

people. One instance after another was mentioned of contributions of £50, £86 and like amounts for a term of years, when he had been distinctly told that no money was to be expected. Efforts were made also in behalf of the church and Manse Building Fund. To sum up, he got between renewals and subscriptions, he had secured £2,100 a year for three years, besides £1,500 for the church and Manse Fund, making in all £38,000 which he hoped would be increased to £40,000 or £42,000. It was not to be expected that these givings will be continued, unless pace were kept with the growth of settlement, for the moral uplifting of the country and the assimilation of the foreigners.

The interest in Canadian affairs aroused by the Jubilee Celebrations will no doubt help the Canadian delegates to Britain this year.

FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

General regret will be felt at the retirement of two such faithful servants of the cause, as Rev. Dr. MacLaren and Mr. Hamilton Cassels, Q. C., from the Foreign Mission Committee. It is not too much to say that to the years of self-sacrifice and hard labors they have most devotedly and humbly given to Foreign Missions, is due much of the deep hold that department has taken on the mind of the church. Mr. MacKay well expressed the general feeling when he said he knew not how the committee could get on without them. Differences of opinion will and must always exist as to policy in a living, active cause; and that the Assembly adopted a certain course does not in the least reflect on the good judgment or on the ability of Dr. MacLaren and Mr. Cassels, for the wisdom of the course taken by the Assembly is still to be proved by results. If a tribute were necessary to the seal of the Foreign Mission Committee, or a testimony of the confidence of the Church, what could have been more emphatic than the noble response made to its appeals last spring? These gentlemen retire with the fullest possible confidence of the Church, and nothing but general regret exists that their active services are meantime withheld from the Committee. And one word is here due to the Committee as a whole. It numbers on its membership men of the highest Christian type, men burning with evangelical zeal and love for souls, men whose views of Christ's kingdom soar above local bounds and, whose broad sympathy touches the very core of heathendom. Their names are known as such throughout the land, and to these we add a merited word of acknowledgement when noting with profound regret the severance from them of two of their number with whom they have been in close and loyal co-operation for many years.

The motion adopted by the Assembly regarding Mr. Cassell's retirement was submitted by Rev. Professor Ross. It expressed hearty appreciation of his self-denying labors during fourteen years, and especially during the six years he had occupied the position of convener. Reference was made to the gratifying work done, to which he had given himself with untiring zeal and devotion; to the largely increased prosperity of the foreign missions, to the respect and confidence which he had commanded, and the way in which he had endeared himself to every missionary. The motion was unanimously passed by a standing vote, and Mr. Cassels expressed his deep appreciation of the declaration.

Mr. Cassels will be succeeded in the convenership by Rev. Dr. Moore, Ottawa, the convener, and we bespeak for him the same loyalty as was so readily accorded his predecessor.

Permanent Place of Meeting. While the voice of the Church has been declared as against a permanent place of meeting there is every reason to believe that the feeling in favor of the proposal is growing and that time is on its side. The report to the General Assembly shows that of the 33 Presbyteries reporting 20 are opposed to and 13 in favor of a permanent place of meeting. The wisdom of having such a place is becoming manifest year by year, and there is every reason to believe the step will be determined upon in the near future.

The Indian Famine. Rev. Dr. Warden stated at the General Assembly that the contributions to the Indian Famine Fund had been received in response to an appeal by circular letter for aid in gathering into some of the homes a number of children who had been abandoned by their parents, also to make up a deficit a few hundred dollars had been expended. 5,000 had been sent for the relief of immediate distress and the balance was retained for the purposes specified in the appeal.

Sabbath Observance. The General Assembly gave a sound deliverance on Sabbath Observance, as usual, and the times being specially critical it is to be hoped the church will cordially respond by increased activity. The points in the resolution, (submitted by Dr. Caven) were the laxity which exists in regard to the matter, touching upon the Divine authority regarding the keeping of the Lord's day as permanently binding upon all classes of men; and its indisputable value in relation to both the physical and the spiritual well-being of men.

Ministers Received by the Church. The General Assembly received the following applicants: Presbytery of Montreal, the Rev. Alfred Legan, B.A., the Rev. David Donie, M.A. Presbytery of Paris, Ont., the Rev. Perry A. Tankham. Presbytery of Brockville, the Rev. Alfred Fitzpatrick, B.B. Presbytery of Halifax, the Rev. Dr. W. S. Whittier, the Rev. A. P. Logan. Presbytery of Guelph, the Rev. B. B. Williams, the Rev. David Anderson, the Rev. Charles Irwin. Presbytery of Winnipeg, the Rev. Geo. Gunn, B.A. Presbytery of Glenboro', Nathaniel Stephenson, on account of his attendance on the remainder of the present sessions of the Manitoba College and passing the examination of the third year in theology. Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, Robert Harkness, B.A., licentiate; before being ordained he is required to supplement his previous studies of theology by pursuing a course of study under the care of the Presbytery. Presbytery of Barrie, the Rev. T. W. Noble, B.A., but before being eligible for a call he shall spend a year in mission work.

Committee on Estimates. The remit to Presbyteries on the formation of a General Mission Board was negatived by nineteen to nine presbyteries. The General Assembly received the report which was laid on the table, but the question in another phase came up on a motion by Rev. Mr. MacBeth for a committee on estimates. Mr. MacBeth asked that all committees and boards requiring money be requested to report not later than the first of June, the amount required; and that the committee on estimates take these into consideration and submit to the assembly the amount required in each case, with due regard to the importance of the several departments, and the welfare of the whole work. Rev. C. W. Gordon, argued that there is a place in the church government for a committee of this kind; as there is no one committee that unifies the work of the church. The motion was supported by Rev. Drs. Warden and Robertson, the latter holding that the liberality of the church would as a consequence be exercised towards the most important objects rather than to the most able advocates. A remit on the subject was sent to the Presbyteries for report.