

not already exist. 4. That the Moderator be requested to prepare a pastoral letter as soon as possible after this meeting of the Synod referring specially to the necessity of faithful home instruction in the Scriptures and Shorter Catechism and the duty of observing family worship. 5. The Synod would take occasion to express its deep sense of the importance of steps being taken to secure a wide circulation of good religious literature among our people, including the weekly journals of the Church, and that it would recommend Sessions to see to it that a copy of the *Record* be placed in the hands of each family of the Church.

Dr. King gave a verbal statement of the condition of Manitoba College. The college was never in a more healthy condition. Debt had been reduced during the year, and the Doctor expressed strong hope that next year the college would be reported entirely free from debt. Invested monies were now adding \$1,200 yearly to the current income of the institution. The churches of the mother country were, however, reducing their grants. Revenue to the college from marriage license fees had ceased, and, taking the rapid growth of the institution into consideration, there would be increasing demands upon the Church in the west for the efficient maintenance of the college. The Doctor also dwelt at some length upon proposed university legislation.

Next morning the report of the committee appointed to consider the communication from the Synod of Rupert's Land and rural cemeteries was submitted and adopted as follows: That from enquiries made some of the cemeteries seem to be held and managed by joint stock companies, others by individual denomination, and others by two or three denominations uniting for the purpose of securing suitable burying places. Your committee would recommend: That Presbyteries be instructed to enquire into the whole matter during the ensuing year, and take such steps in the circumstances in concert with other denominations as may be advisable to secure the object aimed at by the Synod of Rupert's Land, and to report to the next meeting of the Synod.

The recommendations of the report on Systematic Benevolence were taken up, discussed and adopted as follows, and the Convener thanked for his diligence:—

That Presbyteries composing this Synod be recommended to urge upon their various sessions the careful examination of the principles of systematic benevolence and the inauguration of some such plan as will secure from each individual at least five cents per week for the benevolent work of the Church. And that after the general acceptance of this principle by any congregation the extra collections for the benevolent schemes be done away. That the funds so collected be divided by the Session of the Church between the various boards of the Church according to their various needs, or upon a ratio hereafter to be provided.

The report on Sabbath schools was then taken up and adopted. Dr. Bryce then submitted the report of the Committee on the Maintenance of the Theological Department of Manitoba College, which was received, amended and adopted. This report showed that a movement among the members of the Synod at the last meeting had resulted in the payment of subscriptions to the amount of \$250.14 to extinguish an amount due the Convener, Rev. Dr. Bryce.

It was then agreed on motion of Joseph Hogg, duly seconded, That the Synod having heard the statement made this morning and the college by Dr. King, and having heard the report now submitted by Dr. Bryce hereby expresses its gratification because of the encouraging financial condition, and general prosperity of the college, of the large proportion of its students who have the work of the ministry in view and their hopeful and promising character. It expresses gratitude to God for favour bestowed upon professors and students during the past session, and thankfully recognizes the contributions from congregations to the theological department as well as the liberality of friends in contributing to the reduction of the debt, and while thanking Dr. King especially for the persevering effort which has led to the reduction of the debt by \$45,000 would commend him still in his work to the Christian consideration and liberality of all those whom he may be able to reach in his proposed effort to extinguish the debt during the present year, assuring the contributors that the excellent opportunities afforded by the college and so largely taken advantage of have been already productive of great good, and that on its efficient support our future prosperity in this part of the Dominion so largely depends, and further the Synod hereby expresses anew its sympathy with professors in their work, and commends the college in all its interests to the sympathy and support of our people.

