

Assembly

Doings of the Presbyterian Parliament.

Need for Increased Revenue to Keep Up Infirm Ministers' Fund and Widows and Orphans' Fund.

Halifax, N.S., June 18.—One of the burning questions to be dealt with by the Presbyterian General Assembly is the trouble between Rev. Mr. Wilkie and the other missionaries in the Inshore mission field, India. The peace of the Assembly has been preserved by referring the matter to a strong judicial committee, who will hear the parties and report later.

INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.
Rev. Anderson Rogers presented the report of the aged and infirm ministers' fund, eastern section, asking for more liberal support. He recommended an increase of 50 per cent on ministers' rates and on congregational contributions, to secure stability. The report was adopted.

The report of the aged and infirm ministers' fund, western section, was read by Rev. A. H. Scott, Perth. It was proposed to reduce the age limit to 65 years and increase the annuities given to ministers. Among the names added to the fund was that of Rev. Dr. Parsons, of Toronto. For the western section the ordinary receipts were \$18,502.85, leaving, after expenses, a balance of \$199.64. The receipts of capital account were \$34,612.74. During the year \$23,500 had been invested. Seventy-nine annuities drew on the fund last year, to the extent of \$15,679.55. The eastern section reported ordinary receipts of \$4,832.25, and an adverse balance of \$659.25, due to increased expenditure.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Rev. Robert Campbell, Montreal, said that the fund for widows and orphans of ministers connected with the Church of Scotland would soon fulfill its separate work, and would bring a large amount, perhaps \$100,000, to the general fund of the church in a few years. The ministers' widows and orphans' fund, western section, showed an expenditure of \$2,625 in excess of receipts. The year began with a balance of \$1,091.71, and ended with a deficit of \$1,533.75. Six annuities had been added during the year, and if the annuities were to be continued at their present scale, an increase of at least 50 per cent in the revenue would be needed. Upward of 300 congregations in the western section had failed to contribute anything to the fund. The eastern section of the same fund reported receipts of \$7,764.64, and expenditures of \$4,127.46, leaving a balance of \$3,637.18 to be added to capital. The assets of the fund were \$112,291.37, as against \$108,334.62 last year. Its condition was very gratifying.

LEADING TO RITUALISM.

The report on Sabbath school publications did not run the gauntlet without encountering a salt breeze from Missionary Grieson, Halifax, who said too much cramming of the Shorter Catechism was injurious to young children, and that some of the periodicals provided by the committee were impregnated with ideas and references to holy days which led the young mind to ritualism. Such things were back doors for ritualism, and that was what the good old Presbyterian Church was rapidly coming to. He entered his protest. First came hymns, then organs, and now ritualism that left little difference between them and certain churches with which their fathers at any rate did not agree.

THE CENTURY FUND.

Dr. Warden reported for the century fund, saying that he believed the total would this year exceed a million dollars by a handsome margin. The century fund committee reported that upwards of \$700,000 had already been subscribed by 553 congregations. There were more than 600 congregations still to be secured, so that it looked as if the million would be assured.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report of the foreign mission committee showed that receipts of the western section were \$117,118.20, including \$11,055.26, transferred from the special fund. Of the expenditures, \$45,225 went to Central India; \$20,262 to Honan, China; \$9,626 to Formosa; \$24,055 for Northwest Indians; \$5,427 for British Columbia Indians; \$3,908 for Chinese in British Columbia, and \$1,887.50 for Chinese in Montreal. Receipts of

the special fund for bequests and donations in the past year were \$1,055.26, leaving the same balance, \$20,262, on April 1, 1900, as on April 1, 1899. The eastern section reported receipts of \$29,065, and the Korean mission fund \$5,555.

THE ORGAN OF THE CHURCH.

Dr. Warden reported that the organ of the church continues to prosper. The financial statement is as follows: Receipts, January, 1899, balance at credit, \$11,775.40; Dec. 31, 1899, receipts, \$10,106.56; total, \$21,881.96. Disbursements, Jan. 31, 1899, expenditure, \$8,506.25; Dec. 31, 1899, balance at credit, \$12,375.70; total, \$21,881.96. Report passed.

