

ary of \$400; Rev. J. Clark Murray, LL.D., lecturer in Church history at a salary of \$500, and Mr. R. H. Davidson, Ph.D., lecturer in Old Testament literature and exegesis at a salary of \$1,500. Principal Patrick, of Manitoba, seconding the adoption of the report, admired the constancy and courage of the board in extricating Montreal College from its extreme difficulties of a year ago.

Knox College.

Knox College report showed receipts of \$19,910.71, with a balance of \$104.57. It recorded the regret of the board at the death of Dr. Caven, and placed on record its deep sense of obligation to Dr. Sheraton. Dr. McLaren was continued as principal until occasion should arise to relieve him. Rev. T. B. Kilpatrick, of Manitoba College, had been appointed professor of systematic theology, and Rev. H. A. A. Kennedy, of Callendar, Scotland, as professor of New Testament exegesis.

Hon. W. Mortimer Clark, Lieutenant-Governor, moved the adoption of the report. He referred feelingly to the friendly relations between Knox and Wycliffe. He referred to the fact that fourteen out of sixteen graduates had degrees in arts, and said it would be well if all the theological students first took the arts course.

Principal Falconer was glad to see the good feeling among the colleges, but said that while each must retain its own traditions, the whole Church had the greatest interest in Knox. There was much to admire in Queen's, but it was of the utmost importance that Knox should be strengthened.

Principal Patrick seconded the motion and said he had suggested some time ago to the Lieutenant-Governor that Prof. McFadden, of Knox, should take a vacant chair in Manitoba College, but the suggestion had not met with approval. He would not oppose the transference of Dr. Kilpatrick, but it was of the highest importance that the younger colleges be manned as effectively as possible. The position in Winnipeg would now be tenfold more difficult than before. It was with unspeakable reluctance and pain that Manitoba College parted with Prof. Kilpatrick.

Prof. Bryce reminded the assembly that the responsibility of the change rested on the delegates, and if there should be a falling off in the college's work the blame would be on them. The only gleam of hope he saw in the situation was that the attendance at Knox would be doubled, and more professors would be given to the west.

Queen's University.

Principal Gordon presented the report of Queen's in a few words, saying he would speak at greater length on the report of the Endowment Fund Committee.

The report showed that the total number of students is larger than that of last year. There have been registered in arts, 508; in theology, 37; in science, 161; in medicine, 205. Deducting 17 who were registered in two faculties, there were a total of 951, an increase of 57 over last year.

The financial statement showed a deficit for the year of \$788.93. The total expenditure was \$73,724.15.

The report said: "There has been a slight increase (\$114.19) in the amount received from the General Assembly's College fund, although the revenue from this source still falls far short of the sum specified by the assembly. There has also been an increase in the amount of unpaid Jubilee Fund subscriptions, as well as in the amount of interest received from in-

vestments, and we have received the first annual payment of \$1,200 on account of the Mackenzie scholarship, so that the total revenue has been somewhat larger than that of last year. There has, however, been an increase of expenditure on account of salaries, repairs and other items; but the deficit has been reduced from \$2,289.32 of last year to \$788.93 this year. This does not include the accumulated deficiency of former years, which amounted to \$8,638.58."

Principal Gordon referred to the increase in the number of students, and said Queen's also had the quality or its students obtained it before the finished their course.

Principal Forrest, of Dalhousie College, moved the adoption of the report. Referring to the few students in theology, none of the colleges having half as many as he would like; he said there were also fewer men going in for law and medicine.

Rev. J. A. Macdonald, in seconding the motion, said Queen's needed to be strengthened. The provincial university was to be strengthened in buildings, in equipment, and in men, he earnestly hoped, but it should not detract from the work on behalf of Queen's.

Voices from the West.

The report of Manitoba College was presented by Hon. Colin Campbell, Attorney-General, in a short speech. He said that the great future of Canada was in the West, but there were also great perils, of which education was one. On account of its future, Manitoba was relatively of the greatest importance of all the colleges, and he hoped that the loss of Dr. Kilpatrick would be made up to it.

