

FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY,  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

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ECCLESIASTICAL PROCEDURE.

Rev. Dr. Bell read the report of the Committee on Ecclesiastical Procedure. There had been no meeting last year owing to absence of members, and the re-appointment of the Committee was proposed.

Rev. Principal Caven proposed the adoption of the report, and the instruction of the Committee to avail itself of the suggestions of Presbyteries to make the work as complete as possible, and direct them to publish it thus amended as a useful guide to the office-bearers of the Church.

Mr. Jas. McLennan moved that the Committee should have Assembly powers.

The suggestion of Principal Caven was adopted.

The following names were added to the Committee:—Mr. Sedgwick, Dr. Robb, Dr. Jenkins, Mr. James McLennan, and Mr. T. W. Taylor.

The Assembly then rose for recess.

AFTERNOON SEDERUNT.

The Assembly met at three o'clock.

PROBATIONERS.

The report of the Committee on Probationers was adopted as amended, the principal amendment being that ministers resigning their charge, be allowed two years on the roll.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. Dr. Reid read the report of the Committee on the Reception of Ministers from other Churches, which recommended the reception of the following:—Rev. Mr. Paradais and Rev. Mr. Cameron, by the Presbytery of London; Rev. A. W. McLeod, by the Presbytery of Truro; Rev. J. Collins and Rev. S. L. Wallinger, by the Presbytery of Toronto; Rev. S. Roberts, by the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth; Rev. D. J. Brown and Rev. G. Carl, by the Presbytery of Lindsay; Rev. R. Scrimger, by the Presbytery of Paris; and Rev. Mr. Carmall, by the Presbytery of Montreal.

The report, with the exception of some recommendations as to ecclesiastical procedure, was adopted.

LOYAL ADDRESS.

Rev. Dr. Topp presented the report of the Committee appointed to prepare loyal addresses to the Queen and the Governor-General, which was unanimously adopted.

Rev. Dr. James introduced a resolution expressing thanks to God for the progress of Temperance Reform, and offering the assistance of the General Assembly in all well-directed efforts to mitigate or remove the evils of intemperance.

The motion was carried.

LEAVE TO RETIRE.

Rev. Mr. Laing presented the report of the Committee on applications to retire from the active duties of the ministry. The following applications were granted:—Revs. W. Grange, F. Walker, A. Kennedy, and H. McLeod. The application of Rev. J. S. Mullen was not granted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

A report respecting the payment of Commissioners appointed by the Assembly was referred to the Finance Committee to be reported on.

The report of the Committee on Roman Catholic Ordination was laid over till next Assembly.

An overture from the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa anent the Waldensian Church, was laid on the table.

An overture from the congregation of St. James' Church, London, representing that, in consequence of the union, they had suffered financially, and asking for assistance, was received, and the case was recommended to the Church as one deserving of sympathy and aid.

Rev. Dr. Robb introduced a motion with reference to the devotional exercises of the Assembly, but, on the promise of the Moderator that uninspired hymns should not be sung in the Supreme Court of the Church, the motion was withdrawn.

An overture from the Presbytery of Manitoba, asking for the establishment of a fund to aid poor settlers in building churches, was received, and the proposal was recommended to the sympathy of congregations.

A communication with reference to the Registration Act, a report in regard to the use of the Bible in public schools, and a petition from the Presbytery of Pictou, were allowed to lie on the table for another year.

A petition from Mr. D. Sinclair, praying that the Assembly would recommend the establishment of a Divorce Court, was received, but the assembly declined to act upon it.

After some further business, the usual votes of thanks were given, the Moderator delivered a short address, and the Assembly was brought to a close.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East Indian missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy, for the speedy and permanent cure for consumption, bronchitis, catarrh, asthma, and all throat and lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for nervous debility and all nervous complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive, and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send, free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, with full directions for preparing and using, in German, French, or English. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. W. Sherar, 149 Power's Block, Rochester, N.Y.

The Christian is not his own—he is "bought with a price," and therefore, in all things, he should seek to glorify God.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

REV. J. L. MURRAY, of Woodville, has accepted the call to Knox Church, Kincardine.

THE pulpit of River street Church, Paris, was occupied on Sabbath, the 23rd ult., morning and evening, by the Rev. Principal Caven, D.D., of Knox College, Toronto.

THE Rev. Edward N. B. Millard, M.A., formerly of Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, was inducted to the united charge of Singhampton, Maple Valley and Honeywood in the Presbytery of Barrie, at Singhampton, on the 22nd of May.

A SOIREE and bazaar held under the auspices of the ladies of Grafton Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, the 26th ult., attracted a large gathering, furnished amusement and instruction for all classes, and yielded the handsome sum of \$212.

THE handsome new Presbyterian Church at Strathroy will be opened for divine service on July 14th, by Rev. G. M. Milligan, Old St. Andrew's, Toronto. Mr. Scobie and his people are to be congratulated on the work they have so successfully undertaken.

THE Presbyterian congregation in St. Thomas has grown to such proportions under Rev. Mungo Fraser's ministry that it is necessary to provide a larger place of worship. At first it was proposed to enlarge the present building, but upon further consideration it has been decided to sell the building and erect a new one.

