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**Jottings from London.**

**L**ONDON is one of the most beautiful towns in Canada. Its streets are broad and well paved. Some of them are a hundred and fifty feet in width, with rows of trees and parterres of grass on either side. It has a style of architecture peculiar to itself, being built chiefly of white brick, with Ohio stone facings, and ornamented with red brick and in some case with variegated tile work. The city has a smart, tidy appearance, and although it occupies a level site, it is well drained and well supplied with water. Including its suburbs the population is about 35,000. Many of the suburban residences are exceedingly handsome, indicating no inconsiderable amount of wealth and of refined taste. The Presbyterians have four Churches. That of which Dr. Proudfoot is the minister is the oldest. It was founded in 1832 by his father, the late Professor Wm. Proudfoot, who was at the head of the United Presbyterian Theological Hall at that time. It is a commodious and comfortable Church. Dr. Proudfoot is a native of Perthshire, Scotland, and was inducted to this charge in 1851. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Monmouth College, U.S., in 1871. St. Andrew's Church, in which the Assembly was held, is a very fine edifice and the congregation one of the largest in the Church, having nearly 700 communicants on the roll. It was founded a number of years ago by Mr. John Fraser, a banker in London, father of the Rev. Donald Fraser, of London, England. Rev. John Scott, D.D., now of North Bruce, was inducted to this charge in 1850 and continued to be its pastor for twenty-five years. Rev. J. A. Murray, the present incumbent, was translated from Lindsay to this charge in December, 1875. Mr. Murray was born in Pictou

County, N.S. He was the first minister of the Church of Scotland who after the union was inducted to a charge formerly connected with the Free Church. There is a beautiful manse adjoining the Church, and altogether the property is a very valuable one. St. James' Church was, previous to the union, in connection with the Church of Scotland. The late Dr. Skinner was the first minister of the congregation, and was succeeded by the late Mr. Nicol and Mr. Camelon, now of Vaughan. The present incumbent, Rev. D. Macgillivray, was inducted in 1881, and has been eminently successful in reviving a drooping cause. The Church, from its octagonal shape, is familiarly known as the "bee-hive." It has recently been completely renovated, and with a fine manse and well-cared-for grounds, presents a most inviting appearance. St. Lukes' Church, East London, was founded only a few years ago and, from its situation, must soon become a large and important congregation. Its pastor, Rev. John Knox Wright, is a native of London, England, and was inducted in 1880. The Church of England is also well represented. Although it has not yet a Cathedral, London is the site of an Episcopal See, and a stronghold of Episcopacy, and that of the very best type, no less remarkable for its activity and usefulness than for that genuine catholicity that not only recognizes but rejoices in the prosperity of others. Among its Churches, one of the most beautiful is the Memorial Church, erected a few years ago by the heirs of the late Bishop Cronyn, The Rev. J. B. Richardson, its minister, who is also the Secretary of the Synod, has all the gifts and graces that are considered requisite and necessary in a first-class Presbyterian—so nearly allied is he to the Presbyterians. One of the splendid new Churches belongs to the Congregationalists, who also seem to occupy an honourable position in the community.

## The Plains of Jericho.

JULY 15. JOSHUA 5: 10-15; 6: 1-5.

*Golden Text, Hebrews 11: 30.*

THE Promised Land was not to be occupied without a conflict. The position of the Israelites, to human appearance, had never been so perilous since they left Egypt as now. They were in an enemy's country, liable to attack at any moment from powerful, warlike tribes who would fight desperately for their hearths and homes. They could not retreat unless a second miracle should open a passage for them over Jordan. The interests at stake were of tremendous importance. Everything depended on their courage and fidelity. Should they lose faith in their leader, all were gone. Palestine was at this time inhabited by a number of tribes each with its own king. The sudden appearance of two millions of people, in the plains of Jericho—of whom half a million were fighting men, filled them with dismay. The garrison at Jericho, unable to cope with the invaders, shut themselves up within their fortifications. V. 10. *Gilgal*—was two miles from Jericho. It was the first place pronounced "holy" in the Holy Land, V. 15. Here the tabernacle remained until it was set up at Shiloh, ch. 18: 1. Samuel judged and Saul was made King here, 1 Sam. 7: 16; 11: 14. 15. *Kept the Passover*—for the third time only since its institution, Exo. 12: 2-28, Numbers ch. 9. The new national existence was thus commenced by a solemn act of dedication. Every serious undertaking should be made a special subject of prayer. Time thus spent is not wasted. Vs. 11: 12. The plains being fertile, at this season of the year there would be plenty of ripe grain in the fields. The process of parching or roasting the corn was quickly done, and the food thus prepared was greatly relished. The sudden stoppage of the manna, now that it was no longer needed, proves that its origin was miraculous. V. 13. While Joshua was examining the defences of Jericho, with a view to attacking them, he was suddenly confronted with One in the form of an armed warrior. Nothing daunted, he approached to him and demanded if he were a friend or a foe. There is no neutrality in the war against sin, Matt. 12: 30. V. 14. *Captain of the Lord's host*—This could be none other than the Son of God—the Captain of our Salvation, Heb. 2: 10. V. 2. The same person is here called "the Lord," i. e. Jehovah. *I have given—Canaan* was a splendid gift to Israel, but the salvation which it typified is far greater, and it is freely offered to all who will have it. *Jericho*—not all Canaan yet, but this renowned city as an earnest of further conquests. Thus God still leads his people—one step at a time. Vs. 3-5. *How passing strange* this daily procession must have seemed to the beleaguered garrison. How trying to the faith and patience of a soldier like Joshua. It has a lesson for us. True happiness is to be found in obedience to the revealed will of God, who can accomplish great ends by feeble means. 1 Cor. 1: 27.

## Israel Defeated at Ai.

JULY 22.

JOSHUA VII: 10-26.

*Golden Text, Numbers 32: 23.*

THE utter destruction of Jericho and the massacre of its inhabitants is a signal instance of God's displeasure against idolatry and the other vices which were so prevalent in that voluptuous city. It shewed the Canaanites that Israel had God on their side. In this lesson the justice of God is vindicated in the double punishment with which he visited the trespass of Achan, v. 21. After the fall of Jericho, Joshua attacked Ai, a city of 12,000 inhabitants, situated about ten miles north from Jerusalem. The Israelites were beaten and obliged to retreat, leaving thirty-six of their number dead on the field. The whole nation was humbled and Joshua gave vent to his chagrin in true oriental fashion, vs. 6-9. V. 11. *Israel hath sinned*—the people as a whole, are held responsible for the act until the offender is brought to justice. The particular sin was *covetousness*—the love of money—"the root of all evil," 1 Tim. 6: 10; as hateful in the sight of God as the Canaanitish "idolatry," Col. 3: 5. The sin was aggravated by the explicit warnings of Joshua, ch. 6: 17-19; and was sacrilege, because the things stolen had been consecrated to the Lord. V. 12: *Therefore*—notice the inevitable connection betwixt sin and its punishment, Ezek. 18: 4, 20. V. 13. *Sanctify yourselves*—by legal washings; let them humble themselves before God and prepare for the investigation about to be made. *An accursed thing*—rather, devoted thing, for the city, and all its contents had been solemnly devoted to God by Joshua, ch. 6: 17, and 'tis inappropriate anything so "devoted" was a heinous offence, Lev. 27: 28, 29. V. 14. *Which the Lord taketh*—this was made known by lot, as in the choosing of Saul to be King. 1 Sam. 10: 19-21; Prov. 18: 18. V. 19. *Give glory to God*—a customary form of urging one to speak the truth, John. 9: 24. Vs. 20, 21. Achan could not deny the charge. His confession, the result of fear rather than repentance, illustrates the successive steps that led to his sin,—"*I saw, I coveted, I took.*" There are times when it is well not even to look at things which do not belong to us, let alone to covet them. Vs. 24-26. It is not clear from this passage that Achan's family were slain. The law was explicit on that point, Deut. 24: 16. If they perished, they must have been accomplices in his crime. V. 25. Troublesome persons in the church generally bring trouble upon themselves. Stoning was the ordinary mode of execution for such offences. Nothing less severe would have sufficed to keep up the requisite discipline. How thankful we should be that we live under a milder sway! V. 26. God's anger is not an ebullition of blind passion, but a holy displeasure against unrighteousness of men. When that is removed His anger ceases. He is ever ready to forgive the sinner, Num. 14: 18. But only on the condition that he repents of his sin, Acts. 3: 19.

## The Reading of the Law.

JULY 29.

JOSHUA VIII: 30-35

Golden Text, Deut. 30: 19.

FOLLOWING up the victory at Ai, Joshua now brought the Israelites in a body to Schechem in the very centre of the country, not for the purpose of making it his headquarters, but in compliance with the express instructions of Moses on two different occasions, Deut. 11: 29; 27: 1-10. The place was well chosen for a ceremony of this kind. *Schechem*—the ancient "Sychar" lies in a beautiful fertile valley between the twin mountains Ebal and Gerizim which rise on either side to a height of 1000 feet above the level of the plain. This was consecrated ground. It was Abraham's first resting place in Canaan. Here he built an altar and worshipped God. Here Jacob also reared an altar and under "Abraham's Oak" buried the strange gods that were found in his household, Gen. 35: 4. Here was Jacob's well, John 4: 6, and here Joseph's bones were soon to be laid, ch. 24: 32. It was, and is still the garden of Palestine. What an imposing spectacle it must have been, as the people in orderly arrangement of their tribes ascended the opposite hillsides—six tribes on each side: the priests and Levites, surrounding the ark of the covenant standing in the valley below. Vs. 30, 31. The altar was built *as Moses commanded* Exo. 20: 25, a simple, inexpensive structure made of the boulder stones that lay around, so that the attention of worshippers might be directed to the sacrifice rather than to the altar, Matt. 23: 18, 19. V. 32. So much of the Law as could be conveniently transcribed was written, graven or painted in distinct characters, not on the altar stones, but on large slabs covered with a coating of cement, Deut. 27: 2. When all was ready, it would seem from v. 35, that Joshua himself read the words that had been written on the stones, as well as other passages from the sacred writings, in tones so distinct and clear that every syllable could be heard by the whole vast multitude. The purpose of the solemnity was to impress upon the people a proper sense of their dependence upon God: To assure them of his blessing so long as they continued faithful to Him; and, on the other hand, to warn them of the curses in store for them should they adopt the idolatrous and wicked practices of the surrounding heathen. Upwards of 600,000 stalwart men, Num. 1: 46—all told, probably not less than two millions of people. Fancy how the loud refrain must have re-echoed from the hills on every side, while men, women and children shouted "Amen"! as each successive period was reached in the reading of the Law. To the people it was in the nature of a sacrament—a solemn engagement to worship and serve Jehovah and none else. Too much dependence is often placed on our own efforts, and far too little on the assistance of the Almighty. The eye and the ear of the people being both addressed, the occasion was calculated to leave an indelible impression; and, with spirits elevated by their brilliant victories in the Land of promise, memory would often revert to the striking scene on Mounts Ebal and Gerizim, and in the vale of Sychar.

## The Cities of Refuge.

AUGUST 5.

JOSHUA XX: 1-9.

Golden Text, Hebrews, 6: 18.

HERE is an interval of six or seven years between this lesson and last one. Meanwhile, after many arduous struggles the country had been in a great measure subdued. The camp had been removed from Gilgal to Shiloh, 17 miles north of Jerusalem on the road between Bethel and Schechem. Joshua lived there. There the tabernacle was erected and remained for upwards of 300 years. The promised land had been parcelled out to the several tribes by lot, chs. 13-19. Joshua by this time was getting old, ch. 13-1, and he now proceeds to carry out the instructions of Moses in regard to the Cities of Refuge, Deut. 19: 1-13. The need of such places arose out of the state of society then existing. If any one was killed by another it was held to be the duty of the nearest kinsman to avenge the blood of his relative by taking the life of the manslayer. These cities were not to screen criminals, but only to afford the homicide protection from the avenger until he had time to prove whether the death had been accidental, or the result of momentary passion, or of premeditated malice. They thus served the ends at once of justice and mercy. It behoved the local authorities to investigate each case. If the manslayer was found guilty, he was given up to the blood-avenger, if extenuating circumstances appeared, he was to remain in the city, but should he leave it, it would be at the risk of his life. Vs. 7-8. Consult a map for the situation of the cities and see how accessible they were from all quarters. Whether properly called "types of Christ" or not, these cities remind us in many ways of Him who has ever been the refuge and strength of his people in times of trouble. Ps. 46: 1, 2; Prov. 18: 10. They were always available, their gates being open day and night, and they were open to all, rich and poor alike, Isa. 55: 1; Matt. 11: 28. Yet they must be sought after with much effort. He who would reach the city of refuge must be no loiterer; he must make haste, lest he be overtaken. So must the Christian flee from the wrath to come, Matt. 3: 7; Heb. 6: 18. he must *run*, 1 Cor. 9: 24; he must *strive*, Luke 13: 24; he must *fight*, 1 Tim. 6: 12. Only so long as he remained inside the city, was the manslayer safe, Prov. 29: 25; Rom. 8: 1. Only so long as believers abide in Christ is their salvation assured John 15: 4. Christ is our one refuge, we need none other, Acts 4: 12. His atonement is sufficient to expiate the sins of the whole world, 1 John 1: 7. The conditions of salvation are so easy that all may avail themselves of the offer, if they only will, Rev. 22: 17. By his word he hath shewn us the way, Ps. 119: 105. God has not only provided a refuge for every sinner, but He has done everything that is possible to aid the sinner to escape to that refuge. The plan of salvation is so simple, plain, and easy that a child can understand it. It is not the Church that saves us, yet the Church is a means of bringing us to the knowledge of Salvation.

## Ecclesiastical News.

**G**LASGOW UNIVERSITY has conferred the degree of D.D. on Revs. John Macleod of Govan, and his brother Norman Macleod of St. Stephen's, Edinburgh, the sons of the late Dr. John Macleod of Morven. Dr. William Chambers, head of the celebrated publishing house in Edinburgh, died recently in the 83rd year of his age. Dr. Chambers lived long enough to see the great work which had engaged his attention for a number of years—the restoration of St. Giles Cathedral—almost completed. This work having been conducted at his sole expense, it was the intention of Her Majesty to have conferred a baronetcy upon him, in recognition of his public spirit. The Rev. John Mitchell, B.D., a graduate of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, and a licentiate of the Presbyterian Church in Canada has been received as a minister of the Presbyterian Church of England, and inducted in the charge of an important congregation in the old town of Chester.

THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND met in London on the 30th of April. Rev. Dr. Edmond of Highburg was elected Moderator and delivered an elaborate opening address. The proceedings of the following day were begun by the celebration of the Communion. The missions of the Church, Home and Foreign, were reported to be in a prosperous condition. The mission work carried on by this Church in China is especially hopeful. Rev. David Smith of Formosa said, that in the southern part of that Island the ranks of heathenism were being annually thinned by about 200. There were now 3,763 baptized members in the eight churches there. Connected with the mission they had now three colleges for students, and two Presbyteries—one in Amoy and one in Swatow. After long discussion the Synod adopted the new Hymn Book prepared by a committee, and which is claimed to be the best extant. It contains the metrical Psalms, a large collection of Hymns, and a number of Anthems. An animated debate took place on the relations of the Church to the Confession of Faith, at the close of which it was almost unanimously resolved to appoint a special committee with instructions to consider,—(1) Whether any change may with advantage be made in the existing formulas by which office-bearers affirm their adherence to the Confession of Faith.—(2) Whether it is desirable that any explanatory declaration be adopted by the Church with a view to make it more clear, in what sense the Church understands her subordinate standards or any portion thereof.—(3) To consider whether, with a view to secure some briefer and more available

compendium of fundamental doctrine, the Church ought not to approach the Presbyterian Council, to meet at Belfast next year, on the subject of such a digest of doctrine designed to embody that "Consensus of the Reformed Confessions" on which the Alliance is based.

