger number of scholarships, and increased contributions that the usefulness and efficiency of the schools may not be unpaired. In the meantime we urgently ask for a liberal *Special Collection* on Thanksgiving Day, to be sent to Rev. Dr. Warden, Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

In Name of the Executive,

D. H. MACVICAR, S. J. TAYLOR,
Chairman. Secretary.

Montreal, October 16th, 1902.

French Presbyterians.

One of the most interesting papers read before the French Presbyterian convention at Quebec on September 29th was on 'The qualifications which should be possessed by the Christian missionary, by the Rev. P. Boudreau. A warm heart, a clear mind, a growing sense of the world's want, and of the preciousness of Christ, as the only Saviour—these and other requisites were emphasized by a number of speakers. There was a deep spiritual tone pervading the meetings. The Rev. Mr. Stobo, of the Bible Society, spoke words of encouragement and cheer, telling the members of the convention of the deep interest he had always taken in the evangelization of the French people.

At the afternoon session a large number of interesting reports of the work done in the different fields were presented, showing that it is being vigorously prosecuted and in a most healthy state. The reports were brief but to the point, and all tended to show that the people are becoming more accessible and more and more disposed to accept the gospel. Notwithstanding many difficulties to be encountered, all the reports were of the most encouraging nature. In the evening a popular meeting was held at which addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. McLaren, Menard, St. Germaine and Delagneau.

At the morning session Sept. 30th of the French Presbyterian convention the Rev. J. L. Gilmour, of Montreal, delivered an address, bringing greetings from the Christian Endeavor convention and the Baptist denomination. The President then announced that Dr. Coussirat, who was expected to read a paper on 'How to secure suitable missionaries for our work,' was unavoidably absent. He had forwarded notes, however, which were read and discussed by a number of speakers. The power and aim of the public press' was the subject of a carefully prepared essay read by the Rev. Mr. Bruneau, of Montreal. Those who took part in this discussion spoke of the press as one of the mightiest forces now working for the weal or woe of society. It was pointed out that the press was destined to be one of the mightiest factors in the evangelization of the world.

Algoma Presbytery.

This Presbytery is one of the largest in the Church, and certainly the largest in Ontario, extending along the main line of the C.R.P. for one hundred and fifty miles, and along the "Soo" branch for 179 miles, then Northwesterly along the A.C.R. for about 100 miles.

It is not an uncommon thing for a presbyter to travel in the neighborhood of 200 miles in

order to attend a meeting of Presbytery. The expense makes his attendance quite a sacrifice, apart from being absent from his labor for so long a time.

There are at present fifteen ministers on Roll of Presbytery, which number will this winter be increased to twenty or more.

Is this not an opportune time to have the Presbytery divided, which could very easily be done? Having a new Presbytery formed from Algoma Mills to the Soo and then north along A.C.R., leaving the balance in Algoma Presbytery. This would include Manitoulin Island, Soo branch, from Algoma Mills to Sudbury and main line from Sudbury to Chapleau or some other point on that line.

This arrangement would leave the Presbyteries of about equal size and each would have about 10 ordained men, and several catechists and student missionaries.

If this division were made it would be a great deal easier for all members to be present at the regular meetings, and again the individual presbyter could get a more intelligent grasp of the work in the Presbytery.

It is hoped that Algoma Presbytery will take some action at its next regular meeting in order that it may be dealt with, by the Assembly of 1903.

The mineral possibilities of Algoma have not been entertained by capitalists or a great many more properties would now be producing mines.

Property is assured to all classes in this district. Many mining camps are just so many more centres that require the products of the farm, and there is good land available in nearly every locality for agricultural purposes. The agriculturist is assured a good price for all products that he has to dispose of from the lumbermen and the miners.

The Presbyterian church is doing good work all along the line of settlement, always in the forefront, so that Presbyterianism is being firmly rooted in this North Land; her adherents forming the most intelligent in every community and nearly all skilled laborers and worshippers in our congregation.

The Editor of "DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN":

Reverting to the subject of the General Assembly's appeal for a final contribution of, at least \$45,000 for the Common Fund, allow me to present one or two points, which seem to be reasonable, in this connection.

