

errorists and evil doers in apostolic times. Then perchance he may feel a little more tolerant of my verbiage. But Mr. Editor is it not laughable to be lectured on "ungentlemanly and unchristian language" by one who pleads for letting alone a traffic that has caused and is causing more "ungentlemanly and unchristian language" and wicked deeds than than any or all other agencies of the evil one? Fly on such conduct!

"Philos" further says that I did not "deign to notice" either the letter of "Another Reader," or that of the Rev. Mr. Anderson, very true; and just because it seemed to me that there was nothing in either requiring reply, unless I wished to quibble about words and trifles—a thing to be scorned. By the by "Another Reader" did rather a good thing; he gently rebuked me for writing a letter longer than he liked, after I had advised you to insist on your correspondents being brief. This was the only inconsistency he made out. I now thank him for it, better late than never. As for Mr. Anderson's statement, that I had "missed the gist" of a passage in Romans, I did not deem it necessary to re-assert and give reasons for my opinion, feeling pretty sure that on re-reading the passage, in its connections, he would find that my statement indicated the Apostle's design more truly than he at first was aware. And moreover he said so many good things in his letter, and said them so well, bating a little hesitancy, that I felt not unwilling to quietly submit to his gentle rap over the fingers, seeing it pleased him to deliver it. I am glad to observe that he has taken certain Beecherisms to ask, though I have not had time to persecute his criticisms. It is to be hoped that he will speak with less of bated breath in dealing with the exceedingly ship-shod statements of that popular spouter than he did with the benevolent but unscriptural theory of "Canadensis."

A READER.

Ontario, 4th May, 1874.

P. S. You are really to be pitied Mr. Editor, having to do with a batch of correspondents who either cannot or will not write so as to please everybody. You have only to speak the word to get quit of one them, viz.

A READER.

### Synod of London.

This Synod met in St. Andrews Church, London, on Tuesday 5th of May, at half-past 7 o'clock. After devotional exercises, the retiring Moderator, the Rev. W. King, preached an able and eloquent sermon from Romans 8:34 on the Intercession of Christ.

After the sermon Mr. King descended from the pulpit, and by prayer constituted the Synod in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church.

The Rev. R. H. Warden, at Bothwell, called the roll, about 100 delegates responding to their names.

Mr. Warden read a letter from Rev. Dr. Waters, resigning his position as Clerk of the Synod, owing to his removal to St. John, New Brunswick. The resignation was accepted, and on motion of Rev. J. Thompson, of Sarum, seconded by Mr. Warden, the Rev. J. Forthringham, of Blanchard, was elected Clerk of the Synod in room of Dr. Waters.

A committee was appointed to prepare a resolution to be submitted to the Synod expressive of the court's appreciation of Dr. Waters' services.

The retiring moderator then briefly addressed the synod as follows:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN.—It now becomes my duty to resign into your hands the trust with which, by your great kindness, I was honored a year ago; and in doing so I beg to tender you my most sincere and heartfelt thanks for the unanimous expressions of love and confidence with which you were then pleased to favor me. No moderator had ever lighter and more agreeable duties than those which fell to my lot in my year of office. The spirit that prevailed at the last meeting of Synod was felt to be in every respect such as became a Court of Christ, where all the members love as brethren. I need not tell you, fathers and brethren, how highly I prize your confidence and esteem. I take it not only as a token of affection towards myself, but I take it as your answer to the vile slanders heaped upon me by the hired organs of an unprincipled and venal press. Again I thank you for your great kindness, and now call upon you to appoint my successor.

On motion of Mr. T. McPherson, seconded by Mr. R. Hall, Mr. A. A. Drummond, of Shakespeare, was unanimously elected moderator of the Synod for the current year.

On taking the chair Mr. Drummond briefly addressed the court, referring to the difficulties of the position, especially in succeeding such a moderator as the retiring one, for "who (he said) can come after the King?" (Rev. W. King).

A cordial vote of thanks was tendered Mr. King for his services during the past year.