Rev. J. W. MacMillan, of Winnipeg, in moving the adoption, regretted the falling off in the contributions from the East. Manitoba could have better spared any other man than Dr. Kilpatrick, but they were prepared to bid him Godspeed.

Rev. John MacKay, of Montreal, seconded the motion and the report was adopted.

The special committee appointed to draft a resolution of sympathy with Rev. Dr. Warden, reported, and the regret of the assembly at his illness and hopes for his speedy recovery were ordered telegraphed to him.

In order that there should be no interference with the city churches it was decided that there should be no assembly services on Sunday, but a special communion service would be held in Grant Hall on Sunday afternoon.

HOME MISSIONS.

The evening session was devoted to home missions. The report of the western section was presented by the secretary, E. D. McLaren.

The report of the Home Mission Committee (western section) said:—"In some respects the year just closed has been a phenomenal one in the annals of home missions. It began with a larger number of new fields added to the list than had ever been added at any previous meeting of the committee, and therefore with a greater financial responsibility than the committee had ever before assumed; it closed with record of a larger amount of work successfully performed than had ever previously been undertaken, with all financial obligations fully met, and with such a balance in the treasury as warranted the committee in inaugurating a much-needed reform."

It was reported that the unexpected large sum of \$136,588 had been sub-

scribed as an endowment for the increase of missionaries' salaries.

In the two Western synods the new fields number 56-23 in the Synod of British Columbia and Alberta, and 33 in the Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. Twenty mission fields have been raised to the status of augmented charges—seven in the former synod, and thirteen in the latter—and one field (Talbotton, in the Presbytery of Brandon) has become a self-sustaining congregation without drawing upon the Augmentation Fund at all. Two additional presbyteries—Red Deer and MacLeod—have been formed in the Territory of Alberta, by the sub-division of the Presbyteries of Edmonton and Calgary, and the number of self-sustaining congregations west of Lake Superior is eleven greater than it was a year ago.

The changes that have taken place, and the progress that has been made within the bounds of the three synods in Ontario and Quebec will be found in detailed reports from presbyteries.

Four hundred and eighty-eight fields were reported to the last assembly; the number this year is 503. In these fields there are 435 church buildings and 1,332 preaching stations. The average Sabbath attendance was 35,468, and the number of communicants added during the year was 1,704.

Mr. McLaren was profoundly thankful for the magnificent response made to the appeal for funds. The trouble formerly was from lack of money, but what was wanted now was men. He moved the adoption of the report, and asked that the 15th of October be set apart as a day of thanksgiving for the work of home missions.

He was followed by Dr. Carmichael, Rev. J. M. Miller, Nanaimo; Rev. W. G. W. Fortune, Cranbrook, and Rev. S. Childerhouse, of Parry Sound, who gave graphic accounts of the work in the West, and impressed on the assembly the necessity for more men.

The report of the eastern section was presented by Rev. J. S. Sutherland, of Halifax.

Home Missions (East).

The committee prosecutes its work in the extensive fields of the Maritime Provinces, which extend from Cabano and Labrador on the north to the most southerly point in Nova Scotia. Hitherto ordained men and catechists have chiefly carried on the work, but for the past year only twenty-one ordained men were employed, as against thirty-four the previous year, due partly to the difficulty of getting ordained men for mission fields, and partly to the fact that many churches were raised to the standing of augmented charges. The twenty-one missionaries preach in sixty-six stations, with an average Sabbath attendance of 2,903. Grants of \$5,000 were made to those congregations during the year.

The receipts for home missions from all sources in the east were \$12,858, and for home missions in the west \$3,824, a total of \$16,682. The receipts exceeded the expenditure by \$1,354, so that the debt of \$750 was wiped out and a credit balance of \$905 established.

Missionary Experiences.

Rev. J. M. Miller, M.A., Nanaimo, B.C., told some incidents in the western preacher's life. He advised young men who wanted to be masculine in their preaching to go west and deal with men in the mass.

Rev. W. G. W. Fortune, Cranbrook, B.C., related some stirring experiences of his ministry, and Rev. S. Childerhouse, Parry Sound, told of his work among young men. The report was adopted. Rev. J. S. Sutherland, Halifax, moved the adoption of the home