The report of Brantford Ladies' College was presented by Dr. Warden, and A. H. Scott presented report of Ladies' College, Ottawa.

Dr. Moore, of Ottawa, presented report of foreign mission committee, and moved resolution expressing gratitude for the successful work, sympathy to such of missionaries as have suffered in health by reason of strain of heavy labors. Besides regular receipts of fund there has been collected \$61,000 for relief of those who have suffered from experience of famine in India. Gratitude to God was expressed for preservation of missionaries in China. Trouble threatens in that country and would come now at a most inopportune time. Dr. Falconer, of Picton, seconded resolution.

MISSION WORK.

Rev. William Gould, of Formosa, was first of missionaries to address the assembly. He directed attention to a few of the many points of importance in reference to work in North Formosa. The total expenditure last year was \$11,242.38. The object of missions is to lay the foundation of self-supporting native churches. Five churches are now being started. One of the congregations, not more than 300 among 2,000 heathens, has contributed \$500 to erection of church, would be equivalent to \$5,000 here because of difference in value of labor, a laboring man only earning 10c to 12 1/2c per day.

Dr. Morton, of Trinidad, followed. Though being a missionary for 32 1/2 years this was the first time he had addressed assembly. A multitude in Trinidad are hungry and in wilderness, and night is coming on. They are Indo-Europeans, British subjects like ourselves. They number 85,000 and are counterparts of those who today suffer in India. They increase at the rate of 2,000 per year. But 19 per cent of those people return to India. Last year fifteen Christians went back to the island. They have 40 schools, with 10,000 children. Rev. F. H. Russell, of India, spoke of the peculiar claims of that country because of the imperial spirit. The population is rapidly increasing; work is progressing, though there are today fewer workers in our mission than we had in 1895. Within bounds of his own mission there are 5,000,000 people.

IN CHINA AND INDIA.

Rev. W. H. Grant, of Honan, said our eyes today turn to China, where vital interests are at stake; existence of churches, lives of those dear to us, Christianity alone can save China; modern civilization cannot do it.

Rev. John Wilkie, of India, said India is today passing through crisis. In 1883 in all colleges in India there were 5,000 students; today there are about 3,000 students. Rev. A. B. Winchester, of Victoria, B. C., spoke concerning missions to Chinese in our own west land. He asked for fair play for those people. There are in British Columbia 11,900 Chinese. If it were only a question of economics there are two sides to that question. The great fact we have to face is not so much Chinese cheap labor, but that there is an evil system, competitive and not cooperative under this system; the weak must go to the wall. There are now eleven workers among these people in connection with the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. A. B. Winchester severely arraigned Rev. G. R. Maxwell, M. P., of Vancouver, for his action in connection with anti-Chinese legislation.

Lady Randolph Churchill Renews Her Troth to Young West.

London, June 17.—Special to New York World.—Despite all obstacles, it is now arranged that Lady Randolph Churchill will marry young George Cornwallis West in the course of next month.

An interesting information has reached the World correspondent from the highest possible source. It may be denied, but the correspondent relies on its verification within a very few weeks.

It will be remembered that this engagement was announced by Mrs. Cornwallis West, the young man's mother, at Cowes during regatta week last August.

The disparity between the ages of Lady Randolph Churchill and her betrothed, who is only 26, caused much gossip. Relatives of both raised such determined opposition to the marriage most vigorous on the part of Lady Randolph's sons, Winston Churchill, that within a fortnight of its announcement the engagement was broken. Young West went to pay a long visit to his sister, the Princess of Wales, in Silesia, and Lady Randolph went abroad.

TOGETHER AGAIN.

The outbreak of the Boer war brought back to London, he to join the regiment of the Guards, in which he is a lieutenant, she to see her son before he went to South Africa and to organize war charities. They met, and until West's departure to the war they were frequently seen together.

Soon Lady Randolph determined to go to South Africa, and it is known that her affection for West partly inspired her intense activity in fitting out the hospital ship *Maiane*, on which she sailed last December. When she arrived at Maderia she learned that Lieut. West had been returned home invalided. When he reached home he was in an extremely precarious state. His mind was affected by a sunstroke he had suffered and his sight was almost gone. But the hope of soon seeing Lady Randolph again revived him, and he is now as well and gay as ever.

