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## THE PRESBYTERIANS.

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**Commissioners Discuss College Reports and Afterwards Sail** on the St. John River.

A Reception at the Mechanics' Institute Assembly Rooms Saturday Evening.

Discourses of Various Visiting Clergymen in City Pulpits Sunday.

### (Continued from Fifth Page.) Friday's Proceedings.

The general assembly met for the tran-saction of business yesterday merning at 10 o'clock. After routine a report was received from the congregation at Mira, Cape Breton, stating that the retiring allowance which had been due the minister at that place had been paid.

The committee on the roll of the general assembly reported as follows: That Judge Stevens, Hon D Laird, J G Forbes, L W Johnson, Dr Walker and Andrew Jeffery had been commissioned to sit as representa-tives of Honon, Regina, Winnipeg, Saugeen, Calgary and Ludore. That substitutes had been received as follows-Presbytery of St John: P Hopper, W O Whittaker and Chas McLean, in place of Judge Stevens, L W Johnson and Dr Walker. Presbytery of Obbawa: Thos Wilson in room of Gamlay. Presbytery of Montreal: Rev F M Dewey instead of Rev J M Crombie. Presbytery of London: Rev J A Murray in room of Rev J Bailantyne.-Adopted.

Rev. Colburn Heine brought up the de-bate on the new Hymnal. He spoke in favor of the recommendation made in the second section of the committee's report, namely that the whole pealter, that is, the 150 pealms, now in common use, be retained as part of the book of praise. He spoke in opposition to what smoe of the members had suggested, that these churches which were not in a position to accept the whole psalter should go without the beek altogether. He was of the opinion that the proposed Hymnal was altogether teo large for use at all the servi-

The question was then asked whether or not it was the intention of the committee that the Presbyterian church should have ene Hymnal or two or three. Rev. Dc. Fraser centended that the pre-

posed book would be very much too large for use in the schools and in other young people's meetings, and predicted that it would speedily find its way into the museums of the colleges. Principal Caven thought it was a very

solemn question, and one that should re-ceive their most careful consideration. He pointed out that all discussion was a mere farce unless they were at liberty to speak their convictions about the question, ne matter how friendly were their feelings towards the members

of the committee. He was in favor of the amendment. He had, he said, spent many years in interpreting, but he had been as much puzzled with the seven recommenda. tiens of the Hymnal committee as ever he had been over any of the epistles. The matter should come up before them, so that all could readily understand it. He wished

to know whether the recommendation sug-gested one or two books. In the way in which he was obliged to interpret it they were to have two books. The smaller book,

was resolved to hear the deputation from the Libis was allowed. Several other speakers Methodist church in Canada, and the de-bate on the Hymnal was quite unceremoni-new was brought out. On motion it was A lengthy address was then read from the

Methodist church of Canada by the clerk of the assembly. The address wished the Presbyterian church God-speed in their

work. The representatives appointed by conference to represent that church at the assembly being unable to be present, Dr. Allisen and Rev. Dr. Stewart of Sackville, the general opinion of presbyteries that selections from these should be incorporated with the hymns of the new Hymnal. This and Rey. Dr. Chapman of Fairville, St. John, appeared in their stead. Rev. Dr. Stewart said the great work

accords with the judgment of the com-mittee. They have therefore revised the selections submitted last year in general conformity with suggestions made by presbywhich the esteemed moderator had accomplished was a subject of universal gratitude to Ged. They rejoloed greatly at the his-tory of the Presbyterian church, old and medern. There were, doubtless, differences teries, and have agreed to recommend that such selections should be incorporated with the new Hymnal.

The fifth section passed with the following added, which was moved by Rev. Dr. Fraser: "With a view to its publication for of opinion, but there was but one flock and one great Shepherd. He rejoiced that he was a native of Canada. It was a land that submission to the next general assembly." The section when passed read as follows: had a great future before it. The Metho-In regard to hymns the committee have de-voted lengthened and careful consideration dist church rejoiced in the work the Pres byterian college had been able to do. It rejoiced at their missionary and their Sunday schoel work. The Methodist church had to the views reported by presbyteries. In general accordance with these views they have revised the list of hymns propesed to determined to stand shoulder to shoulder with the Presbyterian church to wipe out the svils of intemperance, and to do all in their power to settle once and for under their appropriate heads, and to print ever the disputes between capital and labor. copies of the new hymnal as revised by the committee, to be submitted to the general assembly with the recommendation that it They were anxious to send to the halls of legislation men who would shake their heads be sent for consideration to the presbyteries at bribes and men who would suffer rather than lower the standard of morality. John of the church with instructions that they K nox was never so great as when he chied, "Give me Scotland or I die." This was the Koox was never so great as when he clied, report their views respecting it on "Give me Scotland or I die." This was the power they oraved for themselves and for through the Hymnal committee, with a view to its publication for subm the Presbyterian church.