THE SYNOD OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH met in Edinburgh in the beginning of May. The Home Mission report claimed a considerable increase to the membership of the Church during the past year. The total income for all purposes in 1882 had been about \$1,750,000. The Foreign Missions of the Church are assuming large proportions. In their mission fields they have now seventy-one congregations with 10,808 members, and 12,524 pupils in their mission schools. To carry on this work they have a staff of fifty European missionaries, six medical missionaries and a large staff of native agents. Altogether there are 481 labourers male and female, employed. In almost every one of their mission fields, and in almost every department of their work, there had been a steady advance during the year. The work in Jamaica had been especially prosperous. The Annual Missionary Meeting was as usual the most popular feature of the Synod's proceedings. The Rev. W. D. Armstrong of Ottawa was cordially received and had an opportunity afforded him of giving information respecting the vast Home Mission field of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. There was the usual disestablishment debate, followed by strong resolutions and petitions to Parliament for the severance of connection between Church and State.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA met in Saratoga on the 17th of May. Dr. Herrick Johnson the retiring Moderator preached the opening sermon, in which pointed reference was made to "a famine of the ministry." Dr. Edwin F. Hatfield, for upwards of forty years the stated Clerk of the Assembly, and a tower of strength in the Church, was elected Moderator. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered in the evening of the first day. The consideration of its Sabbath-School work received as usual the early and earnest attention of the Assembly. It was well reported of. The subject of fraternal relations with the Presbyterian Church, South, was cordially entered upon, a notable event being the presence of three delegates from that Church. Forty ministers and elders in equal numbers were appointed to attend the Belfast Presbyterian Council. The past year has been one of grand success in regard to both the Home and Foreign Missions of the Church. She

has been lengthening her cords in many directions. The Foreign Mission Board has in its employment 159 American Missionaries and 225 native helpers, of whom 92 are ordained and 133 are licentiates. Its Churches embrace 18,656 communicants and in its mission schools there are 21,253 pupils. The total receipts for Home Missions last year were over \$500,000: for Foreign, \$648,383. The estimates for this year call for \$600,000 for the former and \$700,000 for the latter: This Church is also strengthening her stakes. A large portion of time was employed in revising its books of discipline and polity, in discussing the importance—the necessity, indeed, of fidelity to the time-honoured standards of the Church, and in making better provision for the support of her ministry. The Board of Publication has been doing a thriving business. Its receipts were \$281,124, and it ends the year with a balance in its favour of \$28,681. It was agreed to dispense with the rule for "one year's probation" in the case of ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Canada seeking admission—Very kind and complimentary to Canada, but really at present we have not the hair of a minister's head to spare, we are bordering upon a famine ourselves and feel like saying to good brother Jonathan,—“Come over and help us!”

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND met in Edinburgh on the 24th of May. The Earl of Aberdeen was present as Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner. Rev. Professor Milligan of Aberdeen, the retiring Moderator, preached the opening sermon, and Rev. John Rankine of Sorn was elected Moderator for the current year. The report of the Colonial Committee was submitted by Rev. Dr. Gray, the Convener, and seems to have created rather more interest than usual. Referring to British Columbia, the Committee recommended that it be left to the people themselves to determine whether they should connect themselves with the Presbyterian Church in Canada or continue their connection with the Church of Scotland. In either case the Committee recommended the continuance of such monetary assistance, for a time at least, as it may be in their power to give. They also regarded the claims of Manitoba and the North-West as worthy of their confidence and support. Dr. Snodgrass of Canonbie, Dr. Story of Roseneath, Rev. W. D. Armstrong of Ottawa and others having addressed the Assembly, the report was adopted. The Home and Foreign Missions of the Church were reported to be in a satisfactory condition. A marked improvement being observable in the contributions for Foreign Missions. It was discovered that by improved organization some of the Glasgow Sabbath-Schools were contributing more than

the congregations had formerly done. Dr. Phin and Dr. Story would have had the Church of Scotland to cease connection with the General Presbyterian Alliance, but wiser counsels prevailed and the venerable Mother Church will doubtless be well represented at the Belfast Council next year.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FREE CHURCH also met in Edinburgh on the Queen's Birthday. Dr. McDonald of North Leith, the retiring Moderator conducted the opening services. Dr. Horatius Bonar of Edinburgh, was elected Moderator. The report of the Sustentation Fund Committee shewed that the total contributions for the year amounted to £174,607, being an increase of £1715 as compared with last year. The equal dividend from the fund for the year was £160, with an additional dividend of £23 to all ministers whose congregational contributions reach a given amount. The report of the Foreign Mission Committee was given in by Col. A. C. Young. The past year had been one of increased missionary activity and liberality. The whole missionary revenue of the Church for missions to the heathen, to the Jews, to the Colonies and to the Continent had risen to £95,338. The staff of Scottish and native missionaries, consists at present of 86 male and 20 female missionaries. Details from the stations in Africa, India, the New Hebrides, &c., shewed development on every side. Dr. Rainy claimed attention to a memorial from the Ladies' Society for Female Education in India and South Africa, and the importance of strengthening the said Society by the formation of Presbyterian and Congregational Auxiliaries. Dr. Murray Mitchell gave a very interesting account of his recent travels in China, Japan and India. The question of instrumental music in churches was discussed at great length and resulted in the adoption by a large majority of a motion by Dr. Rainy, making instrumental music permissive on the part of congregations.

## Our Own Church.

### ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

**KILSYTH ; Owen Sound:**—Rev. Elias Mullan, formerly of North Augusta, was inducted on the 6th of June.

**GLENALLAN AND HOLLIN : Guelph:**—Rev. Harry Norris was inducted on the 29th of May.

**DEMISSIONS:**—Rev. Alexander Grant of Ashfield, Ont. Rev. Joseph Elliott of Cannington, Ont. Rev. B. J. Brown of Luther. Rev. John Lieper of Barrie. Rev. J. K. Henry of 1st West Guillimburg and Cookstown. Rev. Smith Hutcheson of Guthrie

Church, Oro. Rev. John Cook, D.D., of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec.

**CALLS** :—Rev. W. T. Wilkins of Belgrave, to St. Andrew's Church, Trenton—*Kingston*. Rev. James Bryant to St. Andrew's Church, Uxbridge—*Lindsay*. Rev. B. J. Brown of Luther—*Saugeen*, has accepted a call to Rockton, Ohio, U. S. Rev. G. C. Patterson of Summerstown, *Glengarry*, has received a call to Beaverton—*Lindsay*.

**FRENCH EVANGELIZATION** :—The Presbytery of Ottawa have purchased a lot in the City of Ottawa, upon which they intend to erect a French Protestant Church.

**SYDNEY, C. B.** :—The Rev. Dr. Hugh McLeod completes this year the *fiftieth* of his ministry. The Presbytery have appointed a committee to prepare for the due celebration of his Jubilee—an auspicious event in which many of his friends and brethren throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion will take an interest. Dr. McLeod was Moderator of the General Assembly at the memorable meeting at Halifax, in 1877.

## The General Assembly.

**THE NINTH SESSION** of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met in St. Andrew's Church, London, on Wednesday evening the 13th of June. A more suitable place of meeting could not be than this large and beautiful church, which appears to be fresh from the decorator's hand. It is seated for about 1,200 persons, and in respect both of its interior and its external surroundings there remains nothing more to be desired. The arrangement by the local committee under the direction of Rev. J. Allister Murray, the pastor of the Church, and Mr. Andrew Thomson the Secretary, seem to have been made with perfect wisdom. At all events nothing was left undone to minister to the comfort and the convenience of the large number of visitors whom the occasion attracted to "the Forest City."

Although many of the Commissioners did not arrive in time to witness the opening ceremonies, the Church was filled to its utmost capacity by an audience that was evidently in sympathy with the occasion, and interested in the proceedings. The psalmody was led by a powerful and well-trained choir, some thirty in number, ranged in front of the pulpit. Divine Service was conducted by the retiring Moderator the Rev. Dr. Cochrane of Brantford, who

preached an able and appropriate discourse from Joshua 13: 1,—“There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.” The statement, while primarily referring to Canaan, is not necessarily restricted to that country nor to that age. It may be applied now, as truly as then, to the condition of the world and its relation to Christianity, and it is in a very special and important sense true in regard to our own country at the present time, when vast territories are being opened up for settlement, and when a loud call comes to this Church to occupy these new fields. After proving from the Scriptures that the gospel must be published, preached, professed and practised in all lands, the preacher went on to shew how rapidly these conditions are being complied with in our own times. The spread of the gospel during the present century has been marvellous. During the last eighty-three years, indeed, Christianity has increased more than in all the eighteen centuries that went before. That we should seek nothing less than the evangelization of the whole world cannot for a moment be doubted when we call to mind the great commission—“Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” With this brief reference to what we must call a powerful missionary sermon, we now pass on to the work more immediately in hand.

The routine of business at the first sederunt is in a manner stereotyped. At the close of the preliminary services the Assembly is constituted with prayer. The roll is called—a necessary though somewhat tedious procedure. The Moderator makes his closing address and calls upon the Assembly to elect a new Moderator. The clerk reads the nominations of the several Presbyteries in this behalf. So soon as this has been done, some one rises to nominate the person who has already received the largest vote of the Presbyteries and from that moment the new Assembly launches out into the deep. This year the Rev. Dr. John M. King of Toronto had been selected by the majority of the Presbyteries as the man upon whom should be conferred the highest honour in the gift of the Church, and this doubtless, in recognition of his long and faithful services as a pastor, and of his valuable counsels and assistance in promoting all the missionary and benevolent schemes of the Church. Hon. Alex. Morris moved his appointment, seconded by Rev. A. B. Mackay; nominations followed in favour of Rev. Kenneth McLennan of Charlottetown, and Rev. Professor Maclaren of Toronto, but the eloquence expended upon them was like water spilled upon the ground. The result was that Dr. King's election was made unanimous. His opening address was just what might have been expected from Dr. King:—It was modest, thoughtful, well arranged and practical. After referring to the

happy circumstances in which the General Assembly had met—free from any of those vexed questions that create heated discussion and estrangement—he drew attention to a subject of very great importance and hoped that the Assembly would give it their best consideration,—namely, the necessity of providing suitable remuneration for the ministry. His remarks bore especially upon the inadequate stipends of ministers in the smaller congregations. Figures were adduced to shew the extent of the evil complained of, and also the means within the Church for supplying the remedy. The timely and judicious remarks of the Moderator in this direction are sure to do good. On the motion of Principal MacVicar seconded by Mr. Burnfield of Brockville the ex-Moderator was thanked for his conduct in the Chair during his term of office, and for his able opening sermon. Replies to addresses to the Queen and the Governor-General were laid on the table. A committee reported on the order of business for the next day, and the first sederunt was closed with the benediction.

### Second Day.

The Assembly met at 11 a.m., and engaged in devotional exercises for an hour.

The afternoon sederunt was almost wholly spent on preliminaries, barren of interest except in so far as they might lead to further action. A number of committees were appointed. Mr. JOHN LAING of Dundas, read a report on ministerial support. The committee had been unable to meet, and consequently had no practical suggestions to offer. Applications were made by Presbyteries on behalf of nine ministers who wished to retire from the active service of the Church, and on behalf of almost an equal number of ministers of other churches seeking admission into this Church. The sanction of the Assembly was given to certain Presbyterian acts in connection with the licencing of students in the Maritime Provinces which, owing to peculiar circumstances, could not conveniently be delayed till the meeting of the Synod. The Rev. Adam Spenser's protest, dissent, complaint and appeal from the action of the Presbytery of Whitby and of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston recommending him to demit his charge without making provision for certain arrears of stipends claimed to be due to Mr. Spenser by his congregation was taken up. At this stage the Moderator, being a member of said Synod and a party in the case, left the Chair which was taken by Principal MacVicar. Dr. Caven and Dr. Grant appeared on behalf of the Synod. The relative documents were read by the clerk. Mr. Spenser was then heard, and explained his reasons of dissent with great *vim*.

### HOME MISSIONS.

The evening sederunt was fully occupied in the presentation of the reports on the Home Missions of the Church, East and West. Both were as usual in the hands of the members in printed form and were exceedingly encouraging. MR. BRUCE of St. John, moved the adoption of the report from the Eastern Section in an able and interesting address. The work there, he said, differed very materially from that in the West. It was a smaller work, with nothing new about it to excite interest or enthusiasm, and in that way it was in a sense at a disadvantage. Its only ground of appeal was its continued *needfulness*. There was the ever present difficulty of obtaining a sufficient number of ministers and missionaries to occupy the sparsely settled districts. The funds of the Committee were expended in two ways, (1) in direct mission work; (2) in supplementing the stipends of ministers in weak charges. About \$4,000 had been received for each of these departments in addition to which a debt of \$2,500 had been wiped out, making the total receipts \$10,926. The year ended with a small balance at the credit of each of the funds. The missionary work was carried on at Little Bay, Newfoundland, by Mr. Fitzpatrick; at New Kincardine and Tobique, N. B., by Mr. J. A. Sutherland; at Bedford Waverly and Sackville, N. S., by Mr. Christie, and by Mr. Mackay in the Presbytery of St. John. The reports from all these points indicated faithfulness and progress. Thirty congregations had received aid through the supplementing fund in amounts varying from \$75 to \$200. The report closes with a thankful acknowledgment to God for His blessing on their efforts during the year. "They have been relieved from a weight of care and anxiety. They have been cheered by the sympathy of many warm hearts and cheerful givers. They have obtained evidence of a generous appreciation on the part of the Church, as a whole, of the work and self-denial of brethren who, in trying circumstances, are bearing the burthen and heat of the day. They would rejoice if the Assembly, in its wisdom, should see its way to a sustentation fund; but if difficulties should bar the way, they are persuaded that steady and substantial progress will still be recorded of the strong helping the weak and thus, according to the will of the good Lord, bearing one another's burthen and so fulfilling the law of Christ." Reference was made by Mr. Bruce to the very important assistance the Presbytery of St. John had received from the Ladies' Missionary Association recently established. MR. JORDAN of St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, seconded the adoption of the report which as usual had been prepared with great care and perspicuity by Dr. McGregor, the Secretary.



DR. COCHRANE presented the report of the Western Section. The convener's face was lighted up with a particularly pleasant smile as he rose to present his annual budget—a smile which brought down the house with a round of applause. The explanation was not far to seek, for the first announcement he had to make was that the committee had ended the year with a good working balance, and that the report which he was now to present was the most satisfactory which he had been able to give in the twelve years of his official connection with the Home Mission Committee, both in respect of the work which had been done and the means provided for carrying it on. Twelve years ago \$14,000 was the amount raised for Home Missions by the Canada Presbyterian Church. This year the receipts from all sources were close upon \$50,000. Commencing with the Presbytery of Quebec, he then glanced at the work done in the several Presbyteries, referring his hearers to the printed report, a closely printed pamphlet of fifty pages. Passing to the special fields, mention was made of Mr. Findlay's noble work in Muskoka where there were six preaching stations when he began his labours, some years ago. Now there were *sixty* stations in that district. The value of that gentleman's services could never be fully known. The work was being carried on at the Bruce Mines, the Sault Ste. Marie, the Manitoulin Island and at Prince Arthur's Landing, at the head of Lake Superior, in the face of great difficulties, but with gratifying success. He had no hesitation in saying that some of our Home Missionaries were subjected to greater hardships and called to the exercise of far greater self-denial than even the foreign missionary in distant lands. As to Manitoba and the North-West, it was difficult to convey an adequate idea of the magnitude and importance of the work which was growing more rapidly than they were able to keep pace with it. He said, emphatically, that now was the time to lay the foundations of Presbyterianism in the North-West—that a hundred dollars given now would tell more upon the destinies of that country than a thousand dollars five years hence. A chief drawback to the work there was that so many of the missionaries, being students, had to leave in winter to prosecute their studies. Dr. Cochrane would like if fifty good elders could be got to volunteer their services for the winter months and try their hand at preaching. Special mention was made of the missionaries who are holding the advanced out-posts,—Messrs. Sieveright at Prince Albert, Sinclair at Carrot River and Baird at Edmonton. These places are rapidly growing into important centres. British Columbia, and the convener's visitation of the churches there were referred to in connection

with correspondence which has ensued with the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland. The deliverance of the Assembly of that Church upon their Colonial Committee's report shewed that there was every desire on their part to promote a union of all the Presbyterians in that province, and if it was found that the people were unanimous in their desire to connect themselves with the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Church of Scotland would be only too glad that they should do so. They had carried on their work without trenching upon the legacy of \$10,000 which they had received from the late Mr. Joseph Mackay, and now they have the promise of two others for a like amount, from the executors of the late Mr. David J. Greenshields and Mr. Edward Mackay, also of Montreal. Dr. Cochrane was not very sure as to the effect of movements that had begun to be made in some of the Presbyteries in the nature of local supplementing funds: he hoped, however, that they would not clash in any way with the Assembly's Home Mission Fund.

PRINCIPAL GRANT in moving the reception of the report heartily approved of the action of the Presbyterians of Montreal and Quebec in the matter referred to by Dr. Cochrane. He thought it would lead to other Presbyteries following the example, and that before long the whole church would fall into line. He characterized Dr. Cochrane's vision of the "fifty elders" going out to preach in Manitoba in the winter months, with the thermometer fifty below zero, as "a brilliant idea" and nothing more. In regard to British Columbia, he thought we should hasten slowly—wait at least until the railway brings it nearer to us than it now is. Whatever difficulties there are in the way will be overcome by the exercise of prudence and patience.

MR. D. J. MACDONNELL seconded the reception of the report. He was not as clear, however, as Dr. Grant as to the advisability of the Presbyterian Sustentation Schemes referred to. He thought the weaker Presbyteries would in the long run suffer by the gradual withdrawal of the sympathies of the stronger from the general fund.

MR. A. B. MACKAY—the father and founder of the Montreal Scheme, at this stage of discussion intervened, and in a very vigorous and telling speech defended the action that had been taken in Montreal, stating his opinion that the principle might easily be extended so as to meet the requirements of every Presbytery and every weak congregation in the Church. He had found it to be a popular scheme and one to which the laity responded with an amount of enthusiasm which to him at least, had been very refreshing.

