

gregation, but the consent thereto of that congregation must first be given. The act further provides that any conveyance heretofore executed, with such consent, conveying land to a separated congregation shall be valid, unless already, on any legal proceedings, declared invalid. The act will thus not only permit of land being so conveyed in future, but will relieve the two Toronto congregations, and possibly others also, of the expense of applying to the Legislature for special Acts to make good the title to their property.

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Dr. Bryce reported for the committee appointed to consider the securing of assistance for Rev. E. R. McLaren, D.D., in his heavy work as Home Mission Secretary. The committee recommended that the necessary help be given to Dr. McLaren. On motion of Dr. Bryce and Dr. MacQueen, the report and recommendation were adopted. The Robertson Memorial Fund was commended to the generous sympathy of the church for support, on motion of Dr. Bryce and the Assembly Clerk.

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Rev. W. J. Dey reported for the Hymnal Committee. Sales for the year amounted to 82,092 copies. Royalties on sale of hymnals amounted to \$93,234.50.

A Record Year.

The Record reported a good year, with a larger issue than ever before—62,000 monthly. The editor and manager, Rev. D. E. Scott, had some criticism to offer of the failure of committees to utilize The Record as a free monthly bulletin to keep the schemes before the church, and their issuing of statements and appeals in separate leaflets with much smaller circulation at extra cost. The receipts for the year were \$15,441.77, and disbursements \$16,467.54. The balance on January 1, 1909, was \$12,875.77, and on December 31, \$11,850.

After a brief address by the moderator, the Assembly was declared adjourned, to meet in Knox church, Ottawa, in June, 1911. Pronouncing the benediction the proceedings closed.

Rev. F. H. Robinson was appointed assistant to Dr. Shearer, and Rev. Dr. Patterson, Philadelphia, was appointed an evangelist at a salary of \$3,000. It is understood that Mr. Robinson will accept, but Dr. Patterson asked time for consideration.

The Assembly congratulated Dr. J. G. Shearer on the excellent work he is doing in connection with moral and social reform.

An application from Toronto Presbytery to have Rev. S. B. Rohald's name added to the roll was laid on the table.

Toronto Presbytery was refused permission to put names of assistant ministers on the roll.

Reformation in Scotland.

The 350th anniversary of the Reformation in Scotland was recognized by the Assembly, and the ministers were asked to note this fact in the month of August, the anniversary month. The Assembly will send a delegation to the centennial of the landing of Selkirk colonists on Red River in 1812. The Assembly voted \$350 to defray the expenses of the next meeting of the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance. Resolutions of thanks to the Assembly, Church and the citizens of Halifax were passed.

The General Assembly reports that the number of families in the Presbyterian Church in Canada is 157,161, an increase of 18,787 during the year. The number of communicants is 279,558. That is quite a large family. The total amount raised for all purposes was \$4,078,304, which is an average of a little over \$14.50 a communicant.

MONTREAL.

Rev. Dr. Dewey, wife and daughter, have left on a trip to Europe, and will be absent until next September.

Last Sunday Rev. Dr. Wm. Patterson, of Philadelphia, preached in Stanley Street Church; Rev. Principal Mackay, D.D., of Vancouver, in Crescent Street Church; and Rev. J. Jeffrey Johnstone, Ph.D., in the American Presbyterian Church.

The Church at Lake Megantic is desirous of an early settlement. This is a small and compact charge on the shore of this beautiful lake. There is a church and manse with a good sum of money in the bank for a new church building. The church has lately become an augmented charge and the prospects are bright. Ministers will please write to Rev. W. T. McKenzie, Scotstown, who will give any further information.

The Rev. J. W. Johnston, M.A., B.D., having accepted the call from Verdun congregation, the induction will take place in the church, Ross street, on Friday, June 17th, at 8 p.m. The Rev. K. J. Macdonald, B.A., B.D., will preside; Rev. John Lochhead, M.A., will address the congregation; Rev. John Chisholm will address the minister, and the Rev. N. H. McGillivray, will preach the sermon.

The marriage of Miss Ethel G. Ramsey, daughter of Mr. G. B. Ramsey, of Quebec, and Dr. J. Oscar Thomson, son of the Rev. J. C. Thomson, M.D., of Montreal, is announced to take place at the home of the bride's parents, on Thursday, July 7th. Dr. Thomson has accepted a position on the staff of the Canton Hospital and Medical College, Canton, China, and they expect to sail on July 16th, for a six weeks' tour in the Old Country and Europe, on the way to China, arriving at their destination towards the end of October.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. F. C. Overend, of Sutton, exchanged with Rev. D. W. Best, of St. Andrew's, Beaverton.

It is gratifying to learn that Rev. A. E. Duncan, M.A., of Bancroft, is convalescing after a serious illness.

