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RIEL AND THE ROMAN CATHOLICS

The Riel affair is going to be troublesome, though why it should be, we cannot see. Why should the French Canadians, or the Roman Catholics adopt that man's cause as their own?

THE ANTIGONISH RIOT.

Our readers are aware that last July the Rev. Messrs. Chiquin and Goodfellow, were rudely and unprovokedly assailed by an excited Roman Catholic mob in Antigonish, Nova Scotia...

THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT.

The present movement in the cause of temperance is noteworthy. Simultaneously and yet spontaneously it has shown itself in many places widely separated; nor does it appear that it is the result of pre-concerted action...

public drinking usages, as regulated and upheld by law.

We have no wish at present to enter on the more debatable ground of drinking in private houses, and the use of wines, beer, and also as a matter of diet...

The Church is moving and earnestly moving in this matter; not perhaps as some sanguine reformers desire by making terms of communion for which there is no Scripture warrant...

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Home Mission Committee met on Monday and Tuesday in Knox College, Toronto. The resignation of Dr. Waters was laid on the table, and accepted...

The following claims were passed and ordered to be paid for work done during half year, ending 30th March, 1874.

Table with 3 columns: Location, For Sup. Cong., For Mis. Sta. Includes Montreal, Ottawa, Brockville, Kingston, Cobourg, Ontario, Toronto, Simcoe, Hamilton, Paris, London, Chatham, Stratford, Guelph, Huron, Bruce, Durham, Owen Sound.

Total 54,170.50 For \$5,663.25

The following grants were increased: Duggan to \$125 per annum; Lindsay to \$300.

The following were reduced, at the request of the Presbytery of Simcoe: Stayner to \$80, and Esson and Willis Churches, Oro, to \$40 per annum; Dresden was reduced to \$2 per Sabbath.

The following grants per annum were made: Hanover an' W. Bentwick \$100; Dover, \$2 per Sabbath; Evoston and Mimosa, \$200; Mississauga, &c., \$2 per Sabbath; Penotanguishene, \$2 per Sabbath; Longford, \$1.50 per Sabbath; Mara, \$1.50 per Sabbath; Protou, \$100; Gloucester and Russell, \$100; Caledon and Alton \$1.50 per Sabbath; Kempville, \$200; St. Sylvester, \$200; Silver Hill, &c., \$100.

The Committee agreed to make the following recommendations to the General Assembly: 1. That the salaries of missionaries in Manitoba be \$900 per annum for married men, and \$700 for unmarried...

2. That the Home Mission Committee be hereafter relieved of the support of Manitoba College.

3. That the allowance to Students for Summer work be increased to \$6 per Sabbath, together with board and travelling expenses to their fields of labor.

4. That the remuneration to Probationers supplying vacancies be in no case less

than \$7 per Sabbath, with board, and that this amount be increased gradually in proportion to the stipend by the respective congregations before they become vacant.

The latter two recommendations to take effect from 1st October, 1874.

The Rev. Mr. Vincent was engaged for one year, his salary for the first three months to be paid by the Foreign Mission Committee.

The Rev. D. J. Caswell was appointed for two years to Silver Islet, Rev. W. Kay for the same period to Sault Ste Marie, and Mr. D. McKerracher for the same period to Prince Arthur's Landing.

The receipts to date were reported at \$14,070, and the estimated expenditure for the year at \$22,000 leaving a balance against the fund of \$8,000.