MR. JAMES ROBERTSON, Superintendent of missions in the North-West, responded to the

call of the house in a few remarks upon the extent and progress of the work of which he has the oversight. They had already a continuous settlement along the line of railway for nearly four hundred miles beyond Winnipeg. The immigration last year was large, but this year it promised to be still larger. There is pressing need for more ministers and missionaries in the North-West. The total number of ministers and missionaries on the field last summer was fifty-eight. At least twenty-five more are urgently required. Reference was made to the Church and Manse building scheme as one eminently adapted to the peculiar circumstances of the country. About \$80,000 had been subscribed towards the fund, which had already been able to give assistance in a number of cases for the erection of churches in the newer settlements. Last year six of the congregations had become self-supporting, and they might calculate with safety upon eight or ten congregations being added to the Church every year if they were taken by the hand at the proper time.

The following deliverance proposed by Dr. Grant, was then unanimously adopted :--

That the General Assembly receive the report and thank the Committee, and especially the Convener, for their valuable services. The General Assembly expresses its deep gratitude to the Head of the Church for the many cheering features connected with home mission work during the past year, especially for the extension of the church in the North-West, the success with which the church and manse building fund has been prosecuted by its trusted superintendent of missions, the increase of liberality among the people generally, and the great energy manifested by the missionary associations in the colleges. In view of the special expenses connected with labours in the North-West, the Assembly empowers the Committee to raise the salaries of missionaries labouring there, should the state of the fund warrant, and also to take immediate steps to provide ministerial supply for the fields that will be left vacant in a few months. The Assembly records its profound satisfaction with the attitude taken by the Church of Scotland towards the congregations in British Columbia connected with it, and—instructing the Committee to do nothing to imperil the unity of Presbyterianism in that Province—confidently leaves the matter in its hands.

THE MODERATOR turning to Dr. Cochrane tendered him the thanks of the Assembly, for his long and faithful services as Convener of the Home Mission Committee. "No amount of pecuniary remuneration could reward him for the incalculable services he had rendered the Church throughout his long and arduous term of service." During the delivery of the Moderator's earnest and impressive words deep stillness reigned throughout the Assembly. All seemed to feel that it was a thoroughly deserved tribute to the ex-Moderator, and Dr. Cochrane himself was too much affected to offer a reply. Thus ended one of the most interesting sederunts of the General Assembly that has ever been held. There was not so large an attendance of the citizens as is usual on such occasions, and as there would have been, had it been more generally known that

the subject of Home Missions was to be discussed at that time, but there was a full Assembly—pervaded by intense interest in the proceedings.

### Third Day.

On motion of Principal Grant, the thanks of the Assembly were recorded to the Church of Scotland and the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for their generous grants in aid of the Home Mission work of the Canadian Church in both its branches.

#### MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

This Subject has been in the air for some time, and it would have been strange if it had not come up in the Assembly. The remarks made by the Moderator in his opening address prepared the way for it, and it was now gone into in such a way as left no room to doubt that the Assembly was thoroughly in earnest.

MR. JOHN LAING of Durdas moved the appointment of a committee, in which the laity should be largely represented, to consider the best method of ministerial support, to send the result of their deliberations to Kirk-sessions and Presbyteries for their consideration, who should report to next Assembly. While the Church was alive to the necessities of the situation, he did not think they were prepared to enter upon any new scheme at present. The object of his resolution was to prepare the way for action next year. MR. MORRIS in seconding the resolution said it was desirable to invite the co-operation of the best business men of the Church in this matter whether elders of the Church or not. He strongly urged the importance of awakening an active interest in the minds of the laity who, he felt sure, were ready to respond liberally and cheerfully.

PRINCIPAL CAVEN was satisfied that the subject had been sufficiently emphasized, but was not in favour of Mr. Laing's motion. He was not in favour of launching a new scheme on the Church but would prefer introducing such improvements upon the existing mode of dealing with ministerial support as might suggest themselves to the Assembly in the light of past experience. He moved in effect that the General Assembly was impressed with the importance of the question for the better support of the ministry, so that a minimum salary of not less than \$750 might be secured; and although the Assembly did not wish to record its preference for a supplemental to a sustentation scheme, yet, in view of the fact that the past line of action had been on supplemental lines, it was advisable to move on in this direction, and that the committee on Home Missions, east and west, be so instructed.

Dr. R. F. BURNS, seconded the motion. He did not think it necessary to make a new

departure at this juncture. There was a great deal of diversity on the subject, and it was too soon to again send the matter to the Presbyteries. He did not favour adding names outside the ministry and elders to the committee as had been proposed.

MR. MACLEOD of Paris, seconded by MR. CROIL moved that it be remitted to a committee to be named by the Moderator, to prepare a deliverance on this subject which should be discussed at a future sederunt. MR. BENNETT of Springville spoke in favour of the sustentation principle. MR. LYLE of Hamilton made an effective speech in support of Dr. Caven's motion. At this stage Mr. Laing withdrew his motion in favour of one to be proposed by MR. WARDEN, by which the subject was to be remitted to the Home Mission Committee, West, and the Supplementing Committee, East, who should be asked to put their heads together and give the Assembly the benefit of their joint deliberations in this behalf. MR. A. E. MACKAY seconded this proposal in a vigorous speech. He was delighted with the spirit of the debate, only he was disposed to say that the references to the existing state of matters had been too mildly put. He regarded the treatment of some of the ministers of the church as nothing short of "scandalous." As to the remedies proposed, disguise it as we may, what was wanted was not so much more wisdom or experience as *the hard cash*. He thought the ministers could do a great deal by their personal example as well as by their counsels and if it was found necessary for the some of the better paid ones, to submit to a reduction of their stipends, he for one was prepared to undergo the surgical operation. But instead of speaking of a sustentation Fund he thought it would be more appropriate to call it "an anti-starvation fund."

DR. KING left the chair to endorse Dr. Caven's motion, which, he thought would sufficiently meet the case. He would not go the length of having a separate committee, but he would like to see the fund divided—a certain proportion of all the monies received being reserved by the Home Mission Committee for the purpose of augmenting inadequate stipends. He did not approve of the action taken by the Presbytery of Montreal in the matter; the best he could say about it was that he hoped it might yet be "overruled for good." MR. CAMPBELL, Montreal, while admitting that the action of his Presbytery had been somewhat irregular, had no difficulty in supporting it. People were apt to be influential in such considerations by the concrete rather than the abstract. The movement was a popular one, and he thought they had been justified in striking the iron while it was hot.

They had high authority on their side for "beginning at Jerusalem." MR. LAIDLAW took exception to Mr. Campbell's exegesis. He held that Montreal was not the scriptural Jerusalem. The poorest Presbytery in the Church were a better illustration; not the nearest. The one that most needed help is the one that should be helped. He would be sorry if the impression went abroad that the ministers had come here for the purpose of increasing their own salaries. He supported Principal Caven's motion.

PRINCIPAL MACVICAR was glad that the necessities of the case were at length seen and admitted, and also that the Church was in a position to provide a remedy. The problem at present to be solved was, how is the money to be got? He would answer that question by saying,—By the people giving it. Some one remarked that that was "a brilliant discovery." Well, to go a step further, giving was a grace that must be cultivated by *instruction*. The lay elders should be specially apt to teach on this subject. In the meantime something is required to be done. A beginning must be made. He therefore thought that the irregularity of the Presbytery of Montreal in starting an augmentation fund of its own, should at least be condoned, and its example followed.

The whole day was occupied discussing this subject without any finding being reached. The debate was, however, very interesting and very ably conducted. The evening sederunt had been reserved for hearing the reports on

#### OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

There was a large attendance. On the platform there were, besides the Moderator and ex-Moderators, the clerks of Assembly and the Conveners and Secretaries of the Foreign Mission Committees, Messrs. Hugh A. Robertson of Eromanga, Rev. K. F. Junor of Formosa, China, Rev. George Flett missionary to the Indians at Okanase, N. W. T., and Mr. Joseph Builder, under appointment as a missionary to India.

DR. MACLAREN, Convener of the Western committee, called attention to the more salient points of his printed report which was in the hands of the members. He had visited in person the various Indian stations in the North-West and had been much gratified with the state and progress of the work. It was a matter for thankfulness that some of the most influential of the Chiefs had embraced Christianity. In regard to the mission to China, the year has been one of trial and triumph. Mr. Junor had been obliged to leave Formosa on account of ill-health, and there was no hope that he would be able to resume work in the foreign field. The work in Formosa however was prospering. The Mackay Hospital

at Tamsui is doing a noble work. 1938 patients had received medical treatment during the year. The Oxford College had been completed—a symmetrical brick building, with lecture rooms and dormitories for twenty or thirty students, and not only was there accommodation for students, but there were twenty students under instruction in the new college. Reference was made to Dr. Mackay's recent visit to the east side of the Island of Formosa, inhabited by aboriginal tribes. Thirty-six villages were visited, with the amazing result that,—"Fully one thousand have thrown away their idols and wish to be taught Christianity." Dr. Mackay is building six churches for these people—the legacy of a young lady who died lately in Ottawa was used to build three of these churches. Six preachers were to be appointed immediately. At present there are twenty-six stations with chapels in which religious services are conducted by native assistants. One hundred and forty had been baptized during the year. There was not much to report from India. The work however is being faithfully prosecuted and not without some good results. Mr. Campbell and Mr. Wilkie each reported twelve baptisms during the year. Mr. Joseph Builder, a graduate of Toronto University and of Knox College has accepted an appointment to join the mission staff in Central India, and proceeds to his destination in a short time. Mr. Taylor who had accepted a similar appointment some time ago was constrained to abandon the proposal by medical advice. Miss Isabella Ross had received a hearty welcome from the missionaries at Indore, and it was expected that Miss Rodger, absent on furlough, would return soon. The receipts for the year, including balance from last year of \$11,000, were \$51,202.45. The balance in the Treasurer's hands is \$17,858.65. This seeming plethora will be all spent before the month of November. No less than \$7,000 had been received from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Western Section, and upwards of \$500 more from other Presbyterian Societies conducted by the ladies. The aid of these Societies, was becoming every year more valuable. Before sitting down Dr. Maclaren intimated his desire to be relieved from the onerous duties of the convenership. He had been sixteen years in that office and felt that the work was now so extensive, that he could not well devote the time to it which its importance demanded.

DR. MCGREGOR reported for the Eastern committee. With them, too, the year had been one of mingled joy and sorrow. Some of their beloved missionaries had been compelled to abandon their fields of labour through ill health, but the work itself had suffered no interruption. It was marked by continued

progress and tokens of the Divine favour at every point. Mr. Christie had left Couva, Trinidad, but he was not lost to the cause. He had gone to Jamaica where he hoped to be able to resume ministerial labours. Mr. Morton, too, the pioneer of the Trinidad Mission, had been laid aside by severe illness. But his work in the Caroni district was being carried on by Mr. Lal Bihari, a faithful and competent native ordained minister. The mission in the New Hebrides began thirty five years ago with one missionary and his wife. Now there is a staff of fifteen missionaries and their wives with a large number of native assistants. Three of the missionaries were ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and one of them, Mr. Robertson of Eromanga, was here to tell what great things the Lord had done for and by that little band of missionaries in the South Seas. The total receipts for the year by the Eastern committee were about \$15,000. The expenditure was \$1000 more, consequently they were in debt to that extent. Dr. McGregor threw out the hint, by way of pleasantry, that as the coffers of the Western treasury appeared to be overflowing they might do worse than bestow a little of their abundance upon their necessitous brethren in the East. Joking aside, we do not see why it should not be done. The Eastern committee deserve infinite credit for the ability they have displayed in procuring so large an amount as \$15,000 from so small a constituency, and for the careful manner in which this fund has been expended. While a union of organization is being talked about such a manifestation of brotherly love as the gift of \$1000 by the Western Committee to extinguish the debt in the east would be like precious ointment poured upon their heads. It would be twice blessed.

Two verses of the 126th psalm having been sung, Mr. J. K. Smith of Galt led the Assembly in earnest prayers for the blessing of God on the missions and the missionaries of the Church and for all agencies that have for their object the spread of the Gospel.

MR. GEORGE FLETT a half-breed from Okanara, N. W. T., and an ordained missionary of our Church made a very interesting statement of the condition of the Indians in the North-West, and of the efforts made to bring them to a knowledge of the Truth. He was not used, he said to speak in so grand a building as this. He had to preach to his people in a wig-i-wam and sometimes in no wig-i-wam at all. Nevertheless his simple, rugged utterances and his artless illustrations were listened to with intense interest. He seems to be a man of singular intelligence, tact, and consecration. More than once he was moved to tears and brought tears to other's eyes as he told of the poverty, the distress,

and in some instances the moral degradation of his countrymen. With a pathos not easily described he thanked the Assembly for what they had done and were still doing for the red men, and implored them to remember that there remained yet much more to be done.

MR. ROBERTSON of Eromanga was visibly moved as he rose to speak about his work in the New Hebrides. *Coelum non animinum mutant qui trans mare current*—"They change their clime but not their mind who cross the sea," was the sentiment engraven on his care-worn countenance, struggling for expression. He had not forgotten his native land nor his mother tongue, but he would rather do the work of a missionary than tell about it. He never experienced any hesitation in addressing his beloved people in Eromanga, but he trembled to speak to an audience like this. He told how he went to the South Seas many years ago, and of his first connection with the New Hebrides Mission in 1872; how he was led to select Eromanga for the scene of his labours—the island on which Williams and Harris and the brothers Gordon had fallen by the tomahawk, and whose inhabitants were at the time he went among them, for the most part thirsting to take the life of the next white man. But by the blessing of God on the labours of those who had gone before he found a few faithful young men to rally round him, and though many a time since their lives had been in jeopardy, they had abundant reason to thank God that they have lived to see the fruits of their labours. He called to mind a Sabbath-day in June last, when five hundred natives met for Christian worship in and around their beautiful memorial church, and when one hundred and ninety sat down at the Lord's Table, on the very spot where Williams had been murdered. What a change had come over this people! There was now no service that they could render that they were not willing and eager to do for the missionary and his family. They had built him, at least assisted him to build, a comfortable and tasteful manse, school-houses and other needed buildings. They had manned the mission boat and braved the stormiest seas, when called to do so, and by the fruits of their industry had paid for the printing of portions of the Bible in the dialect of the island. And now that he was away from them for a season he knew that every Sabbath-day until he should return, the Gospel of Salvation would be preached in thirty different places by his native assistants. He drew a vivid picture of the beauty of these islands of the sea with their tropical vegetation and delightful climate—"where every prospect pleases, and only man is vile." He referred to their isolation—receiving their mails once in six months, and to the odious labour traffic that was draining the group of

its best young blood. What a contrast between the slave-ship of the trader and the beautiful "Dayspring" when she hove in sight of any of their harbours. *The Dayspring* was everything to the mission—their floating Bethel, their home for weeks at a time, she was their railway, their street-car, their express agent and their post office courier: their bank, their co-operative store, their grocer and draper. He trusted the children of the Church would never allow their interest to slacken in their missionary ship which was thus in so many ways useful to the missionaries.

What an inspiration and privilege it surely is for us who talk lightly of missions to be thus confronted with the missionary fresh from the scenes of his heroic labours!

MR. JOSEPH BUILDER was introduced to the Assembly as one who had offered his services to the Foreign Mission Committee and who was about to proceed to Central India to join the mission staff of our Church at Indore and Mhow. In a few words modestly and effectively spoken, Mr. Builder gave his reasons of preference for the mission field and stated his determination to consecrate himself to the work of a missionary to the heathen. He had chosen India because the mission there needs to be strengthened, and the field is large and inviting. All that he asked of the Assembly, was that their prayers should go before him and follow him to his destination.

DR. BURNS, Halifax, moved the reception of the reports. In the fulness of his heart he would have spoken and striven to give utterance to the emotions welling up in his own heart and in the hearts of many, yea, of all, who had listened to the statements which had been made that night. It was a night long to be remembered. But the hour was late and he dare not detain them. As it was, however, the good Doctor gave vent to his thoughts in a few stirring sentences that will not soon be forgotten. Arrangements were made to hear Mr. Junor at a later stage of the Assembly's proceedings.

On motion of PRINCIPAL GRANT it was agreed that the Foreign Mission Committees, East and West, be continued *ad interim* and that they be instructed to confer together as to the advisability and practicability of uniting the missionary work of the Church and putting it under the management of one committee.

### Fourth Day.

#### MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

After a few preliminaries had been disposed of, what may be called *par excellence*, the discussion or this Assembly was resumed. If there was some repetition and occasion! irrel-

lavery, the main object was never lost sight of, and, as the debate went on, there was found to be an amount of substantial agreement which argues well for the result. In seconding Mr. Warden's amendment, Mr. Campbell, of Kenfrew, made an admirable speech, which tended more than anything else that was said to reconcile conflicting opinion, and to hasten the finding of the Assembly. The amendment, which must be regarded in the meantime as tentative in its character, was finally adopted as follows:—

"The General Assembly is deeply impressed with the duty of putting forth the most strenuous efforts for the better support of the ministry, so that if possible a minimum stipend of not less than \$750. with manse, shall be secured. The Assembly deems it inexpedient to pronounce in favor of the principle of a supplementary rather than a sustentation scheme, yet, considering that our past working has been in the line of supplement, the General Assembly instructs the Home Mission Committee, east and west, to use their best endeavors to put into operation the scheme of augmentation presented to the Assembly last year. The Assembly thus hopes to be able next year to bring a valuable increase of experience to bear upon this great interest of the Church, with the view either of improving said scheme of augmentation or of proposing the way for the harmonious introduction of another scheme, towards which our experience shall be found to point. Except that the extent of the supplement to ministers in the North-West shall be regulated by the action of the Assembly on the Home Mission report last night, with the further exceptions that the second regulation be expunged, and that the fifth regulation read as follows:—That the general principle of the distribution of this surplus fund shall be an equal dividend to the ministers of the supplemented congregations on the list to the extent of \$750 per annum and a manse, but beyond this amount the Committee be empowered to recognize exceptional liberality on the part of any supplemented congregation.