to next general assembly. The sixth section passed without change as follows: It was agreed by the committee to recommend that the complete collection should be called "Book of Praise" and should include-(1). Rev. Dr. Chapman congratulated Rev. Dr. McKay upon the position to which he had been elected. The speaker said he was not altegether unacquainted with the Presby-terian church, for his mother was a very good Presbyterian. He referred to his asso-ciations with a number of prominent Pres-The whole of the Psalms in the metrical oyterians, all of whom he esteemed very ighly. Dr. Allisen said he had been privileged to

be present at several sessions of the Presbyterian assembly. He was very glad to be present. The people of Canada boasted of the natural features of the country, of their mighty rivers and lakes and of their lofty

as follows: "That no boek containing any meuntain peaks, but what did that all signify if the land were not possessed by a Christian people. He wished the Presbyportion of the materials included in the Book of Praise shall receive the imprimature berian church every success, for he saw in it of the general assembly, unless it contains either the whole psalter or the selections men who could accomplish much in carrying on the noble work. They had every from the pasims, which shall be approved reason to be grateful to heaven for the manner in which it had smiled on them. by the assembly." The VIII. and IX. sections passed with-

Presbyterianism was a very fine type of Obristianity indeed. In Canada they had done out much discussion. They are as follows: With reference to a Children's Hymnal-it a great work. He was present to wish them. God-speed. Dr. Allison referred elequently was found that eleven presbyteries advise that, mainly on account of cost, there should to a number of prominent Presbyterians who be a separate Children's Hymnal. Your had passed off the platform of general use committee were unanimous in recommending fulness. It forded him great pleasure to know that the Presbyterians took such a that there should be one Book of Praise for church and school. They had reason to believe deep interest in the matter of education that an edition containing selections from the Psalms and the whole of the hymns could be The dector said he would take it upon him self to say that the Methodists which held ublished at a cost that would bring the work within reach of all our Sabbath school

their meeting this year at Hamilton would feel highly pleased to receive a delegation from the Presbyterian church. as well as other organizations of our church The committee agreed to recommend, (1) That the Hymnal should be so indexed as to Principal Grant moved the fellowing reso indicate hymns specially suitable for chil-dren; (2) that the psalm selections be numution, which was seconded by Principal

The general assembly has heard with The general assembly has heard with pro-found gratification the greetings of the sup-reme court of the Methodist church'in Canada, and would assure the highly respected repre-sentatives who have conveyed their greetings that there is no body that has 'a larger share of the affection that we feel for the Catholic Praise, so far as completed. Home missions was the last ite which some one had suggested for use in than has the church of th church than has the church of their denomina tion. That the general assembly thanks then for their presence and for the eloquent word in which they have expressed their sentiment in regard to the great work that is interesting to them and to us alike in this land an out the world This was carried unanimously and the ssembly adjourned until 2.30 p. m.

Forrest:

members, 4 adults and 1 infant baptized last followed with short addresses, but nothing new was brought out. On motion it was resolved to take the vote. It was as follows: In favor of amendment, 94; eppesed to it, 126. The fourth section of the report was The fourth section of the report was

passed. It reads as follows: In regard to the paraphrases the committee find that it is the general epinion of presbyteries that work of John Geddie, the famous missionary. Dr. Geddie met with strong opposition from nearly every quarter, but he persevered, and the work which he had been able to accomplish was well known teday. The above

motion was carried. Rev. J. F. Campbell, late mis-sionary in Rutlam, India, speke of the very great pleasure it afforded him to meet old acquaintances. Since coming to St. John he had met persons who were but boys when he left. Referring to the work, he said that ten years age there were only about 100 communicants; now there were not less than 400. This was not all, Very many had been benefited indirectly. They had been teuched with the good influences, and the result could not be adequately estimated. Speaking of the needs of Rutlam, Rev. Mr. Campbell said they had a population about equal to Canada Roughly speaking, central India was about as large speaking; central India was about as large as Scotland, and the population was nearly equal. For all these people they had only five mission stations. Railroads were being built and the country was being opened up. In this manner a need of more stations was being felt. Very

many more men were required in the field They had asked him to pray for more men. It would only require that 600 persons deny themselves to the extent of one cent per day

to enable them to epen a new station with an additional missionary. Rev. Mr. Camp-bell closed with an earnest appeal for more help. Rev. Mr. Wilkie of Indore, India, also

