

him, except that young clergyman, who ministered to him until he died. Then the man of God was seized with the disease and brought to death's door but he recovered. Bishop Strachan, struck with his courage and faithfulness, promoted the young clergyman to one of the most influential parishes of that day in Toronto, where he laboured faithfully until the week before last, when he went to be with the Friend whom he served, and in his presence to meet many blessed through his labours and prayers. "Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days." Mrs. James Dallas and Canon Sanson are no longer on earth, but their memory will long be cherished, for their works do follow them.

After a long life, now nearing its close, Dr Gray testified that Jesus was a friend, tried, true, and that never had failed him. Often he thought of Peter, whose bravery in the face of the multitude when he drew his sword and cut off the ear of Malchus, quailed before a maid, but Jesus had forgiven that Satan would attempt to draw His servant to the bottomless pit and had gone into the presence of the Father to pray for him. So the speaker had often felt in times of temptation and trial that Christ was praying for him, and though in himself weak and helpless, in Christ he was strengthened to overcome. He exhorted the young men before him to choose the Friend that would uphold them at all times and under all circumstances—to imitate the useful life of Canon Sanson, as he followed Christ, and prayed that they might all meet in the presence of that Friend who will never leave nor forsake those who trust Him.

Home Missions.

Statement by Rev. Dr. Warden, Convener.

I have made as close an estimate as is possible at this date of the expenditure of the Home Mission Committee and find that it will exceed that of last year by nearly \$12,000. The Home Mission receipts to this date are some \$8,000 less than at the corresponding date last year. In other words, the fund is in a worse condition to day by \$23,000 than it was a year ago. Under any circumstances, this is discouraging. Under existing circumstances it is almost a calamity. Great as has been the growth of our Home Mission work during the last few years it will be still greater this year. Dr. Herdman our Superintendent for Missions for British Columbia, reports that it will be necessary to open up immediately a considerable number of new fields in his territory; and in a letter just received from Dr. Carmichael he says that at least thirty new fields must be opened this spring in his district.

Dr. Carmichael thus writes, "I have just returned from visiting the Prince Albert Presbytery. I travelled by sleigh ninety miles east of Prince Albert, and find that settlement is going into the Birch Hills district, which is forty miles southwest of Prince Albert, and into the Kinistino district immediately east of it, also into the Melfort district and Star City district. The Canadian Northern Railway will be at Melfort by the beginning of February. We shall require to open a new field east of Melfort, and one in the Birch Hills district. I also drove to Battleford, ninety miles west of Saskatoon, and went over the whole settlement. A very large immigration is expected in the spring, and will be partly scattered along the North Bank of the Saskatchewan from the Elbow to Fort Pitt. We shall require to

put in three missionaries on the North side of the Saskatchewan to overtake the work, one at Great Bend, one between that and Battleford, and one north of Battleford, which will take in Jack Jisk Lake and do pioneer work. We require to open a field south east of Saskatoon, where a great many settlers are now, and more coming in.

We must open a new field at Buffer's Lake, which will have four good appointments. Buffer's Lake is Northeast of Saskatoon on the C. N. R. A little village is started there, with three stores. We will also require to open one east of Saskatoon, on the C. P. R., where we can begin with four stations. We will also have to send a man north of Lake Manitoba. That is, six new fields must be opened at once if we would give anything like adequate supply in Saskatchewan. Also at Bladworth, north of Davidson, on the Prince Albert road, we shall have to open a field. A great many settlers are going in, and much pioneer work requires to be done.

I assisted in the opening of the Saskatoon church last Sunday, and although the weather was very unfavorable, and the building holds five hundred, it was full to the doors at the evening service.

I am sorry the funds are not coming in as abundantly as they did last year. The work is growing, and we shall add, as nearly as I can estimate at present, thirty missions to our list."

