sions shows 96 new mission fields to have

been opened during the year and 61 new

list. During the year 22 augmented charges

Syrian, 1 Russian and 1 Persian.

Work Among Indians.

for the year. Medical, hospital, and edu-

cational branches of the society's work are

all favorably reported upon. On May 15 was effected the organization of the

three women's missionary organizations

the Women's Missionary Society of Mon-

The report of the district superintendent

of the Synod of Montreal and Quebec re-

ports a decreased membership in the

Eastern Townships, owing to the advance

of the French population, but in Mon-

treal so wide a field of work that more

missions, churches and workers are sadly

Cause Annoyance.

Roman Catholic Church levies and

claims on property sometimes are a

source of much annoyance to Protestants,

one of whom sold his property to a

French-Canadian, receiving only a small part of the price in cash. Soon afterward a levy in 20 annual installments was

placed on the property for a new Roman

Catholic Church, and the new owner con-

cluded it would be cheaper to lose the

cash payment than hold the land. The

Protestant former proprietor, holding a

first mortgage, found the church claims

foremost, and had to pay the 20 annual

church levies before he could clear his

Reference to the Catholic schools of Quebec Province are made as follows:

The statistics of the Catholic schools

of the province show that out of 77,282

entering in 1908, 62,231 had dropped out

The use the Roman Catholic Church

makes of these schools may be seen also in the nature of the teaching that is done

there for the church. Here are some of

the questions and answers of the Cate-

chism regularly taught as part of the

"What is the Church Jesus Christ has

"It is the Catholic Apostolic and Roman

"Can one be saved outside of the

"No, outside of the church no one can

"Do you believe that the Holy Church,

Catholic and Apostolic, is the only true

"Do you reject and anathematize all

heresies against this Holy Catholic

Many Protestant children are obliged

to attend these schools owing to the fact

that there are no Protestant schools with-

in their reach; and though they are not

compelled to take these classes, they learn this teaching by hearing the con-

Favorable Reports.

Methodist Church is preventing loss of

time, money, and church energies through

overlapping. Reference in the reports of

the western synods is made to the Douk-

hobors among the Presbyterians are be-

Interesting reports of the immigration

haplains and the work they are doing are

Exceptionally encouraging is the report of the home mission department of the

"The receipts from all sources for the nome mission fund have been \$21,171.86,

made. There are chaplains at Montreal,

hurch as the following extract shows:

of which \$45.42 are the credit balance of last year, \$291 are repayments, and \$1,000 have come from the western treasury as contribution towards the salary of the

ecretary of the bureau of information,

Glasgow, who has done such a good work in directing the Presbyterian emigrants

from Britain in the way which has

brought them into immediate touch with

our own church, both in the east and in

the west, and all the rest from the local

sources within the bounds of the Synod of

the Maritime Provinces, as per the finan-

cial statement. It will be seen that there

is a credit balance of \$1,222.95 at the end

of the year. In other words the receipts

have been \$1,177.53 more than the ex-

An extract from the report of the aug-

nentation committee (eastern section) is

"The revenue for the past year totalled \$11,279.35, of which \$531.96 came as a bal-

ance in the treasury from previous years, 688.39 from interest, donations and re-

payments, and \$10,059 from the congrega-

tions. The total disbursements amounted to \$11,583.80, leaving a debit balance of

\$574.45. Two years ago today we had a

balance in the treasury of \$2,585.87 which shows that during the last two years the

disbursements overran the revenue by \$3.160.32."

The committee appended to its report

That the assembly receive and adopt the report of the committee and sanction

the supplementary and annual grants

That the minimum stipend in the Mari-

time Provinces be \$1,000 and a manse or

That augmented congregations shall give a stipend of not less than \$600 per annum and a manse or free house, or \$50

per annum in lieu of manse or free house. That such congregations shall contribute

to stipend at an average rate of not less

than \$5.50 per communicant, or \$11 per family under pastoral oversight where the

number of communicants is greatly in excess of, or proportionately lower than, the number of families aforesaid, the de-

gree of such excess, etc., to be left to

That the adoption of the weekly envelope system for congregational revenue

be a condition to receiving aid from this

fund and that the adoption of the same for the schemes of the church be effected

the judgment of the committee.

the following recommendations:

therein named.

free house.

not quite so satisfactory:

penditure.

Toronto, Winnipeg, and Vancouver.