Mr. Warden, and convener of the Business Committee, submitted a report recommending an order of business, which was adopted.

On his motion the following committees were appointed:

To examine the following Presbytery Records: London—Messrs. Becket, Young and W. Dunn. Chatham—Messrs. Hall, McQuinn, Waddell and J. Jackson. Huron—Messrs. Crosby, Duncan and P. McCallum.

To receive Elders' Commissions—Messrs. Goldsmith, Walker, Dr. Proudfoot, Mr. J. Ross (Warwick) and W. Grievie.

On the State of Religion—Messrs. J. Scott, Cuthbertson, Mitchell, McPherson, King, Ross, Ferguson, Moffat and Boll.

The Synod then adjourned to meet next morning at 10 o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING AND AFTERNOON.

The Synod met this morning at 10 o'clock. The first hour was spent in devotional exercises, the following members taking part: Rev. Messrs. Drummond, Goldsmith, Adam and Duncan.

The first business taken up was a reference from the Presbytery of Chatham about the Rev. C. Chumpey, of St. Anne, Ill.

A lengthened discussion took place as to the propriety of the proceedings of the Presbytery in regard to the reference.

On motion of Mr. McLean, seconded by Mr. McQuinn, the reference was received.

After further discussion, it was moved by Mr. T. McPherson, seconded by Mr. Lamb, that the reference be referred to the Presbytery of Chatham to deal with as they see fit. Agreed.

Messrs. Warden and Scott were appointed to audit the Books of the Treasurer, the Hon. A. Vidal.

The Synod then proceeded to discuss the following topic: "The necessity of adopting steps to enlist more heartily the sympathy of our people in the general work of the Church." The discussion was introduced by Mr. T. Macpherson, and taken part in by Messrs. Drummond, Dr. Proudfoot, Gracy, Goldsmith, Warden, Ross and Sutherland, and was closed by the adoption of the following Resolution which was moved by Mr. Duncan, "that the ministers of this Synod be enjoined to give information at regular intervals, from the pulpit, regarding the Church's work, with a view to stimulate the liberality of their congregations."

The Synod took up an appeal of the Rev. J. W. Mitchell, of Mitchell, against a decision of the Presbytery of Stratford against a point of order. Papers being called to the bar, there appeared Mr. Mitchell and the Presbytery of Stratford. Mr. Mitchell was heard on his own behalf, and Messrs. McPherson and Drummond on behalf of the Presbytery of Stratford. Before coming to any decision the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Synod adjourned to meet in the evening at 7:30 o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The Synod again met at half-past seven o'clock in the evening, the Rev. J. Baird leading in prayer.

The Synod resumed consideration of the appeal of Mr. J. W. Mitchell against the finding of the Stratford Presbytery.

Mr. Warden moved, seconded by Mr. J. B. Duncan, that the appeal be sustained and Mr. Hall's amendment declared to have been competent. Carried.

Parties were recalled when the decision of the Presbytery was announced.

The Presbytery of Stratford was permitted to retire for a little to decide whether they will acquiesce in the decision or protest and appeal to the General Assembly. On their return they signified their submission to the finding of the Synod.

There was then taken up an overture from the Presbytery of Chatham against the formation of a Ministers' Mutual Benefit Association.

The overture with the accompanying regulations of the proposed association, has already appeared in our columns.

Mr. R. H. Warden was heard in support of the overture. He at some length explained the object of the scheme, and pointed out its advantages. From carefully compiled statistics he showed that the average number of deaths annually was about 6 in every 1,000, and that whereas the average annual premium, age 40, on the ordinary life assurance plan was about \$27 for \$1,000 payable at death, and age 50, about \$39, the average sum to be paid annually on the proposed scheme to ensure \$1,000 at death was only about \$6, age 40, or \$3, age 50 years. Another advantage lay in the fact that on the ordinary assurance system the premium was paid in advance either annually, half-yearly, or at least quarterly, in comparatively large sums, whereas on the contemplated plan only a very very small sum, two, three, or four dollars, was required at one time, and upon the death of a member. Again, the profits on the ordinary system were large to the shareholders of the company, whereas this was purely mutual, and the expense of working the scheme a mere trifle annually.

