

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Met in St. James Square, Church, Toronto, on Wednesday, June 4th.

Dr. Cochran, retiring Moderator, preached the opening sermon.

Dr. McLaren and Principal McKnight were proposed for the office of Moderator, Dr. McLaren was chosen by a vote of 91 to 82.

Rev. Jas. Fleck and Rev. L. H. Jordan were appointed delegates to the Presbyterian Council at Belfast, in place of two resigned.

Dr. Jenkins presented report of Hymnal Committee. 31,700 were sold last year, 141,240 sold in all. The Committee propose to publish a tonic solo Edition if 2000 are subscribed for. A hymnal for children has been completed and will be ready by August, at five cents a copy. The Edition with music will be ready a little later.

There were six applications for admission to the Church by ministers and licentiates from other bodies.

Dr. Cochran presented the report of Home Mission work in the Western Section. Great progress has been made in Quebec. New Stations have been opened and old ones strengthened. 206 stations are now occupied in the North West at a cost last year of \$17,000. They expect to spend \$20,000 there next year. \$32,000 has been expended in churches and manse in the North West.

The Augmentation Scheme has been largely successful.

Professor Forrest presented the H. M. report of the Eastern Section. They never had a more successful year.

The Presbytery of Manitoba was divided into three Presbyteries, the three to form a Synod

The Missionary meeting was a crowded one. Robertson from Erromanga, Campbell from India, Grant from Trinidad, and Junior from Formosa, were present, and gave addresses bringing tidings from their different fields.

The Presbytery of Halifax at a meeting held in Poplar Grove Church on Friday, May 30th sustained three calls, one to Mr. James Anderson from Musquodoboit Harbor; one to Mr. George Fisher, from Carleton and Chebogue; one to Rev. J. H. Murray from Lawrencetown and Cow Bay.

Rev. R. Laing reported from the Committee that had been appointed to visit Kempt and Walton. Assessors were appointed to assist the Session of Kempt and Walton in a case of discipline.

Application was made to the General Assembly to receive John F. Dustan a licentiate of the Presbyterian Church of the United States as a Probationer of this Church.

We give an extract from appendix III. to the Report on Home Missions which will show to our readers something of the extent of our Home Mission Field. Those bracketed together show the stations that are grouped in one charge and wrought by one missionary. The progress during last year was very good. The stations are growing in regard to self support. They contributed the sum of \$4537.97 last year as against \$3149.47 the year before, and drew from the Home Mission Fund, but \$951.15 as against \$1318.62 in the previous year.

## JUST WHAT TO DO.

BY REV. THEODORE L. CUYLER.

This is not a Winter of widespread and powerful revivals; the spiritual thermometer seems to be running, like the Fahrenheit, in the figures towards zero. But many Christians are beseeching for an outpouring of the Spirit, and among the readers of this journal are some who are asking the old, yet ever new question "*What must I do to be saved?*"

You are right in emphasizing that little word "do," for your Saviour having already done His mighty work of providing an atonement for you, the next *doing* must be on your side. If anybody tells you to do nothing at all but simply trust yourself to Christ, he or she may only confuse you. Jesus Himself never gave any such advice. He said "*FOLLOW Me,*"

And that means go where I lead you, and do what I tell you. In Peter's case that meant the quitting of his nets and fishing-boats, and in Matthew's case it meant the leaving of his toll-booth, and in both cases, they did it to please the Lord Jesus. No waiting for more feeling you observe; no bargaining with him for an easy time, or any reward. They obeyed Christ. That was their decisive step.

Now in the very first thing that offers itself to you, so act as to please your Saviour. Consult conscience. Jesus speaks to you through the conscience; it is your moral telephone; listen and obey.