"The Home Mission Committee are instructed to take measures to bring the whole subject of the better support of the ministry before the several Presbyteries and congregations of the Church, in order to awaken such an interest in the matter as shall result in a large increase in the funds available for carrying out the objects of the scheme.

"That in the administration of the scheme, respect shall be had to any obligations as to ministerial support incurred by Presbyteries for the current year."

#### AN UNEXPECTED VISITOR.

In the course of the day the Venerable Bishop of Huron was observed to enter the House, when Principal Grant called attention to the fact, and suggested that he be asked to take a seat on the platform. Whereupon the Moderator said it gave him great pleasure to welcome Bishop Hellmuth to the Assembly. The Bishop was warmly received, and, in acknowledging the compliment paid him, expressed his regard for the Presbyterian Church, which he always looked upon as a sister Church, and one whose aim it was to extend the kingdom of Christ. As such, he cordially wished the General Assembly God's blessing and all prosperity.

### The Sabbath.

Notwithstanding the great heat, all the Churches in the city were filled, and nearly all the pulpits were occupied by Presbyterians.

By appointment of the Assembly, Rev. A. B. Mackay, of Crescent Street Church, Montreal, preached in St. Andrew's Church in the morning, and Rev. L. H. Jordan, of St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, in the evening. Both services were highly appreciated. In the afternoon there was a gathering of Sabbath school children and their friends, who were addressed in a very interesting manner by Rev. K. F. Junor, late of Formosa, and Rev. C. H. Doudiet, of Montreal. We did not hear that any of our ministers had been invited to occupy Episcopalian pulpits, but the fact that one of them has been asked, and has accepted the invitation, to take part in a missionary meeting, to be held in the Cathedral Church here during the meeting of the Anglican Synod, gives room for hope that the day may not be very far off when these "sister Churches" shall see eye to eye, and be drawn into closer communion and fellowship one with another. Many of our ministers and elders had the opportunity of witnessing for themselves the modes of work and worship employed by the "Salvation Army," which is largely represented in London just now. We cannot speak for others, but we can say that no unkind criticism reached our ears. So far as our own judgment can be trusted, and we took frequent opportunity of attending their meetings, we must confess to a certain amount of sympathy with the movement. Saving the drums and cymbals, the violent gymnastic exercises, and the loud shouting, there was nothing that the most orthodox Presbyterian could reasonably object to, and it is a matter of opinion how far, taking all the circumstances into account, the end contemplated by these extravagancies justifies the means. On the part of all, young and old, male and female, there was confession of sin, earnest prayer for forgiveness, a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as the only Saviour of sinners, and hearty intercession for those who are out of the way. You may decry their methods, but when a man tells you that he was for 16 years the wickedest man in the city, and that he is now by the grace of God living a quiet, consistent Christian life, and especially when the policeman at the door tells you in a confidential tone that "that is so," what can you say but "thank God?" And when a decent looking woman gets up and tells you in the best way she can what a change has come over her household since she and her drinking, swearing and abusive husband were "converted," you feel that you must forgive them if they are somewhat demonstrative.

### Fifth Day.

REV. ADAM SPENSER'S APPEAL CASE.

The whole of the forenoon sederunt was taken up with this case, which was devoid of

interest save to the parties immediately implicated, to wit—the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, the Presbytery of Whitby, and the Rev. Adam Spenser. PRINCIPAL CAVEN appeared in behalf of the Synod. The Presbytery was represented by its Clerk, Mr. A. A. DRUMMOND. Mr. SPENSER presented his case in person. After listening with exemplary patience to all that was said *pro* and *con*, the Assembly unanimously dismissed the appeal, thereby confirming the decision of the Synod, that the Presbytery be instructed to sever the pastoral relationship betwixt Mr. Spenser and the congregation of Darlington.

In the afternoon sederunt a number of matters of comparatively minor importance were passed upon. *Inter alia*, a reference from the Presbytery of St. John, as to certain collections was sustained. Rev. JAMES LATTERSON, city missionary, Montreal, was accorded the full status of a member of the Presbytery of Montreal. The question of recognising Roman Catholic orders came in for a brief and animated discussion in connection with a reference from the Presbytery of Montreal as to the status of Mr. Kohboo, an ex-priest, who, it seems, has for some time been doing the work of an ordained missionary in that Presbytery without Presbyterial re-ordination. MR. CAMPBELL, Montreal, moved that he be recognized as an ordained missionary, and eligible for induction. This was stoutly resisted by Mr. BENNETT, of Almonte. On being reminded of its former decision in this behalf by MR. LAING, of Dundas, the Assembly finally recommended that Mr. Kohboo be ordained by the Presbytery of Montreal in the usual manner. The report of the Hymn-Book Committee was given in by PROFESSOR GREGG, and adopted. MR. MIDDLEMISS read the report on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. There are thirty-three names on the list of annuitants, of which six for the first time. The annuities range from \$100 to \$220. The income for the year was \$8,147.06, and the expenditure \$8,371.66. The investments amount to \$7,600. The congregational contributions, \$5,300, an increase of \$1,000. In reference to the use of the designation *minister emeritus*, the Committee are of opinion, (1) That the term *emeritus* is a convenient one; (2) That its proper application is to a minister who, having resigned his pastoral charge on account of the infirmities of advanced years, is precluded by age from resumption of the work of the pastorate; and (3) That it should not be applied to a minister, so long as his connection with his congregation is such that, in virtue of it, he retains his right to discharge ministerial and judicial functions as one of its ministers. The report on the Record was read by Dr. Reid. MR. BROWN, elder from Toronto,

called attention to a quotation from Dean Alfred in the Sabbath-school Lesson Notes, bearing on the doctrine of election which he thought should not be allowed to pass without challenge. The small "breeze" which this created, passed off without any serious consequences to the reputation of the illustrious Commentator. The Assembly resumed the even tenor of its way, and resolved that its next meeting be held in St. James' Square Church, Toronto, on the first Wednesday of June 1884. This is a week earlier than the usual time of meeting, in deference to the General Presbyterian Council which is appointed to meet in Belfast on the 24th June next.

REV. K. F. JUNOR.

At the evening Sederunt, Mr. Junor lately returned from Formosa gave an interesting address. Referring to the early Dutch Colonies in China, he spoke of the Protestant missionaries they had sent to Formosa two hundred years ago, ten of whom were buried on the island, and six of whom had suffered martyrdom. It was a remarkable thought that the fruit of their labours had entirely disappeared long previous to Dr. Mackay's landing. Formosa was the brightest jewel in the Chinese diadem—an island of great beauty and fertility, and in many ways advantageous as a mission field. As it had not the old traditions of the mainland, it had also less of its superstitions and exclusiveness. There were, in short, fewer obstacles to the Christian religion. The mission of the Presbyterian Church of England in the south had been well established before we entered upon our work in northern Formosa, and it has been singularly successful. There were very few really high class literati in Formosa. The men who attain the higher degrees in learning usually go to the mainland, where they succeed better in business. Mr. Junor's work had been largely connected with the building department. Owing to the ravages of the white ants and from other causes the buildings connected with the mission were a source of constant anxiety. He had found the preaching of the gospel in Formosa a delightful work, and had experienced very little opposition. The people for the most part listened gladly. The Pippo-hoans referred to in Dr. Mackay's letter were a very interesting people living in a beautiful valley on the eastern coast, and he had no doubt we should soon hear of their reclamation as a body from heathenism. The gospel was spreading rapidly all over China. Every where the missionaries were rejoicing, and now was the time for the Christian Churches to take possession of that magnificent empire for Christ. Mr. Junor spoke with great fluency and force and seemed to have entirely recovered his health.

## FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

There was a full house at the evening *sederunt* when the report on French Evangelization was presented by PRINCIPAL MACVICAR. He remarked that the work was not confined to the Province of Quebec but extended to all the Provinces of the Dominion, and in every one of these Provinces the French-speaking population was rapidly increasing. Last year the Board employed fifty-six missionary labourers, of whom twenty-one were ministers and seventeen colporteurs. They had thirteen schools with nineteen teachers and 533 pupils, of whom 203 were Roman Catholics. They had thirty-seven mission fields embracing seventy-five preaching stations. It was computed that the number of French Protestants in Canada was now 11,000, and in the United States not less than 25,000. Fifty years ago there were none at all. The income of the Board last year from all sources was \$32,606. They required and they proposed to erect new buildings at Pointes-aux-Trembles for the better equipment of their schools there. They wanted to employ more colporteurs. They would gladly have more Presbyterial interest in their work in the direction of visitation and supervision, and they earnestly asked from all, increased sympathy with the converts from Romanism.

The difficulties of the work can scarcely be over-estimated. Carried on among a people the large mass of whom we regard as thoroughly superstitious and firmly wedded to a corrupt religion, it requires strong faith, undaunted courage, and patient perseverance on the part of those engaged in it. Nowhere does the Church of Rome possess greater power and wealth than in the Province of Quebec. By means of her legalized system of tithes, and the large grants of land made to the Jesuits and other religious orders in the early history of the Province, the church has amassed enormous wealth, and, virtually controlling the Legislature, she has established herself more firmly in this Province than ever she did in France or Italy, or even, perhaps, in Spain. And at no period in the past history of the country has she been more bitterly opposed to the dissemination of God's Word, or more zealous in keeping the people in ignorance and superstition than at present. Knowing that the entrance of the Word gives light, and that this Word, applied to the heart and conscience by the Holy Spirit, is the only efficacious means of enlightening men and delivering them from spiritual thralldom, the great aim of the Board is to bring under the power of God's truth the million and a quarter French-speaking people of the Dominion, under the full conviction that the highest interests of these people, and also the future destiny of our country imperatively demand this at our hands.

Appropriate reference was made to the death of Mr. James Court of Montreal, a life-long friend and liberal supporter of missions to the French Canadians. Mr. Armstrong's mission to Britain was spoken of as having been successful in a marked degree. Upon the whole the report now presented was one of the most encouraging which had ever been laid upon the table of the General Assembly.

MR. WRIGHT of Stratford moved the adoption of the report in a vigorous and eloquent speech, dwelling upon the great need for the work in which the Board is engaged, and the prominent position taken in connection with it by the Presbyterian Church in Canada. MR. DOUDIET seconded the motion with a brilliant speech. Some people complained that there are few visible results from this French Work. He could dispel that mistake. Taking from his pocket the roll of membership of his own congregation he exhibited the names and the addresses of upwards of one hundred families. On his communion roll there were the names of 116 communicants. He had nine elders and four managers. He had thirty baptisms during the year. Besides his congregation, there were four or five other French Protestant Churches in Montreal, all in a flourishing condition. This he thought entitled them to claim at least a certain amount of "visibility." Mr. Doudiet gave some very interesting illustrations of his own method of working and of the difficulties and discouragement they had to contend with. PROFESSOR COUSSIRAT of Montreal made a brief address with his accustomed modesty and gracefulness. It was a unique thing that the Presbyterian Church had undertaken to educate missionaries for the French work in their own language, and it was very important, because they could not expect to bring missionaries from France. The good ones, the people in France wanted to keep at home, and the bad ones, they did not want in Canada. The work in France had many attractions. It was pleasant to speak to large and sympathetic congregations, it was not so pleasant here to go out into the mission fields speaking to small assemblages with the idea that the great mass of the people around you regarded you as a "turn-coat." He was more and more convinced that the strength of this French work lay in having thoroughly educated and competent missionaries. Such men would always command respect. The work to be successful must be carried on in the spirit of love to the Roman Catholics. They are our neighbours and fellow-citizens. At the same time they must be faithful and vigilant. The Jesuits by whom they were surrounded were ever on the alert: if we do not succeed in destroying their system of error and superstition, Jesuitism will destroy us.



### Sixth Day.

A committee was appointed to consider and report on the salaries of the Agents of the Church. The first order of the day was the nomination by the Assembly of a list of names from which to elect eight ministers and eight elders as delegates to the General Presbyterian Council to meet in Belfast next summer. About sixty ministers and thirty elders were nominated and it was announced that the election would take place on the following day.

#### THE COLLEGES.

The report on the Halifax Theological College was given in and commented upon by Rev. DR. BURNS, the Chairman of the Board. Not to be behind the other colleges, they had acquired degree-granting powers and had exercised them in conferring the degree of B.D., on two of their students. The sum of \$71,000 was reported as collected of the \$100,000 subscribed some years ago. Total receipts for the year. \$8,834.38. The floating debt on ordinary expenditure is \$3,710.52. The report expresses much concern that the attendance of students has diminished during the last two years instead of increased. Dr. Burns spoke very feelingly and effectively on this feature of the report. "The Board would urge upon young men to consider their duty in the present emergency. Especially would they call upon the Ministers to *look out* for young men of piety and promise, and to bring under their notice the urgency of the Church's work and the claims of Christ upon their services. Above all they would call on the Church to make this matter the subject of earnest prayer, that the Lord of the harvest would send forth labourers unto his harvest."

MORRIN COLLEGE. Dr. Mathews presented the report of this Institution, which stated in brief that it had four Arts Professors, four theological lecturers and four divinity students; that it had been in existence for a good many years during which it had cost the Church nothing. Last year with the leave of the Assembly, they had received about \$400 from the congregations in the Presbytery of Quebec, and all that they now asked was, that these congregations be recommended to continue their contributions. In moving the adoption of the report, Mr. Bennett of Almonte spoke of the importance of having a school of the prophets in the ancient capital of Quebec, referring to the fact that the College had been founded by the liberality of a single individual and that it had given the Church several of its ministers. The request of the managers was granted. The report acknowledged the receipt of a legacy of \$5000 from the late Mr. David J. Greenshields, of Montreal.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.—Principal MacVicar in presenting the report spoke of the splendid gifts the College had received last year and of its continued prosperity. The David Morrice Hall which was opened for use last November was a valuable boon to the College and tended greatly to further the efficiency of the institution. Reference was made to the death of Mr. Edward Mackay and to the legacy of \$10,000 which in addition to \$40,000 given by him a short time ago, he had bequeathed to the College. The appointment of Rev. John Scrimger to the chair of Exegetics had given great satisfaction to all concerned. The Endowment Fund amounted to \$110,501.17. The ordinary revenues of the year from all sources were \$12,344.49. The amount in addition, expended in Scholarships and prizes, including Morrice Fellowship of \$500 was over \$2,000. The number of students enrolled and in attendance during the session was 59, of whom 24 were divinity students, the remainder attended the Arts classes, either in the College, or in the McGill University.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE, KINGSTON.—The number of students registered last session was as follows:—in Arts 191; in Medicine 88; in Theology 20. The total number studying with a view to the ministry is 62. The total ordinary expenditure for the year was \$22,694.31 and for scholarships and prizes \$3,989.93. The assets are \$325,483.03, of which upwards of \$200,000 are investments, yielding an annual revenue of \$12,587. The Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland have withdrawn their subsidy of £300 stg. a year, but the liberality of the friends of the institution in Canada have more than supplied the deficit thus created. An appeal for \$7,500 a year for five years had met with immediate success and the result had been important additions to the equipment of the College. Rev. Donald Ross, B. D., of Lachine had been appointed to the chair of Biblical Criticism and Apologetics, and Rev. Dr. Bell had been elected as Registrar and Librarian. The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. Colin Macdougall Elder of St. Thomas in a capital speech, and seconded by Hon. Mr. Vidal, who referred to the increasing need for ministers and missionaries at home and in foreign lands.

KNOX COLLEGE TORONTO.—The number of students resident in the College last Session was 76. The whole number having the ministry in view was about 100. The ordinary expenditure for the year was \$12,296.73 and for Scholarships and Bursaries, \$1,806.63. An effort had been made during the year to raise an endowment fund, the amount aimed at being \$200,000 at the least. Toward this, Mr. James McLaren, of Buckingham, had given them the princely gift of \$50,000, in addition to which some \$60,000 had already been sub-

scribed. Principal Caven, speaking of the difficulty of collecting money for such purposes, said, playfully, that at least two maxims had been indelibly impressed on his memory in the course of his canvass—"We should be just before we are generous," and "Charity begins at home." Upon the whole, however, they had met with a very kind reception from their friends. In moving the adoption of the report, Principal Caven suggested that an annual sermon should be preached in all our pulpits in reference to the ministry, and that special prayer be at the same time offered for the blessing of God upon our colleges, and that he would send forth more labourers into the great harvest field. The motion was seconded by Principal Grant, in an admirable speech, and was supported by Principal MacVicar and ex-Moderator Dr. Cochrane.

#### AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

At this stage of the proceedings, the venerable Assembly was agreeably surprised by an announcement from the chair that the Clerical Secretary of the Synod of Huron was at the door bearing a message from that Court to the General Assembly. Whereupon the Clerk of the Assembly, Dr. Reid, went to the door and conducted the Rev. J. B. Richardson, the Clerical Secretary for the said Synod, to the platform, and introduced him to the Moderator and through him to the House.

