

THE SYNOD OF MANITOBA.

The moderator took the chair promptly at 8 o'clock on Tuesday, November 13, and began public worship. The sermon was a very earnest and practical exhortation based on Cor. 4. 13. "We believe therefore we speak." After the sermon the moderator declared that the Synod being regularly constituted, was open for business. Rev. Farquhar McRae was elected moderator and was conducted to the chair by Drs. Patrick and Ferguson.

The Synod appointed a commission on re-arranging boundaries between the Synod and the Synod of Saskatchewan and also arranging the boundaries of the several Presbyteries affected.

During Wednesday morning two addresses were listened to with pleasure. The first by Mr. Bailey, representing the new Y.M.C.A. work, and the other by Rev. Mr. Rochester, western secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance. Votes of thanks and expressions of appreciation and confidence were passed and to the congregations within the bounds, the work reported was commended.

An overture from the Presbytery of Minnedosa, re salaries of two foreign missionaries in that Presbytery. After consideration it was ordered forwarded to the foreign mission committee of the General Assembly. The overture afterwards was reconsidered on motion of Dr. John Hogg and was somewhat modified. The report of the church and manse building fund showed that 50 or 60 churches or manses have been built by assistance from the fund. As a result of this report it was decided that a fund of \$60,000 be raised and half of this amount be allocated to the two synods. Dr. Carmichael presented the report of Home Missions, reporting 223 mission stations. This was the banner year for supply, only 6 fields being vacant and it was hoped they would soon be supplied.

On the augmentation fund the Home Mission report there are 44 congregations. A school for Galicians is held in Manitoba college, conducted by Rev. M. Sherbinin, 12 scholars were in attendance and some are becoming very proficient. There are also 40 or 50 Hungarian families under the care of our church.

A partial report from the committee on boundaries made the dividing line of the provinces the dividing line for the Synods, all but for the Presbytery of Yorkton which although it crosses the boundary line to the east, yet was to be left in Saskatchewan. This was afterwards modified and the boundary line strictly adhered to, thus making two Presbyteries of this large missionary Presbytery.

Rev. Peter Strang gave a splendid summary of the statistics and finances of the church. There were 233 congregations, 17,896 communicants, over 2,000 n families, \$141,782 contributed for church purposes and \$39,322 for schemes.

Wednesday evening was devoted to a public meeting at which was discussed Home Missions. Miss Robinson spoke first on the work of the W.H.M.S., only 3 years old. There are 200 Auxiliaries, 8 Presbyterials, and nearly \$10,000 raised last year. They are carrying on work in 4 hospitals, Teulon, Atlin, Waka, Vegreville. Dr. Carmichael then in a few words spoke of the work being done among 70,000 Galicians, in 60 or 70 mission fields. Mr. Boderick, one of the Galician missionaries of the Greek church, expressed his appreciation of the helping hand extended to them in their need. He gave a short history of the Ruthenians living in Galicia, their habits, their customs, their 226 fast days, etc. They now have 15 men in the mission fields in the North-west, 36 churches built and 12 others under way.

Mr. Sherbinin spoke of the work in Manitoba college and also the work among the Doukobors in Winnipeg. At this point an appeal was made for 30 pledges of \$25 each in support of this work. It only took a few minutes to get the necessary 30 and several more in ad-

dition. Saskatchewan Synod gave 25 pledges last week at their Synod.

The S. S. report was presented by Mr. Fraser in absence of the convener, Mr. Cormie. It was a concise and masterly summary of the facts: 239 Presbyterian S. S.; 57 Union Schools, 17,342 scholars, 1,930 teachers. The systematic giving report was presented by Mr. McLean. A neat little card gave a summary of the report and on the other side the banner congregations in each Presbytery. After a long discussion the Harkney case was referred to a committee with Rev. Principal Patrick, convener. After evidence heard, a decision was arrived at, which was presented to Synod by Mr. P. Scott in absence of the convener. This decision was that the Synod's finding of last year was sustained and the Presbytery of Brandon asked to erect a session at Harkney in a legal manner. An amendment by Dr. Wilson was lost and Mr. Ralston asked to have his dissent recorded.

The report of the Y.P.S. societies was presented by Mr. Muldrew. There are 44 societies, 1,722 members, 742 male members and 906 females, 844 communicants, and a total giving of \$2,975. The report of the committee on Church Life and work was presented by Mr. McMillan in the absence of Mr. Rochester and a resolution was adopted to appoint a legislative committee to look into several matters, but especially to ask the legislation to make a better law regulating pool rooms. Dr. Wilson supported this resolution in an eloquent speech. The report of Indian Missions was presented by Rev. Dr. Hart. A report was presented by Rev. Jos. Hogg on candidates for the ministry, but as it was in the closing hours of the Synod the committee was continued and asked to report at next Synod.

