

it to be the most beautiful Methodist church in the world. On the first Sabbath of the opening services more than \$3,000 were laid on the plates. The church can accommodate three thousand persons, and on the day of opening hundreds could not obtain admission.

#### THE PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.

The Supreme Court of the Presbyterian Church of Canada was held in Toronto. Principal Grant, of Queen's College, was elected Moderator. He is a man of great learning and has done much to bring the old university into a state of great prosperity. He is also an able presiding officer.

The Presbyterian Church is an important factor in the evangelization of the Dominion. Its numerous colleges for the education of ministers, and those who design to enter other professions, place it in an influential position. Knox College, especially in Toronto, enables ministerial students to attend their literary studies at the Provincial University. The ministerial students thus receive a splendid education, which eminently qualifies them for the important office which they fill. Men of great promise have been sent into the mission fields of China and India. Great attention has been paid both to British Columbia and Manitoba and the North-West, to all of which influential ministers have been sent, and are liberally supported when necessary by the Home Mission Fund.

Probably no Church in Canada supports its ministers more liberally than the Presbyterian Church. The rich congregations contribute liberally to the Augmentation Fund, the object of which is to supplement the stipends of ministers, so that none may receive less than \$750 a year and a free manse.

A case of "heresy" occupied considerable attention in the Assembly. Seven persons in connection with the Church at Galt had been charged with holding views on sanctification contrary to the Presbyterian standards, and had been dealt with by all

the lower courts, commencing with the Church session, which had deposed them from membership. Appeal after appeal had been made, until finally the case was brought to the Assembly, whose action confirmed the decision of all the lower courts. Great patience was exercised in conducting the case, and it is said that the parties accused acknowledged that they had been treated with great consideration and kindness.

On the questions of Jesuitism and Prohibition, the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches are a unit.

#### ANGLICAN SYNOD, TORONTO.

This venerable body was in session more than a week. It was gratifying to witness the kind, brotherly feeling that was expressed toward other denominations. The Anglican Church has greatly improved in this respect of late years.

It was a matter of regret that the invitation to send representatives to the Dominion Alliance next September was not more favourably considered, but it was finally agreed that the memorial should be courteously acknowledged, but that no further action should be taken.

Great attention is paid to the Sunday-schools of the Anglican Church, and a proposition was introduced into the Synod recommending uniform Sunday-school lessons to be used throughout the Dominion of Canada. The uniform lessons prepared by the International Sunday-school Association cannot always be used in the Sunday-schools of the Anglican Church, as they sometimes interfere with the festivals which the Anglican Church always faithfully observes.

#### CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

The annual meeting was held at Brantford, and appears to have been a very harmonious and pleasant gathering. Rev. W. Cuthbertson was elected chairman, the successor of Rev. Dr. Wild. The denomination is not strong in Canada, but it appears to be increasing, as it was stated that eleven ministers and nine hundred and eighty-nine members