Mr. Goldsmith spoke with great effect in support of the overture, and concluded by moving, seconded by Mr. J. Gray, of Windsor, that the Synod adopt the overture and transmit it to the General Assembly.

Dr. Proudfoot also spoke strongly in favor of the principle involved in the overture, but desiring time to consider minutely the details of the contemplated scheme, he moved in amendment that the overture be transmitted to the General Assembly, with the recommendation that it be favorably considered.

Messrs. Robb, MacDonald and others favored the proposed scheme, and after discussion the vote was taken and the amendment carried.

The committee appointed for the purpose submitted the following resolution as to Dr. Waters' resignation, which was adopted. "In accepting the resignation, the synod records its grateful recognition of the diligence and fidelity with which he discharged the duties of clerk, its regret at the loss of his services by his removal to a distant Province, and his hope that his labors in his new sphere may be greatly blessed."

Mr. J. W. Mitchell submitted the report of a committee for the purpose of devising a scheme to carry on Evangelical work. The following were its recommendations, which were considered seriatim on motion of Mr. Warden:

(1.) That a standing committee be appointed under the designation of the Synod of London's Committee on Evangelistic

work, which shall also serve as the Synod's committee on the state of religion consisting of—members. Adopted.

(2.) That sessions desiring to hold Evangelical services be requested to communicate with the committee with a view to secure assistance in carrying them on, whenever such assistance may be deemed necessary. Adopted.

(3.) That all ministers willing to aid in this department of the Lord's work be requested to make known to said committee the services they may be able to render from time to time.

On this recommendation an interesting discussion arose, which was taken part in by Messrs. McKinnon, Ross, D. Gordon, McMillan, Duncan, McDonald, Dr. Proudfoot. Adopted.

(4.) That Presbyteries be requested to report to said committee the state of religion within their bounds, what special work (if any) has been done, and with what results, at least eight days before each meeting of Synod. Adopted.

(5.) That said committee be instructed to report annually to this Synod. Adopted.

The following resolution was then passed as moved by Dr. Proudfoot:

That in adopting the report in council, the Synod's design is not to reflect on the efficiency of the regular and ordinary means of grace, nor to introduce any new agency for the edification and extension of the church, nor to stimulate our people to commence a system of extraordinary religious services, but merely to indicate and provide a constitutional agency by which special services may be conducted and regulated in cases in which, considering the wants of the people on the evidences and special manifestations of the grace of God, Sessions may consider desirable.

On motion of Mr. R. H. Warden, seconded by Dr. Proudfoot, the following was the committee appointed on evangelistic work:—

The following committee on Evangelistic work was then appointed: Messrs. J. W. Mitchell (Convener), J. Scott, J. R. Duncan, H. Gracy, T. Goldsmith, R. McKinnon, W. King, R. Hamilton, J. Baker, and F. McLurg, Ministers; and Messrs. A. L. Argo, D. Waters, A. Barlett, and J. T. Boyd, Elders.