On Thursday evening a very pleasant time was spent in Convention hall, Manitoba college. The report of the college was presented by Dr. Baird and Dr. Bryce. Both professed themselves highly delighted with the liberal response made for funds by the college, five months reporting more than twelve months before.

The Synod will meet next year in Manitoba college on the second Tuesday of November. A resolution was also unanimously agreed to be the voting on local option, this being regarded as the best law we have regulating the liquor traffic. The Synod closed with the benediction.

BARNABAS MacMAN,

The North-west, November 19th., 1906.

COBALT MERGER.

Tracing of Government Vein on to Claim.

Messrs. Fox and Ross on Saturday informed The World that they had received a telegram from their representative at Cobalt, Mr. J. H. Charles, stating that De Bruyne, the foreman in charge of the Morrison Mine, had traced and uncovered the big main government vein, 2 feet wide, on the Morrison claim. Government shaft had been sunk ten feet, showing rich cobalt and other minerals, 4 feet wide, also stating that Engineer Gifford had examined the McCormack claims, and that No. 7 vein was over 3 feet wide, and appeared to be a continuation of Jacobs' rich lead through Hargreaves' property, and that vein No. 15 was full 14 inches wide, and that a full report was being forwarded.

Instructions were given to rush operations preparatory to early shipments.

After all, it is not what is around us, but what is in us; not what we have, but what we are; that makes us really happy.—Geikie.

ILLEGIBLE HANDWRITING.

In a recent number of "Collier's Weekly" there is a letter from Thomas Bailey Aldrich to Professor E. S. Morse. As Dr. Edward Everett Hale tells the story, Mr. Aldrich thus "got back" to the Professor for his unreadable scrawls:

"My Dear Morse: It was very pleasing to me to get your recent letter. Perhaps I should have been more pleased had I been able to decipher the same. I have not been able to master any of it beyond the date, which I knew, and the signature, which I guessed at. This is a singular and perpetual charm in a letter of yours; it never grows old; it never loses its novelty. One can say to one's self every morning: 'Here's that letter of Morse's. I haven't read it yet. I think I'll take another shy at it to-day, and maybe I shall, in the course of a few months, be able to make out what he means by those t's that look like w's and those i's that have no eyebrows.' Other letters are read and thrown away, but yours are kept forever—unread. One of them will last a reasonable man a life-time. Admiringly yours, T. B. Aldrich.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FUNDS, NOVEMBER 30, 1906.

The following comparative statement of receipts and expenditures for the Schemes of the Church, Western Section, calls for earnest consideration on the part of all our Ministers and congregations. For Home Missions there is received at this date over \$3,187.00 less than last year while the expenditure, owing to the extension of the work in the West among the English and Foreign population and in New Ontario, has increased by \$14,000. In addition, we began the year with a balance of \$4,200, less than last year, thus making the state of the Fund at November 30th less than last year by \$21,687. The increase in Augmentation expenditure over this date last year is over \$6,500. There is an increase in the expenditure of Foreign Missions over last year at this date of \$14,900 and that is not nearly met by the light increase in the contributions to Foreign Missions.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FUND

Receipts to 30th Nov. 1906	1905	1906
Home Mission Fund	\$33,926.75	\$30,422.49
Augmentation Fund	3,998.03	4,178.00
Foreign Mission Fund	20,254.17	22,272.79
Widows' and Orphans' Fund	1,067.49	1,266.88
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund	3,848.97	2,731.94
Assembly Fund	2,238.79	667.51
French Evangelization Fund	5,871.96	3,250.93
Pointe-aux-Trembles Fund	1,756.10	1,617.12
Knox College	730.40	638.06
Queen's College	217.39	269.43
Montreal College	294.71	137.39
Manitoba College	504.00	478.24

EXPENDITURE.

Home Missions	\$74,277.62	\$88,341.26
Augmentation	15,021.91	21,015.29
Foreign Mission	114,045.92	128,875.36
W. & O. Fund	10,192.15	12,149.70
A. & I. Fund	18,907.96	17,939.59
Assembly Fund	5,769.89	7,416.83
French Evangelization Fund	17,403.79	17,311.69
Pointe-aux-Trembles	6,288.90	5,113.15
Knox College	730.40	638.06
Queen's College	217.39	426.23
Montreal College	294.71	137.39
Manitoba College	504.00	478.24

The comparative tables should be carefully studied and action taken in all our congregations. The open hands of our people here, during the year been laden with gifts by a loving Father. We cannot but believe that their hearts will be as open to give for His cause as their hands were to receive His bounty. Contributions for the Schemes should be made payable to the Presbyterian Church in Canada and sent to the Rev. Dr. Somerville, Interim Treasurer, Presbyterian Church offices, Toronto.

If you can not do a kind deed, speak a kind word; if you can speak a kind word, think a kind thought.—Channing.