spoke of the work they had been doing. Many of these who had professed Christianversion now in use; (2) selections from the ity had done so at a great sacrifice. In some cases they were obliged to live in huts and be subjected to the sneers and taunts of rose version of the Psalms and other por tions of scripture for chanting; (3) selection their fellows. The native Christians were great workers. They were of great assistance from the Psalms in the ordinary metrical version and in other versions; (4) hymns approved and adopted by the assembly; (5) to him in conducting the Sanday schools. The larger portion of their people were low class and were not allowed to attend the ripture sentences. The seventh section when amended stood gevernment schools. The natives, with

very few exceptions, after they once accept the truth are earnest and enthusiastic workers. The matter could not be mistaken; The work was advancing, but they wanted teachers. To supply this great want they were educating the natives, and the young men were generally very anxieus te obtain an English educatien. The missionaries had much epposition to struggle against. Tons of infidel literature was being poured

into the hands of this people, which might counteract all their work and good influ ences. But he felt the leaven was working The results were in Christ's hands, and their work could not be otherwise than successful. All they required was more Rev. Dr. McKay was the next speaker.

He related his experiences from the time he left his home in Soctland until he arrived in Canton, China. When he stepped off the ship in that heathen land he noticed with a great deal of pride and satisfaction his old flag waving in the breeze. Dr. McKay speke of his first visit to the island of Formosa. He then gave a bered separately from the hymns; and (3) that pages be uniform in all editions. As speke of part of their report, the committee submit brief history and explained the general topoto the assembly a draft copy of the Book of graphy of the island. Speaking of the natives he said there were four classes of women and also four classes of men on th

he did not think any other person could fill the position as did the late principal. This year the board preposed to erect two residences within convenient proximity of the college, to be used by professors of the college. The board, he said, had considered the matter thoroughly and were unable to name a man to fill the vacancy as professor

of systematic theology and apologetics. It had, however, nominated a gentleman as principal of the college. Rev. Mr. Gordon moved the adoption the report in a resolution extending sym-pathy over the death of Principal Mc-Knight, cougratulating the cellege upon its

excellent and growing prospects, and recommending to the people of the maritime provinces its claims upen them. Principal Caven, in seconding the above motion, spoke very highly of the late Prin-cipal McKnight. They ceuld simply pray, he said, that the work of the late principal would go on and that the college would still continue to occupy its high standing.

The above was unani adopted. Rev. D. M. Gordon, referring to a successer to the late Dr. McKnight, said there was no fixed course te pursue in such a matter, but he would move the following resolution, which was seconded by Rev. E. D. Miller:

The board of management of the Presby erian college, Halifax, having nominated Professor Pollock, D. D., as principal of the college in the place of the late Dr. McKnight, the assembly cordially agrees to make the appointment.-Adopted. Rev. Mr. Gorden also moved the follow-

ing in reference to the same matter: In view of the inability of the board present to this assembly the nomination of any person as professor of systematic theology and apologetics, the assembly grants permission to the syned of the maritime provinces to make the ap-pointment on the nomination of the board and subject to ratification by next general assembly. Should do time provinces to make the general assembly. Should the synod not be in a position to make the appointment the beard are hereby authorized to make ar-

rangements for the teaching of the subjects during the ceming session. This was also adopted. The board of this college had arranged to held a summer scheel of theology in the college building during the latter half of July; but, on account of the recent death of the principal, and the unexpected with drawal of some other lecturers who had promised to take part, and whose places cannot be filled at this late date, they have reluctantly been compelled to postpone the project for the present. The undertaking was to be financially self-supporting, and entirely independent of the ordinary revenue of the college. The profit te our ministry of such a season of study, fellowship, interchange of opinions on present theological questions and recreation amid the attractive surround ings of our college cannot be doubted; and therefore, while deeply regretting the com-bination of events that has caused the pest-

ponement of the project for the present, the board hoped to be able to make efficient arrangements for inaugurating the school next The buildings and premises have been

carefully attended to, and kept in good re-pair. The comfort of the students has been thoughtfully provided for by the steward and his family, te whom, as on past occasions, the board desire to record their indebtedness.

The report of the senate of the college was also encouraging :

that the large obligation iscurred for the erection of buildings has been fully met." Principal Grant read the report from Queen's college. The deficit for the past year was only \$535. If the accumulated de-ficit of past years were wiped out the revenue and expenditure would balance. The re-

and expenditure would balance. The re-ceipts from the assembly showed a substan-tial and gratifying increase. The report proposed that the theological professor be appointed by the faculty and not by the college as heretofore, and asked for an additional professor.