### THURSDAY MORNING.

The Synod met this morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Arch McLean leading in prayer. The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Chatham, Huron, Stratford, and London reported that they were carefully and correctly kept, and as such they were ordered to be attested. The Synod then proceeded to consider a memorial in regard to the formation of a Female Presbyterian College in the city of London. The memorial was read by Dr. Proudfoot, and is as follows: To the Reverend the Moderator and remnant members of the Synod of London to meet in London, and within St. Andrew's church, on the first Tuesday in May, 1874, the memorial of the undersigned respectfully sheweth. That whereas no suitable provision has yet been made by the Legislature of the Province of Ontario for higher female education: while as Denominational Female Colleges in this section of the country are so sectarian in their character, and in other respects so undesirable, that our people cannot rightly take advantage of them, and whereas private female schools are inadequate to meet the wants of our families, and too costly to be within the reach of many anxiously desiring a superior education, it is our intention to endeavor to form a Joint Stock Company for the purpose of sustaining a female college of a high order, which will be under Presbyterian auspices, although open to young ladies belonging to other denominations who may choose to avail themselves of it, and whose religious principles, and whose right to attend the various churches which their parents or guardians may approve of shall not be interfered with; wherefore it is our most earnest desire and request that your Reverend Court will take our proposal into your favorable consideration, and give such advice and encouragement as in your judgment shall seem most fit, and your petitioners will ever pray. Signed by John J. A. Proudfoot, Thos. Gordon, Robt. Scott, J. T. Boyd, N. McKinnon, Dr. Proudfoot referred to the existence of two female colleges in London, the Episcopal and Roman Catholic, and pointed out the undesirability of the daughters of our people attending either of these. He spoke of London being a center of wealth and influence and urged the desirability of instituting a Ladies' College in the city, under Presbyterian auspices, he pointed out the advantage that would arise therefrom, and the feasibility of the plan. The design is to form a Joint Stock Company and the hope was entertained that it could soon be placed on a paying basis. Rev. J. Scott, London, also supported the memorial, referring to the urgent necessity of an institute of the kind. After several members had expressed their approval of the scheme, a committee was appointed to prepare a finding for the Synod and were allowed to retire for this purpose. The committee were Messrs. Baird, Goldsmith, Duncan and Dr. Proudfoot. The committee afterwards reported the following as their finding, which was unanimously adopted by the Synod: That this Synod heartily with great satisfaction the proposal to form a joint stock company for the purpose of erecting and sustaining a Female College of a high order in this city, under Presbyterian auspices, open, however, without ecclesiastical restriction, to all who may choose to attend it, believing that this will meet a want long and deeply felt; and, therefore, express its cordial approval of the enterprise, and commend it to the support of our people who may so inclined to take stock in the company, and to the confidence of parents wishing to secure for their daughters a liberal education. It was agreed to hold the next meeting of Synod in the First Presbyterian Church, London, on the first Tuesday of May, 1874, at half-past seven o'clock. The Synod then proceeded with the consideration of the report on the State of Religion, which was given by the Rev. J. Scott. The report included returns from all the Presbyteries in the bounds. It showed a considerable increase in the membership, as also in the

literality of the congregation indicated a decrease in intemperance and Sabbath desecration, heralded the growing worldliness of spirit, and referred to hopeful indications among the young as well in two or three congregations where special meetings have been held during the year, and much good done. Mr. Warden moved, seconded by Mr. J. Gray, that the report be received, its recommendation adopted, and that the clerk be instructed to forward the reports of the respective Presbyteries and Sessions to the Convener of the Assembly's Committee on the state of religion. Carried. Mr. Warden reported that he had examined the books of the treasurer and found the same correct. The report was received and the thanks of the Synod tendered the treasurer, Hon. A. Vidal. It was agreed on motion of Mr. F. McQuinn that the salary of the clerk be \$100 per annum. A number of items of business were laid on the table till next regular meeting. On motion of Mr. Warden the thanks of the Synod were tendered (1.) To the Christian friends of London for the hospitality extended to its members during the present meeting, (2.) To the Trustees of St. Andrew's Church for the accommodation afforded, (3.) To the accommodation committee, and especially to its convener, J. T. Boyd, (4.) To the Great Western and Grand Trunk Railways for the reduction of fare to the members of the Synod traveling by their respective lines. The Synod was then closed with prayer, and the pronouncing of the Benediction by the Moderator.