MR. RICHARDSON, who was warmly received, then handed the Moderator a copy of a resolution which had just been passed by his Synod as follows:—

"Moved by the Bishop that the Synod of the Diocese of Huron in session assembled tender their cordial and sincere greeting to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, with earnest prayer that God will continue to aid and bless them in all their labors for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom."

The Moderator, in reply, addressing Mr. Richardson, said: It affords me much pleasure to receive the resolution of the Diocese whose Clerical Secretary you are, and we accept it as a testimony to your conviction, which I entertain in common with you, that we are serving the same Master, and that we are seeking the same ends, if with different church organizations, and it is a matter of extreme delight to us that there should be before the Christian public of Canada such an emphatic testimony to our recognition of each other's work; and to your recognition of ours, as the mouthpiece of this Assembly, I may state our extreme readiness to recognize yours.

#### MANITOBA COLLEGE.

PROFESSOR BRYCE presented the report of the Board of Management. The past year had been the best they had yet had, and the outlook was highly encouraging. The whole number of students was 38, of whom eight

or ten had the ministry in view. The Board and the Presbytery also deemed it advisable to increase the teaching staff by appointing a lecturer in philosophy and higher mathematics, as well as by the appointment of a theological professor and principal. Mr. D. M. Gordon, of Winnipeg, supported the memorial in reference to the latter proposal in a telling speech, as did also Mr. Robertson, the Superintendent of Missions. Mr. Bryce then moved that the Board be authorized to carry out the proposals referred to, and that the Assembly appoint the Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, to be principal and professor of divinity in Manitoba College, at a salary of not less than \$2,500. The matter was referred to a committee.

#### STATE OF RELIGION.

The evening sederunt was occupied with the reception and discussion of the report given in upon this subject by Mr. Walter M. Rodger, the Convener. The recommendations appended to the report—six in number—were considered *seriatim*, and their adoption severally moved and seconded by members in accordance with previous arrangement. In this way a number of short, pithy and suitable addresses, prepared with some degree of care, were delivered, to the evident interest and satisfaction of the audience. Among those who contributed to this "symposium" were Messrs. Milligan, of Toronto, Clark, of New Edinburgh, D. J. Macdonnell, of Toronto, Mr. Henderson, Elder, of Cobourg, Principal M. Knight, of Halifax, Mr. Donald, of Pictou, Dr. Burns, of Halifax, Mr. Brunfield, of Brockville, and a number of others. It is not to be supposed that all the speeches re-echoed the report. That is not the way with Presbyterians in Council. Every man feels himself at liberty to accept or reject the opinions of Committees, and to express his own mind freely in relation to the matter in hand, of whatsoever kind it may be. In this instance the discussion took a decidedly practical turn, and was particularly interesting and useful on that account. The various recommendations were finally approved, and the report as a whole adopted.

#### TEMPERANCE.

A desultory and fruitless discussion ensued on the presentation of the report on Temperance, read by Mr. DONALD FRASER, in the absence of the Convener. The end of the matter was that the report was re-committed to the Committee, with instructions to amend it in the light of what appears to be the mind of the House on several of the controverted clauses. The only other course open in the circumstances was to lay the report on the table, which would have been tantamount to

saying that this Assembly had nothing whatever to say on the subject—a kind of agnosticism which would scarcely be regarded as creditable to so influential a section of the Christian Church.

## Seventh Day.

THE STANDING COMMITTEES for the year as finally amended are as follows:—

### I. KNOX COLLEGE.

1. *Board of Management.*—W. M. Clarke, Chairman; Principal Caven, Professor MacLaren, Arch. Stevenson, Dr. Proudfoot, Dr. Reid, Dr. King, Dr. Scott, E. F. Torrance, D. H. Fletcher, J. B. Dauncan, W. D. Ballantyne, D. D. Macleod, James Hastie, H. M. Parsons, John Smith, W. Wilson, Jas. Carmichael (King), J. A. R. Dickson, J. A. Murray, J. R. Battisby, R. N. Grant, W. Couthard, Stephen Young, H. McQuarrie, Colin Fletcher, Alex. Stewart, and Messrs. W. Alexander, Andrew Jeffrey, J. B. Fairbairn, Jos. Henderson, G. W. Ross, D. D. Wilson, George Rutherford, R. Kilgour.

2. *Senate.*—Principal Caven, Chairman; the Professors and Lecturers of the College, Dr. Reid, Dr. King, Messrs. H. M. Parsons, J. B. Macdonnell, S. Lyle, Dr. Lang, P. McF. Macleod, Robt. Wallace, G. M. Miligan, J. Carmichael (King), and Messrs. T. Kirkland, A. McMurchy, W. M. Clarke.

3. *Board of Examiners.*—Dr. John Laing, Chairman; the Senate, Dr. Wardrope, Messrs. John Kirkpatrick, E. D. MacLaren, F. R. Beattie, W. McWilliams, P. Wright, R. Torrance, John Gray (Orillia).

### II. PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

1. *Board of Management.*—Mr. D. Morrice, Chairman; Principal MacVicar, Prof. Campbell, Prof. Cousirat, Prof. Scrimger, Principal Dawson, Messrs. Colborne Heine, R. H. Warden, J. R. McLeod, R. Campbell (Montreal), A. B. MacKay, W. M. McKibbin, J. A. F. MacBean, J. Crombie, John Ferguson, J. McCaul, E. W. Farries, Chas. McKillop, J. Fleck, J. J. Casey, W. J. Dey, S. Houston, Thomas Cumming, Justice Torrance, Messrs. J. Croil, A. S. Ewing, Warden King, W. Yuile, A. C. Hutchison, W. Darling, Jr., J. Murray Smith, Hugh MacKay, John Stirling, Jonathan Hodgson, A. MacPherson.

2. *Senate.*—Principal MacVicar, Chairman; the Professors and Lecturers of the College, Geo. Coull, C. A. Doudiet, Dr. Kelly, Messrs. C. E. Amaron, J. S. Black, G. Burnfield, D. Paterson, W. R. Cruickshank, R. Campbell (Montreal), Justice Torrance, Principal Dawson, Prof. Murray, J. B. Cair, J. Cameron (Millbrook).

### III. PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, HALIFAX.

1. *Board of Management.*—Dr. Burns, Chairman; Dr. MacGregor, Secretary; Principal McKnight, Prof. Pollok, Prof. Currie, Prof. Forrest, Dr. McCulloch, Dr. Macrae, Messrs. A. McL. Sinclair, Thomas Sedgwick, J. McMillan, E. Scott, K. McLennan, R. Laing, Jas. Maclean, J. C. Burgess, W. Aitken, and Messrs. D. C. Fraser, J. J. Bremner, R. Murray, R. Baxter, W. Robertson and John S. Maclean.

2. *Senate.*—Principal McKnight, Chairman; The Professors, Principal Ross, Prof. Forrest, Dr. Burns, Dr. Macrae, P. M. Morrison, L. G. MacNeill, F. H. Jordan, and Robert Murray.

3. *Board of Examiners.*—Mr. R. Laing, Chairman; Principal Ross, Prof. Forrest, Prof. Lyall, Prof. McDonald, Messrs. P. M. Morrison, A. Simpson, and H. H. McPherson.

### IV. QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON.

*Bursary and Scholarship Committee.*—F. McCuaig, Convener; Prof. Williamson, Prof. Ferguson, Messrs. H. Gracey, J. Ross (Perth), M. W. Maclean, and Messrs. G. M. Macdonnell and A. McAllister.

### V. MANITOBA COLLEGE.

Hon. A. G. B. Bannatyne, Chairman; Prof. Bryce, Prof. Hart, Messrs. D. M. Gordon, A. Bell, Jas. Robertson, C. B. Pithblado, T. McGuire, A. Mathieson, Hon. G. McKieken, Hon. D. A. Smith, Messrs. D. McArthur, John Sutherland, A. W. Ross, Justice Taylor.

### VI. HOME MISSIONS.

1. *Western Section.*—Dr. Cochran, Convener; Dr. King, M. W. Maclean, R. H. Warden, J. R. Macleod, W. A. Lang, F. W. Farries, R. Campbell (Renfrew), G. Burnfield, J. Cleland, J. A. Carmichael (Columbus), E. Cockburn, R. Moodie, J. Somerville, J. Campbell (Harriston), J. A. Turnbull, R. Torrance, J. H. Ratcliffe, J. Rennie, Hector Currie, W. Walker, R. Hamilton, Duncan Cameron, A. Tolmie, James Robertson, Dr. Laing, D. J. Macdonnell, A. B. Mackay, W. T. McMullen, Allan Findlay, C. P. Pithblado, and Messrs Daniel McKenzie, Wm. Mitchell, Thos. Macrae, R. Kilgour, A. P. Cockburn, M.P.

2. *Eastern Section.* Mr. John McMillan, Convener; Messrs. J. C. Burgess, R. Laing, A. B. Dickie, J. Layton, M. G. Henry, E. Grant, N. Mackay, P. Goodfellow, J. S. Carruther, A. Russell, A. Simpson, and Messrs. J. K. Munnis, J. S. Hutton, James Forrest.

### VII. SUPPLEMENTS.

Mr. T. Sedgwick, Convener; Dr. MacGregor, Secretary; Messrs. E. A. McCurdy, E. Scott, Jas. Sinclair, J. H. Chase, Edwin Smith, Jos. Hogg, T. Nicholson, E. D. Millar, W. Grant, G. L. Gordon, J. F. Blanchard, Hugh Ross and K. Mackenzie.

### VIII. DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS.

Mr. R. Torrance, Convener; Dr. Wardrope, Messrs. J. Davidson, J. C. Smith, J. B. Mullar, Mr. A. Dingwall Fordyce, D. Strachan.

### IX. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1. *Western Section.*—Dr. Wardrope, Convener; Dr. McLaren, Dr. Moore, T. Lowry, J. S. Burnett, J. K. Smith, Dr. Jardine, J. B. Edmondson, R. J. Beattie, S. Lyle, Dr. J. B. Fraser, A. H. Scott, J. S. Black, J. Gray (Windsor), D. D. Macleod, A. D. McDonald, J. Ferguson (Chesley), J. Robertson, W. A. McKay, S. H. Eastman, J. Smith, J. L. Murray, Hon. Alex. Morris, Messrs. W. B. McMurrich, Dr. McDonald, J. Y. Reid, Charles Davidson, T. Gordon, James McMillan, A. Thomson, James Watson, R. Laurie and H. Cassels.

2. *Eastern Section.*—Mr. Alex. McLean, Convener; Dr. MacGregor, Secretary; Dr. McCulloch, Dr. Burns, Messrs. D. B. Blair, A. McL. Sinclair, E. A. McCurdy, E. Scott, W. Donald, J. L. George, K. McClellan, A. J. Mowatt, D. C. Fraser, John Miller and Andrew Walker.

### X. FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

Principal MacVicar, Chairman; Mr. R. H. Warden, Secretary; Dr. Jenkins, Dr. Mathews, Prof. Cousirat, Prof. Scrimger, Messrs. C. E. Amaron, Jos. Hogg, R. Cumming, A. B. Mackay, J. Fleck, J. McCaul, R. Campbell (Montreal), C. A. Doudiet, J. S. Black, Peter Wright, C. A. Tanner, A. A. Scott, W. Armstrong, A. McGillivray, T. Cumming, Colborne Heine, W. R. Cruickshank, Geo. D. Bayne, Messrs. D. Morrice, W. D. MacLaren, James Croil, A. C. Hutchison, D. Yuile, G. Hay.

### XI. STATE OF RELIGION.

Dr. James, Convener; Messrs. W. M. Roger, R. D. Fraser, D. D. McLeod, John Mordy, C. A. Doudiet, Jas. Cameron (Chatsworth), J. Ferguson (Vankleek Hill), D. J. McLean, Thomas McGuire, G. Bruce, A. Currie (Brock), M. Campbell, J. C. Herdman, T. C. Jack, A. J. Mowatt, J. R. S. Burnett, Messrs. Joseph Henderson, J. H. Panton, L. W. Johnston, John Harvie, John Robertson.

### XII. SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Mr. A. Simpson, Convener; H. H. Macpherson, D. Macrae, E. Bayne, A. Burrows, Dr. Smith, J. C. Herdman, S. W. Fisher, James Wellwood, John McEwen, Mungo Fraser, R. J. Laidlaw, W. J. Frizzell, W. S. Ball, Geo. Chrystal, J. B. Dunagan, G. M. Miligan, J. J. Richards, W. M. Rodger, Murdoch Lindsay, A. C. Cogwell, S. Waddell, David Fotheringham, James Croil, John Milne (Agincourt), A. T. McKenzie, W. N. Hossie, W. D. Russel, Rev. J. McCaul and L. Cameron.

### XIII. SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Dr. McCulloch and W. T. McMullen, Joint Convener; Dr. Jardine, Dr. Ure, Messrs. Andrew Wilson, J. L. Murray, A. Gilray, D. M. Gordon, T. Fenwick, M. McGillivray, G. G. McRobbie, Robert Laird, Geo. Cuthbertson, R. Murray, Dr. Christie, J. S. Steel and M. Wilson.

XIV. PRESBYTERIAN RECORD.

Dr. Jenkins, Convener; Prof Campbell, Dr. MacGregor, Dr. Jardine, J. Fleck and the Editors.

XV. WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

1. *Late Canada Presbyterian Church*.—Messrs. W. Alexander and Justice Taylor, Joint Convener; Dr. Reid, Messrs. G. M. Milligan, W. McWilliam, J. L. Blaikie, A. Wilson, A. Gilray, and Messrs. James Brown, W. Gordon, James Osborne.

2. *Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Maritime Provinces*.—Mr. J. J. Bremner, Chairman; Mr. George Mitchell, Treasurer; Dr. Patterson, Secretary; Dr. McLeod, Dr. McCulloch, Dr. Bennett, Dr. Pollok, Messrs. D. B. Blair, A. McLean, R. Laing, J. M. Sutherland, W. Maxwell, T. Sedgwick, A. L. Whyte, K. McKenzie, E. A. McCurdy, James Maclean, and Messrs. J. D. McGregor, Howard Primrose, George Murray, M. D. Geo. McLean, J. R. Nicholson and J. S. McDonald.

XVI. AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

1. *Western Section*.—Mr. J. Middlemiss, Convener; Dr. Reid, Messrs. R. Leask, H. McQuarrie, E. D. McLaren, Joseph McCoy, J. C. Smith, John Thomson (Ayr), Alex. Mathieson, R. J. Laidlaw, D. Little (Princeton), Dr. R. C. Moffatt, and Messrs. J. K. Macdonald, A. D. Ferrier, Hon. A. Vidal, John Charlton, David McLellan, A. MacAlister, D. McGee.

2. *Eastern Section*.—Mr. A. McL. Sinclair, Convener; Principal McKnight, Dr. Patterson, G. Bruce, Messrs. H. B. McKay, Jos. Hogg, P. Goodfellow, Geo. McMillan, T. G. Johnstone, R. Cumming, J. H. Chase, J. S. Carruthers, D. McMillan, D. S. Fraser, and Messrs. G. W. Underwood, J. D. McGregor, James G. Forbes, Thomas Bayne and J. D. McGillivray.

XVII. FINANCE.

1. *Toronto Section*.—Mr. J. L. Blaikie, Convener; Dr. Reid, W. Alexander, A. Jardine, A. MacMurchy, J. Kay, A. Jeffrey, R. Kilgour, J. Y. Reid, R. J. Hunter.

2. *Montreal Section*.—Mr. R. H. Warden, Convener; Messrs. D. Morrice, A. S. Ewing, W. Yuile, W. D. McLaren and J. Murray Smith.

3. *Halifax Section*.—Mr. John S. Maclean, Convener; Messrs. J. J. Bremner, J. W. Carmichael, James Forrest and James McIntosh.

XVIII. STATISTICS.

Mr. R. Torrance, Convener; Messrs. J. C. Smith, J. Gray (Orillia), J. Laing, N. C. Fraser, A. F. Thompson, D. S. Fraser and Mr. G. Haddon.

XIX. PROTECTION OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Mr. J. McLennan, Convener; Dr. Bell, Dr. Reid, Dr. Pollok, Sir Wm. Young, Messrs. G. M. Macdonnell, J. L. Morris, R. Sedgwick, C. E. Hamilton.

XX. TEMPERANCE.

Mr. J. McCaul, Convener; Messrs. T. Goldsmith, G. Christie, J. W. McAlister, L. G. MacNeill, A. F. Carr, T. Scouler, P. McF. McLeod, J. M. Cameron, W. A. McKay, H. McKellar, R. Wallace, S. Lyle, J. Calder, D. J. Macdonnell, Hugh Currie, John Smith, P. C. Goldie, David Wardrope, Hon. A. Vidal, Messrs. G. W. Ross, Walter Paul, T. Yellowlees, J. Farquhar and A. Mutchmore.

XXI. HYMNAL COMMITTEE.

Dr. Jenkins and Dr. Gregg, Joint Convener; Dr. James, Dr. McRae, Messrs. J. S. Black, Prof. Mowat, D. J. Macdonnell, John Thomson (Ayr), R. Murray, W. B. McMurrich, D. D. Macleod, P. McF. Macleod, D. B. Cameron.

CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING FUND.

C. B. Pitblado, Convener; James Robertson, Allan Bell, Duncan Macarthur, D. McKellar, G. D. MacVicar, Dr. Cochrane, R. H. Warden, D. M. Gordon and J. B. McKilligan.

DELEGATES TO THE PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL.

Dr. Gregg reported the result of the vote for sixteen delegates to attend the General Council of the Presbyterian Alliance to be held in Belfast:—

*Ministers*—Dr. King, Principal Caven, Dr. MacLaren, Principal MacVicar, Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Burns, Dr. Reid, Andrew Burrows. *Elders*—David Morrice, W. B. McMurrich, James Croil, Hon. Alex. Vidal, Hon. Alex. Morris, J. L. Blaikie, Dr. Thorburn, Judge James. The following were reported as next on the list who may be appointed as substitutes for any of the foregoing unable to attend:—*Ministers*—Dr. Mathews, Dr. John Laing, A. B. Mackay, Professor Coussirat, H. A. Robertson, of Eromanga, J. K. Smith, K. F. Junor, Dr. Wardrope. *Elders*—Hon. D. Laird, John Charlton, M.P., G. W. Ross, M.P., C. Macdougall, Q.C., D. C. Fraser, James Bethune, Q.C., Judge Stephen, John S. Maclean.

EXCHANGE OF COURTESIES.

DR. REID reported that he and Senator Vidal had, in accordance with instructions, delivered the message of the Assembly to the Synod of the diocese of Huron, and that they had been received most enthusiastically. The following is the resolution of the Assembly:—

"The General Assembly desires to express and record the pleasure with which it has received the resolution transmitted by the Synod of the Diocese of Huron now in session in this city. The General Assembly heartily reciprocate the Christian and fraternal greetings hereby conveyed, and earnestly prays that an abundant blessing from the great Head of the Church may rest upon the Synod in its deliberations at this time, and on all the work in which the Bishop and members of the Synod are severally engaged for the advancement of the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

BISHOP HELLMUTH, on behalf of the Synod, thanked the deputation, and through them the Assembly, for their kind message, and trusted that it was an earnest of greater Christian harmony and uniformity in future characterizing all those who call themselves the servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, and are engaged in spreading His gospel.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS.

Unfinished business in connection with these reports was disposed of, and suitable deliverances adopted. *Inter alia*: it was agreed to sanction the sending of another missionary to Formosa. A generous offer by Messrs. John Macdonald and William Gooderham, of the Methodist Church, Toronto, to provide outfit and passage money, together with a donation of \$500 for two missionaries to be sent to Japan, should the Assembly see fit, was thankfully received and remitted to the consideration of the Committee. A proposal, through Rev. John Morton, of Trinidad, that the Church should aid in supporting a mission to the coolies of Demarara by sending a missionary and paying one-half of his salary (£200 stg.) was favourably entertained. A resolution was cordially passed recognizing the eminent ability with which Dr. MacLaren had discharged the duties of Convener of the Committee of the western section during the long period of sixteen years and thanking him for his valuable services.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A letter from Dr. GRAY, Convener of the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, was read, expressing a desire that every thing should be done to prevent even the appearance of unseemly

rivalry among the Presbyterians in British Columbia, and giving assurance of the sincere desire of the Church of Scotland to co-operate in every possible way in promoting the interests of religion in that province. The Assembly, after full consideration, agreed

That pending the union of all the Presbyterian congregations in B. C. in one Presbytery, the General Assembly place under the care of the Presbytery of Toronto the congregation of Pandora St. First Church, Victoria, and any of the other congregations in British Columbia that may make application to be received into connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada; that the Presbytery of Toronto be empowered to receive as ministers of this Church the ministers of any of the Presbyterian congregations in British Columbia on their making application and tabling the necessary Presbyterian certificates.

#### SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

The report on Sabbath-schools was presented by Mr. H. H. MACPHERSON in the absence of the Convener. It was pointed out that owing to the negligence of parties in withholding information, the report was necessarily incomplete. One of the Synods reported the startling fact that there are nearly 10,000 children within its bounds, belonging to the Church, that are not reached at all by the Sabbath-school. So far as the information went, it was inferred that there was a growing interest on this subject. Presbyterial conferences had been found useful and profitable. The recommendations appended to the report were considered seriatim and adopted with modifications and additions. They had reference to greater diligence in making returns; to Presbyterial oversight and conferences; the providing of a periodical for the children of the Church; and the establishment of normal classes for the training of teachers. A member of the court expressed his profound disappointment that the consideration of this subject, one of vital importance to the welfare of the Church, should have been restricted to one brief hour. Beyond a few desultory remarks about the recommendations, not a word had been said upon the report as a whole, nor upon the great subject to which it refers. He said that the Church which would put the Sabbath-school question in a corner, might expect some day to find itself in a corner.

#### SABBATH-OBSERVANCE.

An excellent report was given in on this subject by Mr. W. T. MACMULLEN, of Woodstock. A relative document, from the ministerial association of Toronto, was also read. References were made to the profanation of the Sabbath by railway and steamboat companies and the evasion of the laws by hotel-keepers and others. Much of this was attributed to the ambiguity of the laws in respect of Sabbath-observance. It was almost needless to approach public companies with remonstrances against Sunday traffic, so long as they could shelter themselves behind inoperative acts of Parliament. There must be a change in the laws before we can secure a quiet and peaceful Sabbath. Mr. John Smith explained that a chief difficulty in enforcing the existing laws now is the conflicting opinions of lawyers as to the precise meaning of the terms "guests" and "travellers." It was

agreed that united action should be taken along with other associations in petitioning the Local and Dominion Legislatures for such amendments to the existing laws as may be deemed necessary.

HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR.—It was announced in the course of the evening that the degree of Doctor of Divinity had been conferred upon the Rev. JOHN LAING, of Dundas, by the Senate of Rutgers' College, New Brunswick, U. S. This is a well-deserved tribute to Dr. Laing's eminent ability and scholarship.

### Eighth Day.

DR. REID thanked the Assembly for the unexpected and unsolicited increase to his salary, which the Assembly had voted to him on the previous evening. MR. WARDEN thanked the Assembly for their generous intentions in a similar way towards himself, but, on consideration, he had made up his mind to decline the increase of salary proposed.

DR. MOORE submitted addresses to the Queen and to the Governor-General which were cordially adopted.

Mr. Warden gave in the report on the college fund. He stated that 111 congregations and mission stations had failed to contribute anything to the fund; of those 69 were pastoral charges. The receipts for the year were \$350.75 less than the preceding year, the total being \$15,261.31. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Warden for his gratuitous services in this connection.

#### AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Principal Grant moved the adoption of the report on the aged and infirm ministers' fund, previously submitted; congratulated the Assembly that the income exceeded the expenditure; commended the fund to the liberality of the people, and advised the continuation of the usual sum to the annuitants, and expressed the hope that this annuity might, in the near future, be increased to \$300.

The report of the committee for the eastern section was also presented, showing, with balance at end of previous year of \$624.50, total receipts for the year of \$2,312.56. The fund has been placed in a most satisfactory condition by the acquirement of a bequest of \$20,000 from Mr. McLeod of Halifax.

#### MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUNDS.

The report in connection with the Church of Scotland was taken up. It appeared that the total assets were \$104,653, the receipts \$41,470, and the expenditure \$24,000, \$17,000 cash in hand. The number of annuitants is 38—receiving each an annuity of about \$170.

By the report of the Fund of the late Canada Presbyterian Church it appeared that the receipts were \$30,281, and the assets \$101,877. Three annuitants had been removed from the list by death and three added. \$19,321 had been invested and there remained \$1,559 balance in hand.

The Eastern section report showed that the amount in hand of the two funds (those of the

Presbyterian Church in the Lower Provinces and the Church of Scotland) which had now been united, amounted to 59,000. This sum included a bequest of \$20,000 from the late Mr. McLeod, of Halifax.

MR. TORRANCE, Convener, presented the report of the Committee on Statistics. It appeared that there are in the Church 799 pastoral charges, an increase of 9 on last year; there are 122 vacancies, mission stations 109, congregations and stations 1,011, the total number of churches and stations supplied by pastors 1,493, or adding mission stations 1,714. The families reach 69,507, an increase of 1,328; of communicants there are 119,603, an increase of 2,725. The total income of the Church was \$1,422,783. The average contribution per family throughout the Church for all strictly congregational purposes per family was \$17.15, and from communicants \$9.96; for the schemes of the Church the average per family was \$2 40.

#### MANITOBA COLLEGE.

PRINCIPAL GRANT presented the report of the committee on the appointment of a theological professor there. In doing so he remarked that the matter had been carefully gone into. A great difficulty was the financial burden now on the college, and it was a serious matter to propose an increase of their responsibilities. The College, although not a theological one, had, by the consent of Presbyteries, done a good deal of theological work. There were, no doubt, a good many theological institutions already in connection with the Church, but as this was proposed to supply only the home demand in a new field, there was probably strong argument in favor of granting the request of the Manitoba Presbytery, and the Northwest delegation was unanimously in favor of the institution of a theological college for that Province. They had done much for the Northwest, but they must do more. The report recommended that the claims of the Northwest be again laid before the Churches in the Old Country by a special agent to be appointed for that purpose. That the salaries of Professor Bryce and Professor Hart be raised to \$2,000 each. That the Board be authorized to appoint an additional lecturer in Arts; and lastly, that the prayer of the memorial to the Assembly to appoint a professor in theology be granted, and recommended the Rev. John M. King, D. D., of St. James' Square Church, Toronto, as such professor and principal of the College.

PROF. BRYCE, with the consent of his seconder, Rev. D. M. Gordon, withdrew his motion, previously submitted, coupling with the professorship the name of Rev. Dr. Cochrane. He said the proposition had been submitted in good faith, but as the Committee had thoroughly considered the whole matter, and substituted the name of Dr. King, they felt this appointment to be a very acceptable and valuable one.

The report was considered *seriatim*, and adopted without amendment, the clause relating to the appointment of Dr. King provoking prolonged applause. Addresses, expressive of the high esteem in which Dr. King is universally held in the

Church, his intellectual attainments and scholarly qualities, were offered by Revs. Principal Caven, Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Reid, D. J. Macdonnell, G. M. Milligan, Prof. Gregg, Prof. McLaren, W. T. McMullen, and others. Principal McVicar, who occupied the chair during the consideration of this matter, informed Dr. King briefly and feelingly of the appointment offered him, and the Moderator, in rising, was very warmly received.

DR. KING said his name was not presented to the Court without his permission. He had been consulted as to the matter, and had made it his first business to ascertain that his appointment would meet with the universal approval of the Church in the Northwest. Had he not been assured of that fact he could not have entertained the proposition. He loved the work of the ministry, the pulpit, and the pastorate, and should he accept the professorate, it was not that he regarded the position offered him higher than the one he had filled for twenty-six years. He would not be expected at once to definitely assert his acceptance or resignation of the proposition offered him. He felt it his duty to consult with his congregation which had borne with his pastorate for so many years. He would not be influenced by personal considerations, but by considerations, of which, even in God's presence, he would not be ashamed.

It was agreed that the salary of the Principal of Manitoba College should not be less than \$3,000 per annum. That Dr. King be given time to consider the appointment offered him, and report his decision to the Clerk of the Assembly, and that should he accept, the Presbytery of Toronto is instructed to take the necessary steps to release him from his present charge.

#### TEMPERANCE.

Another long debate occurred in connection with the ill-starred report on Temperance, in which Dr. Laing, Dr. Burns, Dr. Gregg, Mr. Macpherson, of Stratford, Mr. Smith of Toronto, Dr. Maclaren, Dr. Cochrane, Mr. D. J. Macdonnell and Mr. Donald Fraser, acting for the Convener, took a prominent part. The whole discussion turned upon a single paragraph in the report which intimated "the Assembly's approval of the Temperance Act of 1878, and would recommend its adoption and enforcement throughout the Dominion." Behold how great a fire a little matter kindleth!

#### MISCELLANEA.

It was agreed that the proposal to divide Manitoba into three Presbyteries be delayed for one year.

MARRIAGE WITH A DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.—The report of the Committee on this question was submitted by Prof. Gregg, stating that owing to diversity of opinion it had been found quite impossible to bring in a deliverance, and it was moved by Principal Caven that a committee be re-appointed to elucidate the scriptural authority on the subject, and submit an opinion to next Assembly, recommending what action the church should take as to marriages within the prohibited relationship, and that the report be printed in time for the meeting of the next Assembly.

**LEAVE TO RETIRE.**—Permission was given to the following ministers to retire from the active duties of the ministry:—Rev. Joseph Elliot of Cannington, Matthew Wilson of Sidney Mines, C. B. John Morrison of Waddington, U. S., Walter Thorburn of Bermuda, William Stewart of Hornby, Dr. Neill of Seymour, William King of Maidstone and Alex. Grant of Ashfield, Ont.

**TEMPORALITIES EXPENSE FUND.**—Principal Grant reports that less than one half of the amount required to cover the whole outlay incurred by litigation and acquiring new legislation had been provided by about one-ninth of the congregations. It was agreed that a statement to that effect should be sent to the non-contributing congregations, and that they be invited to co-operate in this behalf.

**LADIES COLLEGE.** DR. COCHRANE presented a report of the Ladies' College at Brantford, and DR. MOORE of that at Ottawa. Both institutions are in a highly satisfactory condition.

A congratulatory and fraternal message was presented from the Reformed Church in America, and the Moderator and Rev. Dr. Reid, clerk of the Assembly, were appointed to draft a reply.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the citizens of London for their hospitable entertainment of the delegates; to the trustees of St. Andrew's Church, to the railway and steamboat companies, and to the press.

The Moderator then briefly addressed the Assembly, acknowledging the excellent spirit manifested throughout the proceedings, and the increasingly large measure of prosperity characteristic of the work of the Church throughout all its branches.

The Assembly then adjourned.

## FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

### ANNUAL COLLECTION.

By appointment of the General Assembly, the annual collection for the French Evangelization Scheme takes place on Sabbath, 15th July.

Fifty-six missionaries were employed by the Board during the past year. Seventeen of these were colporteurs who distributed 2,598 copies of the Word of God, and about 26,000 French tracts. Thirteen schools, with 19 teachers and 533 pupils, are maintained by the Board. Seventy-six preaching stations are regularly supplied, and the prospects generally are most hopeful.

The estimated amount required for the current year is \$35,000.

This is the first of the Annual Collections for the Schemes of the Church, this ecclesiastical year, and it is a matter of great importance that it be taken up on the Sabbath appointed—15th July—in all Congregations and Mission Stations. In addition to the Sabbath Collection, families in every church, where there is no Missionary Association, should be personally canvassed for subscriptions on behalf of this important Scheme. Where there is no settled pastor the elders should attend to this, and in mission fields students and other missionaries should personally see to its being done.—A little effort in this direction will very materially swell the contributions, and instead of

only \$4 or \$5 from a whole congregation or mission field five or ten times the amount could easily be obtained.

Copies of the annual report may be had on application to Rev. R. H. Warden, 260 St. James St, Montreal, to whom all contributions should be forwarded.—R. H. W.

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PAYMENT IN ADVANCE.

**N**O two General Assemblies are just alike. They differ from each other in their *personnelle* as well as their environments. A number of the fathers and brethren who in past years have taken a prominent part in the proceedings of the Court, were this year conspicuous by their absence. But though Moses must be left in Moab, there is never wanting a Joshua to lead the Assembly on to new conquests. The Session that has just closed has been a very harmonious, quiet and orderly one. The reports of the Home and Foreign Mission Committees and of the Board of French Evangelization were encouraging. With one single exception, the treasuries of all of them were reported to be overflowing, and the work going on satisfactorily at every point. In the report on Statistics it is remarked that the total contributions for the "Schemes of the Church" show a falling off to the extent of \$55,085. The explanation is that one of the congregations in the Presbytery of Montreal returned under this heading last year the exceptionally large sum of \$75,061. The same congregation is this year credited with only \$1,711. The excess of the previous year was due to certain special donations to the Presbyterian College, Montreal, which are classed as contributions to the Schemes. With this explanation it will be seen that the missionary contributions of the past year are in reality very considerably in advance of last year. A new feature in this Assembly, and a most pleasing one, was the fraternal greetings that passed between us and the Synod of the Church of England sitting at the same time in London. This is probably the first

time that such a thing has happened since the Westminster Assembly. May it prove to be the harbinger of brighter and better days for the whole Church of God. The appointment of a Principal and primarius professor of Theology for the Manitoba College is an unmistakable evidence of progress in that new country. The older provinces will have to take care that they are not thrown in the shade by this young aspirant for ecclesiastic and civic distinction.

### Obituary.

THE REV. J. K. HISLOP, died at the Manse, Avonton, on the 9th of May. Mr. Hislop was a native of Roxboroughshire, Scotland. He came to this country about thirty years ago. In 1856 he entered Knox College, Toronto, as a student, and in 1862 he was licensed and ordained as the minister of Alliston and Carluke. To these he added other stations, which soon grew into separate congregations. In this way the first ten years of his ministry were very laborious and eminently successful. In 1870 he was translated to Avonton, where he continued to labour with great efficiency and success until he was called to his reward. In his character were combined many of those qualities that make a model minister. Modest and unassuming in manner, he had great energy and untiring zeal. Eminently peaceful in his dispositions and genial in spirit, he was firm as a rock on all matters of principle. He was an excellent preacher and a faithful pastor.

