

missions report, eastern section, and the motion was seconded by Rev. J. J. McCaskill, and carried by the Assembly.

THIRD DAY.

Kingston, June 9.—At this morning's session, Hamilton Cassels, K.C., Toronto, presented the report of the treasurer. The receipts for the schemes of the church were greater than in any preceding year, amounting to nearly half a million dollars. The principal amounts were home missions \$136,588.06; foreign missions \$152,000; augmentation \$26,098; French evangelism, \$19,000; widows and orphans \$15,531.60; for infirm ministers \$14,773.25. The report recommended further efforts on the part of the churches towards systematic giving, which would largely increase the givings; that Rev. Dr. Warden, agent and treasurer of the church, who has been seriously ill, be granted six months' leave of absence, and that his son, Alexander Warden, be appointed deputy agent and treasurer, he to be assisted by an honorary advisory committee of three members, viz., W. Mortimer Clarke, Robt. Kilgour, and Hamilton Cassels, all of Toronto.

Rev. Dr. MacLaren, principal of Knox College, stated that the increased givings were due no doubt to the general prosperity of the country. He spoke of the necessity of relieving Dr. Warden for a time, so that he might be spared to the church in whose interests he had labored so well. The report was adopted.

Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

This report was presented by J. K. Macdonald. The givings of the people to this fund were not as large as they should be. The failure on the part of congregations to provide necessary funds made it necessary to cut down the annuities. A special appeal had to be made, the result of which was not yet known. Mr. Macdonald said the fault lay not with the laity whose liberality was above question. If the ministers would do their duty and lay the matter before their congregations the necessary money would yearly be subscribed. Mr. Macdonald stated that when he was recently in England, Lord Strathcona had informed that when the capital of the fund reached \$250,000 he would add \$5,000. The fund at present amounts to about \$227,000. The report recommended the appointment of an agent for three or four months to assist in securing the necessary increase to the endowment fund. The report will be discussed later.

The Civic Welcome.

At eleven o'clock a deputation from the city council was introduced to the assembly by John McIntyre, K.C. The deputation consisted of Mayor McFarlane, Aldermen King, Hoag and Bell, and City Clerk Shannon. The mayor extended a cordial civic welcome, and also an invitation to be the city's guests on a trip among the Thousand Islands on Saturday afternoon. In part he said: "As mayor of Kingston, it is my pleasing duty in conjunction with several of my colleagues of the city council to offer to you and the members of this honorable assembly a hearty welcome on behalf of the City of Kingston. We congratulate you, sir, on your elevation to the very distinguished position of moderator of this important body. It is a subject of peculiar gratification to us that this hall consecrated to the memory of one of the noblest sons of Canada, one who by his efforts specially in the cause of education has made the names of Canada and Kingston revered, should have been chosen as the seat of your deliberations. The City of Kingston has reason to be proud of Queen's University.

The moderator, in replying, said that the Limestone City had a warm place in

the respect and affection of the Presbyterian church. There were many members of the assembly, he said, who think it a very heaven to be able to return to Kingston and to Queen's.

Rev. Dr. Milligan moved that the assembly express its gratification to the mayor for his cordial welcome to Kingston, so beautiful in situation, for his generous invitation to a trip on the St. Lawrence; and hopes that its meeting will make for the spiritual betterment of the city and tend to make great friendships in the hospitable homes thrown open to the commissioners. Walter Paul, Montreal, in seconding the resolution, spoke of Kingston's beauties and the hospitality of the citizens, and hoped the meeting of the assembly would be a benediction to the people. Kingston's corporation had not been heard of as going wrong, as was unfortunately the case in other places in Canada. (Laughter.) Mr. Paul said he was delighted that the assembly had come to Kingston and to Queen's for many of them did not know that Queen's was so great as she is. The assembly passed the motion of Dr. Milligan by a standing vote.

Ottawa Ladies' College.

Rev. Dr. Milligan took the chair while the report of this important educational institution was considered. Rev. J. W. H. Milne presented it, and spoke of the able principal and staff of the college. He said there were institutions in Canada where the chief aim of the girls was to shine in society, but at Ottawa they were taught to shine in the Church. Presbyterians had been exceedingly remiss in the attention given to the education of their daughters. Other denominations were alive to the work and making provision for educating their women, but Presbyterians were rather giving their money to outside institutions.

