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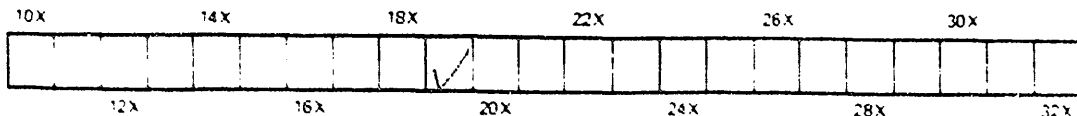
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COLLECTIONS APPOINTED BY THE ASSEMBLY.

- I. French EvangelizationFirst Sabbath of July.
- II. Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, }
and Widows' and Orphans Fund } First Sabbath of August.
- III. Assembly Fund.....Last Sabbath of September.
- IV. College FundFirst Sabbath of December.
- V. Home Mission Fund.....Fourth Sabbath of January.
- VI. Foreign Mission FundThird Sabbath of March,
or on such other days as may be most convenient for the congregations.

It was further resolved, That the collections for the various schemes be taken up in the ordinary way in the Maritime Provinces.

From the above it will be seen that the amount for the Assembly Fund should be taken up on the last Sabbath of September. A considerable amount has already been paid on account of expenses in Montreal, and the printing of the Minutes of the Assembly. It is hoped that prompt remittances will be made on account of this fund.

STATISTICS.

The Report of the Committee on Statistics, which, in consequence of delays on the part of Presbyteries and Congregations in sending in their returns, could be presented to the late General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church in only an imperfect form, is now, after we presume having been corrected, issued, bound up with the Minutes, and is, or will soon be, in the hands of ministers and elders. Although, in virtue of the Union which at last has been so happily consummated, that Church has ceased to exist by the name under which she was formerly known, yet it may not be out of place to glance briefly at the work she was doing during the past year, and the position to which she has attained, under the blessing of her Great Head, since the previous Union, which was effected in Montreal fourteen years previously. We trust to be able to perform a similar service for the other Churches entering into the late Union, but the want of space will compel us to confine our remarks at present to the Church we have just named.

In proceeding to do this, we cannot be charged by any member of the Committee on Statistics with acting prematurely, for the reason already stated, that it must be assumed that the Report as now published is complete, as sufficient time has elapsed between the meeting of Assembly and its issuing from the press to correct any errors, and remove any defects, which we remember the Convener stated when he presented the Report, were contained in it, and which the Committee could not avoid because of the lateness of some of the returns coming to hand. When we speak of the Report being complete, we do not mean that it shall be found free from errors, typographical and other, for all who have any knowledge of the difficulty of preparing reports involving so many figures and calculations will cheerfully admit that even an ordinary amount of care will not secure perfect accuracy; that one or even two readings and revisals of the *proofs* are not sufficient; that a most carefully sustained attention and a vigilant eye are requisite to detect a wrong or misplaced figure.

The importance of statistics cannot be too highly estimated. It is felt in the concerns of civil government, and it must be acknowledged in those of the Church. There are, it is true, matters of more vital moment than those which figures directly show—than the eye of man can observe or his hand record, such as the beginning, the progress, and the maturity of spiritual life, and, through these, the preparation of the soul for passing from the kingdom of grace to that of glory. But the prosperity of the Church shows itself in the ingathering of sinners, under the care of the Good Shepherd; in the assembling of her people for religious worship, whether on the Sabbath or the week-day; in the efforts she is making for the religious instruction of the young; and in the gifts poured into her treasury for the religious and benevolent objects which are to occupy her energies. Holiness of heart finds its expression, among other ways, in holiness of life. The more fully a saint is transformed into the image of God, the more manifestly will he adorn the doctrine of his Saviour in all things. In proportion to the strength with which God is shining into his heart, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of himself in the face of Christ Jesus, will be the clearness and intensity with which he will let his light shine. The internal has its outcome in the external. Faith will have its work, and Love its labour. Faith and Love are cardinal graces in every follower of the Lord. Then fruit and labour can and will be seen. They may and can be recorded; and in the collecting of such information as is contemplated by statistical returns, we have one of the forms in which the product, or part of the product, of these graces is ascertained, and published for the instruction of others. They let us see whether, and to what extent, the members and adherents of the Church are increasing; ministers are fulfilling their duty; the gospel is supported in our own land; the liberality of its professors drawn out for the supply of the spiritually destitute, both within our own Dominion and the remoter regions of idolatry; with other points of a similar character. And the Church has always shown an interest in such information; and we may add, that at our congregational missionary meetings, and even in the meetings of our Supreme Court, there is no part of the proceedings to which more attention is paid than those which communicate statistical information; and we are persuaded that if it were more frequently and abundantly supplied from the pulpit, the contributions of our people for religious purposes would be considerably increased.

The first thing that strikes us on looking over the Returns for the year, and reading the Report of the Committee, is the number of congregations that have not reported. Comparatively, indeed, the number may be small—27 in all, out of between 700 and 800—but we cannot avoid stating, that if due diligence had been exercised—if there had been faithful compliance with the law of the Church—and every session and other court is under strong obligations to such compliance—there would not have been a single blank opposite any congregation. What one congregation and Presbytery can and ought to do, all can and ought to do. Returns should have been received from vacant, as well as settled congregations. To quote the words of the Report: “Your Committee would express their regret that Presbyteries have not, in all cases, complied with the recommendation of their Report last year, and which was adopted by the General Assembly, that all vacant congregations and mission stations should be required to furnish returns. * * *. Such would have shown those that are faithful, and those that are negligent, (in contributions to the work of the Church,) and might have led the Presbyteries in whose bounds these are to encourage and incite them to be co-workers with others in the Schemes of the Church.” If statistics would have the value they ought to possess, all, without exception, must respond to the injunction of the Supreme Court, and in so far as any one fails, the value of the returns is affected.

Another point that strikes us, and which is noticed by the committee, is the want of accuracy in many of the returns from congregations. We remember that the convener dwelt upon this point before the Assembly, and gave several examples of it. Looking over the printed copy before us, we observe that there are cases in which the stipend promised even by settled congregations is not given, while the stipend paid is, which of course causes a discrepancy in the summing up at the foot of the columns. Sometimes, again, the stipend paid does not amount to the stipend promised, showing that there must be “arrears,” and yet the column for the entry of such is blank, instead of exhibiting the deficiency. We take another instance of inaccuracy in results, or in the additions. We find a congregation which reports the stipend paid from its own sources at a certain sum, the amount expended on the church during the year at another sum, the amount expended on the manse is next given, and then all other contributions for strictly congregational purposes not otherwise reported. Adding these together, we find a difference between their sum and that given in the table of \$250; and that this is not a typographical error appears from the fact, that the column which states the full income for all purposes repeats the error. Numerous such instances occur. The question suggests itself, who is responsible for such? The committee can urge that they are not, for that they have no authority to make alterations on the returns of Presbyteries. All that, strictly speaking, they would be justified in doing would be to send the report back to the Presbytery, for revisal and correction; but here, again, the difficulty of want of time presents itself. Certainly it is the duty of Presbyteries to see that the documents furnished by them are accurate; and if those furnished to them by kirk sessions and treasurers of congregations are not so, it is their place to send them back, as we know has been done in some instances. And this should be done not only where errors occur, but in case also of incomplete returns, that the omissions may be supplied.