The growth and spread

Favorable reports are made of the work

New Ontario. Co-operation with the

Catholic Apostolic and Roman Church?"

These are for the prin

for more advanced scholars.

"I anathematize them."

of Mormonism is lamented.

and a true remission of all sins?

in the first four years of school life.

school exercises:

established?"

be saved."

Church?

f the church, the Women's Foreign, the

sland, is favorably reported upon.

### DR. GRANT IS ANNOYED AT SUGGESTED CRITICISM OF HOME MISSION BOARD

Takes Issue With Dr. Somerville-Work of Sabbath Schools and Young Peoples' Societies and Religious Education Discussed At Assembly

(By Staff Reporter.)

protest at what he regarded a criticism have all our young people in training of the policy of the home mission for larger service. board by Rev. Dr. Somerville, the treasurer of the Presbyterian Church so large a proportion of the boys are planatory remarks incidental to the charged to make a special study of presentation of the auditors' report, the needs of boy life, and other like was made by Rev. Dr. A. S. Grant, movements on their behalf. chairman of the home mission board,

Dr. Somerville had drawn attention to the fact that the budget had shown full share of the budget apportionment a deficit at the end of each year for for their respective congregations. everal years past and advised cauyear, he pointed out, were \$1,400,000, representation on the new internahe declared he would be extremely gratified if \$900,000 was received. The tee, and that Rev. J. C. Robertson, home mission board was making con- general secretary, be named as such tinually increasing demands on the budget, and he suggested that, in view of the financial stringency which ex-ists, payment of the salaries of missionaries out of the church funds, instead of being guaranteed, should be made conditional on the state of the

Dr. Grant Protests. comment on the financial policy of the home mission board in presenting his report," said Dr. Grant. "His criticism this talk about stringency, I would tistics which had been gathered, he suggest that the salaries of the of-said, proved that the decision period

at the outposts. "It is true that we are making increasing demands on the budget, and this period was the one in which the our demands are going to continue to influence of parents and of the church made, let it be made in the committee potent influence in the life of a boy or room, not on the floor of the House. girl between the ages mentioned, he Plenty of men will lose heart and drop continued, was "the gang," and he out without encouraging them to do suggested reaching the young people

trench on the extent of our work, not on the salaries, which mean bread and in the third clause was championed by

Dr. Somerville, in reply, declared e had not intended any criticism of the home mission board's policy. He

Change in System Expected. period should be the same in each case, he argued, so that the church would know just what the financial

Dr. Somerville explained that while It had been decided to standardize the financial year, making it end Jan. 31, time, it had been decided to make it this year. For that reason the books had been closed before all the returns were completed. The report was

The report of the finance committee, Eastern section, presented by Judge Forbes of St. John, N. B., showed a highly satisfactory condition of af-The total receipts for the year were \$151,204.32, being \$10,285.44 more

than in the preceding year. Young People's Work. A number of important recommendsabbath schools and Young People's Society and were adopted. They were: Society and were adopted. They were: First, that through our Sabbath ligion.

The adoption of the report was sectional we should earnestly seek to we should earnestly seek to schools for whose religious instruction our London, who spoke in glowing terms

organized Bible classes and young WOODSTOCK, June 8.-A heated people's societies we should aim to

Second, that in view of the fact that in Canada, in the course of his ex- being lost to the church, ministers planatory remarks incidental to the and all religious workers be earnesdy

Third, that all our Sabbath at this afternoon's sederunt of the schools and young people's secieties Presbyterian General Assembly in be encouraged to adopt the missionary policy outlined in this report and to do their utmost to contribute their Fourth, that we approve of the

The estimates for the present Presbyterian Church in Canada having tional Sunday school lesson commitrepresentative. Should Reach All.

Speaking to the first recommendation, Rev. A. MacGillivery, of Toronto, declared that it was not sufficient to be able to say that the very great majority of the young people had been reached. The object should be to reach every boy, girl, young man and "Dr. Somerville has no right to young woman not already connected with some Sunday school.