Dr. John Thompson of Sarnia moved that the assembly receive the report. He was gratified at the excellent showing, and also leased that the financial outlook was much righter. The assembly hoped that the increase may continue until the deficit was wiped out, and that the proposal of the rustees that the theological professors shall be appointed by the trustees subject to the veto of the assembly be granted.

Adopted. Dr. Cechrane of Brantford read a report rom the Brantferd ladies' college. It was of a cheering nature. The buildings were in a good condition, the teaching of a high class and the financial showing bright.-Adopted.

The committee to examine the minutes of the syncd of the maritime provinces begged leave to report that they had oxamined the same and found them carefully and correctly

The committee appointed to examine the records of the synod of Hamilton and London reported that they were favorably and well kept. Adjourned.

The Excursion on the River.

"A delightful sail ! 1 had not the slightest idea the St. John river was se beautiful Yes, I had heard much of its natural scenery, but I can new say with that great queen of old, 'the half has not been told me.'"

Thus spoke one of the leading members of the Presbyterian general assembly as he stood beside a SUN man on the deck of the teamer Aberdeen on Saturday afternoon and gazad out across the hills and valleys situated along this river and which are now to beautifully clothed with verdure green. The excursion was given by the members of the board of trade of this city. Mr. Baird's new steamer, the Aberdeen, had been chartered for the occasion, and right tere it may be added that no better selection could have been made. The beat was built for excursionists. It is strong, it makes good time and it's officers are as kind and obliging as even the most fastidious person could desire them to be.

Arrangements were made to have the boat leave the wharf at Indiantown at one o'cleck. At that hour both of her decks were pretty well filled with the members of he assembly and their lady friends. At 1.15 the signal was given, the gang plank was pushed off, and, with the Union Jack lying fore and aft, the Aberdeen backed lowly out into the river with net less than our hundred persons on board.

The sail was as far as Oak Point, a distance of about twenty five miles. Every person to whom the beauties of the St. John river were unknown was, of course, anxious that nothing of any importan should escape his or her attention; and it oan safely be stated that if they did not see verything that could be seen from the deck of a river boat, it was not their fault, or it was not because they did not en-

deavor to de so. As soon as the river began to widen, an

#### with the thought Speaking of th there was no me It was not a city a history that ev It was not so ver eccupied the site stood. Then can him other settler could point Fort Latour st of the commander ism. There w in Canada. The quent terms to th ists and early set fire of 1877 which portion of the cit He was of the interests of the material interest in St. John had a right manfully. On behalf of t tend to them ten city of St. John. Rev. Dr. McK bly replied. On would, he said re te the people of tained them and the members of kindness. He for his kind word his loyal sentime There were cri but Sir Leonard the platform was Monoreal. This great kindness th had received sin He did net think which to hold t contained kinder better weather. excursion up the he had received f to tender to the the great kindne Principal Gran After a few gene near the deor, wi noise when the m out that they cou tend you shall he good humoredly b coming to St. Joh ed from eating fis make a tool of my howling mob like

ter). Dr. Grant refe tion and complim ly. Continuing, pected it, because ince man himself. away inland whe was the natural course he had exp ladies of St. John the best looking in bar Halitax. (Ci wife there, he said **Principal** Grant St. John fog. Hi created loud laug again thanked th the citizens of St. fine a city and so The members of friends, then repair where refreshme petent committ evening Harrison eral favorite

schools, etc., and which was to contain only the hymns and selections found in the larger one, had been called another edition. As a matter of fact that was an abuse of the term. The smaller book would not be another edition. Dr. Fraser had said the proposed hymnal would not be used, and would find its way into the museums. If it were going to be such a book as that why should the assembly encourage it to be published at all? Principal Caven strongly advocated retaining all the psalms, and if it were found necessary to cut down, let the cutting be done in the hymns. As a matter cutting be done in the hymns. As a matter of fact there were not over 200 first-class hymns in the whole collection. He was not strengly oppesed to two books, and it might be that a book containing a number of selec-tions and a number of good hyms would be suitable for Sunday schools, etc. Mr. Blackwood was of the opinion that if a number of the churches wanted the whole

a number of the churches wanted the whole psalms and all the hymns, etc., they should be allowed to have them; and, on the other hand, these churches that wished only for a number of the selections and a limited num-ber of the hymns should not be obliged to accept the larger book.