We select the following items, as showing the progress of the Church

for the year. An increase of 2,380 has taken place in the number of families belonging to her, over the previous year; the number now being, as reported, 30,040. The increase in the number of communicants is given as 5,589; the total being 56,241. It is gratifying to observe that all the Presbyteries, except one, report an increase in the number of those receiving religious instruction in the Sabbath School and Bible Class. We may take it for granted that fully 50,000 young persons are attending these institutions, and are thus being prepared to become, if spared, intelligent and active followers of the Lord Jesus. The total income of the Church for the year was, as reported, \$667,274 29, a considerable increase over the preceding year. Our space will not allow of our referring to the items in which this had been made, nor can we dwell on the increase in the stipend paid ministers, amounting to \$254,515 85, or upwards of \$16,000 in excess of the amount promised. It is to be regretted that there are some cases of arrears, and that there has been a falling off in contributions to some of the Schemes of the Church, while there has been an increase in others.

Very useful tables have been printed with the Report; but perhaps there is none of these that will be more frequently consulted than those showing the average raised by Presbyteries per family and communicant throughout the bounds, and the general average. From the latter, we learn that each family has contributed more than eight dollars, and each communicant more than four dollars and a half, for stipend; and that the average contribution per family for all purposes was \$21 61, and \$11 84 per communicant. No one will say that this was all the late Canada Presbyterian Church could have done, but it shows that she is not destitute of the spirit of liberality.

We observe that the Committee, in drawing up their Report, have confined themselves to the returns supplied by Presbyteries, and not made any estimate for non-reporting congregations. Such an estimate was at one time presented, but has been omitted, we learn on referring to past reports, for some years. On the propriety of this there will be difference of opinion. Our own view is, that the wiser course is for the committee to refrain from giving any estimate. Let the courts and office-bearers of the Church do their duty, and such will not be required. At best they are only conjectural. If supplied at all, let them come from Presbyteries.

The Committee have judged that the occasion was an appropriate one for collecting and exhibiting the progress of the Church since the Union in 1861, and Tables have been compiled for this purpose. These are pregnant with instruction, and furnish ground for fervent thanksgiving and praise to her King and Head. We read that since the date given, there has been a clear gain of 28,450 in the membership, or more than 2,000 each year; that the amount paid as stipend has been \$2,224,578 49; that \$4,547,159 72 have been raised for congregational, and \$5,415,025 25 for all purposes. The number of ministers had increased from 223 to 339, and the stipend paid from \$104,144 41 to \$271,386 23, or an average in the one year of \$467, and in the other of nearly \$800. The amount raised for congregational purposes has increased by \$390,560 67, and for all purposes by nearly half a million dollars.

With reason the Committee might say, looking at all the results of these fourteen years of Church work and progress, "May we not well speak of the loving kindness of our God in the midst of His temple?"

Missionary Intelligence.

INTELLIGENCE FROM REV. H. McKELLAR, PRINCE ALBERT MISSION, SASKATCHEWAN.

We have a letter from Mr. McKellar, of date 12th July, received at Toronto on 13th August. We give some extracts:—"The mission work is going on as usual. Most of the Indians are away at the Plains for the season. The buffalo are close this year, and we have good news from the Plains. Provisions have been scarce during the spring and summer. The Indians left for the Plains, depending entirely upon what success they might have in killing buffalo. The late reports are to the effect that buffalo are numerous, which is really a great blessing, for had the Indians failed in getting provisions, there would have been starvation among them, and not only among them, but among the settlers also. The French half-breeds are away also, and a number of the regular settlers. I am seriously contemplating a trip to the Plains also, not to hunt buffalo, but to ascertain what prospects there might be for a missionary to labour among the Indians on the Plains during the hunting season. There is no doubt, the great body of the Cree Indians are to be found there. They will be in separate camping grounds perhaps, but if the missionary were equipped for three or four months' stay among them, he could go from camp to camp. I am fully satisfied this would be the best way to reach the greatest number of the Cree tribe, especially when they have plenty of provisions. My difficulty is, that the mission field at Prince Albert requires the presence of a missionary always, and it would not be safe to leave it at present. I propose to be away only for a couple of weeks." Mr. McKellar mentions that two adult Indians, Crees, (an elderly widow and a young married woman,) had been baptized, on Sabbath, 4th July. There had also been a marriage solemnized.

INTELLIGENCE FROM REV. DR. FRASER.

We are in receipt of a letter from Dr. Fraser, of date 26th June. The letter is mainly on business. With reference to the mission work, he says:—"It is intensely hot, and has been so for a good while, so that you will not be surprised at my contenting myself with a mere business letter. We are working away as faithfully as we can. Mr. Mackay was sick, but is better again. We are all pretty well now, though rather indisposed for awhile. Pray for us, that our faith and strength fail not. We need simple faith, more fervent love, and more patience."

INDIA—LETTER FROM MISS FAIRWEATHER.

In a letter, dated June 29th, Miss Fairweather writes: "I can say but little in this letter of our work just now. It is holiday time, and the children in the orphanage are occupying the time by having the measles. Six are at present convalescent. It has been an easy kind, I am thank-

ful to say, though it has made me very anxious. Many of the children, having diseased parents, inherit delicate constitutions, and even disease itself, so that an epidemic generally runs hard with them. There are twenty-six resident in the orphanage, since the breaking up of the Home at Allahabad, making my school of a nice size. As I have so much work close at hand, I seldom take time to go out to the villages, which is Mr. Rodgers' department. Last week, however, we went out together, and had an audience of about a dozen low caste women, most of them Musselmans. After talking to them some time, we finished, as we always do, by asking questions, to find out whether we have been understood. An old and rather pleasant-looking woman, kept repeating, 'I know God; I know nothing else. If you know Jesus is true, well. I know God is true. I know nothing else.' And there with her it seemed to end. They knew of God, and were willing to listen to anything we had to say of Him; but Jesus they knew not, nor cared to know. That was one day's experience. Perhaps another day, another set of women would listen attentively, and seem to take in what has been told them; and so it is from day to day. We are living in faith, hoping yet for a bountiful harvest."