### Synod of Hamilton.

The Synod of Hamilton in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church met in the First Congregation Church, Guelph, on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. There was a fair attendance of Ministers and elders. The Rev. Mr. Middleton, of Elora, the retiring Moderator, presented an excellent and practical sermon from the words 1st Thess., 1st and 5th. At the close of the service the Synod was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, after which the Synod Clerk, Mr. Cochrane, called the roll, and read over the list of transactions, removals and deaths that had taken place since the last meeting of the Synod. On motion of Rev. Mr. Torrance, seconded by Rev. Mr. Smellie, the Rev. John McMillan, of Mount Forest, was unanimously elected Moderator, and on taking the chair thanked the fathers and brethren for the honour they had conferred on him. On motion of Rev. Mr. Torrance, seconded by Rev. Dr. Barrie, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the retiring Moderator for the able manner in which he had presided over the deliberations of the Synod, and for the excellent sermon he had preached. After transacting some formal business, the Synod adjourned to meet on Wednesday morning at nine o'clock.

### Wednesday, May 6th.

Mr. Murray, in the absence of the Convener, gave in a report on the state of religion, which was received. Mr. Murray was requested to tabulate the returns sent to the Committee and send a deliverance to the Convener of the Assembly's Committee on the state of religion, in time for the Assembly's annual report. An interesting conference followed on the state of religion, which was adjourned to the afternoon session. Messrs. McCrae and McIntosh were appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts and reported that there was a balance in hands of \$187. The Synod agreed to send \$100 to Mrs. Malcolm to aid the fund being raised for her in London, and appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. McTavish, Cochrane and McQuinn, to consider some plan in which she can be further assisted out of the Infirmary Ministers' Fund, prior to the meeting of Assembly. Mr. Cochrane addressed the Synod on behalf of the proposed "Presbyterian College for Young Ladies in Brantford." At the close of the address, it was moved by Mr. Wardrop, of Guelph, seconded by Mr. R. N. Grant, of Ingersoll, and agreed to:—"The Synod having heard with much satisfaction the statement of Mr. Cochrane in regard to measures that have been adopted for the organization of a Young Ladies' Seminary in Brantford, express their high approbation of the project—their sympathy with those engaged in it, and their sincere hope that it may be crowned with the largest success, and commend the institution to the confidence and support of the heads of families within the bounds." The Synod agreed to hold its next meeting in Knox Church, Elora, on the first Tuesday of May, 1874, at half-past seven p.m. The Moderator and Clerk of Synod, and Messrs. Wardrop, A. D. McDonald, Ministers, with Messrs. McCrae and Ferrier, Elders, were appointed a committee to suggest topics connected with the state of religion for the next meeting of Synod. An overture on the more systematic use of the Bible in our common schools, was supported by Mr. McTavish, but finally withdrawn, and a committee consisting of Messrs. McTavish, Grant, Torrance, McQuinn and Chrystal, Ministers, and Messrs. McCrae, Sutherland and Turnbull, Elders, appointed to frame an overture for next Synod on this question. Mr. Torrance to be Convener. The different Presbytery records were examined and attested in due form. An overture from the Presbytery of Bruce regarding certain alterations in the Home Mission regulations was read and supported by Messrs. Straith and Cameron. On motion of Mr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Torrance, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—"That the overture be not transmitted in the meantime, but recommend the Presbytery of Bruce to prepare in detail such recommendations or amendments to the present regulations of the Home Mission Committee, as they deem most practicable, and transmit the same to the Home Mission Committee for its serious consideration." The committee on the state of religion for 1874-5 was appointed as follows:—Convener, Mr. Lowry; and Messrs. McTavish, Farries, Middleton, L. Cameron, Murray, D. Wardrop and Blair, Ministers; and Messrs. McCrae, McIntosh and Cranston, Elders. The Committee on Sabbath observance for 1874-5 was appointed as follows:—Convener, Mr. R. N. Grant; and

Messrs. Fletcher, A. D. McDonald, Moffat, and Straith, Ministers; and Messrs. H. Young, Chisholm, Douglas and Campbell, Elders. On motion of Mr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. A. D. McDonald, votes of thanks were tendered to the Christian friends in Guelph, the Committee of Arrangements, and the Ministers and Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church. After prayer by Mr. Straith and singing, the Moderator adjourned the Synod by pronouncing the Benediction.