Dr. McVicar thought the contention set forth by Dr. Fraser in reference to the bulk of the proposed book was a very feeble argument. He peinted out that in case a book of selections were allowed it would in a very short time completely displace the larger book. Rev. Mr. Herridge, one of the members

of the committee, speke strongly in favor of the metion and characterized the amend-

ment as immoral. Rev. Robert Johnson pointed out that if the churches were taught to regard some of the psalms as higher and better than the effect would be one to be depre-There should be no distinction others. cated. made. The psalms should be taken as a It it were found absolutely necessary to reduce the size of the proposed book, the reduction should be made in the hymns and by no means in the psalms. They could not afford to leave out a single one of the latter. The speaker produced a copy of the Methedist and the Episcepal hymn books, and pointed out that they were not large or bulky in any way, and yet the former contained nearly 1,000 hymns and the latter about 900. When the question of type was suggested, Mr. Jehnson said he thought the Presbyterians had about as good eyesight as any ether body. E. Scott of the Record spoke briefly. He

thought the whole psalter and the hymnals could be printed corjointly, or selections and hymns could be published separately. After some further discussion the vete

was taken. It was as follows: In favor of the amendment, 89; against it, 156 The vote in favor of the original motio

was unanimous. The third section of the report was next considered. Rev. Dr. Gregg moved the adeption of the recommendations in this section. The third section reads as follows:

section. The third section reads as follows: III. Sections and new versions of Psalms.— In regard to new versions of, and selections from the Psalms, the committee find that an addition of some new versions is deemed de-sirable by twenty-two presbyteries, and that eleven presbyteries reported in favor of selec-tions from the common and other versions. In the unanimous judgment of the committee it was deemed desirable that such selections should be made. They have accordingly re-vised the selections made by the committee last year, availing themselves of suggestions by presbyteries, and agreed to submit full copies of the revised selections (including new ver-sions) to the general assembly with the recom-mendation that these if approved or revised should form the first part of the new hymnal.

Principal Caven moved the fellowing an amendment to the above:

The general assembly favors the introducti of new and in proved versions of psalms into the book of praise, but in view of the fact that said book includes the whole of the psalms it is unnecessary and undesirable that selections from the psalter should also be comprised.

Afternoon Ression. The Rev. Dr. I. Murray opened the debat

n the Hymnal immediately after the assembly had met yesterday afternoon. He charged that the compilation which the committee had submitted contained many mutilation that several of the psalms were divided and that by so doing an injurious effect would be wrought. Dr. Murray spoke very strong-ly in favor of retaining the Psalms. There was a well of water springing up in them, which could never be found in the hymns of Watts or any of the other well known com-posers. The Psalms should never be sepparated. They formed a valuable book of education. This was an admitted fact. He wished to stand up for the good "Bid provided of David, (Stamping and cries of "eh, oh,") "You may cry "eh' as much as you like," exclaimed the speaker, "I will not ait down until I get through." In his con-ait down until I get Ray. Dr. Murray urged

were here made, but were declared out of Rev. Mr. McGilvray followed with a few

remarks in reference to the subject. Rev. D. J. McDonnell thought Principal dealt with the subject of foreign missions very fulls. An encouraging report comes from the Indian missions in the Canadian Caven should not have differed from the com mittee. His convictions were that the committee were doing all they could to conserve Northwest. There are 14 missions, which cover 21 reserves. The work in China is over 21 reserves. The work in the Psalms for many a day, and Principal being pushed forward rapidly. In all the other fields the missionaries are doing all that is pessible. The following table Caven was endeavoring to put them eut. The aim of the committee had not been to set aside the Psalms, but the oppesite. will give a good idea of the present Many congregations would use the whole psalter, and he wished it understood that standing of the church in places mentioned in In Evromanga there are one ordained preach-er, 30 catechists, 300 communicants, 30 the committee would not only allow this, but would sanction their use. He had no doubt there were churches which would use the cheels for boys; the native contributions for the past year were £10. Efate has one ordained preacher; 31 have been added by profession. In Sante there is one ordained there were charches which would use the selections and perhaps a number would use both. The speaker mentioned Psalms that were always sung in two parts, and yet a young fellow, he said, had tried to make out that an awful thing had been done by mullisting them. Paiceland Comment preacher, 3 catechists, 1 communicant, 1 add ed by profession, 2 adults baptized, there are 3 boys' schools. Trinidad has 5 ordained preachers, 50 catechists, 596 communicants, 180 adults were baptized, and 193 infants, mutilating them. Principal Caven was

opposed to selections. In answer to this, Principal Caven stated 52 beys' schools, 4,380 in attendance, £587 that he was not epposed to selections, but that he wished ministers to use a book con-taining all the Pealme at public worship on Bible women, 1,805 communicants, 12 taining all the Pasims at public worship of the breachers, 60 unordained, 25 Bible women, 1,805 communicants, 124 added by profession, 2,719 baptized members, 124 adults baptized last vear, and 29 infants, 1 college, 8 Rev. Mr. McDonnell continuing and continuing adults baptized last vear, and 29 infants, 1 college, 8 27 communicants, 6 addded by profession, 9