Misses Fairweather and Rodgers were in good health, although the great heat was trying.

In closing her letter, Miss Fairweather says:—"The Furrukhabad Presbytery meets here on 7th July, and we expect a pleasant visit from some of our Mynpoorie friends. The elders and catechists will attend. The teacher of the Mynpoorie girls' school, with several of her pupils, and one of the Zenana teachers, have just left us, having spent their hot weather holidays at Rakkha. It seemed very pleasant to see them all again.

Yours very sincerely, MARION FAIRWEATHER."

General Religious Intelligence.

GENERAL PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL.

The meeting of delegates from the various Presbyterian churches throughout Christendom, held in London in July last, was highly successful, and the results of the meeting appear to be in every way satisfactory. The preliminary meeting was held in the Hall, Regent Square Church, Dr. Dykes presiding. The churches represented were the Church of Scotland, the Free Church of Scotland, the United Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church in England, the Irish Presbyterian Church, the Welsh Calvinistic Methodists (S. Wales), the Reformed Church of France, the Evangelical Church of Neuchatel, the Presbyterian Church of the United States, the Reformed Church, the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and other churches in Europe and America. The more distant churches of Australia and New Zealand sent letters of adhesion. On the 21st the delegates assembled in private in the Presbyterian College, and proceeded to draw up a Constitution. In the afternoon of the same day they were entertained at Freemasons' Tavern. The Conference extended over the following day, and in the evening a Public Meeting was held in Rev. Dr. Fraser's church, in Marylebone,

when addresses were delivered by several of the delegates. Principal Snodgrass and Rev. Dr. Topp, from the Presbyterian Church in Canada, we observe, took part in the public proceedings. We have only room for the Constitution, which was agreed on.

PREAMBLE:

Whereas churches holding the Reformed Faith and organized on Presbyterian principles are found, though under a variety of names, in different parts of the world: whereas many of those were long wont to maintain close relations, but are at present united by no visible bond, whether of fellowship or of work: and whereas in the providence of God the time seems to have come when they may all more fully manifest their essential oneness, have closer communion with each other, and promote great causes by joint action: It is agreed to form a Presbyterian Alliance to meet in general council from time to time, in order to confer upon matters of common interest, and to further the ends for which the Church has been constituted by her Divine Lord and only King. In forming this Alliance the Presbyterian churches do not mean to change their fraternal relations with other churches, but will be ready as heretofore to join with them in Christian fellowship, and in advancing the cause of the Redeemer on the general principle maintained and taught in the Reformed Confession, that the Church of God on earth, though composed of many members, is one body in the Communion of the Holy Ghost, of which body Christ is the Supreme Head, and the Scriptures alone the infallible law.

ARTICLES:

I. DESIGNATION.—This Alliance shall be known as “The Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian system.”

II. MEMBERSHIP.—Any Church organized on Presbyterian principles which holds the supreme authority of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments in matters of faith and morals, and whose creed is in harmony with the Consensus of the Reformed Confessions, shall be eligible for admission into the Alliance.

III. THE COUNCIL:

1. *Its Meetings.*—The Alliance shall meet in General Council ordinarily once in three years.

2. *Its Constituency.*—The Council shall consist of delegates, being ministers and ruling elders appointed by the Churches forming the Alliance, the number from each church being regulated by a plan sanctioned by the Council, regard being had generally to the number of congregations in the several churches. The delegates, as far as practicable, to consist of an equal number of ministers and ruling elders. The Council may, on the recommendation of a committee on business, invite Presbyterian brethren, not delegates, to offer suggestions, to deliver addresses, and to read papers.

3. *Its Powers.*—The Council shall have power to decide upon the applications of Churches desiring to join the Alliance, it shall have the power to entertain and consider topics which may be brought before it by any Church represented in the Council, or by any member of the Council, on their being transmitted in the manner hereinafter

provided, but it shall not interfere with the existing Creed or Constitution of any Church in the Alliance, or with its internal order or external relations.

4. *Its Objects.*—The Council shall consider questions of general interest to the Presbyterian community; it shall seek the welfare of Churches, especially such as are weak and persecuted; it shall gather and disseminate information concerning the kingdom of Christ throughout the world: it shall commend the Presbyterian system as Scriptural, and as combining simplicity, efficiency, and adaptation to all times and conditions; it shall also entertain all subjects directly connected with the work of Evangelization, such as the relation of the Christian Church to the Evangelization of the world, the distribution of mission work, the combination of Church energies, especially in reference to great cities and destitute districts; the training of ministers; the use of the press; colportage; the religious instruction of the young; the sanctification of the Sabbath; systematic beneficence; the suppression of intemperance, and other prevailing vices; and the best methods of opposing infidelity and Romanism.

5. *Its Methods.*—The Council shall seek to guide and stimulate public sentiment by papers read, by addresses delivered and published, by the circulation of information respecting the allied Churches and their missions, by the exposition of scriptural principles and by defences of the truth, by communicating the minutes of its proceedings to the supreme courts of the Churches forming the alliance, and by such other action as is in accordance with its constitution and objects.

6. *Committee on Business.*—The Council at each general meeting shall appoint a Committee on Business, through which all commissions and notices of subjects proposed to be discussed shall pass. The committees appointed at one general meeting shall act provisionally so far as is necessary in preparing for the following meeting.

IV. CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.—No change shall be made on this Constitution except on a motion made at one General Meeting of Council, not objected to by a majority of the churches, and carried by a two-thirds' vote at the next General Meeting.

Home Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

CALLS, Etc.

Rev. D. L. McKechnie has received and accepted a call addressed to him by the congregation of *Bothwell*; Rev. G. M. Clark has been called by the congregation of *Florence and Dawn*; Rev. Mr. McKay, of Middle River, C.B., has been called by the congregation of *Ripley*; Rev. G. McLennan, of Harriston, has been called by the congregation of *Centre Bruce and Underwood*; Rev. J. Douglas, late of Kempville, has been called to *Port Perry*.

Rev. J. Gallaher, formerly of Glenvale, has been inducted as pastor of the congregation of *St. John's Church, Pittsburgh*; Rev. R. F. Gunn has been ordained, and inducted as pastor of the congregations of

Hanover and West Bentinok; Mr. G. Flett has been ordained as a missionary to the Indians at *Fort Polly*.