Dr. Bryce presented the report of the Committee on Standing Committees, which was received and adopted as follows: Home Missions. Dr. Robertson, Convener; Dr. King and the Convener of the committees of the several Presbyteries. State of Religion. J. Pringle, Convener; Dr. King, Dr. Fraser, A. T. Colter and the Convener of the committees of the several Presbyteries, and Messrs. A. Whitelaw, R. Crawford, J. C. Brown, H. Steele, R. MacBeth, J. A. Stewart and W. Butchart. Sabbath Schools. W. W. Miller, Convener; A. J. McLeod, D. Anderson, D. Munro, Thomas Scouler, the Convener of the committees of the several Presbyteries, ministers, and G. H. Johnston, W. McMillan, G. Waters, R. H. Meyers, C. J. Atkinson, G. McCuaig, J. C. Flett, A. McDougall, F. Young and W. D. Russell, elders. Finance and Statistics. S. C. Murray, Convener; Convener of Presbyteries' committees and the Clerks of Presbyteries. Sabbath Observance. John Hogg, Convener; James Farquharson, C. W. Bryden, R. Nairn, D. Munro, A. McTavish, J. A. Carmichael, D. Stalker, A. Campbell, C. McKillop, L. D. McLaren, S. J. Taylor and the Convener of the committees of the several Presbyteries, ministers, and John Patterson, George A. Clate and J. B. McLaren, Mr. Twed, Dr. Gillies and W. J. Walker. Temperance. P. Wright, Convener; W. McK. Omand, J. Lawrence, A. Robertson, Joseph Hogg, P. McF. McLeod, D. Fraser, William Hoddnett, D. G. McQueen, J. D. Laird, John Ferry, William Nelly, M. McKenzie, James M. Douglas, C. D. McDonald, J. A. Lafray, J. K. Wright and the Convener of the committees of the Presbyteries, and Mr. Thorburn, H. M. Campbell and C. J. Atkinson, elders. Church law and property and vital statistics. Hon. G. McKicken, Convener; Prof. Hart, Dr. King, W. L. H. Rowand, J. C. Hendman, Hon. Chief Justice Taylor, J. Haversen, C. H. Campbell and J. B. McLaren. Maintenance of Theological Education. Dr. Bryce, Convener; J. Pringle, D. Anderson, J. Farquharson, William J. Hall, P. Wright, J. A. Carmichael, M. C. Rumball, J. C. Hendman, W. L. H. Rowand, E. D. McLaren, A. Urquhart, A. T. Colter, T. Scouler, P. McF. McLeod, A. Hamilton, T. C. Court, Duncan McArthur, J. B. McLaren, G. R. Crewe, R. S. Thompson, A. Bethune, H. C. Ross, A. Dawson, P. R. Young, R. Crawford, Hon. John Robison, Mr. Browning. Church and Manse Building Board. Chief Justice Taylor, Chairman; Dr. Robertson, Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Duval, Joseph Hogg, Dr. Warden, J. Farquharson, A. Hamilton, J. C. Hendman, A. Urquhart, D. Stalker, James Fisher, C. H. Campbell, W. J. Ptolemy, T. Young. Board of Management of Manitoba College (recommended for appointment by General Assembly). Chief Justice Taylor, Dr. King, Professor Hart, Dr. Bryce, Dr. Duval, John Hogg, P. Wright, J. Farquharson, A. Urquhart, D. Fraser, A. B. Laird, D. Stalker, Dr. Robertson, G. McKicken, Sir D. A. Smith, D. McArthur, J. Sutherland, A. Dawson, J. Fisher, W. B. Scarth, Alex. McDonald, C. H. Campbell, W. D. Russell, J. B. McLaren, Hugh J. McDonald. Foreign Mission Committee (recommended for appointment by General Assembly). Prof. Hart and A. B. Baird, joint Convener; Dr. King, Dr. Bryce, Dr. Robertson, Dr. Duval, John Hogg, D. Munro, Joseph Hogg, D. Stalker, A. Urquhart, D. G. McQueen, Hugh McKay, E. D. McLaren, G. Flett, P. J. Grant, I. D. McLeod and W. W. Miller. Systematic Benevolence. Dr. Duval, Convener; W. L. H. Rowand, A. McD. King, S. C. Murray, A. McTavish, C. E. McKillop, R. Jamieson, W. R. Ross, J. L. Simpson, the Convener of the committees of the several

Presbyteries, H. C. Ross, J. Kirkwood, R. Richards, J. McCaul, A. McBride and T. Henderson. Bills and Overtures—Clerk of Synod, Convener, the Moderator, Clerks of Presbyteries, with one number to be chosen by each Presbytery and the minister of the congregation in whose church the Synod may meet. A Committee on Obituary Notices was also nominated by the same committee consisting of the Moderator, Dr. Robertson, Prof. Hart and John Hogg. The report was adopted as a whole.

