

prospects. (a) English-speaking Protestantism, the Rev. J. R. McLeod, B.A. (b) French-speaking Protestantism, the Rev. S. J. Taylor, M.A. 2. The work of the Holy Spirit. (a) In the Christian worker, the Rev. A. J. Mowatt. (b) In the congregation, the Rev. Jas. Hastie.

The Synod was opened in the evening in St. Andrew's Church. The citizens were present in considerable numbers, and so were the ministers from different places within the bounds, Montreal, especially, was well represented.

At a little past eight o'clock the Rev. J. R. McLeod, retiring moderator, conducted divine worship and opened the Synod. He took for his text John vi. 68, "Then Simon Peter answered Him, Lord so whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." After the sermon a hymn was sung, and the Moderator then formally constituted the Synod by prayer in the name of Christ, the only King and Head of the Church.

In retiring from the chair, the Moderator thanked the Synod for the honor conferred upon him a year ago. He also thanked them for the kindness and forbearance of the brethren during his term of office. It was now the duty of the court to elect his successor.

Two names, for this office has been sent to Synod, namely, those of the Rev. James Fleck, of Montreal, and the Rev. James Cormack, of the Presbytery of Glenora. The Rev. Mr. Fleck being detained by family sickness, and several other reasons, from being present, the Rev. James Cormack was elected by acclamation.

Mr. Cormack thanked the Synod for the honor thus unexpectedly conferred upon him. He knew that Mr. Fleck had been nominated by a majority of the Presbyteries. He also regretted the absence of Mr. Fleck, and especially the cause which has prevented that gentleman from being present. Finally, he asked the same kindness and forbearance from the court which had been accorded to those who had preceded him.

After some other routine business, the first sederunt closed.

The Synod resumed business on Wednesday morning, the 15th, at ten o'clock. The Rev. James Cormack, Moderator, in the chair. On motion, the cordial thanks of the Synod were given to the Rev. J. R. McLeod, retiring Moderator, for his services during the past year. Also, for the admirable sermon delivered to the Synod, with a request that he would give it to the press for publication.

Dr. Warden, of Montreal, addressed the Synod upon the Augmentation of Stipend Scheme. He informed the court that the committee had been able to pay each grant in full. A great reduction in grants had been effected for the ensuing year, the Presbyteries of Quebec and Montreal leading in this connection. His chief object was to lay before them some regulations made by the committee. One of these, was the appointment of a synodical committee upon the subject. Its duty would be to revise the applications for grants made by the congregations and Presbyteries, and, taking the whole circumstances of each case into consideration, ascertain whether the grant could possibly be reduced. Perhaps the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa had reaped more advantage from the scheme than any other Synod in the Church, and, therefore, it ought to take a deeper interest in it. In closing, he moved a resolution expressing the Synod's sympathy with the scheme, and its readiness to co-operate with the General Assembly's committee in this work, and further, that a committee of Synod be appointed for these purposes.

Dr. Campbell, Montreal, in a few words, seconded the motion, which was carried.

On motion of Dr. Kellock, Richmond, the following were appointed as the committee: Dr. Warden, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Kellock, the Rev. J. Ballantyne, A. S. Grant, Jas. Stewart, A. Grant, Messrs. Warden King, Colin Mc-

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

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### BIRTHS.

On May 14th, at the Principal's Residence, Industrial School, Regina, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McLeod a son.

### MARRIAGES.

At 533 Jarvis street, Toronto, on May 25th, by the Rev. Louis H. Jordan, B.D., Frederick Arnold Stevenson, D.M.D., Montreal, to Jessie Thornton Wood, daughter of the late Samuel Wood, of Oshawa.

Arthur, D. Morris, Walter Paul, together with the conveners of the respective Presbyteries' committees.

At the afternoon sederunt the Rev. James Hastie, Cornwall, presented the report of the Synod's committee upon the State of Religion. He said that the report was full of cheer and hopefulness. Five departments of Christian work were covered, viz., family religion and worship; the work of the elders, work among the young, especially in young peoples' societies; missionary interests; attendance at week night and Sabbath services. Mention was made of the hindrances to the progress of religion, such as drink, love of pleasure, Sabbath desecration, the superficial profession of religion, etc. The remedies recommended were, the faithful preaching of the Word, special evangelistic services, and godly example before men, and personal dealing with the soul.

The points raised by the report were spoken to by the Revs. K. McLennan, Dr. Campbell, of Montreal, and Rev. G. C. Heine. They spoke of the importance of looking after young men who go to Montreal. In this connection it was held to be the duty of pastors in the country to write to pastors in the city calling special attention to these young strangers. The report was then adopted.

In the evening, the Rev. J. Nichols, of Montreal, presented the report of the Synod's committee upon Sabbath observance. He explained that the General Assembly's Committee had sent about one hundred and thirty-one circulars to the Sessions within the Synod, asking for information as to how the Sabbath was observed in their respective localities. To these about eighty-six replies had been received. The majority of the reports speak of the Sabbath generally as fairly well kept. There were exceptions to this rule, mostly in the large towns, cities and summer resorts. The evils complained of were such as had been often referred to. Special reference was made, however, to the railway traffic; work in railway workshops on the Sabbath, on boat excursions, driving, visiting, Schermer Park, Park Royal, fishing, etc. Many suggestions had been made by the Sessions and many facts were given showing that some good had been done in promoting Sabbath observance.