DEATH OF A MINISTER.—We record with deep regret the death of the Rev. A. J. Traver, M.A., late of Brockville. He had suffered for several months previous to his death. Mr. Traver took a course at University College, and afterwards passed through the theological curriculum at Knox College. He was for several years settled at Brockville, where he was very highly esteemed both by his congregation and the community at large. He was an industrious, devoted, and able minister. He leaves a widow to mourn his removal.

DEATH OF REV. A. GLENDINNING.—We regret to observe that the Rev. A. Glendinning, late of Gore and Kennetcook, N.S., has been removed by death. Mr. Glendinning laboured for a lengthened period under the effects of disease which has at last proved fatal. He was much loved and esteemed wherever he was known.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM HALL, PETERBORO.—Many of our readers will have heard of the death of Mr. William Hall, of Peterboro, one of our excellent elders, who died at Montreal, immediately after the close of the General Assembly. Mr. Hall had been long connected with the congregation of the Rev. J. M. Roger, and was for many years one of the elders. During his brief illness, he gave instructions for drawing up a will, intimating his intention to leave a large amount to Knox College, a considerable sum for the College in Montreal, and various amounts to other benevolent and charitable objects. He died before the will was executed; but, it is believed, that the heirs-at-law are likely to give considerable amounts to the objects specified by Mr. Hall. The sum of \$80,000 is given to the poor of the town of Peterboro. Mr. Hall was a devoted, humble-minded Christian man, deeply interested in the progress of the Lord's work, and highly esteemed by all who knew him.

MINUTES OF ASSEMBLY.—The minutes of the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada have been mailed to each minister on the roll. Should any not have received their parcel, they will please communicate with Rev. William Reid, drawer 2567, Toronto. Additional copies can be furnished to those who may require them.

The Minutes of the last Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church have been sent by express to parties at different points for distribution. Those to whom these parcels have been consigned, will please take the trouble of distributing them as soon as possible.

KNOX COLLEGE.—We again remind the friends of the College that the new building will be formally opened on Wednesday, 6th October. There will be a meeting in the afternoon, when the formal opening will take place, and in the evening there will be a social gathering of the friends of the College. Each minister within the bounds of the constituency of the College, will be supplied with several tickets, which he will distribute to parties desirous of being present. Additional tickets can be obtained by application to Rev. W. Reid, M.A., Toronto. It is hoped that railways will give return tickets at a reduced rate.

REV. J. FRASER CAMPBELL, MISSIONARY TO INDIA.—It has been agreed that Mr. Campbell shall not sail this autumn as was at first intended. It has been thought best to wait for some time, with the view of obtaining more ample information. In the meantime it has been arranged that Mr. Campbell be employed in visiting the congregations of the Maritime Prov-

inces. We observe that the congregations of Mr. Campbell have been expressing in a tangible manner their feelings of respect and esteem.

MISSION WORK IN TRINIDAD.—The Rev. John Morton, writing under date 4th June, gives a hopeful account of his work. He says: "The work among the adult coolies has been encouraging. At Jordan Hill a number of the parents seem interested, and attend the services regularly. At Malgretout Estate, which is near Jere, the attendance and interest has been quite encouraging; and there has been more interest manifested by the women on this estate than anywhere else.

NEW HEBRIDES' MISSION.—Letters from the missionaries refer to some disturbances which had taken place. These had, however, subsided, and the disturbances amongst the natives had not affected the missionaries. There had been also a hurricane, which overthrew several houses. At Utanilagi, where the chief had formerly refused any land for a mission station, the Rev. P. Milne, the missionary, had obtained a piece of ground. The chief was quite friendly.

LACHUTE.—We rejoice to hear of the increased interest manifested among the members of the Church at Lachute. Special services have been held at different times during the summer. These have been largely attended, and have been productive of good to many. We observe that Mr. Forlong, the pastor of Henry's Church, lately received from a number of his friends, a handsome carriage, as a token of their high appreciation of his zealous and self-denying labours.

OPENING OF COLLEGES.—Queen's College, Knox College, and the Presbyterian College in Montreal, open on first Wednesday of October. Morrin College, Quebec, opens on first Wednesday of November.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.—This Committee will meet in Knox Church, in Deacons' Room, on Monday, 4th October, at 7.30 p.m.

LETTERS FROM MISSIONARIES.—As we were going to press, letters were received from Rev. D. McKeracher, of Prince Arthur's Landing; and from Rev. Narayan Sheshadri, of Jalua, India. These will appear in our next issue.

Proceedings of Presbyteries.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—This Presbytery held its last regular meeting in Bank Street Church, Ottawa, on the 3rd and 4th August. The following are the principal items of business that were transacted:—A letter was read from the Rev. A. C. Stewart, accepting of the call from North Gower. Subjects for trial were accordingly prescribed to him, and an adjourned meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at North Gower, on Tuesday, October 12th, at three p.m., when these trials will be heard, and, if sustained, the ordination service will be held the following day, at eleven a.m.—A committee was appointed on the state of religion, to draft questions to be sent to sessions, and prepare therefrom a report on the state of religion within the bounds, and to consider applications for special evangelistic services in any congregation whose session may desire such.—A committee was appointed to conduct the examinations both of entrants to college and parties applying for license and ordination, and it was agreed that as far as possible the former be conducted in writing, and the latter in the face of the Presbytery. Mr. Armstrong is the convener of this committee, and all students requiring examination should at once apply to him.—In addition to a deputation appointed to confer with Rev. F. Home and the stations of Buckingham, Locha-