Mr. Joseph Hogg made application on behalf of the Presbytery of Winnipeg for leave to license Mr. John Hosie, when it was agreed that the Presbytery of Winnipeg be encouraged to apply to the General Assembly for leave to take Mr. John Hosie on trial for license, if after six months' work in our Home Mission field it shall be found advisable.

The first business at the Thursday evening meeting was the presentation by Mr. Murray of the report on statistics. It was received and adopted.

Dr. Robertson then submitted the report on Home Missions, which was received and adopted.

The Foreign Mission Committee's report was submitted by Prof. Hart. Addresses were delivered on Indian missions by Messrs. H. McKay, Geo. A. Laird and J. McArthur.

The report on the Nesbit Academy was again taken up and was received and adopted. It was agreed on motion of Dr. Bryce, seconded by Dr. Duval, that the following be the Trustee Board of Nesbit Academy of Prince Albert for the ensuing year: Mr. Joseph Hogg, Chairman; Prof. Hart, Dr. Duval, James Farquharson, Hon. T. W. Taylor, Thomas Young, C. M. Copeland, C. H. Campbell, of Winnipeg; H. W. Newlands, James McArthur, of Prince Albert; Jas. Chinkskull, of Battleford, and Robt Crawford, of Indian Head.

An overture from Regina Presbytery to the General Assembly asking permission to license and ordain Mr. A. Matheson was submitted and recommended to the favourable consideration of the Assembly.

The report of the Church and Manse Building Board was presented, received and adopted.

An overture on Chinese work was submitted by Dr. Robertson, which was adopted by the Synod, and ordered to be transmitted to the General Assembly with the recommendation that the prayer thereof be granted.

On Friday morning a memorial from Minnedosa Presbytery on Industrial school at Birtle was read, received and supported by Messrs. Hoddnett and McArthur, after which it was agreed to refer the same to the Synod's Foreign Mission Committee with instruction to take such steps as may seem advisable, either to purchase the school on reasonable terms or to make other arrangements for carrying on the school in that neighbourhood, and that for this purpose Messrs. Hoddnett and McArthur be added to the committee. In pursuance of recommendation of the report submitted last year on the Nesbit Academy, it was agreed that the following committee be appointed to guard the interests of this Synod and the church that may be involved in connection with this institution, viz., Joseph Hogg, Convener; A. B. Baird, John Hogg, Dr. Robertson and W. D. Russell; and further, that the resolutions now adopted be forwarded to the General Assembly for its information and consideration.

W. J. Ptolemy was appointed auditor of the Synod for the year. The report of the committee appointed to consider the recommendation of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee on reduced grants was received and adopted; the substance of which is summed up in this recommendation: That in the estimation of your committee there is no room for doubt that the cost of living in Manitoba exceeds the cost of living in Ontario by a larger figure than twenty per cent., which now represents the difference in salaries in these two provinces, and that to reduce the salaries would be to inflict a wrong on men who are doing faithful service for the Church.

At the afternoon meeting it was agreed, on motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Dr. Robertson, that whereas the University Council has made a proposition to the Provincial Government to the effect that certain subjects in the arts course common to all the colleges in connection with the University by the professors appointed and paid by the Government, the Synod expresses its entire approval of the action of the council and its hope that the Government, after due consideration of all the interests involved, may be able to accede to the request; and further this Synod appreciating the importance of the change contemplated and the desirability of having the benefit of the Church's best wisdom and experience, agrees to ask the General Assembly for advice and assistance in the premises.

It was also moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. McTavish, and carried that this Synod expresses its pleasure at the recent action of our Provincial Legislature in unifying our public school system on a basis thoroughly unsectarian, while making provision for Scripture reading and prayer in connection with the exercises of the school. It also expresses its satisfaction with the Scripture selections and prayers adopted by the advisory board, and cherishes a sincere hope and desire that the trustees and teachers of all our public schools may take the fullest advantage of these provisions for the moral and spiritual benefit of the pupils; and further, this Synod would express an earnest hope that no attempt shall be made to fasten the separate school system upon the North West Territories without the consent of the people.