REV. D. M. MACLISE, D.D., Minister of Calvin Church, St. John, New Brunswick, died on Friday, June 1st., aged 59 years. Dr. MacLise was educated as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. When a young man he came to Ontario, where he was settled over the congregation of Norwood. He was, we believe, the first pastor of this charge. He subsequently removed to the United States. In 1874 he accepted a call to Calvin Church, St. John. A year or two ago he visited Manitoba and the North-West, and last fall and winter he visited Ireland and Scotland. He returned a few weeks ago *via* Rimouski, and seemed in tolerable health till within a week of his death. Dr. MacLise was an active and energetic man, who used the press as well as the pulpit to enforce his views. He was kind to the poor. He will be greatly missed in St. John, where the deepest sympathy is felt for his widow in her loneliness.

REV. C. D. MACLAREN, died at Bangkok, Siam, on the 14th March. He was a native of Prince Edward Island, and received most

of his training for the ministry at Halifax. When through College, he offered his services as Foreign Missionary to the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and he was commissioned to Siam. He arrived there in November and was greatly interested in the people among whom he was to labour. It was while kindly ministering to a dying sailor that he caught the fearful sickness—Asiatic Cholera—of which after a short illness he died. Mr. MacLaren was highly esteemed by his fellow-labourers in Siam, and is very deeply regretted by many in Canada who knew him as a student, a catechist, and a young and zealous minister.

REV. ROBERT BINNIE. It is with sincere regret that we announce the death of Mr. Binnie, minister of Knox Church, Cornwall, Ont., who departed this life on the 22nd of May, in the 60th year of his age. He had been for a long time in a delicate state of health. He was an able and faithful minister of the Gospel, and was held in high esteem, not only by his own congregation, but, by all who came in contact with him. The memory of such men is blessed.

### MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

- P. E. Island, Charlottetown, 7th August, 11 a.m.  
 Lunenburg & Shelburne, Bridgewater, 10th July, 2 p.m.  
 Mirimachi, Campbellton, 17th July.  
 Truro, Coldstream, 10th July, 1 p.m.  
 Montreal, David Morrice Hall, 10th July, 11 a.m.  
 Peterboro, Norwood, 3rd July, 7 p.m.  
 Bruce, Pinkerton, 17th July, 2 p.m.  
 London, 1st Presby'n Church, 10th July, 11 a.m.  
 Glengarry, Lancaster, 10th July, 2 p.m.  
 Wallace, 7th August.  
 Maitland, Kincardine, 10th July, 1 p.m.  
 Whitby, Port Perry, 17th July, 11 a.m.  
 Stratford, Mitchell, 10th July, 2 p.m.  
 Chatham, St. Andrew's Church, 10th July, 11 a.m.  
 Guelph, Chalmer's Church, 17th July, 10 a.m.  
 Lanark & Renfrew, Carleton Place, 28th, August, noon.  
 Kingston, Belleville, 2nd July, 7 p.m.  
 Huron, Goderich, 10th July, 11 a.m.  
 Toronto, Knox Church, 3rd July, 11 a.m.  
 Hamilton, Central Church, 17th July, 10 a.m.  
 Barrie, Barrie, 31st July, 11 a.m.  
 Saugeen, Durham, 10th July, 11 a.m.  
 Lindsay, Woodville, 28th August, 11 a.m.  
 Ottawa, Carp, 3rd July, 2 p.m.



## A Page for the Young.

### A BIT OF POTTERY.

The potter stood at his daily work,  
 One patient foot on the ground ;  
 The other with never slackening speed  
 Turning his swift wheel round.  
 Silent we stood beside him there,  
 Watching the restless knee,  
 Till my friend said low, in pitying voice,  
 "How tired his foot must be!"  
 The potter never paused in his work,  
 Shaping the wondrous thing ;  
 "I was only a common flower-pot,  
 But perfect in fashioning.  
 Slowly he raised his patient eyes,  
 With holy truth inspired :  
 "No, maim, it isn't the foot that kicks ;  
 The one that stands gets tired!"

—*Alice Rollins.*

### HE DIDN'T MEAN IT.

A young man, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, was very much opposed to the things of God. His mother doted on him and lavished every kindness upon him. She often spoke to him about his soul, and sought in every way to lead him to Christ. He grew impatient and angry at this, and said, 'Mother, if you talk to me any more like this, I shall go away. I won't live at home.' He continued very wordy and wild, still his mother sought to draw him to Christ. One day he said—'Mother, I'm going away off to Australia.' And away he would go. It grieved his poor mother sorely to lose her only son, and sadly she prepared his outfit. Nothing was forgotten. All was as perfect as love could make it. She packed his trunk ; at the top she put paper and pens, and her last request was, 'My son, mind and write to me.' He went : months passed—a year—two years—no letter. Nearly three years and still no letter to his mother.

He had got on well in Australia, was making money fast, and thought he would go home and see how his mother fared. He came to England, got to his native village—there it was, all unchanged, just as he had left it three years ago. He saw his mother's cottage, all done up neat and fresh. 'Oh,' he thought, 'mother's doing well.' He came up to the door, knocked, a strange servant opened it. 'Is Mrs. ———?' She looked astonished. 'Oh,' she said, 'you mean the lady that lived here before we came. She is dead. She had a bad son, who left her and went to Australia, and never wrote to her. It broke her heart. She died a few weeks ago.'

He asked where she was buried ; and went to the churchyard, soon found the grave with the freshly-laid sods, and all he could do was to throw himself on the grave and sob. 'O mother, mother, mother, I never meant it, I never meant it, I never meant it.'

But he did it !

Dear reader, do not say you 'mean' to come to Christ when you refuse Him day by day by not accepting Him. Come now for this 'great salvation'—

"The work is all done,  
 Believe it and come,  
 For now is the day of salvation."

### THE CINGALESE BOY AND THE IDOL.

A Cingalese boy, living at Baddegamma, in Ceylon, went one day into a Buddhist temple to offer his evening flower. When he had done so, he looked into the idol's face, expecting to see a smile of approval ; but, as the great eyes stared on without any expression of pleasure in them, he thought that so great a god would not condescend to accept a child's offering. Soon after, a man came in, laid down his flower, turned his back, and walked carelessly away. The boy again looked in the idol's face, and thought he should see an angry frown at this disrespect ; but the eyes stared on as before. He then began to realize the fact that the image had no life in it, and was alike powerless to punish or reward.

As soon as a mission-school was opened in 1813, in the neighbourhood of his home, he became one of the pupils, and was converted to God, together with several of his family. He afterwards became a zealous and devoted minister, working in connection with the Church Missionary Society. His name was Abraham Gunasekara. He died in 1862. His son, Henry Gunasekara, is now labouring in Kandy as the minister of a congregation of Cingalese Christians.

### WHAT IS YOUR LIFE?

*James 4 : 4, 15.*

IN life's glass  
 The moments fall,  
 Soon they pass  
 Beyond recall.  
 Use them well  
 Before they go ;  
 They foretell  
 Your joy or woe.

LIFE is made up, not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things, in which smiles and kindnesses and small obligations, given habitually, are what win and preserve the heart, and secure comfort.

**Acknowledgments.**

RECEIVED BY REV. DR. REID, AGENT OF THE CHURCH AT TORONTO, 7th OF JUNE, 1883. OFFICE, 50 CHURCH ST. POST OFFICE DRAWER 2607.

**ASSEMBLY FUND.**

Received to 5th May, 1883..	\$3554.61
Brockville, 1st .....	6.00
St Sylvester & Lower Leeds .....	3.00
Scarborough, St Andrew's .....	12.00
Alvinston & Napier .....	2.00
<b>—</b>	<b>\$3577.69</b>

**HOME MISSION.**

Rec'd to 5th May, 1883.....	\$42186.04
Brockville, 1st Church.....	151.20
Strathroy, St Andrews.....	60.60
Woodlands..... add'l	8.10
McNab & Horton (omitted in June Record).....	15.00
Spencerville .....	2.00
<b>—</b>	<b>\$12581.14</b>

**FOREIGN MISSION.**

Received to 5th May, 1883.....	\$39704.58
Brockville, 1st Church.....	29.00
Paris River st., (omitted on Jan'y 4) .....	22.00
Woodlands..... add'l	4.00
Juvenile Mission Scheme for Schools at Indore, India..... add'l	25.00
Strathroy, St Andrew's.....	50.00
<b>—</b>	<b>\$39834.58</b>

**WIDOW'S FUND.**

Rec'd to 5th May, 1883. ....	\$3964.73
Brockville, 1st Church.....	18.20
Strathroy, St Andrew's .....	15.00
<b>—</b>	<b>\$3997.93</b>

**COLLEGES ORDINARY FUND.**

Rec'd to 5th May, 1883. ....	\$11226.09
Kirkfield & Victoria Road.....	6.00
Brockville, 1st Church.....	13.50
Caledon, Melville Ch.....	8.00
Strathroy, St Andrew's.....	23.00
Woodlands.....	4.00
Alvinston & Napier.....	5.00
<b>—</b>	<b>\$11257.59</b>

**MANITOBA COLLEGE ORDINARY FUND**

Rec'd to 5th May, 1883.....	\$1201.41
Wellesley .....	8.00
Brockville, 1st Church.....	20.00
Woodlands.....	2.00
<b>—</b>	<b>\$1231.41</b>

**AGED AND INFIRM MINISTER'S FUND.**

Received to 5th May, 1883. ....	\$5899.96
Strathroy, St Andrew's .....	15.00
Woodlands.....	3.00
Alvinston & Napier.....	2.22
Lachute, 1st Church.....	10.00
<b>—</b>	<b>\$5930.18</b>

**KNOX COLLEGE BURSARY FUND.**

Rec'd to May, 5th, 1883. ....	\$1125.00
Stratford, Knox Ch.....	50.00
<b>—</b>	<b>\$1175.00</b>

**Correction.**

This amount from Edmondville for Home Mission, omitted in the May Record ..... \$51.00

**1883 & 1884.**

**ASSEMBLY FUND.**

Dunwich, Chalmers' Ch....	4.00
Hatho .....	5.00
Buctouche, St Andrew's...	7.00
Fullarton .....	11.50
Laake's bore .....	77
Crucksbank .....	1.20
Owen Sound, Division St...	12.25
Avonbank .....	7.78
Port Dalhousie.....	1.31
Waterdown .....	5.25
Burlington .....	4.95
Nelson .....	4.30
Chesley .....	3.00
Wheatford, Erskine Ch....	5.75
Roxborough, Knox Ch....	4.00
Tecumseth, 1st.....	2.40
Tecumseth, 2nd .....	3.20
Arijala .....	1.6
Townline .....	2.68
Ivy .....	2.00
Osgoode .....	4.15
Kenmore.....	3.85
<b>—</b>	<b>\$97.03</b>

**HOME MISSION.**

Durham, Knox Ch, <i>Omitted in act of 1883</i> .....	14.00
Manilla .....	3.50
Innerkip Sab School.....	13.38
A Friend, Paisley .....	2.00
A Clark, Smith's Falls.....	50.00
Mrs Lambert, North Carrodo .....	4.00
Ventnor .....	10.15
A Member of Caven Ch, Bolton .....	50.00
Hull .....	12.00
Mount Forest, St Andrew's .....	24.15
Truckton .....	3.00
Barrie .....	20.45
Ashburn .....	8.75
Saint George .....	5.00
Present, Sab School .....	10.68
Andrew Swan, Blenheim .....	4.00
Chesley .....	5.00
East Wawanosh, Calvin Ch .....	18.00
White Church .....	40.00
A Friend, Scott .....	5.00
A Member of Newtonville, Conryn, \$20.00 is for tracts for Missionaries in N W .....	102.00
Part of the Lord's tenth .....	1.00
Craighurst .....	20.00
West Brant .....	5.04
Nassagaweya .....	12.00
Free Church of Scotland, Colonial Committee.....	485.56
Interest on Legacy of the late D. J. Greenholds per his Executors .....	300.00
Teeswater, Zion Ch.....	30.00
A H. Mackay, Nass River, Fishery B.V.....	5.00
Moss, Burn's Ch .....	81.50
Nichol, Zion Ch.....	10.00
<b>—</b>	<b>\$1367.16</b>

**FOREIGN MISSION.**

Durham, Knox Ch, <i>Omitted in act of 1883</i> .....	8.00
Manilla .....	2.50
Eliza Marshall, London, Formosa .....	20.00
Bayfield Road .....	10.00
Innerkip .....	15.00

A Friend, Paisley .....	2.00
A Clark, Smith's Falls.....	50.00
North Carrodo .....	13.50
Mrs Lambert, North Carrodo .....	4.00
Fitzroy Harbour & Tarbolton .....	10.00
Lobo, Melville Ch S S, Formosa .....	6.1*
Russettown Flatts .....	14.00
A Member of Caven Ch .....	50.00
Mrs R. Mt Forbes, Guclph, Formosa .....	50.00
Ratho .....	25.00
Dunbar .....	21.10
Conquhonn's .....	20.00
Hull .....	2.00
Legacy of the late Mr David Cullwell, Member of St Andrew's Ch, Hawkesville .....	150.00
Arnos .....	10.00
Orchardville .....	3.00
Middle Normanby .....	4.00
Mount Pleasant S S, China Wick .....	5.10
Wick .....	1.00
Mount Forest, St Andrew's .....	8.40
Barrie .....	14.97
Bristol .....	6.00
Ashburn .....	27.20
Saint George .....	5.00
Culloen .....	6.00
Andrew Swan, Blenheim.....	4.00
Chesley .....	5.00
East Wawanosh, Calvin Ch .....	18.00
White Church .....	40.00
Roxborough, Knox Ch .....	13.00
Part of the Lord's tenth .....	1.00
A Friend, Hudlett .....	50.00
Craighurst .....	5.00
Rock Lake .....	9.25
West Brant .....	5.29
English Settlement .....	37.00
Nassagaweya .....	12.00
Mariposa S Sch, Formosa .....	7.01
<b>—</b>	<b>\$825.29</b>

**COLLEGES ORDINARY FUND.**

Durham, Knox Ch, <i>Omitted in act of 1883</i> .....	8.00
Innerkip .....	17.00
A Friend, Paisley .....	1.00
Mount Forest, St Andrew's .....	7.75
Barrie .....	12.28
Alma .....	6.40
Nichol, Zion Ch.....	4.00
Rockey baugeen, Burn's Ch .....	6.00
Doon .....	4.00
Bradford .....	4.00
Chesley .....	5.00
East Wawanosh, Calvin Ch .....	8.00
White Church .....	21.00
Lake Shore .....	6.06
Hespeler .....	9.53
Elm Centre .....	10.00
Kirkhill .....	5.8
Durham, Knox Ch.....	7.70
Craighurst .....	4.00
West Brant, two of which are special .....	3.45
Mount Pleasant, spec'l Pres of Paris .....	3.65
Robygeon..... Special	8.00
West Guilburg, 1st spec'l .....	4.50
North Kinlo..... Special	3.49
Brucefield, Union Ch.....	36.00
Nichol, Zion Church.....	7.25
<b>—</b>	<b>\$213.54</b>

**KNOX COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.**

<i>Per Rec. Wm. Burns.</i>	
Shakespeare .....	4.00
Tara .....	47.25
Southampton .....	65.00

John Agnew	Kilbride	15.00
North Brant		5.00
Thamesford		7.50
Markdale		3.00
William Milne, Toronto		7.00
William Dunn, Elma Centre		9.00
Listowell		23.00
Brussels		80.00
Wingham & Bluevale		31.00
Don'd Leslie, Kincardine		
Chalmers Church		2.00
Kincardine, Knox Ch		28.00
Huron		15.00
Lucknow		67.00
Dungannon		19.00
William Jackson, Manchester		1.00
John Nichol		20.00
Wroxeter		23.00
Pine River		21.00
West Brant		6.50
D M Dobbie, Owen Sound		5.00
James Douglas		15.00
George Forest, Brucefield		10.00
A McIntyre, Toronto		6.00
		\$3.25

**KNOX COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.**

Guelph	155.00
Henry Darling, Toronto on acc't	100.00
Thos Kirkland, Toronto, on acc't	50.00
James Scott, Toronto, on acc't	167.00
V. Chancellor Proudfoot, Toronto, on acc't	250.00
Jno Creaser, Hamilton, on acc't	25.00
Hugh McCulloch, Galt, in full	100.00
J Sudden, Galt, in full	20.00
A C Fraser, " " "	15.00
R Struthers, " " "	15.00
Mrs P Cook, " " "	15.00
Mrs A Burnett, " " "	15.00
Robt Cranston, " " "	15.00
W M Topping, " " "	10.00
John Sloan, " " "	5.00
J Patterson, " " "	6.00
Jno Ferguson, " " "	5.00
J M Irwin, " " "	4.00
P McGregor, " " "	5.00
G Aitkin, " " "	5.00
R Taylor, " " "	5.00
M N Todd, " " "	5.00
Wm Weir, " " "	5.00
R Amos, " " "	5.00
Mrs Renelson, " " "	4.00
H Mann, " " "	5.00
Mrs Riddell, " " "	8.00
Frances Tilly, " " "	5.00
Wm Johnston, " " "	5.00
John Adams, " " "	1.00
F Partridge, " " "	2.00
Angus McBean, " on acc't	15.00
Wm Cowan, " " "	10.00
Mrs H Bryden, Guelph, on acc't	3.50
Thomas Hood, Guelph, in full	20.00
R Elliott, Guelph in full	15.00
John Yale, " " "	15.00
George Stevens, " " "	10.00
A McKenzie, " " "	5.00
A Clark, Smith's Falls, on acc't	100.00
Fergus, per Rev Dr Caven	143.00
Mrs James Kay, Galt, per Rev Dr Caven	15.00
G W Hodgetts, St Catharines	10.00
Seaforth, on acc't, Per Rev Dr Gregg	37.50
McKillop, Duff's Ch, on acc't	
Per Rev Dr Gregg	57.00
Egmondville, Per Rev Dr Gregg	31.00

John Kay, Toronto	200.00
do do do Bills receivable for balance at 1 & 2 years	400.00
H B Gordon, Toronto, on acc't	25.00
	\$2 44.00

**WIDOWS' FUND.**

Durham, Knox Ch, Omitted in acc't of 1883	3.00
Manilla	1.50
Innerkip	5.00
Riechibucto, St Andrew's	7.00
Hull	2.00
Wick	11.00
Mount Forest, St Andrew's	4.00
Barrie	7.91
Ashburn	9.00
Chesley	3.00
East Wawanosh, Calvin Ch	3.00
White Church	5.00
West Brant	2.89
Nassagaweya	4.00
Osgoode	3.00
Kenmore	2.00
	\$73.30

With Rates from Rev'ds J K Smith \$40; J R McLeod J Ferguson \$24; H Crozier D Davidson, Jno Davidson \$24.00.

**AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.**

Durham, Knox Ch, Omitted in acc't of 1883	3.00
Manilla	2.50
Hull	1.00
Wick	10.00
Mount Forest, St Andrew's	8.00
Barrie	5.00
Ashburn	9.50
Andrew Swan, Blenheim	2.00
Chesley	4.00
East Wawanosh, Calvin Ch	6.00
White Church	10.00
Amos	4.00
Middle Normanby	2.00
Orchardville	1.00
Craighurst	5.00
West Brant	1.24
Royalty from Hymn Book Committee	240.00
Nassagaweya	5.25
Cayuga	6.00
Osgoode	4.00
Kenmore	3.00
	\$322.49

With Rates from Rev'ds J McKutcheon, 7 years \$21; J R McLeod \$3; H Crozier \$3.50; D Davidson \$2.50; E Macaulay \$3.00; John Davidson 3 years \$12.00.

**KNOX COLLEGE ORDINARY FUND DEBT**

Rev'd John Ross, Brucefield	10.00
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**KNOX COLLEGE BURSARY FUND.**

R Mulholland, Cobourg	40.00
Brantford, Zion Ch	0.00
	\$90.00

**MANITOBA COLLEGE ORDINARY FUND.**

Bayfield Road	4.00
Free Church of Scotland Colonial Committee	242 78
Landsdown	91

Fairfax	90
Sand Bay	1.89
	\$250.48

**CHURCH & MANSE BUILDING FUND IN MANITOBA & N.-W. TERRITORY.**

James Scott, Toronto on acc't	\$100.00
Prescott Sabbath School	10.68
A Greenhill, Prescott	5.00
G M Roger, Peterborough	
G W Hodgetts, St Catharines	25.00
John Kay, Toronto, " "	20.00
	100.00
	\$260.68

**TEMPORALITIES LAW EXPENSE FUND.**

Anonymous	1.00
Toronto, St James Square Church	39.00
J Barclay, Oakville	3.00
	\$43.00

**Correction.**

Omitted in June Record.  
Rate to Aged Ministers' Fund \$4.50. of Rev'd Jno Ross, Brussels.

**QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE, KINGSTON.**

John B. McIver, Treasurer.

**ENDOWMENT FUND.**

Acknowledged already	\$86,199.29
Brockville	
Hon C F Fraser	2 on 100 20.00
Lancaster	
Joseph Gunn	5 on 10 2.00
James McNaughton	5 on 5 1.00
A K McLennan	4 on 15 3.00
Thomas Ross	2 on 25 5.00
John Wightman	3 & 4 on 25 10.00
A F McBain	bal on 15 3.00

Guelph.

Chas Davidson	bal on 100 40.00
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Toronto.

Andrew Smith	in full 250.00
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Napanee.

W H Wilkinson	in full 25.00
-Russell	5.00

Belleville.

Alex Robertson	2 & 1/2 on 200 75.00
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Kippen.

George Plewes	4 on 100 25.00
Charles Robb	4 on 20 5.00

Fergus.

John Allison	2 on 25 5.00
Matthew Anderson	4 on 80 20.00
Alex Brockie	bal on 3 15.00
A S Cadenhead	5 on 5 10.00
James Ross	5 on 50 10.00

Total for 31st May, 1883. \$86,728.29

**BUILDING FUND.**

Acknowledged already \$38,575.85

Kingston.

Rev T G Smith	bal on '00 50.00
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Thos C Wilson...on account 30.00  
 Total to 31st May, 1883 \$38,655 85

**WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.**  
*In connection with the Church of Scotland,*

**JAMES CROIL, Montreal, Treas.**

Woodland, Rev D Fraser add'l. \$3.00  
 Norwood, Rev Jas Carmichael 12.00  
 Orchardville, Rev D P Niven 1.00  
 Pickering, Rev J J Cameron 6.00  
 Fort Coulonge, Rev J Gaudier 12.00  
 Legacy from late David J Greenshields of Montreal 500.00  
*Per Rev. Dr. Reid.*  
 Amos & Orchardville, Rev D P Niven 11.00  
 Winnipeg, Knox Ch, Rev D M Gordon 100.00  
 Norwood, Rev Jas Carmichael 7.50  
 Scarborough, Rev C A Tanner 22.50  
 Orangeville, Rev W E Mackay 5.00  
 Duntroon, Rev A Macdonald 2.00  
 Owen Sound, Rev D Morrison 10.00

**TEMPORALITIES LAW EXPENSES.**

**JAS. CROIL, Treasurer, Montreal.**

Perth, St Andrew's Ch. \$42.00  
 Halifax, per Rev R Laing add'l 62.00  
 Norwood Congregation 5.00  
 Rev Jas Carmichael, Norwood 5.00  
 Dunganon, per Mr J Tremble 5.00  
 Amos Congregation 4.50  
 Rev D P Niven of Amos & Orangeville 27.50  
 Stirling, St Andrew's Ch. 23.00

*Per. Rev. Dr. Reid.*

Mr A D Ferrier, Fergus 5.00  
 Moleworth Congregation 4.57  
 Harrowsmith 1.40  
 Anonymous 1.03  
 Toronto, St James Sqr Ch. 39.00  
 Mr Barclay, Oakville 3.00

Total cash received to 9th June is \$,134 25.

RECEIVED BY REV DR. MACGREGOR  
 AGENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
 IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES, TO  
 JUNE 5TH, 1883:—

**FOREIGN MISSIONS.**

Already acknowledged \$10,404 83  
 E M P C 5 00  
 St Andrew's, Chatham 37 00  
 St James, Dartmouth 10 55  
 Scotch Ridge, St James, N B 7 00  
 Little Ridge, St James, N B 3 00  
 Sydney Mines 30 03  
 1st Cong, Truro 12 33  
 United Ch, West River 74 70  
 Poplar Grove, Halifax 13 70  
 Coldstream 25 20  
 Kentville 21 25  
 Fisher's Grant 10 00  
 Fort Jassey, Hfx. 63 60  
 Springside 40 00

James Ch, New Glasgow 26.25  
 Moses Priest, Blue Mt 5.00  
 Salem Ch, Green Hill 17.50  
 A Friend, Salem Ch 2.00  
 United Ch, New Glasgow add'l 3.00  
 Upper Musquodoboit 7.00  
 Newport & St Croix 15.00  
 Mrs McKeen & daughters, Gay's River 2.00  
 Gordon McKeen, Gay's River 25  
 Richmond, N B 15.00  
 St James, Charlottetown 25.00  
 Gore & Kennetook 6.25  
 Noel 12.00  
 Kempt add'l 6.25  
 (Seddie Memorial) 241 70  
 Widow's Fund for Mrs Geddie 150.00  
 Widow's Fund for Mrs Morrison's children 89.00  
 St Andrew's, Truro add'l 2.00  
 Antigonish 4.00  
 Friend, Caribon 1.00  
 Windsor 50.00  
 Canard 18 00  
 Grove Ch, Richmond 7.10  
 United Ch, New Glasgow 1.50  
 Murray Harbor add'l 1.09  
 Bridgewater 5.00  
 1st Cong, Truro add'l 5.00  
 Kingston, Richibucto 25.00  
 St David's, St John 34.50  
 Buctonche & Scotch Set'mt 6.00  
 Springfield & English Set'mt 5.25  
 M A T 5.00  
 Knox Ch, Wallace 8.00  
 Bequest of Miss Margaret Duff late of Lunenburg 75.00  
 Fort Massey, Hfx add'l to Special 14.00  
 Blue Mountain 4 90  
 Barney's River, Jno James 5.00  
 " " Jno Turner 1 10  
 " " Wm D Turner 1.00  
 A Friend, Charlottetown 1.00  
 A Friend, Maccan 2.00

Total for the Year \$12,653.41

**Receipts since Closing of Accounts.**

Thank Offering, Hfx 20 00  
 Wm Scott, Gore 1 00  
 Mrs Hugh Carr, N. St Eleanor's, P E I 2 00  
 M J M United Cong, West River 5 00  
 Bridgetown 4 30  
 Mrs D Murphy, Miss Semple's Salary 2 00  
 Elmsdale 23 37  
 \$57.67

**DAYSPRING AND MISSION SCHOOLS.**

Acknowledged already \$348.64  
 Dalhousie S S (United Cong Durham) 10 40  
 A Friend, Salem Ch, Green Hill 2 00  
 Newport & St Croix 30 00  
 St Andrew's S S, Chatham 28 00  
 Sarnia S S per Juvenile Mission 35 00  
 Juvenile Mission for Miss Blackadder's 3rd School 15 00  
 St David's S S, St John 35 10  
 South Maitland 3 00  
 Kingston, Richibucto 3 42  
 St Paul's, Montreal, Trinidad School's 15 00  
 St Paul's, Montreal, New Hebrides 20 00  
 Erskine Ch, Hamilton 20 00  
 Erskine Ch, Toronto 40 00  
 Friend Maxwell 2 00

Sarnia, St Andrew's S S 3 50  
 Rec'd from Foreign Fund 242 16  
 Total for the year \$4915. 7

**Receipts since Closing of Account**

Little Girls' Missionary Circle, Little Ruigo, St James N B 2 06  
 Union Centre 17 13  
 Bridgetown 4 30  
 1st Pr. S S Brookville 3 00  
 H H McCurdy, Antigonish 3 03  
 Grand River for Debt 10 00  
 Friends, Hopewell (Union Ch) 5 00  
 \$71 43

**HOME MISSIONS.**

Acknowledged already \$3923.24  
 Sydney Mines 50 00  
 Belfast, P E I 106 00  
 Newport & St Croix 10 00  
 Kingston, Richibucto 30 00

Total for year \$4989 24

**Receipts since Closing of Accounts.**

Dalhousie, N B 9 70  
 Georgetown 38 07  
 Bequest of Donald McRae, Elder of Middle River, C B 30 00  
 Grove Ch, Richmond, Hfx 5 00  
 Wm Scott, Gore 1 00  
 Redbank, Miramichi 2 00  
 Returned by Agent 2 00  
 Bequest of Miss Margaret Duff late of Lunenburg 25 00  
 \$102 77

**SUPPLEMENTING FUND.**

Acknowledged already \$385 72  
 Sydney Mines 15 00  
 Newport & St Croix 16 00  
 Grove Ch, Richmond 6 14  
 Kingston, Richibucto 20 00  
 Supplement Debt Collections 25 98

Total for year \$6481 94

**Receipts since Closing of Accounts.**

Estate of Isaac Logan 300 00  
 Truro 300 00  
 Redbank, Miramichi 2 00  
 \$302 00

**COLLEGE FUND.**

Acknowledged already \$8149.41  
 Poplar Grove, Hfx 20 00  
 Interest 164 00  
 " 25 00  
 " 75 00  
 Sydney Mines 10 00  
 Interest 21 10  
 Newport & St Croix 8 00  
 Interest 31 17  
 Kingston, Richibucto 8 00  
 Interest from Dayspring Fund 25 00  
 Interest from Supplement Fund, 2500, 8 mo 100 00  
 Amherst 17 50  
 Gay's River & Milford 35 63  
 Bequest of Miss Margaret Duff, late of Lunenburg 100 00  
 Interest from For. Mission Fund 48 47  
 Friend 20

Total for year \$8834 38

*Receipts since Closing of Accounts.*

Grove Ch, Hfx .....	5.75
Redbank, Miramichi .....	1.00
Interest .....	43.00
\$54.75	

**COLLEGE BURSARY FUND.**

Already acknowledged .....	\$9.62
Interest from D yspring .....	8.10
Dividend Merchants' Bank .....	15.75
Total for year. \$94.04	

**AGED MINISTERS' FUND.**

Acknowledged already .....	\$2219.72
Sydney Mines .....	10.01
Belf. st, P. E. I. ....	6.00
Newport & St Croix .....	8.00
Poplar Grove, Hfx .....	10.00
St James, Ch town. ....	10.00
Kingston, Richibucto .....	10.00
Interest .....	18.81
" .....	5.00
Rev W T Bruce, Rate 1881 & 1882 .....	4.50
Total for year. 2312.06	

**COLLEGE FUND.**

*Rev. R. H. Warden, Montreal, Agent.*

Acknowledged already .....	\$3458.25
Halt .....	3.00
Litchfield .....	5.00
Rev T Fenwick, Metis .....	2.00
Paris, River St. ....	10.00
Aylwin .....	6.00
Drumbo .....	4.00

Fraser's Sett'nt, (Saugen)	2.50
No. th Gower .....	4.90
Erstol .....	10.00
Carleton Place, St Andrew's & Franktown .....	10.00
A Friend, Tilsonburg .....	1.00
Buckingham .....	5.00
Lyn & Cantown .....	10.40
Perth, Knox Ch .....	20.00
Molesworth & Trowbridge .....	9.00
Madstone .....	2.01
Millie Isles .....	3.50
Hamsy .....	8.10
Meirose .....	4.54
Princeton .....	4.06
Brookdale & Burn's Ch .....	4.00
Lion's Head, so .....	5.01
Kentfall & Newtonville. ....	3.25
W Winchester .....	10.00
St Hyacinthe .....	2.25
Amherst Island .....	5.10
Beauville .....	18.00
Campbellville .....	15.00
Aylmer .....	3.50
.....onkton, Ont .....	5.00
Chateauguy & Beauharnois .....	9.25
Madaudin .....	4.00
New Glasgow, Quebec .....	5.00
Laching .....	40.00
Tilsonburg .....	7.06
Thamesville .....	7.00
Hitley .....	4.00
Menford .....	6.15
Gould .....	5.00
Crysler .....	5.00
Bramosa .....	10.00
Nassagaweya .....	13.00
Finch .....	8.00
Durham, Knox Ch .....	8.00
Inverkip .....	17.00
A Friend, Paisley .....	1.00
Mount Forest, St Andrew's .....	7.75
Barrie .....	12.28
Alma .....	6.40
Nichol, Zion Ch .....	4.00

Rocky Sauguen, Burn's Ch	6.00
Down .....	4.00
Hespeler .....	9.53
Bradford .....	4.00
Chesley .....	5.00
Whitechurch .....	21.00
Forlyce .....	8.00
Luka Shore .....	6.06
Elma Centre .....	10.00
Kirkhill .....	5.58
Durbin .....	7.75
Enniskillen & Riverdale .....	8.00
Ancaster East .....	5.00
Bothwell & Sutherland's	
Corners .....	6.00
Port Dalhousie .....	5.23
Tilbury East .....	8.48
Grand Bend .....	4.00
Mattawa .....	11.25
Masham Mills .....	2.12
Glenvale, Harrowsmith & Witton .....	7.09
Wroxeter .....	10.00
Oil Springs .....	3.40
Oil City .....	1.90
Crawford .....	5.00
Balance from last year. ....	11.00
\$4009.39	

For year 1883 84 .....	
Received to 6th June. ....	
Lakehurst .....	\$2.00
St Thomas .....	20.00
Wakefield .....	5.00
Clinton (Hamilton Presb'y.) .....	3.00
Osgoode .....	7.25
A Friend, Osgoode .....	1.00
A Friend, Osgoode .....	1.00
A Friend, Vernon .....	1.00
Plantagenet .....	4.00
Pinkerton .....	3.52
Vaughan, Knox Ch .....	9.50
Bolton, Caven Ch .....	7.50
\$64.77	

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