ber, Cumberland, Clarence, and Navan, and endeavour to bring about a consolidation of the Presbyterian interests in that locality, a deputation was also appointed to confer with the Rev. W. Ross and the two congregations in Beckwith and Carleton Place, and the station of Ashton, with the view of bringing about a re-arrangement of that entire field.—The list of supplemented congregations and mission stations was revised, and the amount of aid to be asked for each fixed.—A petition was received from parties residing in New Edinburgh, members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church, praying to be organized into a congregation, under the care of the Presbytery, and a committee was appointed to visit that locality, gather information, and report at the adjourned meeting on the 12th October, at which meeting the sessions interested are to be cited to appear for their interests.—A scheme was submitted for raising a Presbytery fund, sufficient not only to pay the ordinary expenses of the Presbytery, but also the travelling expenses of ministers and elders in attending the regular meetings, which was ordered to be printed, and sent down to sessions and deacons' courts, or committees of management, for their consideration.—The Rev. Joseph White tendered his resignation of the congregation of Wakefield, assigning as a reason the arrears in stipend that are allowed to accumulate year by year, and a deputation was appointed to confer with the congregation of Wakefield, with the view of bringing about the withdrawal of the resignation on the part of Mr. White.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.—This Presbytery held an adjourned meeting at Prescott, on the 14th of July. The first business was the resignation of Mr. Mullan of his charge at Spencerville, of which he had given notice at the meeting in Brockville. After hearing Mr. Mullan and the commissioners from the session and congregation, it was agreed to accept of Mr. Mullan's demission of his charge, dissolve the pastoral tie between him and the congregation of Spencerville, and take the usual steps to declare the charge vacant. The rearrangement of the eastern section of the Presbytery occupied the attention of the court for a considerable time. A committee was appointed on the subject, and, in accordance with the recommendations, the Presbytery resolved:—*First.* That the congregations in Spencerville be united, and along with the station at Mainsville form one charge, to be known and designated as the congregation of Spencerville and Mainsville; that official notice be sent to them to that effect, and they be directed to hold their first meeting in the church at Spencerville on Sabbath, the 25th day of July, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. *Second.* That Edwardsburg and Iroquois be united and form one charge. *Third.* That Matilda remain as at present. *Fourth.* That Morrisburg be organized and supplied as a vacant congregation. *Fifth.* That in the meantime a connection be formed between Dunbar, and a station to open at Winchester Springs, and that as soon as possible they be placed in the position of a vacant congregation, prepared to call a minister. The committees charged with the preparation of minutes anent the resignations of Messrs. Douglas and Taylor gave in their reports, and their reports were adopted and ordered to be engrossed in the minutes of the Presbytery. In the case of Mr. Douglas, late of Kemptville the following is the minute:—"In parting with their brother, Mr Douglas, the Presbytery desire to place on record their great regret at losing the services of an able and faithful minister, and a kind and obliging co-Presbyter. It is the earnest prayer of all the members that the Great Head of the Church may soon give to him a field of labor where his talents and ability may be appreciated, and where he may be greatly blessed in gathering many into the fold of Christ." In the case of Mr. Taylor, the following minute was adopted:—"In taking leave of their brother, the Rev. David Taylor, late Pastor of Spencerville and Edwardsburg, the Presbytery would place on record the pleasure they have derived from Mr. Taylor, both in his public and private capacity. They would note with satisfaction the sustained excellency of his pulpit ministrations, his diligent attendance on the Church Courts, and his obliging and affable manner, and they hope good success

may attend his labours in whatever vineyard the Master may please to place him." The Home Mission work within the bounds engaged the earnest and lengthened consideration of the Presbytery, and arrangements were made as far as possible, for the supply of the vacant congregations and mission stations till next meeting. Dr. Bain having requested to be relieved of the Conventership of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, his request was granted, and Mr. Archibald Brown, of Lynn, appointed in his stead, to whom all communications on the subject of appointments within the bounds are to be addressed.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—This Presbytery held an adjourned meeting in St. Andrew's Hall, Kingston, on the 27th of July. A call from the congregation of St. John's Church, Pittsburg, was accepted by the Rev. John Gallaher, and his induction was appointed to take place on the 12th day of August. The induction services were attended to at the time arranged. Sermon was preached by Mr. Chambers; the charge to the minister was delivered by Dr. Williamson, and the address to the people by Mr. Smith.—Mr. Scott's resignation of the first congregation of Napanee was accepted, to take effect on the 5th of September. The following minute was submitted, in relation to him: "In parting with their brother, the Presbytery have pleasure in recording the high esteem in which he is held by all the members of this court, for his gentle and kindly disposition, his earnest piety, and his missionary zeal and activity; and they hope and pray that he may soon find another field of Christian usefulness, and may be long spared to preach the gospel, which he loves, and glorify the Master, whose faithful servant he has proved himself to be."—Messrs. Burton, Smith, and Dr. Williamson, ministers, and Mr. McAlister, elder, were appointed a committee to carry into effect a recommendation to have the two congregations at Napanee united.—Mr. Coulthard's resignation of the congregation of Gananoque was withdrawn, on the ground that the chief difficulty in the matter had been removed.—Owing to the vacancy caused at Stirling by the death of the Rev. Alexander Buchan, Dr. Neill was appointed moderator *pro tem.* of the session there, and was requested to prepare a suitable minute in relation to our late co-Presbyter.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—This Presbytery held a special meeting in Lindsay, and within St. Andrew's Church there, on the 3rd day of August. The call from Cambray and Fenelon to Mr. McDougall, of Cow Bay, Cape Breton, which was returned to Mr. Panton, who moderated in it, that it might obtain the signatures of the Kirk station of Fenelon, was presented before the Presbytery. Mr. Panton, with the other commissioners appointed to visit the Kirk station of Fenelon in connection with this call, gave in their report, which was to the effect that the utmost harmony and cordiality prevailed in considering and signing it, and that the local union in Fenelon is likely to be productive of much good. The call with the accompanying documents was ordered to be transmitted to the Presbytery of Sydney, Cape Breton. The Presbytery next took up the consideration of the resignations of Messrs. Murray and Panton. After hearing commissioners from the congregations, who expressed in the name of their respective congregations the deep regret felt at the prospect of parting with their ministers, and their admiration of the Christian heroism displayed by them in thus resigning, for the purpose of facilitating the union of all the Presbyterians in Lindsay into one congregation, the Presbytery felt compelled to accept the resignations before them. Mr. Lothead, of Fenelon Falls, was appointed to preach the pulpit of Peel Street Church vacant on the 15th August. Mr. McNabb, of Beaverton, was also appointed to preach the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church vacant on the 15th day of September. A committee was appointed to draft a minute expressing the Presbytery's feelings in parting with these brethren. The regular meeting will be held, D.V., on the last Tuesday of August in Woodville.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—A meeting of this Presbytery was held in the usual place, on the 3rd of August. Mr. Dick, *interim* moderator. A report was read, from a committee previously appointed, anent the amount of territory assigned to the Presbytery. The report was adopted, and ordered to be engrossed. There was read an extract minute of the Presbytery of Barrie, setting forth (*inter alia*) that said Presbytery had severed the congregation of Honeywood from that of Horning's Mills, on being assured that the former desired to be so severed, and had united the same to the congregation on the south line of Osprey. It was thought, however, that by deed of the Assembly, Honeywood belonged to the Presbytery of Toronto; and, on motion made by Mr. Reid, it was resolved to apply to the General Assembly, at its next meeting, by overture, asking it to define more accurately the bounds of the Presbyteries of Toronto and Barrie; and, further, that the Home Mission Committee be requested to put themselves into communication with the Presbytery of Barrie, so as to make arrangements for the supply of the Stations of Mulmur and Melancthon during the year. It was moved by Mr. Meikle, and agreed, that the regular meetings of the Presbytery be held on the first Tuesday of each alternate month, beginning with the first Tuesday of October. In regard to the hours connected with these meetings, a motion and an amendment were respectively submitted by Mr. Burnfield and Mr. Macdonnell. It was found that the votes were equal, and the Moderator gave his casting vote for the motion, which was, that the diets of the court be from eleven a.m. to three p.m., and from five p.m. to nine p.m. On motion made by Mr. Carmichael of Markham, seconded by Mr. Macdonnell, the Clerk's salary was fixed at \$200 per annum, to be levied on the congregations within the bounds. Also, a committee was appointed, with Mr. Cameron as convener, to consider what means should be taken to provide a Presbytery Fund, said committee to report at next meeting. Application was made by the joint congregations of St. Andrew's, Scarborough, and St. John's, Markham, for one to moderate in a call, promise being made of a salary of \$1,000 per annum, together with a manse. Mr. Carmichael, of Markham, was appointed to moderate in the former church, on the 7th of September, at two p.m. Agreeably to applications made, Mr. McFaul was appointed to preside at the election and ordination of elders at Primrose, and to dispense the Lord's Supper at Shelburne. A report was read from Mr. Carmichael of King, setting forth that the two congregations of Newmarket had agreed to unite and form one congregation, and that the property now belonging to each congregation be held as belonging to the common church, with the exception that Mr. Brown enjoy the full use of the manse and glebe, formerly belonging to the Church of Scotland, during the term of his natural life. Thanks were given to Mr. Carmichael for his conduct in this matter, and he was appointed *interim* Moderator of the Session of Newmarket and Aurora. The clerk directed attention to the need of distinctive names being assumed within the bounds by various congregations; and he was instructed to correspond with the ministers of the congregations referred to, and to request reports there anent at next meeting. Various other matters were taken up and disposed of, but they do not require public notice.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—This Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, on the 10th August. The following is a summary of the principal business transacted: The report of the Committee on the mission to the Germans in the bounds was submitted and read, and the statements therein considered *seriatim*. A committee was then appointed to carry out the resolutions to which the presbytery agreed on the same, and which related to the forming of those at Preston into a congregation, arranging, if they saw proper, for the administration of the Lord's Supper, to make provision for preaching in English, and to consider the steps that should be taken to procure church accommodation. Another committee was appointed to superintend the mission, with instructions to prepare a circular to be sent to congregations and Sabbath-schools to enlist their sympathy and exite their liberality in the work. The salary of the German