Taylor Statton, Toronto, head of the boy's work department of the Y. M. C. fills me with disgust. If there is need A., gave a splendid address in support of retrenchment, and I put no faith in of the second recommendation. Staficials be made conditional, instead of in the life of a boy or girl, the period those of the men doing the work out when the decision for a life of Christianity or the reverse, was usually between the ages of 14 and 18, and that If any criticism is to be were at their lowest ebb. The most so by remarks such as Dr. Somerville through these gangs by training young men as "gang leaders," who would If we must economize, let us re- lead the boys to a right way of living. The missionary policy recommended

butter to the men who are doing that Rev. Charles Myers, assistant secre-work." Rev. Charles Myers, assistant secre-tar of the Y. M. C. A. department of young people's work.

Religious Education. The final report of the commission on religious education was presented by Rev. W. J. Knox, of London, Mr. A commissioner who rose to second Knex deplored the fact that only 50 the adoption of the report, called attention to the fact that, whereas the tended Sunday school, and went on to receipts were given for twelve months, say that the figures were appaling the disbursements were shown for only when the fact that 70 per cent of part of the year, in some cases nine church members are graduates of Sunmonths, and in others ten months. The day schools was realized. An investihad revealed the fact that the rising generation was terribly ignorant as to spiritual matters, and Mr. Knox a. ded the general church year ended on the in securing able men to teach Sunday that great difficulty was experienced church in which but one baptism is given 31st of December, some of the board school or to act as Sunday school were allowed until Feb. 28, and others superintendents. He stated also that until March 31, to make their returns. family worship was found to be conducted in only 20 per cent of the houses, and ascribed to this the fact and as a start had to be made some that so few young men are entering the ministry. The reading of suitable books would do much to head the young people in the right direction. and a list of books recommended by

the commission was given. The speaker deplored the fact that stant repetition of it in class. so much more money was being spent on church buildings than in Sunday schools. He believed that proper religious instruction for boys and girls was one of the most important phases of the work of the church. He also thought that the Sabbath schools should co-operate to a greater extent

reach the last boy and the last girl onded by Rev. W. R. M. Intosh, of responsible, and through of the work done by Mr. Knox as a

asked to endeavor to have this minimum in operations at the earliest date prac-The report of the western board of mis-

W. H. SPENCER, E. A. McCURDY,

charges placed on the augmentation fund Foreign Missions Committees, The report of the foreign mission com reached the self-sustaining stage. As a result of the action of presbyteries and were dropped, merged, or ceded to the Methodist Church. In the London and Hebrides, Trinidad, British Guiana, Korea, Work. Hamilton Synod there are now 38 aug-mented charges and 12 mission fields, the China, Central India, Aggressive missiontotal number in all the synods being 288 ary work among the Chinese in Canada is also reported upon. Work is carried Mission work among the Jews is car- on in Victoria, Cumberland, Vancouver, ried on extensively in Toronto and Win- Winnipeg, Toronto and Montreal.

Dominion-Wide Campaign. nipeg. The church has also 50 other non--Saxon missions in Canada as fol-A Dominion-wide campaign in the in terests of more and better Sabbath lows: 28 Ruthenian, 4 Hungarian, 6 Italian, 2 Hindoo, 4 Finnish, 2 Bulgarian, Schools and Young People's Societies was decided at a conference of all Independent Greek Church, with 19 min-Presbytery conveners immediately after isters, received at the last General Assemthe June General Assembly last year. bly of the Presbyterian Church, is re-Some of the features of the campaign ported as making steady progress. The will be enrolling all those persons not report refers to the difficulty of securing already enrolled, helping all schools dissionaries to work among the nonand societies to understand and attain the approved standards of excellence. Young people will be urged to ganized effort in church work, Work among the Indians chiefly in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Vancouver attend the regular church services. The need of missionary recruits will be explained before the young people. The Women's Home Missionary Society Series of meetings have been held in eports total receipts amounting to \$71,001.86, an increase over last year of every presbytery in the Dominion. These have borne important results by \$10,000. During the year 121 new sothe religious instruction and training cieties were organized. The total mem-

pership is now 24,580, an incerase of 2,000 given the young people.

Work of instructing the young people has been ineffective so far, because of the scarcity of teachers. Teachers' 15; 430 union schools, a gain of 5. This training classes are being organized in makes a total of 3,604 schools, a gain Women's Home Missionary Societies, and connection with Sabbath Schools and of 20. Officers and teachers have in-

making steady progress. The system of promoting the work is being carried out by reading courses, summer schools, winter evening classes, normal schools and theological colleges.