read. Rev. Mr. McDonnell, centinuing, said of the whole 150 Psalms, a large portion of them would be to many congregations so much dead lumber as far as public worship was concerned. Suppose the book of selec-tions did displace the whole 150 Psalms, would it not be better to have some one hundred of these selections in use in the Service schedule where all the members of Northwest, 7 ordiaized preachers, 19 Service schedule where all the members of Northwest, 7 ordiaized preachers, 19 Service schedule where all the members of hundred of these selections in use in the Sunday schools, where all the members of Northwest, 7 ordained preachers, 196 com municants, 14 added by profession, 9 adults the churches came from, than to virtually

the churches came from, than to virtually have nothing at all. Rev. Dr. Sedgewick speke at some length in favor of Principal Caven's amendment. He expressed himself surprised at the re-mark made by the former speaker in refer-ence to "dead lumber." The former speaker had said that because all the 150 Pealms and 44 infants baptised last year, 3 schools for boys, \$111 total from the field. Hanan, 7 ordained preachers and 4 unordained, 9 comordanced preachers and 4 unordained, 9 com-municarts, 4 added by profession, 7 baptized echools for boys, 1 school for girls, 1 Mospital. India, 1 ordained preacher, 6 un-ordained, 4 catechists, 2 Bible readers, 100 communicants, 56 added by profession, 129 were not sung, then they sheuld net be used. This could be applied as well to the baptized members, 58 adults baptized last year and 12 infants, 1 cellege, 2 scheols for

Rev. Robt. Johnston asked liberty girls, 15 industrial schoels, 1 hospital, 3 speak a mement. This was refused by the members until the moderator ruled other-wised. Several other ministers were on field R3 388. Mhan, 2 ordained preachers, wised. Several other ministers were on their feet immediately after Rev. Mr. Johnston concluded his remarks. Rev. Dr. Gregg wished to conclude the debate, but a members would not have a feed and the total of the contained of the total of total of the total of the total of t aid book includes the whole of the psalms it is innecessary and undesirable that selections rom the psalter should also be comprised. Seconded by Dr. Sedgewick. The hour of 12 s'clock having arrived, it distribution is the speak for a few moments. Second state is the selection of the psalme is the speak for a few moments. Second state is the speak for a few moments.

ness before adjournment. Rev. Dr. Coch-rane submitted the following recommenda island. The question always asked by a man of a woman whom he was tion as contained in the report: "That the making his wife was not is she strong or beautiful, but has she got small feet? It was generally believed that recommend the general assembly o enact that all graduating students and ministers received from other churches be the Chinaman were his queue not on accoun required to give at least one year's service in the mission field before being eligible for of any religious belief or any superstition. It was a badge of servitude and showed that a call." The above precipitpated another the wearer was in subjection to the Tartar government. When he first went to the island he had to labor against a deal of suspicion. It was believed that he could see into the ground fifteen or leng discussion. On motion it was reselved to continue the assembly ten minutes lenger to cenclude the debate. The debate was centinued up till the hour of adjournment, but ne action could see into the ground fifteen or twenty feet. If he stopped to glance at a flower they thought he was looking for treasure. He could not look at the ocean, they would think he was waiting for the arrival of British ships. National suspicion was to be found on every hand. Official duplicity was another thing he had to con-tend with. Idolatry was another obstacle was taken. - Adjourned. The Evening Session. There was a large attendance at last evening's session of the general assembly. Rev. Dr. Sedgwick, ex-mederator of the he had to overcome. The natives would worship idols day and night. The idolatry was slavery. The speaker had a large number of idols on the table before him. The ancestral tablet was even a assembly, was in the chair. After singing by the choir Dr. Sedgwick constituted the assembly, and the order of business was entered upon-foreign missions. The regreater barrier to break through than al the idels taken together. The lieved this tablet centained the souls of their fathers and of their other friends.