missionary was then fixed at \$600, and Mr. Schroeder, who has been labouring in that capacity for some time, formally received his appointment, and signified his acceptance of the same. Considerable time was occupied in hearing a complaint by Mr. Sheriff Davidson against the Kirk Session and trustees of St. Andrew's Church, Berlin. All the parties in the case having been fully heard, the Presbytery, after due consideration, unanimously adopted the following resolution: Moved by Mr. Ball, seconded by Mr. Wardrobe, that with regard to the Sabbath School difficulty, the Presbytery sustain the complaint, inasmuch as the meeting of trustees, at which the closing of the church against the Sabbath School was resolved upon, was neither regularly called or held upon a lawful day, and inasmuch as, in any case, the action of the trustees in closing the church against the school was not only inexpedient but incompetent, the school being really, as expressed in the complaint, an integral part of the church. Furthermore, with regard to the election of Elders, that the initiatory steps were irregular and censurable, but that the Presbytery, while regretting that Mr. Dickie did not see the necessity of applying for assessors, and while ordering the minutes which record the presence of an elder, who was really not present to be corrected in accordance with fact, agree, in the very peculiar and trying circumstances in which the congregation was then placed, to sustain the proceedings connected with the election so far as to recognize the validity of the election and ordination. And that while deeply sympathizing with Mr. Dickie in the difficulties with which he had to contend, and while giving all credit to the parties on the opposite sides of this case for sincerity, the Presbytery do most earnestly entreat them to exercise forbearance towards each other, to follow in dependence on Divine grace the things that make for peace, and to labour, as in time past, for the advancement of Christ's cause in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Berlin. The parties having been recalled, and the decision intimated to them, the representatives of the Kirk Session and trustees signified their acquiescence in the same. Mr. Sheriff Davidson protested and appealed, and craved extracts, which were granted. The report of the committee appointed to visit Everton was then called for and read. There was also submitted a petition from certain individuals in and around Osprunge, praying to have a mission station open in that village. A committee was appointed to superintend the congregation at Everton, and watch over the interests of the petitioners from Osprunge, with authority to engage a suitable person to act as missionary for a period of not less than six months. The committee appointed to visit Elmira reported, when it was agreed that the report be received, and that Mr. Yeomans be requested to take charge of the station there, and give such supply as he may find convenient, till next meeting. It was agreed to postpone consideration of the notice of motion by Mr. Ball on the changes made in some of the Public School books, as proposed, by the Council of Public Instruction, to the next meeting, when it shall be taken up as the first business at the sederunt in the afternoon. The question having been put by a member whether any business of a pecuniary or secular nature should be transacted in a congregation on the Lord's Day, as the payment of pew-rents and such like, the Presbytery declared it as their opinion that such was improper, unlawful, and a desecration of the Sabbath and of the house of God. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, on the second Tuesday of September at ten o'clock, forenoon. The roll was then called and marked, after which the proceedings closed.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—The first meeting of the Presbytery of Bruce, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was held in St. Andrew's Church, Kincardine, on the 13th July. On the roll being made out it was found that it consisted of twenty-three settled pastors, three ordained missionaries, with four vacancies. There were nineteen ministers and eleven elders in attendance. Dr. Bell, of Walkerton, was chosen Moderator for the current year, and Mr. Forbes was appointed clerk. The Rev. J. F. Forbes, of South River, Antigonish, being present, was asked to sit and deliberate. On application, it was resolved

to separate Pinkerton from Riversdale and Enniskillen, the separation to take effect on the 1st of December next. Mr. Fraser was appointed to moderate in a call to a minister from Ripley, on Tuesday, 3rd day of August next. Messrs. Stewart and Anderson were appointed to moderate in a call from Underwood and Centre Bruce, on Tuesday the 10th August; and a special meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Underwood on the same day, at five o'clock, p.m., to take action on said calls. Mr. Cameron, of Lueknow, was appointed to give four weeks of evangelistic labours to Manitoulin Island, his own pulpit to be supplied by the Presbytery. Mr. Ferguson, of Glamis, was appointed to labour among the fishermen on "The Fishing Islands" for two weeks, his pulpit to be supplied by the Presbytery. The members of Presbytery's Home Mission Committee for the present year are the following: Mr. Tolmie, Convener; Mr. Donald Fraser, M.A., and Mr. D. Cameron, Ministers; Mr. John Dewar, Elder. It was agreed to hold a Presbyterial Sabbath School Convention at Paisley, on the day following next meeting of Presbytery, viz., Wednesday, 29th Sept.