### Macnab Street Presbyterian Church, Hamilton.

The anniversary in this hall in this Church last evening was, in every respect, eminently successful. The beautiful and spacious edifice was filled with an attentive audience. The Rev. D. H. Fletcher, pastor of the church, presided. He commenced the proceedings of the evening by giving out the 13th psalm, which was sung by the whole audience standing. He then read the 35th chapter of Isaiah, after which the Rev. D. D. McCleod, of Amherst, offered up an earnest prayer. Mr. Fletcher congratulated the congregation on the happy return of their anniversary, and expressed himself as highly gratified at seeing so many present. He had no doubt whatever but that the meeting would prove both pleasant and profitable to them all, and that on retiring they would feel thoroughly convinced that it was wise on their part to have attended. Two years ago he came to Hamilton, and he could honestly assure them that he had found it a most delightful place to live in. His people had shown great kindness to him since he became their pastor. The managers of the congregation had recently finished the interior of the beautiful mausoleum in a style that reflected great credit on themselves. For this and all other acts of kindness he heartily thanked the congregation. He trusted that while he continued to be their pastor God would give strength and grace to labor faithfully and successfully to promote their spiritual welfare. While praying and praying for a larger manifestation of the power of godliness among them, they had cause to thank the God of the Covenant that they were not left without some clear tokens of His favor. He then referred to the present condition of the congregation, stating that 76 new members had been added to the communion roll during the year, and 151 since the commencement of the present pastorate, two years ago. The number of members in full communion at the present time is 470. He spoke in terms of high appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered to the congregation, from its inception, by some of those who take an active part in the Eastern Presbyterian congregation recently organized, and expressed his earnest hope that God, who owned their labours in this congregation, would abundantly bless and prosper them in their new organization. After referring to the prayer meetings held in the congregation, to the Bible class attended by 127 young persons, to the Sabbath school taught by 88 teachers, he stated that the financial condition was very satisfactory. The total amount raised for missionary purposes during the year was \$1,789.40, and for all purposes, \$8,018.52.

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He announced amid cheers that the collection taken up at the close of the service yesterday (Sabbath) amounted to the handsome sum of \$717, and hoped that at the close of this meeting it would exceed \$800.

The Rev. Mr. Ronnson, of Knox Church, was then introduced. He congratulated the pastor and people on the happy return of their anniversary, which he understood was three-fold: first, of the opening of their church, of the settlement of their first pastor, and of the present pastorate. He might call this day their lucky day. He delivered an excellent address on the duty of every Christian laboring to advance God's glory.

Professor McLaren, of Knox College, congratulated pastor and people on the excellent condition of the congregation, and rejoiced in the privilege of advocating the claims of the Foreign Mission Work before such a magnificent audience. It was a rare thing to see such an audience assembled in any of our churches on a week day evening. He gave a description of the mission work of the Church among the Indians, and in the island of Formosa. He concluded a very able address by showing in a clear and convincing manner the marvellous success which has attended missionary enterprise in heathen lands since 1851.

The last speaker was the Rev. Dr. MacVicar, of Montreal, who preached able and eloquent discourses on Sabbath. He commended the congregation for their admirable singing, and for the very liberal collections of yesterday. He delivered a really eloquent and powerful address on Romanism in Lower Canada, referring in some terms to the conduct of Protestant parents who send their daughters to be educated in Roman Catholic institutions.

The choir, under the leadership of Mr. John Wilson, sang some beautiful pieces of music with great taste and effect. The Chairman, on behalf of the congregation, thanked the speakers, the choir and the friends who were present from other congregations, after which the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. McColl.

The collection at the close of the meeting amounted to \$80, making in all over \$800.

If you desire the love of God and man, be humble, for the proud heart, as it loves none but itself, so is beloved of none but itself. The voice of humanity is God's music, and the silence of humanity is God's rhetoric.