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2nd. That the hours for closing be from 7 p. m., to 7 a. m.

3rd. That the law be made more stringent respecting guests in hotels.

4th. That the law granting licenses to clubs be abolished.

The next meeting is to be held in Clinton on the 11th of May at 10:30 a. m.

A. McLEAN, Clerk.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTREAL.

The annual meeting of St. John's French Presbyterian Church, Montreal, was held on Thursday, 11 February, Rev. J. L. Morris, M.A., was called to the chair, and Joseph Martel, chosen Secretary. Rev. Dr. Amaron, pastor, presented the report of session. Twenty-five new members were added to the church. The contributions of the people for current expenses show an increase of \$400, being about \$900. Towards the new building, the people have given in a 1 \$1,000. The schemes of the church, have received \$60. The debt on the new church has been reduced to \$5,000 during the year. The sum of \$2,500 is still imperatively needed and the congregation looks to more favored sister churches for assistance. The importance of the work carried on by our French churches cannot be exaggerated as the priests lose their power over the people, they become indifferent to religious ordinances, and fall into infidelity. The duty to preach to them the simple gospel of salvation is very plain.

KNOX CHURCH, GODERICH.

The annual meeting of the congregation of Knox church was held in the lecture room, Feb. 5th. There was a large assembly of members and adherents. The pastor presided. Interesting reports were presented from the different organizations, all of which showed that the congregation was in a prosperous condition.

In the report from the Session, which was presented by the pastor, it was noted that fifty names were added to the communion roll, and 39 removed, making an increase of 11 over last year, and leaving 550 now on the roll. It also called attention to the limited number of sittings in the church, and stated "that the growth of the congregation depends upon the extension of the church office." The congregation appointed the board of managers, as a committee to consider this question, and report at another meeting. The following reports were read:

The Sabbath School report showed that there are 501 names of scholars on the roll, and 41 teachers. Its expenditures were \$277.96, with a balance on hand of \$174.

Report from the Y.P.S.C.E., Expenditures, \$102.32; balance on hand, \$3.65.

W.F.M.S., the number on the roll is 47, and the total contributions \$145.73.

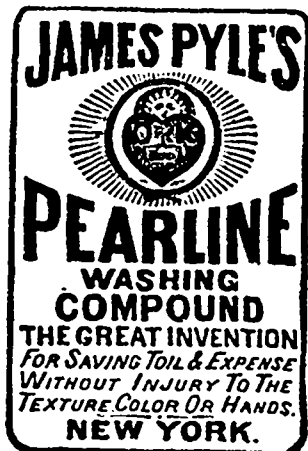
The McGillivray Mission Band, reported. There has been an increase of 51 members over last year, making 218, of whom 119 are girls and 99 boys. The average attendance was 90. Expenditures \$195.

The Dorcas Society has done good

work. \$48.80 had been expended in alleviating the sufferings of the poor.

The board of managers reported that after meeting all demands the balance of \$133 is carried over with which to begin another year.

The amount paid for strictly congregational purposes was \$3016. The amount paid to the schemes of the church was \$1064, and was apportioned as follows:—Ordinary college fund, \$20; special college fund, \$120, Home Mission fund \$121, Augmentation fund \$70, French Evangelization \$85, Foreign Mission Fund \$227, W.F.M.S. and McGillivray Mission Band (exclusively for work among women and children in foreign lands) \$326, Aged and Infirm Ministers' fund, \$20, Widows' and Orphans' fund \$20, Assembly Expense fund \$15. For other benevolent purposes \$286 were expended, making \$4366 as the total payments for all pur-



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HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

The Home Mission Committee will meet in the Lecture Room of St. Andrew's church, on Tuesday, March 30th, at 9 a. m.

All claims for work done during the past 6 months must be in the hands of the secretary, Dr. Warden, by the 25th March.

All applications for appointment (or reappointment, from Students, Catechists and Ministers, must also be forwarded by that date. No names can be added, after the completed list of applicants has been made up and printed. Blank forms for those desiring Mission work can be had on application.

According to resolution of last year, Conveners of Presbyteries Home Mission Committees, will report at this meeting, as to the efficiency of the Missionaries who have laboured in their bounds, during the year.

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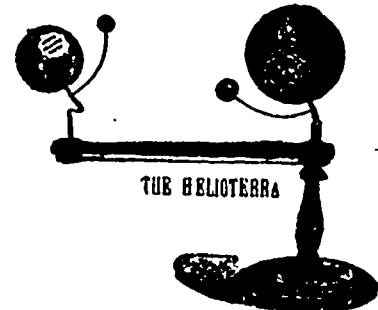
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