

to attend a garden concert on the grounds of Hon. James Turner.

On motion of Principal Caven, it was unanimously agreed to thank the ladies for their kind and courteous invitation.

EVENING MEETING.

Rev. George Bruce, B.A., presented the Home Mission report for the Eastern Section. He said that the report was a very favourable one. More missionaries had been engaged than ever before. There had been a large accession to the membership of the Church, and the financial increase was also noticeable and encouraging. There is an increase all along the line. The labours of the students have been very efficient, and much appreciated. Mr. Bruce paid a warm tribute to the memory of the late Dr. McGregor, and then gave a detailed account of the extensive and important mission work carried on by the Presbytery of St. John.

Rev. E. D. Millar submitted the report of the Augmentation Committee's work in the Eastern Section. The Church asked for \$10,000, the amount raised was \$9,050, out of which \$8,855 had been paid. Forty-two congregations were directly aided, and forty-four other congregations have increased the salaries of their ministers. Nearly half of the congregations in the Maritime Provinces have permanently benefited by the Scheme. The good work had been accomplished because of the cordial co-operation of the Synods, Presbyteries, the Home Mission Board, and the congregations.

Rev. William Cochrane, D.D., Convener, in presenting the report of the Home Mission Committee, Western Section, delivered a spirited and stirring address. He began by showing the steady progress in the Church's giving for Home Missions during past years. The sum contributed last year, \$62,000, is the largest yet recorded. There were now 213 mission stations and 650 preaching stations receiving supply connected with which 8,520 communicants are returned, and the attendance has been 37,112. The aid given to these stations has amounted to \$745 each Sabbath. There are 170 augmented congregations with 40,000 communicants and an aggregate attendance at mission stations and augmented congregations of about 70,000. To Manitoba last year had \$25,000 been sent, and next year they would require \$30,000. In the Augmentation Fund there had been a decrease of about \$6,000 last year. Was there indifference or opposition to this Scheme? There might be exceptional cases to which objections could be made, but was that a reason for refusing to help the large number of deserving congregations? Dr. Cochrane then made reference to the loss the mission had sustained by the loss of the Rev. Mr. Livingstone and the Rev. J. S. Mackay, the visit to British Columbia by the Rev. D. M. Gordon, of Winnipeg. The students of the U. P. Church in Scotland had sent \$5,000 to aid the work in Manitoba. He concluded with expressing his conviction that a time was coming when the flourishing Churches of the Prairie Provinces would return a hundred-fold what the Churches in the East were now doing for them.

Rev. W. S. Ball, in moving the adoption of the report, referred to the remarkable progress made by the Church within his own recollection.

Mr. D. W. Beadle seconded the adoption of the report.

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

The report of the Committee's report for the Eastern Section was also unanimously received and adopted.

Principal McKnight moved that it should be remitted to the Home Mission Committee to consider whether there should not be an increase in the remuneration of missionaries, who were to-day paid at the same low rate given twenty-five years ago. Having been seconded by Professor Bryce, the motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Rev. D. M. Gordon, seconded by Rev. R. F. Burns, D.D., that the Presbytery of Columbia, including Rev. Messrs. Jamieson, Fraser, Thomson, Chisholm and Jaffray and their respective congregations, be erected, and that the first meeting be held in St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, on the first Tuesday of August, 1886, at ten o'clock a.m., the Rev. Robert Jamieson being the first Moderator.

The consideration of the Home Mission Committee's report, Western Section, was interrupted by the hour of adjournment.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The Assembly having been constituted, overtures from the Presbyteries of Brandon and Rock Lake were read, asking that the extra control of Home Mission work in Manitoba and the North-West Territories vested by the Assembly in the Manitoba Synod be withdrawn and conferred on the Presbyteries. Rev. James Todd and Rev. W. Mowat spoke in support of the overtures.

