

THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN.

loyal to the fund and he gave \$200 when there was an effort made to raise \$200,000, but he had not gone on it. The ministry was scandalously supported. He often found pastors, especially if they were married, and they did not believe in a celibate clergy, who could not afford books. The minister without books could not remain long in the pastorate.

The Rev. Dr. Herridge, of Ottawa, spoke in a similar strain, and thought it was no question of charity at all.

The Rev. Dr. McLeod thought it was not complimentary to their intelligence that they spent large sums on foreign missions. When the men who rendered these missions possible died penniless at their doors. The soldiers of a king received pensions and it was not counted dishonorable, and should it be counted dishonorable of a man who had served his God? The close of Dr. McLeod's speech was greeted with loud applause.

The Rev. Dr. McTavish made the point that it was the scriptural teaching that the ministers gave their lives and the laymen gave the support and that this was not being carried out.

Elder Fraser, of Oak River, then asked to address the court. He seemed to think that reflections had been cast on the elders as representing the laymen in previous speeches. But he asked when an appeal to the elders had been made in vain? The present condition of the church was a disgrace to the church, but it was not the fault of the elders. The sums asked were too small, it would probably be easier to secure \$50,000 than 50 cents. The courts that attended to these matters were formed of ministers, they ought to be formed of business men, and the whole thing placed upon a business basis. It was characterized as a charity, it ought not to be.

The Rev. Dr. C. W. Gordon submitted an overture stating that it should be obligatory on all clergymen and all congregations to contribute to the infirm ministers' fund. The moderator pointed out that it was against the laws of the church for the assembly to make it obligatory on the congregations, but it could agree to an overture, and the clerk could send it down to the presbyteries as a recommendation. Dr. Gordon was instructed to get his overture and bring it up at a later stage.

Assembly Communion Service.

On Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock the commissioners met in Knox church for the usual observance of the communion. The service was a deeply impressive one and the attendance large. Rev. Dr. DuVal, moderator, presided, the address being delivered by Rev. Dr. MacLaren. The words of the aged principal were suited to the occasion and were entirely spiritual and evangelical. The substitutionary nature of the death of Jesus was strongly insisted on, and the completeness of the sacrifice clearly pointed out. It had been a devotion of body and blood, soul and spirit, humanity and divinity. The faithfulness and fidelity of the Saviour, his purity and freedom from all offence, were dealt with and the lessons suggested in each case were clearly indicated. In the great church of God there was a niche for every follower of Christ. The part of the faithful Christian was to find the place which God ordained him to fill, and to endeavor to discharge its duties. Among the elders taking part in the service and assisting in the distribution of the bread and wine, were K. J. Johnston, W. W. Miller, Edward Browne, John Haverston, Hon. D. H. Laird, E. F. Stephenson, Walter Paul (Montreal), J. K. Macdonald (Toronto) and a number of others.

The Position of Queen's.

The Queen's University question was introduced by Principal Gordon at 3.45 in a carefully worded address of length. Queen's cannot share in the benefits of the Carnegie fund for retiring professors, and the desire is to find a way by which this disability may be offset. Some say change the relations existing between the university and the church, others say sever that connection and set Queen's free to carve out her own destiny.

Principal Gordon's motion that the Assembly appoint a committee to deal with the memorial of Queen's was carried and the following committee was named by the moderator:

Rev. Principal Patrick, convener; Principal McLaren, Dr. Miller, Dr. Fletcher, Dr. Ramsay, Rev. William Farquharson, Archibald Bowman, Judge Forbes, Robert Munro, G. R. Crowe and Edward Brown.

Dr. Campbell asked that it should be made quite clear that the committee was to report to the Assembly, and in reply to questions from other parts of the house it was stated by Principal Gordon that that was the intention. The resolution carried unanimously.

Pan-Presbyterian Alliance.

The Assembly has to elect about fifteen ministers and fifteen elders to the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance in New York in 1909, which meets only once in four years. The following were nominated: The moderator, Dr. DuVal; Walter Paul, Montreal; Principal Patrick, Dr. Milligan, Dr. C. W. Gordon, Judge Forbes, Principal Gordon, J. K. Macdonald, George Keith, Principal McLaren, Dr. A. McCurdy, Principal McKay, Dr. Robt. Campbell, Dr. McQueen of Edmonton, Dr. Sedgewick, Dr. McGill, Dr. A. P. McKay, J. A. Macdonald, Dr. Ratcliffe, Dr. Munro of Montreal, Dr. Gandier, Dr. Fraser, Sir Thomas Taylor, Rev. William Farquharson, Dr. Ross of London, Hamilton Castle, Dr. E. D. MacLaren, Dr. Shearer, Dr. Somerville, Dr. McLeod of Barrie, Dr. Mowatt of Montreal, Rev. James Argo of Ivan, J. C. Shook of Peterborough, Dr. Robert Murray, Robert McQueen, G. R. Crowe, John Charlton, Hon. C. H. Campbell, Rev. Peter Strang, Rev. J. A. Matheson, R. J. Knox Wright of Vancouver, T. C. James of Charlotte town, Rev. S. MacLean and R. W. Ross.