She returned, and both were of the house party at Warwick Castle last week. It was made known that, against all influences, they had resolved to marry within a few weeks; certainly before next month ends. Their marriage will be private, but it will be an event of the season.

A BRILLIANT PAIR.

Lady Randolph's charm and cleverness are well known in both the old and new worlds.

George Cornwallis West is one of the handsomest men in London society. He is the only son of Col. Cornwallis West, a very rich landowner, his property including coal mines in Wales.

His mother, who is about Lady Randolph Churchill's age, was a celebrated beauty, and is still handsome and fascinating. His younger sister, Consuelo Edwina, is engaged to marry Viscount Belgrave, heir of the Duke of Westminster.

As most people know, Lady Randolph Churchill is the daughter of the late Leonard Jerome, of New York. Like

every woman, she is no older than she feels. Her hair is raven black, her figure full, her manner vivacious, her interest in life insatiable. Her son, Winston Churchill, who was special correspondent of the World in South Africa, was captured by the Boers, escaped and proved his bravery and his literary ability a hundred times. Another son, John Churchill, was wounded by the Boers.

WANTED, A MAN

Republicans Seeking a Vice-Presidential Candidate.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 18.—"A battle of the bosses" is an apt summing up of the vice-presidential situation today, and that is the only issue talked about on the eve of the national convention. The situation in New York is just this: They want the vice-presidency. Senator Platt does not want Bliss, because he believes his selection would be a victory for Hanna in New York. Bliss and Hanna do not want Odell, because it would be an absolute surrender to Platt. Neither wants Woodruff. Platt is not fully determined about Odell, and the delegation may finally get around to the presentation of Gen. Greene.

Another correspondent telegraphs: The feature of the situation which confronts the Republican hosts at the close of the week preceding the assembling of the convention is the absolutely unanimous disposition to carry out fully the wishes of the president in everything relating to the coming convention. As the clans from every quarter of the country gather, the overwhelming sentiment is that having served one good term, McKinley deserves another, and that good faith and good politics demand that the wishes of the candidate as nearly as can be ascertained, shall be respected in the matter of the vice-presidency, as well as of the platform upon which he is to go to the country.

WHEN DOCTORS DISAGREE

What Becomes of the Patient?

Doctors have their hobbies as well as other people and in the treatment of disease often carry them too far for the patient's good. For instance in the treatment of indigestion and dyspepsia many doctors give bismuth and nothing else, others rely on pepsin to bring their patients through, still another doctor treats stomach troubles with the most powerful vegetable essences and fruit salts.

Now one or the other of these excellent remedies becomes a hobby with the doctor who has had most success with the particular case in question, because all of them are first-class remedies for indigestion and dyspepsia, but not one of them alone is so good as a combination of all of them, such as is found in Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, which contain not only vegetable essences and fruit salts, but also the freshest, purest pepsin and bismuth, making altogether a remedy unsurpassed for every form of indigestion, sour stomach, nervousness, belching, flatulence, gas, distress after eating, sleeplessness, headaches, etc.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets is not a secret patent nostrum, but you can see for yourself what it is and knowing this, its success as a dyspepsia cure is not surprising. All druggists recommend and sell them at 50 cents.

MR. HAYS' MISSION.

Montreal, June 16.—Mr. Charles M. Hays, general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, returned yesterday from England where he had gone in connection with the scheme of reorganization of the Chicago and Grand Trunk Company. He was entirely successful in his object, and the reorganization will be proceeded with at once.

IMPORTANT CAPTURE.

Washington, June 16.—An important capture of Filipino insurgents is reported to the war department by Gen. MacArthur in the following cable message: "Manila, June 15.—Gen. MacArthur, with eight officers, 124 enlisted men, and 124 rifles, surrendered to Col. E. H. Lacombe, of the 9th Cavalry, in Tarlac this morning. MacArthur is the important and last insurgent leader in Tarlac and Pangasinan. MacArthur."

YELLOW PRESS CONDEMNED.

