

distribution was 3,355 copies of Scriptures, 26,000 French tracts and pamphlets. There are 29 schools with 34 teachers and 905 pupils, being double the number of four years ago, and an increase of four schools and 101 pupils during the past year. 290 of the pupils are the children of Roman Catholic parents, while most of the remainder are the children of Protestant converts. The schools are doing a valuable work, quiet, it may be, but sure. They are giving to the country a class of educated men and women who, in many cases, become in their turn teachers and missionaries to their people. At one school, Point au Trembles, 28 pupils professed their faith in Christ during the last term, of whom 12 were Roman Catholics when they entered. Father Chiniquy addressed the Assembly with all his old-time earnestness and fire, although he carries the burden of eight and seventy years.

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH.

The forenoon was devoted to receiving and considering the reports of the different Colleges, at Halifax, Quebec, Montreal, Kingston, Toronto, and Manitoba. The progress has been good in all these institutions..

#### VISIT TO KILDONAN.

Kildonan, five or six miles down the Red River from Winnipeg, was the fountain head of civilization and Christianity in the North West. Here settled the first company of Scotchmen brought to this country by Lord Selkirk, and well they held fast to the church of their forefathers. For forty years there was no Presbyterian minister with them, and yet they would not fall in with the church of England which had supplied them with service. At length their hearts were made glad by the arrival of Mr. Black, the pioneer missionary to the North West, who came to Kildonan in 1851. In a steamer kindly provided, the Assembly, with a number of the good people of Winnipeg, had a pleasant run down the Red River on Saturday afternoon. First, there was a memorial service held in the church, which was deeply touching and interesting. Afterwards all were treated to a bountiful luncheon in a beautiful grove on the banks of the river just below the town, and returned to Winnipeg in the evening to a conversazione in Manitoba College, where, again with lavish kindness their way was strewn. .

#### SABBATH

was an interesting, instructive, and profitable day. The pulpits of the evangelical churches in the city and neighborhood were supplied by members of Assembly. Mr. P. McLeod of Toronto, preached in Knox Church, by appointment of Assembly, in the morning, and Mr. Mowatt of Fredericton, in the evening. Mr. John Stewart of Glasgow, Scotland, Free Church, delegate to our General Assembly, preached in St. Andrew's Church in the morning, and Principal McVicar in the evening.

#### MONDAY, JUNE 13TH.

The report on the Minister's, Widow's, and Orphan's Fund, Eastern Section, was presented by Mr. T. Sedgewick. The receipts during the past year were \$4,880.95. Expenditure \$3,422.03. The Capital Fund now amounts to about \$70,000. The present list of annuitants is 19.

The report of the W. & O. Fund in connection with the Church of Scotland, was submitted, and was in a most satisfactory condition.

The W. & O. Fund, Western Section, shewed receipts for the year, \$29,850.51. Balance on hand \$4,668.86. The Capital Fund amounts to \$112,695.96.

The Report of the Aged and Infirm Minister's Fund, Eastern, shewed the Fund in good condition, the receipts for the year exceeding the expenditure. The Capital Fund is about \$27,000. There were ten annuitants receiving aid from the Fund during the year.

Dr. Middleton submitted the Report of the A. & I. Fund for the Western Section. There are 50 annuitants on the Fund. The receipts for the year were slightly in excess of the expenditure.

The next meeting of Assembly was appointed to be held in Halifax on the second Wednesday of June, 1888.

Rev. R. H. Warden presented the Report of the Committee on the *Record*. The circulation is about 37,000. The Committee had agreed to appropriate \$1,000, the profits of the *Record* since 1880, to the Aged and Infirm Minister's Fund.

The subject for this evening was the report of the Home Mission Committee. Rev. P. M. Morrison presented the report for the Eastern Section. During the past year there have been in the employ of the Committee about a dozen ministers.

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