THURSDAY the 20th was a great and happy occasion for the Protestants generally, and especially for the Presbyterians of Eganville. This is largely a Roman Catholic village, and the Protestants are divided among the Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist and Episcopalian bodies. For a long time the Presbyterians here have struggled gallantly to keep up services by means of student supply during the summer and occasional preaching in the winter. Almost uniformly they have contributed well to the support of ordinances and deserve great credit. Associated with this station has been Lake Dore for a long time, where there is a church, but heretofore the services at Eganville have been held in the Orangemen's Hall kindly given for the purpose. At length, after many discouragements and the persevering efforts and liberality of the handful of Presbyterians, kindly aided by members of other denominations, a church has been built, and everything being in readiness the opening was appointed to take place on the day named. A grand rally was desired and a grand rally was made. There were present the Rev. Messrs. Campbell of Renfrew, Muir of Metcalf, Hughes of Alice, and Ballantyne of Pembroke, besides the following student missionaries in the neighbourhood:—Messrs. McKillop (in charge of Eganville, Lake Dore and Scotch Bush), Blakely of Admaston and Douglas, McArthur of Ross and Cobden, Shearer, student without charge, and Merlock a German missionary in the neighbourhood. Public religious dedicatory services were held in the church at 10 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Messrs. Campbell and Muir, after which an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Ballantyne from Psalm cxxii. The church, holding about three hundred, was filled to overflowing by members of all denominations in the village, and from the surrounding country, and many could not gain admittance. After service the company repaired to a pine grove behind the church where a sumptuous dinner was done ample justice to. Then followed speeches varied with excellent music, at the close of which tea was served, when the company separated, all agreeing that it was one of the most agreeable days they had ever spent, and would be long remembered in Eganville. The chair was occupied by Mr. Smith, and too much praise cannot be given to Mr. McKillop and the committee by whom the whole was planned and carried through, and by whom no pains was spared to make the occasion the grand success it was. The proceeds of the day amounted to somewhere about \$100.—COM.

CONTRIBUTIONS PER REV. J. M. KING FOR  
KNOX COLLEGE DEBT.

Ingersoll (Knox Church).—Rev. R. N. Grant, \$4; James Smith, \$4; Peter Stuart, \$4; O. B. Caldwell, \$4; William Sylvester, \$4; John Boles, \$4; Robert Stuart, \$4; J. J. Wilson, \$4; A. G. Murray, \$4; Robt. Vance, \$4; W. S. King, \$4; Dr. Springer, \$4; smaller sums, \$16;—in all, \$64.

HOME MISSIONS IN CANADA.

The following appeal from Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Limerick, appears in the "Missionary Herald," of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, for June:

COLONIAL MISSION.—ANNUAL COLLECTION.

The annual collection for this mission has been appointed by the General Assembly, for Sabbath 23rd June.

Colonial claims continue clamant as ever. Openings for the preaching of the Gospel are more numerous than ever, while the inability of the Colonial Churches, unaided, to enter in, is as great and much to be deplored as ever. We have often dwelt upon the vast Home Mission field of

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stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Newfoundland to Vancouver's Island. It excites the deepest interest. While Foreign Missions and other departments of labour receive due and deserved attention, the Church has been led to realize as its chief work the evangelization of the field, which God has specially made its own. At the beginning of the ecclesiastical year, now closing, a stirring appeal was made to all its members as to their responsibility, and the extent of the mission to which God had called them. "Newfoundland needs us; we have only made a beginning in Home Mission work there. Labrador needs us; hundreds of our vessels, thousands of our people are on its coasts summer after summer. There are inviting fields in every one of the older Provinces calling for us, fields long neglected, and having peculiar claims upon our church. There are calls from a thousand places for us to enter in and to found, or to build up the Church of God. On the shores of our seas and lakes, by the banks of our majestic rivers, away in our lonely forests, and in the spreading prairies, our people are to be found often as sheep without a shepherd. *Men and means are needed as they never were before.* Will our Church hear and heed and arise to her duty? We have to deal with French, Scotch, Irish, English, German—with Crees and Sioux. We are laying the foundations of a great nation, and it is the duty of the Church to see that these be laid in truth and righteousness and holiness to the Lord. One of the saddest sights that meet the eye in surveying any of our older provinces, is the number of places we have lost as a church through past neglect and lack of enterprise. Some of the places we have lost are, doubtless, well occupied by others who preach Christ and Him crucified; but of many, alas! this cannot be said. Idolatry, ignorance, and superstition, held sway where the Gospel in its purity should be supreme. We speak of the past in order to stimulate renewed exertion for the future." These are weighty considerations, strong arguments the force of which we should feel. Scotch and Irish settling in the Dominion have to be dealt with. The Gospel must be carried to them wherever they are, by lake or sea, in forest or prairie, in mine, or on the mountain side. Shall we not come to their help, as they labor to preserve our people and their offspring from lapsing into ignorance and superstition? Nobly is the Canadian Church aiming to fulfil the mission given it of God. Now is our time to be "workers together" with them in the same field, that we may rejoice together in the building up a great nation, which shall be to God for a praise and glory.

The Home Mission report, submitted at last Assembly by Dr. Cochrane, contained the names of seventy-eight congregations, or 101 churches supplemented by the fund; also the names of 264 mission stations, or 115 mission fields, under charge of the Committee, receiving aid. The families connected with these congregations and stations number 7,383, the communicants 9,548, and 24,190 attending upon ordinances. In addition to these there are the large territory of Manitoba, with its thirty-three preaching stations, and the Muskoka District, the Manitoulin Islands, the Hastings Road Mission field, British Columbia, and Prince Albert on the Saskatchewan. In addition to the band of missionaries in Manitoba, the Committee at its late meeting appointed three ministers to proceed to the province. Two additional laborers are required to meet its urgent demands. We have not space to dwell upon the requirements and action of the Church in the scattered mission field of the Maritime Provinces. Enough has been stated to show the earnestness of the Church of the Dominion to secure as the blessed result, that