Great progress has been made in uni-tying the Young People's Societies and their work. No attempt has been made mittee shows receipts of \$74,481.20, an in- to bring them under one type or style crease for the year of more than \$4,000. In- of organization. The topic card, however, has made them think that they

> emphasized by Rally Week. Children's Day and Young People's Day have been combined into one Rally Day, the last Sunday in September, with additional meetings through the week. The main feature of Rally Week will

be a Sunday morning service for the instruction of young people, rally of all departments in the afternoon, and the evening devoted to the interests of the young people's organizations. An even-cluding a balance of \$5,950.00; with a ing the interests of praise in the church ing during the week will be devoted to total balance of \$3,020.00 at the end of for a period of five years. a social gathering of the young men | the year. and women in the church at a banquet or similar affair. One evening will be given over to a raily of the boys of the church, enlisting them in some or Duplex Envelope System.

The children and young people will be asked to provide \$250,000 of the total ly increased. During the year missionary budget. All the members of the Sabbath Schools are encouraged to the use of the duplex envelopes and The report stated that new and helpused uniformly, either in Sabbath School or church service.

The total number of Presbyterian preaching stations are 4,314. There are 3,174 Presbyterian schools, a gain of

of 29,200, Scholars not including Bible class, 200,725, a gain of 10,926, Scholars 5.747 over last year.

cieties show a total of 1,051, a gain of 231. The number of Y. P. S. C. E., 375, a gain of 94. Presbyterian Guilds organizations number 313, and have vious year.

A. MacGillivray and W. R. McIntosh, foint conveners, recommend that the charged to make an earnest study of has been made. the new International Sunday School Lesson Committee.

The Record Committee reported the

The regular monthly issue for the year was 68,000 copies, an advance of

The increase of circulation in the various publications was reported by the Publications Committee to be greattwelve million copies of Lesson Helps and illustrated papers were sent out. ful things for workers in all departments are continually being evolved. The Presbyterian Year Book, begun in 1911, is being published at a loss, with an annual decrease in circulation. It will be continued for another year. Net eash receipts for the year were

member of the commission, and was gregations of the Maritime Provinces be Young People's Societies. They are creased 1,585 in number, with a total The expenditures were \$127,087.97. Cash in Bible classes total 62,649, a gain of has ever been before in the history of

The sale of the Hymnal, or Book of Praise, was reported as steadily creasing. There were 97,898 copies sold 375, a gain of 94. Presbyterian Guilds last year. Royalties received were number 363, and have gained 171. Other \$3,881.46, \$104.48 greater than the pre-

The Book of Praise, in with the instructions of the Assembly last year, is being revised. Nearly all last boy and girl be reached in re- the Psalter and Hymnal collections ligious instruction. Ministers should be have been examined and much progress

the boys' needs, and to take advantage A committee on the Church Praise of the older boys' conferences and was instructed to devise a means for similar movements. Rev. J. C. Robert- advancement of praise throughout the son was named as a representative to church. A beginning was made at the summer schools at Goderich and Geneva Park. Rev. Alexander MacMillan was recommended to the General Assembly receipts of the year to be \$22,430.17, in- to represent the committee in advanc-

The Committee on Aids to Devotion and Public Worship reported the work of preparing the book for family ship as being a great hardship. Four ill and added to the work. It is now nearly completed. It consists of three main divisions The first contains fourteen services arranged for morning and evening devotion for a week. The second is a number of additional prayers for morning and evening worship, and the third is made up of short occasional prayers.

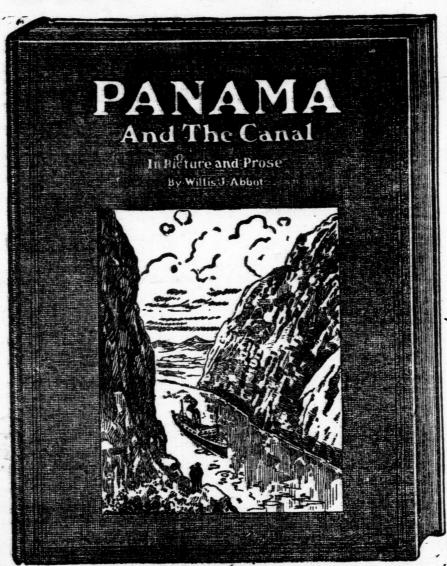
[Cleveland Plain Dealer.]

A lot of young athletics in this field day season are developing good leg \$133,256.21, an increase of \$16,742.58. behind cultivators a little later.

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