Winnipeg, June 16.—The Methodist Conference of Manitoba and the Northwest, in session at Brandon, has adjourned to meet next year in Winnipeg. Before adjourning the conference adopted a motion, condemning the leading provincial newspapers for the bitter tone of their party political discussion, and also for the grossly prominent and detailed accounts they give to prize fights and other lower forms of athletic sports.

Are You Losing Flesh?

A Sure Sign That the Blood Is Thin and Fails to Nourish the Body—Begin the Use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food and Note Your Increase in Weight.

Other symptoms may be more disagreeable or cause more suffering, but there is no surer indication of declining physical strength than the loss of weight.

The wasting process indicated by decreasing weight saps the body of vigor and energy, exhausts the nervous system, and the vitality of the body, and sooner or later ends in a complete breakdown of the system.

Scores of thousands of people have stopped this wasting process, set in motion by over-work, worry or disease, by the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, the great blood-builder.

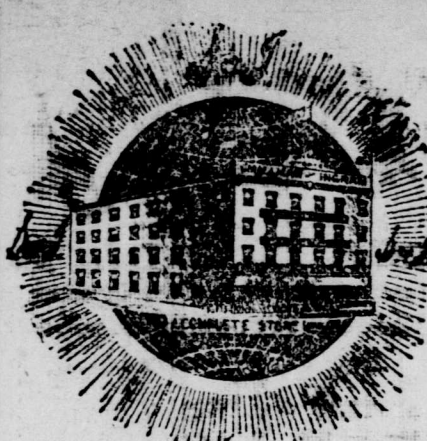
By noting the weight each week while using this great restorative, it is most gratifying to note the steady increase of weight which tells of the building-up process taking place within the body.

Thin, weak, watery blood becomes rich, red and life-sustaining when Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is used. The very elements of nature which go to form new blood are contained in condensed form in this famous remedy.

Nervous prostration, paralysis, locomotor ataxia, epilepsy and kindred nervous diseases are impossible to persons who restore and revitalize the whole system by using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

If you are losing flesh, if you are pale and thin, if you feel run-down, nervous and despondent, if you lack energy, vitality and robust health, you can rely absolutely on Dr. Chase's Nerve Food to fully restore you. It cannot fail, because it gets away down to the foundation of the disease and cures thoroughly and permanently by making rich blood and steady nerves.

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, in pill form, 50 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto.



THE WEATHER TODAY—Fine and moderately warm.

Summer Gloves.

White Kid, Chamois, Silk and Lisle.

It's the value we give and the great variety to select from that makes this department so popular. We are always selling Kid Gloves, even in the hottest weather, and with every pair goes our guarantee, that is when the Gloves are fitted on before leaving the store. This we do without extra cost. Following are specials in Summer Handwear:

- 3-clasp "Greylock" White Kid Glove, with self and black embroidered points, perfect-fitting, every pair guaranteed.....\$1 25
- 3-clasp White Chamois Glove, with self and black embroidered points, an excellent washing glove..... 85c
- 3-clasp White Lisle Thread Glove, large pearl clasps, a splendid wearing and washing glove..... 75c
- A full assortment of Cream and White Silk Gloves, in all sizes, summer comfort..... 35c to 50c
- Cream Lisle Thread Gloves, a popular glove just now, extra good value, in all sizes, at.....25c

Summer Hosiery

It's quite a consideration to be absolutely sure—you can be if you buy here—of getting only fast dye Hosiery. Make sure that you get nothing else. The heat of summer is very tiring to feet. If you value comfort at all take the advice of eminent physicians and never wear a stocking that will fill up the pores of the skin with dye. We can vouch for the fastness of Hermsdorf. Examine these specials:

- Ladies' Black Cotton Drop Stitch Hose, Hermsdorf dye. Pair..... 25c
- Ladies' Black Cotton Hose, with fancy lace ankle, Hermsdorf dye..... 25c
- Ladies' Fancy Drop Stitch Black Lisle Hose, at 35c, or three pairs.....\$1 00
- Special lines of Ladies' Black Hose, Hermsdorf dye, at..... 12 1/2c
- Full line of Boys' Heavy Ribbed Black Cotton Hose, sizes from 6 to 10 inches, prices ranging from.....18c to 30c

PARASOLS

A lady can get along without perfume, but she can't get along very well without a parasol. Some ladies go in for very expensive shades. We have them to please the most fastidious—While others are quite content with one that will answer for an umbrella as well; we have these, too. Our stock is very large, contains a great variety, and you can suit your own taste as to how much you will pay. From 75c to \$4.50 is the range, and you should be able to get what you want between these.