Rev. George Bruce moved, seconded by Rev. L. G. McNeil, and agreed to, that the overtures be remitted to members of Home Mission Committee, Western Section, to confer with parties presenting the overtures, and report at an early sederunt.

Rev. A. B. Baird, M.A., spoke in defence of the resolution on the overtures adopted by the Synod of Manitoba.

Rev. C. B. Pitblado explained the circumstances that led to the adoption of the resolutions by the Synod of Manitoba. There was a feeling that the task imposed on the Superintendent of Missions was too great for any one man. It was un-presbyterian and unfair that the reputations and grants to missionaries should be at the mercy of one individual. It was the rank and file that really did the work in the North-West. There was no imputation that the trust reposed in the Superintendent was abused, but it was unfair that the members of the Presbyteries should have their privileges abridged.

The motion of Rev. George Bruce was adopted.

In the afternoon the college reports were presented.

COLLEGE REPORTS.

On Friday afternoon the reports of the various colleges were presented.

HALIFAX COLLEGE.

Rev. R. F. Burns, D.D., submitted the report of the Halifax Presbyterian College Board, in which it was stated that nineteen students were in attendance, of whom seven had graduated and entered on the work of the ministry. Special lectures had been delivered by several brethren in the Maritime Provinces. The college had last year been affiliated with Dalhousie University. Regarding the proposal for a summer session in theology, the Board agreed to take no further action in the matter. He concluded by moving that the report be received and adopted and express satisfaction with the progress and prospects of the college; remit to the College Board to take such action as may secure a removal of the debt and an equalizing of the receipts and expenditure; instruct Presbyteries to see that the annual collection be taken in behalf of the college.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

Rev. R. H. Warden submitted the report of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, Board of Management. Owing to the epidemic of small-pox the attendance at the institution was, no doubt, interfered with. They had been in no haste to exercise their power in conferring honorary degrees. The first had been given this year to one who had taken a deep interest in Montreal College and whose reputation was world-wide, Narayan Sheshadri, of India. There was a slight deficiency in the revenue, but it was expected to be made up in a few days. Next year's expenses will be lessened. Through the liberality of Mrs. A. McArthur, of Carleton Place, a scholarship, to be known as the Wm. Brown Scholarship, in honour of her late father, has been endowed in the sum of \$900. This is a welcome addition to the number of endowed scholarships, which as yet is all too small, and suggests a method by which many may further the work of the college. It is gratifying to state that all the scholarships offered for next session are already provided for, and the donors' names attached to them in the calendar. It is with pleasure and gratitude that the Board have received a donation of over one hundred volumes of the valuable collection of the late Hon. Judge Day, who was for many years Chancellor of McGill University. There are now 9,000 volumes in the library. The Library Endowment Fund has been increased during the year by the liberality of the Hon. Justice Torrance, through whose instrumentality the fund was instituted a few years ago.

On motion of Rev. L. G. McNeil the report was received and adopted.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, KINGSTON.

Principal Grant, in presenting the forty-fifth report of the Trustees of Queen's University and College, stated that there was a steady increase in everything that pertains to the efficiency of the college. The number of students attending classes last session was: in arts, 264; in medicine, 165; in theology, thirty. A majority of the medical students attend one or more arts classes. Deducting these from one of the Faculties concerned, the total number of students at present is 347, the largest number ever enrolled in any one year in the history of the university. Our last report showed a deficit of \$1,251, but as the General Assembly of 1885 adopted the principle of appointing a committee annually, to determine the amount required by the respective colleges, that deficit, the first that had occurred for five years, was charged to capital account, so that we might not, at the outset of the new arrangement, burden the fund beyond the actual needs of the year. Our requirements for the past year, on estimates carefully prepared and submitted to the Assembly's Committee, were \$4,000, but we received from the Common Fund only \$2,770. Although the Common Fund for Colleges did not yield for the past year the \$15,000 required by Knox College, Montreal College, and the Theological Department of Queen's University, we have sufficient confidence in the Church, and in the principle on which the fund is now administered to believe that it will yet prove a complete success.