Rev. Dr. Grant, of Orillia, said that in schools of all kinds there was need that the Bible be read more than it is, and he hoped the Assembly would put itself on record on the question.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong considered ladies' colleges the most important part of the church work, as women wielded the strongest influence everywhere. Religion should be at the head of all education, and especially that of young women. The report and a resolution commending the college to all church people were adopted.

Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The report of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, presented by Rev. Dr. W. G. Wallace, showed that the number of annuitants, widows and children—on the fund at present is 187. Every year there is an increase in the number, and during the last ten years the expenditure has increased from \$15,847.50 to \$21,300.

The committee again called the attention of the General Assembly to the fact that at the time the fund was instituted the annuity of a widow without children was placed at \$50 per annum, and notwithstanding the greatly increased cost of living, the amount continues the same to this day.

The report was pronounced the most satisfactory in the history of the church. Mr. Wallace spoke of the great increase in the calls on the fund, and asked consideration for an increase in the endowment. It was also recommended that the amount of the annuity should be increased.

Hymnal Committee.

Mr. W. B. McMurich, in the absence of Dr. Gregg, presented the Hymnal Committee's report. The report was in part as follows:

"During the past year there has been a gratifying increase both in the sales by the Oxford Press of the Presbyterian Book of Praise and of the royalty received from the Press by the Hymnal Committee.

"We are glad to report that the work of preparing a new edition of the Psalms in metre has been completed after 11 meetings spent upon it since April, 1909; and possibly the work may be presented to you in print in time for the assembly meeting in June, although it cannot be printed in time for the American assemblies and synods that meet in May."

Rev. W. J. Dey, chairman of the Committee on the Revision of the Psalter reported that its labors were complete, and spoke at length on the changes made in the new edition. This, however, could not be put in use until 1907.

Dr. Sedgwick expressed a fear that the changes would destroy the beauty of the old Psalms.

On motion of Dr. Scrimger, it was decided that copies of the new psalter should be sent to each member of the assembly, and to all presbyteries, and reports on its character will be sent to Mr. Dey.

St. Andrew's College.

Rev. Dr. Bruce Macdonald was granted leave to address the assembly on the work of St. Andrew's College for Boys. He spoke in high terms of its present location and equipment, and on motion of Rev. John Neil the assembly commended it to all members of the Church.

Foreign Missions.

The intense interest taken by the people of Kingston in the work of the assembly was evidenced by the presence of another immense audience in Grant Hall tonight. The report of the Foreign Mission Committee East was presented by Rev. Dr. Falconer, who spoke of the work in the New Hebrides, Trinidad, and Demerara.

Dr. W. A. J. Martin, of Brantford, in a vigorous address, brought before the audience the report of the F. M. Committee, West.

Rev. W. L. McRae told of the conditions in Princeton, Trinidad, from which he has resigned owing to ill-health. Rev. Donald McGilivray spoke of the distribution of literature among the wealthier Chinese, and Rev. Hugh MacKay, of Round Lake, Manitoba, related many incidents of life among the Indians. A new feature was introduced by a speech from Dr. Margaret O'Hara, a graduate of Queen's, who was born 14 years in the Central Indian mission at Dhar. The last speaker was Rev. Thurlow Fraser, lately of Fortuna, now of Portage La Prairie, and the report was then adopted.

The reunion of Knox College graduates and their friends was held this evening in the dining hall of the old arts building. Rev. Dr. Wallace, of Toronto, presided, and replies to toasts were given by Rev. Dr. Armstrong, moderator; Principles Gordon, McLaren, and Falconer, and Prof. Marston. About 150 delegates were present.

FOURTH DAY.

Kingston, June 10.—The secedent of the General Assembly to-day was short but interesting, the future of the Indian schools in the West being considered. Rev. W. A. J. Martin presented a recommendation of the Foreign Mission Committee that they be empowered to confer with representatives of other Protestant churches regarding the existing policy of education of Canadian Indians, especially in the industrial schools, and that if deemed advisable the committee should discontinue the Regina Industrial School and hand it over to the Indian Department. He said a deficit of \$13,000 had accumulated in three years in that school. He was in favor of Indian schools, but not as they now existed. There were ten industrial schools in the Northwest now, about five or six more than should be.

Principal Patrick, of Winnipeg, strenuously opposed the discontinuance of the

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