On motion of Dr. Bryce the following recommendations on home mission work were adopted: The establishment of home mission societies affiliated with the Presbyterian Society; the appointment and systematic employment of Presbytery deputations in all the congregations of the Synod toward this end, and that the Synodical Committee consider the publication of a monthly missionary leaf devoted to the interests of home missions and Indian work in the Synod and give power to act should the committee see its way clear.

A resolution thanking the Synod of the Maritime Provinces and congregations within its bounds and ladies' associations for the liberal response to the appeals for aid to home mission work in Manitoba and the North-West by the Superintendent of Missions was heartily adopted.

The report on Temperance was submitted by Mr. Wright for Convener of committee; received, considered and adopted with its recommendations. Mr. Farquharson presented the report on Sabbath Observance, which was also received, considered, and with recommendations adopted. It was agreed that in the event of any of the Assembly's committees failing to issue questions on any of the subjects upon which reports are expected by January 1, 1891, the Convener of Synod's Corresponding Committee be empowered to issue questions and send to Sessions within the bounds of the Synod. The usual votes of thanks were tendered and the Synod adjourned.

OBITUARY.

MR. JAMES M'KELL.

Mr. James McKell, sr., elder of the congregation of Georgetown, Que., died on February 15th, 1890, aged seventy-two. He was a native of Loch Winnoch, Renfrewshire, Scotland, whence he came with his father to Canada when but three years of age. The effects of a pious training were early manifested in his life. He was ordained to the eldership over forty years ago by the late Dr. Muir and continued in the faithful discharge of the duties of the office until disabled by failing health. He was a man of singularly lovable disposition, which endeared him to all who knew him. He was unmistakably a man of God, his walk and conversation ever testifying of the fact, and from him there radiated at all times a sweet Christian influence. Every member of his deeply attached family came (some from a great distance) to visit him in his last sickness, and surrounded by those he loved he fell asleep in Jesus. His end was peace and joy.

British and Foreign.

MR. THOMSON, of St. Aslan's, Edinburgh, has declined the call to Port Elizabeth.

MISS BESSIE TYSON is to conduct children's meetings in Fife and Kinross during the next three months.

THE Princess Mary of Cambridge presented the prizes at the Ragged School Union meeting in Facter Hall.

MISS CRUTCH MCKINSON, of Lennoxtown, has bequeathed \$3,000 to the schemes and \$500 to Campsie Church.

DR. BROWN, of Paisley, has resigned his convensership of the U. P. College Committee on account of ill health.

MR. HENRY GEORGE states that his grandfather was a Glasgow man and his father a publisher of religious literature.

THE Rev. S. Lundie, McKelvey's Grove, has received a call from the congregations of Greystones and Kilpedder.

DR. SIFWART, of Dennistoun, Glasgow, has now virtually completed the collection of the jubilee debt liquidation fund.

A MEMBER of the congregation of First Glendernmott has bequeathed a sum of \$2,000 towards the erection of a manse.

DR. DONALD MACLEOD, editor of *Good Words*, has received three months' leave of absence from his Presbytery on account of ill-health.

GLASGOW Town Council has resolved, with only one dissentient, to have none of its property henceforth licensed for the sale of drink.

A NOVELTY at the Dissenting breakfast this year was the appearance of Mrs. Carlaw Martin, the first lady who has been invited to speak at it.

THE bishops of Melbourne and Ballarat have directed their clergy to refuse to officiate at any marriage of persons divorced under the new Victorian Act.

THE barbers of Bombay, who have resolved no longer to shave the head of a widow and will excommunicate any member of their craft who violates this resolution, trace the poverty of their caste to the widow's curse.

THE church activity in Aberdeen at present is notable, Presbyterian sanction having been given lately to three new Established and two Free Churches.

ST. CUTHBERT'S, Edinburgh, opened in 1775, was occupied on a recent Sunday for the last time; Dr. MacGregor gave an historical sketch of the church.