On motion of Mr. J. K. McLennan, seconded by Dr. Burns, the report was received and adopted.

KNOX COLLEGE.

Mr. W. Mortimer Clark presented the report of the Board of Management of Knox College. The income of the college for the past year has exceeded the expenditure by \$289.35. The total receipts applicable to the ordinary expenses have been \$15,652.61. Of this amount the sum of \$5,343.73 was derived from the Common Fund, \$8,877.69 from the interest arising from investments, and \$1,132.56 from special contributions. The residue, \$298.63, consists of a small balance from the previous year, and of other miscellaneous incidental items. The total amount now received on account of the Endowment Fund is \$125,708.69, and of this the sum of \$37,337.57 has been paid in during the past year. The amount subscribed is \$190,000.

An immediate increase in the teaching staff of the college was urgently pressed. The discontinuance of the Common Fund was recommended, and a reference was made to the affiliation with Toronto University, and good results anticipated, as about forty per cent. of the students attending that university were Presbyterians.

Principal Caven spoke of the present hopeful state of Knox College, and stated that last session there was a larger attendance of students than ever before. They had fifty students, fifteen in the first year, eighteen in the second, and seventeen in the third. They had more students because of affiliation with Toronto University.

The reception and adoption of the report were moved by Professor McLaren and seconded by Principal Grant.

MANITOBA COLLEGE.

Rev. D. M. Gordon, B.D., presented the report of the Board of Management of Manitoba College. He made favourable mention of the work done by Principal King, and the various professors of the institution. The college is one of three affiliated with the University of Manitoba. The entire income of the institution for the year, including moneys received for fees and board, is \$19,975.10. This amount embraces \$250, granted by the Mission Board of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, "toward the endowment of the chair occupied by Dr. King," and of which notice had been received at the date of last report; also \$4,640, contributed by friends of the institution in Ottawa, Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg toward the liquidation of the debt resting on the building. The ordinary income, including the salary of the Principal, for which the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories is responsible, and \$3,882, received for class fees and board, amounts to \$13,584.91. It has enabled the Board again to meet punctually and in full all the claims against the institution, notwithstanding that considerable expense had to be incurred in making some much needed repairs and improvements on the building. The college has continued to receive, in addition to the grant already noticed of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, aid from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, the Church of Scotland and the Free Church of Scotland. The Board would also express its cordial thanks to Mr. Warden King, of Montreal, for his liberal donation of \$1,500 toward meeting the instalment of debt due last October, to the Hon. D. A. Smith for \$500 contributed for natural science apparatus, and to Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Clark, for much needed additions to the furnishing of the college. There is still \$9,600 due on a loan, the half of which matures in October next. The Board, it is hoped, may still count on the approval of the General Assembly of any efforts made to secure this sum by appeals to those who may be disposed to contribute toward this object.

On motion duly made and seconded, the report was received and adopted, and the college commended to the liberality of the Church.

CONSOLIDATION OF COLLEGES.

Mr. John Charlton, M.P., reported on behalf of the committee appointed by last Assembly to consider a scheme for the consolidation of the colleges. He presented a majority and minority report. The chief feature of the former was the consolidation of the theological faculty of Queen's and Knox. The minority report was in substance that no practicable plan was at present possible of adoption.

NEXT MEETING.

At this stage the consideration of the time and place of holding the next Assembly was taken up.

Dr. Burns moved that the Assembly meet next year in St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, on the second Wednesday in June.

Rev. D. M. Gordon moved in amendment that the Assembly meet next year in Winnipeg, on the second Thursday of June, 1887. This was seconded by Rev. James Robertson, supported by Professor Bryce, and finally adopted.

The debate on College Consolidation was then resumed.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Ottawa, spoke strongly in favour of consolidation.

President Forest delivered a vigorous speech in