After they had broken down all the forts, etc., in the shape of the idols, superstitions, etc., mentioned they found individual sin the great citadel gressing favorably and encouragingly. He meved that the report be accepted and re-The natives took a decided objection to the ferred to a committee. The report was a voluminous one and Lord's day. They had not time to observe this day, and it was cash, cash, work, work They did not like the story of Jesus Christ. They teld him that if he weuld only leave

this out they would fill his churches. Then they objected to a holy life. There was not a single thereugh going Confucian in the empire of China. Much good work had been done, many converts had been made, There were several natives who had em braced Christianity and had become preach-ers. A number of these had churches of their own. The speaker produced several photos of churches which had been built by natives and the expense borne by them Efate has one There were eight converts for every missionary in the island. He strongly favored native preachers. They were bet-ter able to convince their fellow-countrymen than Englishmen er Canadians. Four hundred natives had died and gene to glory in north Fermesa. They had 1,800 com municants, and they had thousands who had given up their idels. They had sixty given up their idels. They had sixty churches and an equal number of preachers in the northern part of this island. His party got a very cold recep-tion in Vancouver. They were taken taken back to the ship again under the gaze of a sneering and smearing crowd. The true genuine grip which the preachers had given to the student he had brought with him, tt showed that they were Christians. His re-ception in Canada had been very warm. He thanked God for the work which had been dene. The promises he had received had placed his mind at ease.

NOTES. Rev. Dr. Robertson read a despatch yes terday merning from a friend in Vancouver stating that the fleeds along the Fraser

river had been greatly exaggerated and that it was very deubtful if aid would have to be called

Saturday's Proceedings.

The assembly'epened for business at 9 o'clock on Saturday morning, Moderator McKay in the chair. The matter in reference to the Rev. Mr. Wilson of the Metho dist church, Peterbore presbytery, was referred to the committee on the reception e Rev. D. M. Gorden of Halifax submitte

Kev. D. M. Gorden of Halifax submitted the report of the Presbyterian college of that-city. This year they had, be said, reason for deep regret in the death of the Rev. Dr. McKnight, principal of Pine Hill college. The Presbyterian church had suffered a loss that would be irreparable. His place might be taken by anether, but the speaker said

During the session the classes were attended by forty students, the highest numthinking of per in the history of the institution. Of these, six were of the senior year, ince of the middle year, twenty-two of the junior year, including both divisions, and three who took a partial ceurse. The health of the students on the whele was good, the attendance was regular, and the progress in study very satisfactory. Though the graduating class was small, containing enly six members, there is at present every in-dication that the number will be at least deubled for the next year, and trebled for the year following. Montreal college was the next heard from

The report was presented by Professor Soringer. Last year, he stated, they had the largest number of students in the history of the institution. The number of gradu ating students was also larger than ever be fore. On the whole the work had been most successful. The funds of the institution were in a sound condition. At one time they had feared that at the end of the year the balance would be on the wrong side. Additional expense was incurred in making repairs on the buildings. However the balance-a small one-was on the right side. The only cause for regret was the small

amount of congregational collections, which enly aggregated \$25,000. In reference to the report he would move the fellowing: That the general assembly receive the report of the beard of management and also that of the senate of the Presbyterian college, Montreal, express gratification at the continued success of the institution and commend it anew to the divine blessing and to the generous support of the church. The above was seconded by Rev. A. A. Scott and adopted.

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Rev. A. T. Lowe submitted the report of Morrin college, Quebec, During the past, he said, the report of this college had been a very modest one, but with the funds now at their disposal they heped to ge forward, secure the best men, and then they heped to compare very favorably with any of the other colleges. The college had received \$130,000 from the estate of the late J. G. Ross. This was in addition to \$60,000, which was for a boys' high scheel. If it had not been for this windfall, Rev Mr. Lowe said they would have been obliged to suspend operations. Rev. Mr. Cochrane moved the fellowing,

seconded by H. Cassels, which was carried: "The general assembly in adopting the re-port of the governors of Morrin college are pleased to learn that the college is soon te be placed on permanent basis by the sub-stantial endowment from the estate of the late J. G. Ross, and weuld express their appreciation of the work done during the year amid great difficulties, and commend t to the sympathy and consideration of the church." Mr. Clark of Torente submitted the report

of Knox college. The educational condition of the institution was, he said, highly satisfactory. But while this was true, their condition financially was to be deprecated. They had hoped to increase the number of teachers, but on account of their financial condition they would be unable to do so.