BELT PURSES

We are clearing what is left of a line of 15c Colored Belt Purses, at each..... 50

Black Leather Belt Purses, just the thing for wheeling, prices ranging from.....15c to \$1 25

Ladies Find It Very Satisfactory Buying Here. It Is Their Satisfactory Store.

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"The white dress that you thought so pretty, please, Aunt Phebe," she said.

And then Dawn dressed herself—although, in the kindness of her heart, she called on Phebe often for assistance.

She even let Phebe brush out the golden tangle of her shining hair; but her own slim, white hands puffed, curled and arranged it until it crowned her graceful head like a coronal of light.

Then she wound a string of gleaming pearls through its dusky gold, and clasped the same chased jewels on her beautiful neck. Lastly, the thick, soft, soundless white silk, which she had bought for a coronal of light, was donned, and Phebe caught her breath, and exclaimed admiringly:

"Miss Dawn, honey, you look as grand as Queen Victoria herself."

Mrs. Elmore was no less enthusiastic when she came to inspect her protégée's toilet.

"My dear, you quite take my breath away!" she exclaimed. "Oh, that hair—how perfectly it is done! I envy your maid. And that dress—it is the perfection of simple taste, and yet magnificent! How well it suits you, and what havoc you are going to work tonight with the men's hearts!"

Dawn smiled with pleasure as she thought.

"When he sees me will his heart be touched? Will he regret that he has sold himself to false and cruel Little?"

When she looked into the mirror and saw the splendid gleaming vision reflected there, it seemed to her almost impossible that anyone should recognize her as the little Vixen of two years ago, in her simple dresses, and loosely flowing curls and girlish, untaught grace.

She had grown taller, she had grown lovelier; she had acquired an indescribable air of hauteur that set well on her high-bred beauty. Then, the differently arranged hair and the rich costume changed her most of all.

"Fine feathers make fine birds," she quoted to herself with a half-sigh. "I dare say even he will not recognize me."

So she descended to the ball room, under Mrs. Elmore's convoy, feeling secure against recognition, and thinking much of the mother whom she was this evening to meet than of all else—the mother whom for a little while she must not claim, because to do so would be to spoil the perfection of her revenge on Little.

Once in the brilliant throng she dared not look around, fearful of coming too suddenly face to face with those she longed yet dreaded to meet.

Yet she heard a little group of friends closing around the pretty widow—heard her own name called, and lifted her downcast eyes to the gallant form of a soldier bending low before her, while Mrs. Elmore intro-

duced him as Col. Duval, from Fort-tress Monroe.

The next moment Dawn was dancing with the distinguished-looking military gentleman, and all eyes were following the magnificent pair—except Little's, for she was not dancing this time, and her keen black eyes instantly singled out the beautiful stranger.

"Mother, do look! Who is that girl in the splendid white dress. See, she is dancing with Col. Duval!" she exclaimed excitedly catching her mother's arm to compel her attention.

Mrs. Douglas looked, and exclaimed:

"What a wondrously beautiful young creature!"

Little had not forgotten her ugly frown of old, and it was very distinct now, as she said, curtly:

"The dress is beautiful, and makes the girl look very well—but who is she? I have never seen her here before, have you?"

"No, never, she must be a new arrival," Mrs. Douglass replied, with a suppressed sigh.

She had caught herself wishing that her own daughter could have looked like that queenly young beauty, so tall, so fair, like a young princess in her unstudied grace.

And no thought came to her that this lovely creature was the little Vixen whose memory ever lingered in her thoughts—the brave young girl who had delivered her from her prison, and whom Little had told her had turned out badly and been driven from home by her father, the old gardener.

"Vixen was right, and the fine