The Presbytery of Bruce held a special meeting at Underwood, on 10th instant. A call from Knox Church, Ripley, in favour of the Rev. Adam Mackay, of Middle River, C. B., was sustained, and forwarded. It was subscribed by 263 members and adherents. The salary promised is \$700, with manse. The Rev. K. Mackenzie, of Buddeck, was appointed commissioner from the Presbytery to prosecute the call before the Presbytery of Richmond and Victoria.—A unanimous and hearty call from Centre Bruce and Underwood to Rev. George MacLennan, of Harriston, was also sustained and transmitted. The salary promised is \$700, with manse. Mr. Stewart was appointed commissioner from the Presbytery, and Messrs. Anderson and Brown from the session and congregation, to prosecute the translation before the Presbytery of Saugeen.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—This Presbytery held its first meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, on 27th July last, the Rev. J. Rannie, Moderator. After the extract minute of Synod, constituting the Presbytery, was read, the roll was made up. Mr. Rannie was unanimously elected Moderator, and Mr. R. H. Warden, Clerk. Messrs. Warden (Convener), Rannie, Walker, Forrest, and Gray, were appointed the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee. K. Urquhart, Esq., was appointed Treasurer. A call was sustained from Bothwell in favour of Mr. D. L. McKechnie, salary promised being \$700 per annum and Manse. The call was accepted, and the ordination fixed for 28th September, at eleven a.m. A call from Florence and Dawn, addressed to Mr. G. M. Clark, was sustained. Salary \$800 per annum. A moderation was granted to Wallaceburgh. A Petition from thirty-eight members and adherents of the church in Chatham Township, praying for organization in connection with Dover, was laid on the table till next regular meeting, neighbouring Sessions to be notified in the meantime. The church property in Amherstburgh belonging to the late Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, was given over to the trustees of the Amherstburgh congregation, for the use of said congregation. The Presbytery spent much time in considering matters pertaining to the mission at St. Anne, Illinois. Messrs. Rannie and Warden were appointed a committee to visit the field, with full power to take such action as they may deem advisable in the interests of the Mission generally, and more particularly in regard to the law-suit brought by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Chicago against Mr. C. Chiniquy, to obtain possession of the church property at St. Anne.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—An adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Huron was held in Knox Church, Goderich, 10th August, 1875. Extracts from the session records of St. Andrew's Church and Knox Church, Goderich, were read, asking the Presbytery's sanction to an amalgamation of the two congregations; also a statement from the managing committee of both congregations, promising

that the salaries of the ministers of the proposed united church would be the same as they had heretofore been. After listening to the parties appointed to present the case, the Presbytery unanimously adopted the following resolution: "That the Presbytery learns with much gratification of the movement in Goderich, to amalgamate the congregations of Knox Church and St. Andrew's Church, in the Town of Goderich, and in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada, as also the congregation at Smith's Hill, and the preaching stations in Goderich and Colborne Townships,—and having heard read several important documents, duly transmitted by the Session of Knox Church and Saint Andrew's Church, praying for the Presbytery's sanction to the proposed amalgamation,—the Presbytery hereby heartily acquiesces in the general arrangement proposed." A petition was read from twenty-three members, and twenty-one adherents, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in the neighbourhood of Winthrop, asking to be organized into a congregation with Duff's Church. Rev. T. Thomson was authorized to organize said station immediately. Rev. H. Gibson having expressed his intention of resigning the charge of Bayfield and Varna, Rev. M. Danby was appointed to preach at Bayfield and Varna, and cite the congregation to attend a special meeting of Presbytery at Bayfield, on Wednesday, 25th inst. Rev. Messrs. Sieveright and Hartley, and Messrs. Gibson, M.P.P., William Young, and Charles Girvin, were appointed a committee to take steps for securing certain properties belonging to the church in Wawanosh and Ashfield. Rev. J. Sieveright, R. Ure, and F. McCuaig, were appointed a committee to meet the people in connection with the Gaelic Mission, Goderich, and to confer with them with reference to organization.

P. S.—The intention is to have, meanwhile, only one English Church in Goderich, and to organize three new preaching stations or congregations in the country districts around, heretofore connected—for church purposes—with the town, the whole being under the charge of the two town ministers. It is also the intention to give the Gaelic people the use of St. Andrew's Church edifice, and to organize them into a Mission Church.

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THE REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE—1874-5.

It is with mingled feelings that your Committee review ^{the} Foreign Mission operations of the Church during the past year. The Great Head of the Church has not withheld encouragement; but He has also sent trials and disappointments. Death has, for the first time, thinned the ranks of your labourers in the foreign field. Rev. James Nisbet, the earliest of your missionaries to the heathen, has finished his course, and entered into his rest. Last August he was compelled, by the failing health of himself and Mrs. Nisbet, to return with her to Red River. Mrs. Nisbet only survived a short time after their arrival in Manitoba, and on the 17th September she fell asleep. Upon the last day of the same month Mr. Nisbet followed his excellent wife into that rest which remains for the people of God. In the removal of Mr. Nisbet, your Committee feel that the Church has lost a singularly unselfish and devoted labourer. Entering upon his work comparatively late in life, when the

acquisition of a language is an arduous work, he laboured under the disadvantage of requiring to address the Indians through an interpreter; but he was blessed during his life in gathering souls into the fold of Christ. But the most recent accounts from Prince Albert indicate that good results from his eight years of devoted labours are still becoming apparent. Mr. Nisbet left four young children, who have no adequate provision for their support. Your Committee feel that while this was the first case of the kind which had occurred among the missionaries of the Church, that it might not be the last, and that it was necessary for them to deal with it upon principles which might be followed in time to come. In these circumstances they did not feel themselves warranted to do more than vote half-a-year's salary to the legal representatives of Mr. Nisbet's children, for their benefit. It will be for the Assembly to say whether any more adequate provision can be made for such cases.