The following were the appointments made for the Summer months:—

- D. McKerracher, Chatham, to middle of May, Prince Arthur's Landing from 1st July. H. H. McPherson, Owen Sound (1st 3 m.). J. Bryant, Ottawa. Isaac Campbell, Toronto. P. Nicol, Chatham. S. W. Fisher, Toronto. B. Lyman, London. R. Thymie, Paris. J. Somerville, London. R. W. Leitch, Kingston. J. B. S. Burnett, Simcoe. Jn. Campbell, Ontario. D. B. McKee, Chatham. J. S. Stewart, Paris (till 2nd Sab. July). W. Reid, Hamilton. A. F. Tully, Ottawa. S. Atcheson, London. H. McAyden, Simcoe. A. Stewart, Guelph. D. C. McDonald, Chatham. Jas. Campbell, Ottawa. A. McFarland, Toronto. J. Allison, Cobourg. W. Amos, Owen Sound. J. H. Rateliff, Hamilton. Rod. Henderson, Durham (middle Aug.). W. Blewett, Toronto. Alex. Fraser, Bruce. Thos. Kennedy, Simcoe. W. J. Smith, Toronto. J. Geddes, Ontario. Alex. Nicol, Owen Sound. D. G. McKay, Bruce. J. N. Vauflleet, Ottawa. A. Leslie, Ottawa. Ira Van Allan, Brockville. A. Matthews, Kingston. F. E. Allan, London. D. Cameron, Ontario. A. McGilvray, Huron. J. Dunlop, Toronto. G. Bruce, Toronto. Thos. Colter, Chatham. Don. Currie, London. Thos. Atkinson, Cobourg. Dr. Findlay, Ontario. — Fowlie, Huron. C. Brouillette, Montreal. M. H. Scott, Montreal. Jas. McQueen, Montreal. T. Brouillette, Montreal. R. Watt, Guelph. E. F. Torrance, Montreal. — Bennet, Montreal. E. D. Pallatour, Montreal. F. McLennan, Montreal. Jas. Cameron, Montreal. J. G. Cochran, Stratford. W. J. Day, Huron. N. McPhee, Ottawa. D. McRae, Ottawa. W. M. McKibbin, Brockville. A. C. Mott, Kingston. J. Ferguson, Kingston. W. Boyd, Jr., Toronto. Mar. A. Rouse, Cobourg. Morgan Lane, Ottawa. W. N. Martin, Durham. A. N. Bruen, Durham. J. A. McAlmon, Chatham. S. W. Curtis, Stratford. Thos. McInch, Simcoe. W. Frizzle, Toronto. Hugh McGuire, Ottawa. Enoch Benson, Ottawa. Isaac Schreck, Simcoe. F. Wrigley, Simcoe. J. G. McGregor, Guelph. F. Smith, Chatham. J. A. F. S. Fayette, London. J. Hume, Montreal. T. Fenwick, Montreal. D. Alexander, Paris. Chas. Fletcher, Huron.

Students will please correspond with the following ministers in the respective Presbyteries, to which they are assigned as to the fields to be supplied by them:

- Montreal M. Rev. D. Paterson, M. A. St. Andrews. Ottawa O. " Joseph White, Wakefield. Brockville B. " A. J. Traver, Brockville. Kingston K. " John Burton, Belleville. Cobourg C. " W. Donald, Port Hope. Ontario O. " W. D. Bellantyne, Whitby. Toronto T. " J. M. King, Toronto. Guelph G. " R. Torrance, Guelph. Hamilton H. " J. McCall, Hamilton. Paris P. " Rev. W. Cochran, Brampton. Stratford S. " Geo. Shupson, Wilton Grove. Huron H. " R. Hamilton, Motherwell. Chatham Ch. " F. McQuinn, Clinton. Owen Sound O. " R. H. Warden, Bothwell. Durham D. " C. Stewart, O. Sound. Simcoe S. " H. Crozier, Holstein. Bruce B. " D. B. Cameron, Bradford. Bruce B. " A. Traver, Ft. Garry. Bruce B. " A. Tolmie, Southampton.

MONTREAL STUDENT'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY. Desert, M. F. Bourdoux. South Branch, I. R. McLeod. Thant, &c., J. H. Gray. L'Amble, W. D. Russell.