Oliver's Ferry congregation calls Mr. Alex. Rintoul, a recent graduate of Queen's College.

Rev. D. J. McLean, of Arrprior, was the preacher in St. Andrew's Church, Carleton Place, on a recent Sunday.

Rev. D. H. Currie, of Omemeo, and Rev. J. A. Molr, of Eramosa, have been preaching in Knox Church, Cannington.

The ladies in the choir of St. Andrew's Church, Gananoque, now appear in black surplices, wearing Scotch caps with a band of blue. The Journal commends the change.

Rev. Dr. H. H. Maclean, lately of Avonmore, conducted service in the Maxville church on a recent Sunday. Rev. R. McKay by appointment of Presbytery being at Moose Creek.

Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Sadler, Cardinal, were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. N. D. Keith at the manse, Prescott, on Friday. Mr. Sadler assisted at the preparatory service in the Presbyterian church on Friday evening.

Rev. A. C. Cameron, pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Port Perry, who was married on June 1, to Miss Bradshaw, Toronto, has been granted two months' leave of absence during which time he will visit the British Isles. Mr. Pilkey, of Knox College, will take Mr. Cameron's work during his absence.

The members of the W.F.M.S., the C.E. and King's Own Mission Band of Dunvegan church, united in presenting Mrs. (Dr.) McEwen with an address and a handsome and elegantly fitted travelling case. The address was read by Mrs. Gollan and Mrs. Neil Macdonald made the presentation.

The ladies of the Central Church, Hamilton, have presented Mrs. Lyle with a solid silver entrée dish and a solid silver tray, the latter bearing a suitable inscription.

Jesus Christ lifts the mortgage of our past.—John Douglas Adam.

THE CLERGY IN SPAIN.

Of the present religious and political situation in Spain, the Marquis of Salamanca, interviewed by the Witness, when in Montreal, a few days ago, said, among other things:—

"Within a short time, he predicted, his land would see some great changes. His reason for so believing was that King Alfonso was a friend of progress, and the present Prime Minister, a strong supporter of reform. Most of the young Spaniards go either to France or England to complete their studies. A strong pro-British feeling considerably augmented by the bringing of an English-speaking Queen to Court, prevails throughout the country. Queen Victoria, he said, speaks good Spanish, and has become very popular with her subjects.

The Marquis further expressed confidence that the present Premier was sincere in his desire to do something towards the education of his country's sons, but the Church of Rome was suspicious of his actions. There would be trouble in that direction, and the trouble might end in the placing of the church in Spain on the same footing as in France. It is very evident that the higher clergy have interfered in politics to too great an extent. The lower clergy had little power, but the Jesuits were the most active in political interference, and as they controlled many of the colleges of the country, their influence was great.

It was absolutely necessary that something be done for education in Spain. As much as 40 per cent. of the whole population, he thought, were illiterate being unable either to read or write. The people hoped and believed that the present Premier would do something to ameliorate this condition of affairs.

He also expressed the opinion that the clergy, who had been supported by the state, would be thrown back on their individual parishes, which would be in every way a good thing. How Rome would regard such a policy on the part of the authorities at Madrid, he could not say.

OTTAWA.

On Sunday morning, Dr. Herridge, in St. Andrews, and Dr. Ramsay, in Knox, reviewed the work of the General Assembly at its recent meetings in Halifax.

Rev. Dr. George Bryce, of Winnipeg, is in the city on his way back from the General Assembly. He had an interview here with Hon. MacKenzie King, Minister of Labour, regarding the duties of his appointment to the Technical Education Commission which proposes to start work early in July.

The Foreign Missionary Tidings for May contains the following list of new life members:—

Mrs. Robert Milne, presented by the W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Arnprior; Mrs. R. H. Waddell, presented by the W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Spelling, Man.; Mrs. A. B. Gilbert, presented by the W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Park Hill; Mrs. Chas. Wm. Doty (Miss Grace Dyke), presented by the MacGillivray Mission Band, Goderich; Miss Nellie A. Beatty, presented by Mission Band, Calvin Church, Pembroke; Mrs. Alex. Harper; Mrs. Helen Martin, presented by W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, College Street Church, Toronto; Miss N. Agnew Brown, presented by her mother, Mrs. David Brown, College Street Church Auxiliary, Toronto; Mrs. John W. McElroy, presented by the members of W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Carp; Mrs. James E. Amos, W.F.M.S., Leury; Miss Mary B. Smith, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Leury; Miss Margaret H. Robertson, presented by her mother, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Bank Street Church, Ottawa.

Rev. John Little, of Holstein, Ont., has been visiting his brother, Rev. A. Little, at Battleford, Sask.

Rev. J. S. Duncan, B.A., a recent graduate of Montreal College, has received a unanimous call to Lucknow. Stipend offered, \$1,200 and four week's holidays.