THE Rev. C. H. Wright, D.D., Dublin, has been re-elected Examiner in Hebrew and New Testament Greek for the ensuing year in the University of London.

THE Derry Presbytery has passed a resolution approving the candidature of Rev. J. E. Henry, M.A., for the Chair of Church History in Magee College, Derry.

AT the meeting of the Metropolitan Tabernacle Colportage Association it was stated that eighty seven colporteurs were at work, making an increase of thirteen.

PRINCIPAL CAIRNS preached anniversary sermons at Douglas recently; both the Established and Free Churches were closed at night to permit their congregations to attend.

DR. MITCHELL, of South Leith, on being elected Moderator of the Synod of Lothian, said he was ashamed to admit that he had never before taken his seat in the court.

THE various temperance societies of the United Presbyterian Church have formed themselves into a total abstinence union of which Principal is honorary president.

THE devotional service association of the U. P. Church have resolved on the immediate publication of their Book of Forms, edited by Rev. Charles Jerdan, of Greenock.

DR. THOMAS WHITEHEAD, of Kilmarnock, has been appointed Convener of the College Committee in succession to Dr. James Brown, of Paisley, who has resigned on account of ill-health.

SINCE the last meeting of the Assembly's Sustentation Fund Committee nearly \$3,500 have been paid in, and the accounts close for the year with a decided increase in congregational contributions.

DR. STUART MOIR, who when minister of Trinity Church, Leith, indulged in vagaries of a semi-Romanist tendency, died in London recently of senile decay in his sixty-eighth year. He was a native of Paisley.

ST. ENOCH'S CHURCH, Belfast, seats 2,000 people. There are 3,400 teachers and pupils in the Sabbath schools and 2,000 in the day schools. The church property and schools have been valued at \$135,500.

THE first of the opening services of the new church at Clontarf, Dublin, which is to take the place of the church at Gloucester Street, was conducted by Rev. George Davidson, B.Sc., of St. Mary's, Edinburgh.

THE Rev. C. R. Ramsay, M.A., of Rutherglen, has been unanimously elected to succeed the late Rev. D. Sage in the pastorate of the church at Keiss. Mr. Ramsay, it is said, has also received a call from Canada.

IT is stated that Prince George of Wales, who has just been appointed to the command of a gun-boat, is to be his own chaplain. He has laid in a stock of sermons, and he purposes to read one every Sunday to his crew.

THE Rev. Robert Stewart, formerly of Jedburgh, has been inducted to New Greyfriars' Church, Edinburgh; in succession to Dr. Henry Cowan, now Professor of Divinity and Church History in the University of Aberdeen.

AT the English Congregational Union meeting the Rev. Thomas Green, of Ashton-under-Lyne, presided. The Rev. J. Brown, M.A., D.D., has been elected president for next year. He is the author of a work on John Bunyan.

SANQUHAR parish church was struck by lightning lately and the northern turret of the tower dashed to the graveyard, breaking several tombstones. One corner of the vestibule was completely wrecked and all the windows injured.

THE Rev. A. Wallace Williamson, of St. Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh, has been invited by the Session of the Scots' Church, Torrak, Melbourne, to preach there for a period of four months. The invitation has, it is stated, been accepted.

THE Rev. Robert Blair, M.A., of Cambuslang, chaplain of the Glasgow Highlanders, preached on a recent Sunday before a crowded audience in St. Andrew's Hall at their annual church parade. The praise was accompanied by the regimental band.

SIR WILLIAM MACKINNON had the honour of dining with the Queen at Windsor in company with Mr. Stanley. Mr. Stanley dedicates his forthcoming volume to Sir William in a letter in which he repeats his determination to testify to the hand of God before the eyes of men.

THE Scotch Romanists propose to build at Dunfermline a memorial church to St. Margaret, to be completed in November, 1893, the 50th anniversary of her death. Archbishop Smith has sanctioned a pilgrimage on the opening. The local congregation give \$2,500 towards the \$25,000 to be spent on the building, and Mr. Smith, Sligo, has presented a site.