The sessions had been asked for suggestions in this connection. A large number of replies had been returned. Several suggested that Conferences be held upon the subject in the various Presbyteries; that the ministers preach frequently upon it; that the Synod publicly protest against all unnecessary labor upon the Day of Rest, etc., etc. The following recommendations were made and discussed:

1. That the Synod express regret at the manner in which the Dominion House of Commons and Senate have prevented the bill for the better observance of the Lord's Day from becoming the law of the land.
2. That some action be taken with a view to the formation of Lord's Day Alliances in all the provinces of the Dominion similar to the one which has been established in Ontario.
3. That the Synod publish a strong and emphatic protest against all unnecessary labor upon the Lord's Day, and against the opening of any place of amusement upon that day; also declare that these things are in violation of the law of God.
4. That the Synod enjoin all pastors within its bounds to emphasize the duty of parents in promoting the proper observance of the Lord's Day in their households, and by the members of their families elsewhere.
5. That Presbyteries be again asked to take such steps as shall secure from parliamentary candidates a pledge that they will support all legislation which provides for the better observance of the Lord's Day.
6. That Presbyteries be urged to hold public conferences upon the subject of Sabbath observance at least once a year, and further that they make some effort to secure at such conferences the presence of as many members of our churches as possible.

These recommendations were agreed to, and the report was adopted as a whole.

In the conference upon the work of the Holy Spirit the Rev. A. J. Mowatt, of Montreal, led in a thoughtful and stirring paper. The Rev. James Hastie, of Cornwall, followed with an address upon the work of the Holy Spirit in the congregation.

In the discussion which followed the Rev. F. M. Dewy, Rev. E. Scott, Dr. Crombie, Rev. D. Tait, Rev. C. E. Amaron, Rev. G. C. Heine, and Mr. Walter Paul took part.

The conference closed at ten o'clock, and so did this sederunt.

The next meeting of Synod will be held in Erskine Church, Montreal.

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The first annual meeting of this school will be held at Association Hall to-morrow (Thursday). The council have been fortunate in securing the services of the Rev. Dr. Pierson to address this meeting, as no man on the continent is better able to present the claims of such an institution. He has just accepted the position of President of the Gordon Missionary Training School, Boston, left vacant by the death of the Rev. Dr. Gordon. The Rev. Elmore Harris, as President of the school, will occupy the chair and the meeting will also be addressed by prominent city ministers. It is unfortunate that so many other important gatherings meet on the same evening, but this could not be avoided as Thursday was the only night that Dr. Pierson could come.

## ELECTRA.

The Greek play by Sophocles to be produced at the Grand Opera house next Thursday and Friday evenings by the faculty and pupils of the Conservatory of Music School of Elocution, under the patronage of their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen and his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, is attracting great attention, and promises to be an event of social as well as of educational and dramatic interest. The chaperones are Mrs. Edward Fisher, Mrs. Wm. Laidlaw, Mrs. Maurice Hutton, and Miss Patterson, of St. Hilda's College. The plan is open at the box office of the theatre.

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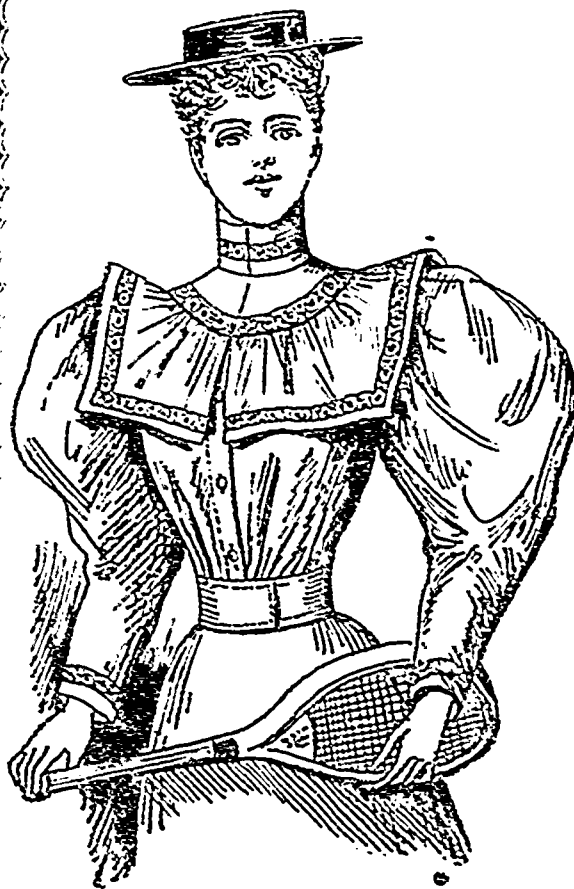
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