1: On full consideration, the assembly's action will commend itself as reasonable to all. For the \$600,000 was no hap-hazard amount, but one carefully considered and found to be the smallest possible, in view of the rapid extending work of our church. As has been previously said, if we were setting the amount to-day, in presence of marvelous demands in our Mission fields, much more would be asked for. In view, therefore, of the urgent need for \$45,000.00 yet short, and for more if it is possible, what more reasonable than an appeal to our people to face a final effort, *standing all together and each one giving according to his ability*, to crown the Century Fund with success?

2: It is reasonable that every congregation shall make an opportunity, allowing every individual to respond to the appeal. Loyalty prescribes that course. There are scarcely any circumstances which could warrant other action. Every Minister and Session may well give effect to the assembly's call in two ways. 1st: By having the envelopes properly distributed. 2nd: By presenting the matter from the pulpit with cordiality, if not with strong appeal. These are necessities if the Assembly's call is to come fully before individuals. It seems reasonable, therefore, that, in all kindness, Ministers and Elders should be urged to attend to these points.

A strong argument to the contrary would seem to be:—(We know our own circumstances best and other things are pressing upon us, with which this appeal will interfere.) But supposing your families averaged the 50 cents each, now asked for, would that really interfere with home enterprises? If they gave willingly to this, might they not rather be expected to do better for the home work?

There is never danger in frankly presenting an appeal and making the opportunity which allows each one to do as he sees fit. There is only danger when Ministers and congregational authorities determine to pigeon-hole such appeals as this. An illustration may emphasize this. There is a strong, well equipped and well off congregation, in which Century Fund appeals have been withheld. They had a little debt which might have been wiped off any day.

They thought it should exonerate them from making appeals, and they probably think that still. There is in that congregation one man, however, who having no opportunity given to answer Century Fund appeals, at home, has had to send his cheque from time to time to Dr. Warden. He has sent hundreds of dollars in this way, and if these had gone through the regular channels that congregation would slowly to much more advantage. This is no isolated case either, for there are very many instances in which contributors, rich or poor, have had to take the same course. Now, is it not reasonable that in every such case, the opportunity should be given? May it not be asked that, in the present instance, every Minister and Elder shall say,—We will loyally further the Assembly's appeal by making an opportunity, so that all who wish to do may respond. We may not strongly urge our people, but we will make the open way.

If what is said is reasonable, then let it be acted upon, and that with as little delay as possible.

May we all be guided as to what we OUGHT to do.

R. CAMPBELL.

Manitoba Notes.

On Tuesday evening of this week Mr. C. Stewart, pastor of St. Paul's church, Winnipeg, and Mrs. Stewart were made the recipients of handsome presents as a token of the esteem in which they are held. Mr. Stewart was ordained last Thursday and will continue pastor of St. Paul's.

Miss Mawhinney's concert this week at Portage was a great success. She was assisted by Miss Edith J. Miller, and Miss Jean Forsyth of Winnipeg, as accompanist. The opera house was filled to the doors. The programme was a large and varied one, thus giving Miss Mawhinney an opportunity to show her beautiful soprano voice off to good advantage. She was heartily encored after each number. Miss Miller, who is a great favorite with a Portage audience, sang in fine form, and the numerous encores she received, showed that the house appreciated her efforts very much.

Children's Day was kept in Knox Church, Morden, last Sunday. The morning service was given to the children, who occupied the centre of the church. The very appropriate service arranged by the Assembly's committee was used, led by the Pastor Rev. M. C. Rumball. The church was filled by children and friends. In the afternoon an effort was made to gather in all whose names were on the roll. Apart from the Bible and infant classes there were only thirty-two absent, many of whom were either sick or absent from town. Both services were quite successful. The church was beautifully decorated with plants, vines and cut flowers and as one the door presented a pleasing appearance.

Rev. Mr. Sixcox, pastor of the Central congregational church is reported thus in the Vice Crusade of Winnipeg. "Nothing is as yet decided as to what we will do or what tactics will be adopted," "but we intend to fight it and unless the Ministerial association gets a move on, I will, individually, open a crusade to fight the curse. I want to act in harmony with the ministers but I want to see something done and would advocate the formation of a league which would include all the clergy in Winnipeg and those citizens who are in favor of removing the blight which is cast on the western portion of our city. There are lots of men opposed to it, and we want these to join us and say: 'I believe there is the law abolish it or enforce it. I believe there are men on the Police Commission board who would act but they are too much engrossed in the financial and business phases of the situation to take the initiative and do what they are in favor of seeing done.'

Winnipeg, Sept. 27th 1902.

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