

RELIGIOUS.

BAPTIST.

McMaster Hall was opened on the 9th inst. Dr. Castle, who delivered the opening lecture, sketched the history and growth of the College since its commencement, about four years ago. Then the faculty consisted of three professors, now there were seven. During this period it has grown in every department. It was expected that when all the students had arrived, the building would be taxed to the utmost for their accommodation. The two new Professors, Dr. Rand, late of Acadia College, and the Rev. J. W. A. Stewart, were introduced.

There are about eighty students in attendance at Acadia College, Wolfville. The Rev. J. Williams, who has been for some years pastor of the Baptist Church at Gaspereau, has gone to Montague, P. E. I., where he will labor in the future.

The Free Christian Baptist Conference was held at Sussex this winter. Delegates from the Baptist Convention were received, and a motion was unanimously passed appointing a committee to convey the fraternal greetings of the Conference to the Convention next year, and to intimate that if the Convention deem it desirable, the Conference would be prepared to appoint its part of a Joint Committee to canvass the whole question of a general union of the two bodies, and if possible suggest a general basis to the respective bodies.

The Rev. Dr. Galusha Anderson of Chicago, who was one of the candidates for the Presidency of Vassar College, has received and accepted a call to the First Church, Salem, Mass.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The anniversary services for the children of the Sunday Schools of this city were held on Sunday last in St. Luke's. The preacher was the Rev. A. J. Townend, who gave an eloquent and powerful address to the assembled children, teachers, and parents. About 1200 children were present. The singing was good and hearty.

The Anniversary meeting took place in Argylo Hall on Monday evening. Addresses were given by the President of the Association, Rev. F. Partridge, D. D., and others. The reports were read and officers elected. The association will prosecute a vigorous campaign this winter.

The Bishop of Nova Scotia has been usefully employing himself during his recent visit to Scotland.

On Sunday the 17th Sept., an Ordination was held in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness, when the Right Rev. Bishop Kelly ordained the Rev. Wm. H. Wilson, B. A., to the Priesthood. The *Scottish Guardian* says that the Right Rev. Hibbert Binney, D. D., Bishop of Nova Scotia, then present at Inverness, preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon on the occasion, from Acts 1: 26. The other clergy who took part in the Ordination were Rev. Canon Medley, youngest son of the Metropolitan of Canada, and who is Precentor of Inverness Cathedral, Rev. Canon Eden, and Rev. H. Binney, son of the Bishop of Nova Scotia.

The Board of Management of the D. and F. Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada, held its annual meeting at Kingston, Ont., on Wednesday last. This Board is now in working order, and is doing a work that could not be done in any other way—gathering in the missionary contributions from all parts of the Dominion. The Board will be able to give a good account of itself to the next Provincial Synod.

The Church of England Congress has been held at Portsmouth, England, and was a great success.

METHODIST.

The General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church of Canada, met in Grafton St. Church on Tuesday the 13th inst. The majority of the members were present. After some routine business, Rev. Dr. Sutherland laid before the board a memorandum referring to the number of subjects requiring special attention. These were the erecting of a suite of rooms in Toronto for mission rooms; the cost of annual reports; the inauguration of a Sustentation Fund, the urgency of which is greater than ever, as there is a deficiency facing the board of \$21,000; the subject of parsonage aid; and some union matters. The afternoon was spent in the discussion on which grants should be given. In view of the failure of the fisheries, Newfoundland was placed on the same basis as regards grants as Manitoba. In the evening the Sixty-First Anniversary of the Society was held in Brunswick Street Church. Lieut. Gov. Richey occupied the chair. An abstract of the General Missionary Report was read by the Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Secretary of Missions. From it we learn that 20,000 were added to the membership last year. The Domestic Missions are in an encouraging condition. In the French district, the publication of a monthly periodical has been commenced; and a girl's institute has been established at Montreal. Several colporteurs have been engaged in work beside the regular missionary staff. The work among the Indians in Ontario, the North-West, and British Columbia, is being faithfully prosecuted. Not one of the Indians under the care of the Church was engaged in the rebellion. The Chinese mission in British Columbia was started last year. Already a school with two teachers and two assistants has been established. From Japan came encouraging reports. Conversions are reported, as well as a large increase in the numbers attending the services. Success has attended the opening of the College last year. Owing to the Domestic missions receiving larger appropriations than usual, and the special expenditure on the Japan College buildings, there is a deficit, which it is hoped will be shortly extinguished. The Rev. John Betts of Winnipeg moved, and the Rev. Dr. Potts seconded, the adoption of the report. Stirring addresses were given

by the Hon. J. W. Sifton, and the Rev. C. S. Eby missionary to Japan. On Wednesday the report of the French Methodist Institute, Montreal, was read. The basis of grant to British Columbia was made \$1000. In the evening an eloquent sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Douglass to a large congregation.

On Thursday the board proceeded to consider applications for rent and removal expenses. The amount asked by the Conferences for such purposes aggregate \$23,292. About eighteen new missions have been formed during the year. It was agreed to apply the percentage system to the whole French work in regard to rents and removals. On Friday morning the committee on the Sustentation Fund reported it inadvisable to add another permanent fund, and in reference to rents recommended that notices be given that grants under this head be extinguished on a gradual scale as follows: 60 per cent. of rents to be allowed next year, 40 per cent. the following year, and 20 per cent. the next year, after which the grants to cease. An amendment was moved by Revs. Sutherland and Huestis to the effect that the Board recommend such legislation as will create a sustentation fund, and eventually leave the missionary fund to be applied to strictly missionary purposes. A lengthy discussion ensued, but no action was taken. The Board did not see its way clear to grant \$1,200 on behalf of a church and parsonage at Tsukji, Japan. In the afternoon and evening the board apportioned the moneys granted to the North-West. Allowances for missions in Nova Scotia were passed. On Saturday morning the Rev. Mr. Eby gave a history of the Japan mission and its claims for aid. Saturday afternoon the concluding session was held. A resolution was adopted recommending that city missions be undertaken by city churches after the same style as Halifax and Victoria, B. C., rather than be thrown on the general board for support. The work of apportioning the mission grants was completed, when the board adjourned, to meet at the call of the chairman. Toronto will probably be the next place of meeting.

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