FRENCH EVANGELICAL COMMITTEE. Aylmer, C. Amaron. Deserit, Chavoy. New Brunswick, B. Crochet. Bible Soc, Quebec, G. Mosseau. R. Hughes. (M. Blon u. G. Bouchard. Z. Lefebvre. ROBERT H. WARDEN, Wm. COCHRANE, Secretary, Convener.

Ministers and Churches.

The Rev. G. Crystal has been called by the congregation of East Oxford.

Rev. T. McGuire, of Glendon, has been called by the congregations of Jarvis and Walpole.

The Rev. P. Wright, of Ingersoll, has accepted a call to Chalmers' Church, Quebec. Salary \$2,000.

Rev. H. Gray will be inducted pastor of the Presbyterian congregations at York Mills and Fisherville, on Saturday, 7th April. The induction will take place at York Mills.

We have before us the annual report of Chalmers' Church, Woodstock; the total receipts, including a balance of \$31.40 from last year—amounted to \$4,288.55; the expenditure amount to \$4000.92; leaving a balance of \$177.63 in the hands of the treasurer.

Ladies' College at Brantford.

The Rev. W. Cochran is making a move for the establishment of a Ladies' College in that thriving town. The Expositor of recent date says:—The project has been mooted of establishing a Ladies' College in Brantford, and in reference thereto Rev. W. Cochran writes to the "Expositor" as follows: "I shall be glad to receive the names of gentlemen who are willing to take stock in such an institution."

Mr. Cochran is an indefatigable worker and we have no doubt of the success of the movement if he is only properly seconded by those interested in the locating of such an institution at Brantford.

Synod of Toronto, of Canada Presbyterian Church.

This Synod met in Gould-street Church, on Tuesday evening, at half-past seven o'clock. There was a fair attendance of members.

The Retiring Moderator, the Rev. J. Patterson, delivered an excellent sermon, from Isaiah ix. 23, which was listened to with earnestness and interest.

The Rev. Dr. Topp was unanimously appointed Moderator, and filled the chair with his wonted dignity and suavity.

The remainder of the evening was occupied with arrangements for holding meetings, and transacting the business of the court. The most important part of the business was the appointing of a Conference on the State of Religion, to be held on the forenoon sederunt of Tuesday. At this meeting reports on the State of Religion will be submitted by the several Presbyteries, at addresses bearing on vital religion will be given.

Worthy of Attention.

Editor BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.

DEAR SIR,—I read the letter of your friend "Amicus," on the last General Assembly, published in the BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN, soon after the meeting of that venerable court. I, too, was in Toronto at the time, and was present, I think at every sederunt but one. I can heartily endorse all "Amicus" said, so far as he went. But there was one noticeable feature which he overlooked,—one which pained me so much that my mind has been burdened with the thought of it ever since. I have often thought of taking this mode of trying to throw off my burden, namely, by a few hints in your paper. Will you allow me a small space for the purpose now?

The matter is this. I was pained to see so few present at the devotional exercises with which each sederunt was opened. In the case of those who had long distances to come, there might be some excuse if they did not always get forward in time. As I was a little late myself sometimes on this account, I had occasion to observe that some were quietly enjoying the luxury of a smoke behind the Church, and still larger numbers were standing in groups about the door, while the sound of praise or prayer or the reading of God's word was heard within. And they were devotedly ministers! It was only when the devotional services were over, and with some, not till after the minutes of the previous sederunt had been read that they crowded to their seats. How, or on what grounds can they be excused? The thought often arises in my mind, how would these gentlemen feel, and what would they think of their congregation, if they saw their own example followed from Sabbath to Sabbath? Would they regard it as a sign of spiritual health, and of the success of their own labour, among their people, if they found them preferring to stand grouped around the church doors, discussing it may be, the topics that interest them most, until the opening devotional services are over, only crowding into church when the sermon is about to be commenced. What think you, Mr. Editor? I leave these questions to be pondered by all who attend our church courts, with the prayer and hope that by and by, what appears to me a needed reformation, may be effected.—ALTER "AMICUS."