The adoption of this report was moved by J. M. Clark, seconded by Rev. Dr. Sedg-

wick, and carried. The report of Maniteba college was sub-mitted by Professor Bryce. The report, he said, was a very faverable one from a financial point of view. They had erected large extensions to the building. He had much pleasure in announcing that the building was now free frem debt. They had 145 students in arts, and the work was of the most satisfactory nature. There was on the most saturation of the state of the s

amount fell off some \$800. Dr. Laidlaw moved the adoption of this Dr. Laidiaw moved the adoption of this for have then present in the following resolution: "The assembly receives the report of the beard of governors of Maniteba college with satisfaction, and expresses its gratification

green fields, leafy woods and beautiful ranges of hills with smiling valleys between, greeted their gaze, expressions of astonish-ment, delight and admiration were heard on very hand. One gentleman said he had ne idea the river was so large; another said he believed it was the finest river in America, and in support of this belief so voluntarily expressed, a third man stated that he had sailed on the Hudson and for natural beauty it was out of it with St. John ! Besides the members of the assembly there

were on beard a numbers of the assembly there izens. Among them were noticed Sir Leen-ard Tilley, W F Hatheway, Capt McRob-bie, Dr Godsoe, A E Macintyre, James Hannay, S Kerr, Rev J J Teasdale of Centenary church, and Rev Mr Mathers. The day was delightfully fine and the sail was very much enjoyed even by those who had no deubt often made it in former years. Re-turning, the Aberdeen reached Indiantown hertly before six o'cleck.

### Reception in the Evening.

The members of the assembly, their wives and daughters, together with representatives of the Methodist, Baptist and Episcopal churches and many prominent citizens outside of the Presbyterian oburch, met in

the assembly reems of the Moohanics' Institute at the invitation of the not. ers of the Woman's Home Mission accenty in connection with the Presbyterian churches in the city.

A larger number of persons never met in these rooms. It is safe to say that a much larger number could not. They were so full on Saturday evening that they were bound to be altogether inad-equate. The ladies, whose work it was to decorate the assembly rooms and to make the final preparations for the re-ception, can, without anything like hesi-tancy, take to themselves a deal of oredit for the care, the thoughtfulness and good Judgment they manifested in preparing this work. The gasoliers in the reception room were attractively trimmed with white and pink lilacs intermingled, and a few apple blossoms could be seen peeping out here and there. The dining room was also taste. there. The dining room was also taste-fully decorated and the furniture cen-veniently arranged. A large table, which stoed in the middle of the floor, bore speed in the middle of the floor, bore nearly everything that the appetite of man could crave. On either end of this table was a large silver candlestick—one containing six and the other five lighted candles. Suspended above the table are two large gaseliers. They were also trimmed with white and nink likes. with white and pink lilacs. These were connected with what might be called a string of apple blossoms. The odor from these flowers was exquisite, and the effort they produced was highly pleasing to all. Rev. Mr. Bruce and Rev. Mr. Macneill

stood at the door of the reception room and welcomed all on behalf of the society. The strangers were then introduced to a number of ladies, whose duty it was to see that they were made to feel at

it was to see that they were made to reciau their case. About an hour and a half was spent in secial intercourse, when order was called by Mayor Rebertson, who at ence extended to the visitors a hearty welcome on behalf of the W. H. M. S. His worship said he never before had had the henor of addressing the members of the general assembly of Cauada. He considered it an henor to be privileged to seak to men and women who had come to The considered it an henor to be privileged to speak to men and women who had come to this city from their homes in Canada along the Ablantic ocean, and from their homes in Canada along the Pacific. When the ladies attempted anything they invariably carried it out successfully as they had done that evening. On behalf of the city he would extend to them a hearty welcome and say that is falt delighted

welcome and say that it felt delighted to have them present. Mayor Robertson here referred to the benefit that would ac

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Pulpits, Mo REV. GI of Winnipeg, one the Presbyterian cupied the pulpit Methodist church preached from th from the 24th v St. Mark's gospel: But He could not Although, said preach a universifined His work to was bern. He n went to the other of the east, Gre the chapter read and from which t His going into t Sidon; but it was Christ was hums had the same bed all in life, Mark, New Testament w of putting a great net explain how known; hesimply tered into an hous know it, but he was, said Dr. Bry

bodied in these few be hid." First : He could Although his birth by emblems of por men of renown, b for his disciples, H the little tablelan encircles the wor missionaries are theologians and priests, yet there native worshipper light of Brahminin the light of Christ changeable land which forms the b and morality and of popularity, is a has Christianity a it is a heaven-predu rible burden of sin ily and when the c up man everywhen ever his condi practical religion a whe is able to save this that is the Christianity and w in the world. Again, Christ co be hid in the c be hid in the beaches us that r Christ as its head of the Virgin preacher believed, time when people I Ged, regarding Hi sought the mother tercessor. This w the church. Whil say we could do w tinued Dr. Bryce, lieve in the church lieve in the church of salvation and the very face of O nome, he added, se they ge to church heaven. While h devoted and faithf regular worship, p they made a great b acts as the bases o cannot be hidden. and men will see lay aside their mi ages a little light cesses of the Alp Martin Luther are