Retiring Ministers.

Judge Forbes presented the report of the committee on retiring ministers, recommending that leave to retire be granted to the following, which was adopted:

Presbytery of San Fernando, Rev. K. J. Grant, D.D.; Guelph, Rev. J. B. Mulen; Toronto, Rev. Geo. Bruce, D.D., Rev. William Frizzell, Ph.D.; Hamilton, Rev. D. B. Macdonald, Rev. Thomas S. Chambers; Ottawa, Rev. William Moore, D.O.; North Bay, Rev. John Beckett; London, Rev. R. W. Leitch; Halifax, Rev. Andrew Burrows, D.D.; Montreal, Rev. Calvin Amaron, D.D.; Miramichi, Rev. William Aitkin; St. John, Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, D.D.; Toronto, Rev. James Carmichael; Saugeen, Rev. M. C. Cameron, B.D.; Hamilton, Rev. John Davidson; Halifax, Rev. M. G. Henry; Glengarry, Rev. David MacLean; Picton, Rev. James Sinclair, Rev. Thos. Cummins, D.D., Rev. A. Falconer, D.D.

Church Life and Work.

Last night's open session of the assembly again attracted a large number. The first part of the evening was devoted to a consideration of the report on church life and work, in presenting and reporting which many eloquent speakers review different aspects of Presbyterian activity. Later on Principal E. M. Brandt, of the Pointe aux Trembles Mission school, and other speakers gave an account of what was being done on behalf of French evangelization.

Rev. Principal Gordon, who occupied the moderator's chair in the absence of Rev. Dr. DuVal, called upon Rev. H. A. MacPherson, Toronto, to present the report on church life and work.

Mr. MacPherson said he was glad to have the honor of laying the most important report of all before the assembly. If church life and work were not all they ought to be, the whole activities of the church would suffer and its influence diminish. Touching on the domain of benevolence the speaker spoke of the splendid response to the appeal made during the hard times of last winter. He thought the church had not done what it might have done in the direction of hospital establishment, and he trusted it would make amends for this neglect in the future. He wished to draw special attention to that portion of the report which stated most emphatically that never before was the standard of business honor and integrity as high as it was today. (Cheers.) The church must give its whole life to the community if it were to successfully combat evil. He believed in the evangelism which began in January and ended in December.

Renewed Church Activity.

Rev. R. W. Ross, late of Guelph, but now called to Port Massey, Halifax, moved a resolution calling for renewed activity on the part of the church in moral, educational and religious affairs.

Mr. Ross spoke first of the growing interest of the church in outdoor sports, giving to these a religious atmosphere. The church was also trying to direct the reading of young men, in an effort to attain a higher ideal of citizenship. Mr. Ross also advocated strongly the education of the young people in a sympathetic study of social and industrial problems. If the church could convince the masses that it had a real interest in and sympathy towards them, then the masses would listen to the church. (Cheers.)

Mr. E. B. Horn, LL.B., seconded the resolution and put in a strong plea for citizenship, which he said was the keynote of all true service. The true Christian spirit was the public spirit. The speaker deprecated a selfish religion. Finally he advocated the moral leadership and guidance of the church in all the public affairs of the nation. He meant a laying down of moral principles for the guidance of those who had to do with politics and fearlessness in branding by its proper name political corruption and graft.

On being put to the assembly the resolution passed unanimously.

Work Among French-Canadians.

Rev. Dr. A. J. Mowatt was well received when he rose to present the part of the board of French evangelization. The speaker compared the work of the board to the exodus of the children of Israel; and just as God had brought Israel through the wilderness so he would complete his work among the French. Some might think they had little to show for their 32 years of work. Yet every detail had its influence, every Bible sold, every talk by the way side and every story told. Dr. Mowatt proceeded to tell the story of the work of the French mission schools at Pointe-aux-Trembles and of the rebuilding of the institution, where at the present time there were 220 scholars. Upwards of 5,000 French-Canadians had been educated there. In the 42 mission fields—and colportage districts 11,642 Roman Catholic families had been visited. In the Sunday schools they had an enrollment of 1,095 scholars and in the mission schools 734 of whom 449 came from Roman Catholic homes. The total amount contributed by the fields and the schools was \$9,567. They were often called on to relinquish the mission, but he thought there never was more need for it than today and never was the outlook