Dr. Carmichael also refers to the work among the Galicians and Doukhobors, which is exceedingly encouraging. We not only have four of our own ministers engaged directly in this work, consecrating their lives to it living among the people and acquiring their language, but we have provisionally secured the services of a graduate of St. Petersburg University, an earnest Christian man, who is supervising the education of a number of Galicians and Doukhobors, who have in view Christian work in connection with our church. A Galician class under this gentleman was opened in Manitoba College last week with ten students, all of whom have in view the ministry or Christian work in connection with us. We have a large number of Colporteurs employed among these foreign settlers and have been able to secure a considerable quantity of Rumanian Testaments for distribution among the people. We have also had prepared and printed a Catechism and a number of hymns in their language. All this has entailed heavy expenditure upon our funds, but their was no alternative. In the Providence of God the way was opened up for reaching these strangers that have settled in our midst. "Necessity was laid upon us," and we felt that we must embrace the opportunity.

The Church year ends on Monday, 29th February, and the Home Mission Committee meets the following week. It is earnestly hoped that the state of the fund may be such as will justify the Committee in continuing to prosecute the work with greater vigor than ever, not only among the foreign population, but in opening up some forty or fifty new fields that are ready for the missionaries of our church. Last year we had nearly two hundred congregations and individual friends who were supporting missionaries in special fields in the west, at an expense of \$25. each. There never was a time when we stood more in need of co-operation and practical help. Are there not, throughout the church, many who,

during the next fortnight will indicate their interest and sympathy, so that when the Committee meets on the 8th of March they may be able to take advantage of every new opening and respond to every appeal for missionaries in the rapidly growing settlements in the west.

Rev. Dr. Wilkie's Committee.

The F. M. C. having failed to find a place for Dr. Wilkie in the Indore Missions or anywhere else under our church; and his friends not being prepared to accept as a satisfactory settlement of his case that he should be turned over to some other missionary or literary society, met in Toronto on the 4th inst. and arranged and organized for the purpose of sending the doctor back to Central India where his knowledge of the language, his experience in the work as well as his deep interest in missions can be utilized. The following is a brief report of the proceedings:

Moved by Dr. Stonehouse and seconded by Mr. John Watt, "That the report of the committee appointed to correspond with the Foreign mission committee be received and adopted. The meeting also expresses approval of the printed document setting out the reasons for the establishment of the proposed new mission in India and hereby proceeds to organize."—Carried.

Moved by Dr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Watt, "That the following be the committee with power to add to their number.

President, J. K. Macdonald, Esq.
Vice-Presidents, His Honor Lieutenant Governor W. M. Maitland Clark, His Honor Judge Winchester, Rev. D. D. McLeod, D. D. Walter Paul, Esq., Montreal; Rev. A. Logan Geggie.

Secretary, Dr. Stonehouse; treasurer, Dr. James Bain; Executive—H. C. Irwin, Esq., K. C., Weston, Rev. Dr. H. M. Parsons, Rev. Neil McLeod, Thos. Casswell, Esq., Rev. J. B. Hamilton, Rev. Jas. Argo, Rev. J. W. Bell, Dr. Bryans, John Watt.

Moved by Dr. Stonehouse, and seconded by Rev. R. Leask "That this meeting asks the Moderator of the Commission of Assembly to call the Commission together at the earliest possible date for the purpose of considering the question of opening a new mission in India for Dr. Wilkie, the friends of Dr. Wilkie providing the first cost and with a view of retaining that new mission in the church—carried unanimously.

The following were then appointed to represent this meeting before the Commission and Assembly: J. K. Macdonald Esq.; Lieut. Gov. W. Maitland Clark; Dr. Parsons; John Penman Esq.; Judge Winchester; Rev. A. L. Geggie and Dr. James Bain.

In the death of Mr. J. B. McIvor, for many years treasurer of Queen's University, that institution loses a good friend and Kingston a respected citizen. His estate valued at \$20,000 is bequeathed to Queen's; the income, however, to go to his sister during her life-time.

Friendship cannot be permanent unless it becomes spiritual. There must be fellowship in the deepest things of the soul, community in the highest thoughts, sympathy with the best endeavors—Friendship, Hugh Black.

It is not always wise to speak the things that are true. It is safer to dismiss the audience before crying "fire!" than after it.