Your Committee are glad to state that the removal of Mr. Nisbet did not cause any interruption in the prosecution of the work of the Mission. When he left for Manitoba, he secured temporary supply to carry on services during his absence. Mr. John Mackay, the interpreter, who accompanied Mr. Nisbet to Red River, was sent back, by the instructions of the Committee, to take charge of the work until such time as a successor for Mr. Nisbet could be found. The Presbytery of Manitoba, feeling that there was an urgent necessity that an ordained missionary should occupy Prince Albert during the winter, assumed the responsibility of selecting and ordaining for the work Mr. Hugh McKellar, a probationer of the Church. The Committee, fully sympathising with the feelings which led the Presbytery to take the unusual course which they adopted, agreed cordially to recognize Mr. McKellar as their missionary. The Committee was so entirely satisfied with Mr. McKellar's adaptation for the position, that they gave to him a very cordial call to become the permanent missionary in that interesting field, where he is now labouring. An answer has not yet been received to this call. Mr. McKellar has entered on his work with great zeal and energy, and promises to prove a very efficient labourer. He reports that there have been, since his arrival at the mission, 14 baptisms—three adult Indian women and eleven children; and five marriages. He speaks in very pleasing terms of the happy influence of Mr. Nisbet's labours. A large settlement is springing up rapidly around Prince Albert. The fertile soil has attracted many settlers from Manitoba and elsewhere, and already an English-speaking population, numbering more than 300, a large proportion of whom are Presbyterians, is found settled in the neighbourhood of the mission. Prince Albert is every year likely to become a more important centre of Home Mission operations. The care of the spiritual interests of this large settlement devolves entirely, at present, upon the labourers employed by your Committee. Your Committee trust that the Home Mission Committee will soon feel themselves in a position to take charge of that portion of the work at Prince Albert which belongs to their department.

Mr. George Flett is labouring among the Indians in the neighbourhood of Fort Pelly, where he finds an encouraging field of usefulness. As soon as the Indians in the North-West are gathered into *Reserves*, the work among them will assume another and more hopeful character. Until that time arrives, it will always be difficult to operate successfully among them. Their migratory habits render it almost impossible for those who do not follow a similar mode of life to have constant access to

them. This obstacle, which has constantly impeded the progress of this department of the work, will ere long, it is hoped, be taken out of the way.

In India, good service has been rendered during the year, by Misses Fairweather and Rodger, who have occupied important positions in connection with the missions of the American Presbyterian Church. At Mynpoorie, near the Ganges, and about 750 miles north-west of Calcutta, they laboured for some time. At this station they had, in addition to Zenana work, the superintendence of eight schools, and the direction of Bible-women. While at Mynpoorie, they suffered from jungle and bilious fever; but later reports, in reference to their health, are more favourable. About the beginning of the present year, they were appointed to a very interesting station at Rakha, near Futtelgurh. It is situated on the Ganges, 720 miles north-west of Calcutta. Here they have a noble field of usefulness. They have not only the sole charge of an orphanage, in which there are three schools, but have the prospect of being able to commence other schools for women and girls. Your Committee are happy to receive very pleasing assurances that Misses Fairweather and Rodger have secured the respect and confidence of the brethren of the American Presbyterian Mission, who have the best opportunities of knowing them and their work. The following extract of a letter recently received from one of the secretaries of the American Presbyterian Mission Board, only confirms what they had previously learned from other quarters: "We are glad," he says, "to hear only good accounts of the ladies you sent out to India. They have the respect and kind regards of our missionaries."

In the opinion of your Committee, the time has arrived when the Presbyterian Church in Canada should seek to do more for the perishing millions of India than has yet been attempted. They can scarcely conceive a more appropriate way to signalize the approaching Union of the various Presbyterian Churches of the Dominion than by devising and accomplishing more liberal things on behalf of the heathen. The young ladies whom we have already sent to India plead earnestly that the Canadian Church shall enter at once on this work. The brethren of the American Presbyterian Mission urge us to send missionaries to this destitute field. They are exceedingly anxious that the Presbyterians of Canada should organize a mission without delay in the Province of Indore, in Central India. This field is entirely unoccupied. None of the Churches or Missionary Societies has entered upon this extensive region. The district is under British rule, and is considered in every way suitable as a field for a promising mission. It is accessible both from Bombay and from Calcutta, by way of Allahabad. Your Committee trust, however, that such decided action will be taken, that another year will not elapse until Canadian Presbyterianism shall be represented by one or two ordained missionaries in India.

The work in Formosa has gone on prospering during the year. The manifest blessing of the Head of the Church continues to rest upon the untiring labours of your devoted missionary, Rev. G. L. Mackay. And now that he has been reinforced by a like minded fellow-labourer, we may expect to see even greater results in the time to come. Dr. J. B. Fraser was ordained by the Presbytery of Toronto, and designated to mission work in Formosa, on the 16th September. Both before and after his ordination, Dr. Fraser spent all the time he could command in visiting congregations throughout the Church, and it is believed that these visits

have exerted a very happy influence in exciting a more general interest in Foreign Mission work. He sailed from St. Francisco in the beginning of December, and after spending a few weeks with the brethren of the English Presbyterian Mission in China, he and his family reached Tamsui in safety, to the great joy of Mr. Mackay, about the end of January of the present year. In a letter received from Dr. Fraser, dated a few weeks after his arrival, he says:—"Mackay was delighted to see us, and no wonder. I suppose no one will ever, or can ever know through what he has come during the last three years. He will never tell the story with his own lips, but piece by piece I am picking it up from one source and another, and marvelling that he is alive and of a sound mind. It is easy to talk of moderation, and to make up one's mind before leaving to do just so much and in such a way, but in a field white unto the harvest it is not so easy to follow pre-concocted plans." The work, he says, has so enlarged, that it is quite beyond Mr. Mackay's strength. "The converts have to be instructed and established. The worshippers, more or less regular, have to be conversed with and taught. The helpers have to be trained. The chapels have to be visited in turn, and requests come from the people at this place and that for a chapel and helper. Again I say, what is one to do? Instead of Mr. Mackay being equal to the work, there is quite enough for four or five earnest workers to do in the north of this Island. I beseech you to use your efforts to secure another missionary, or, if possible, two more, to come to our help here next autumn. Let us enter in full force, and take possession of the land, while there is an open door." Rev. G. L. Mackay, after waiting long for a fellow-labourer to co-operate with him in his work, expresses great joy at the arrival of Dr. Fraser. It was high time that assistance should be sent to him. The work has, through the Divine blessing, been steadily growing under his hands. A few extracts from the last letter received from Mr. Mackay will give a better idea of his work than any words of your Committee can convey:—

"Last Friday," he says, "I went to San-teng-po, and on Saturday a large number of our hearers from other stations arrived. I spent the whole day examining enquirers, and saw my way clear to admit nine of our San-tang-po worshippers. On Sabbath morning about 200 assembled, and after spending the greater part of the forenoon at a Conference meeting, I received the nine by baptism; and in the afternoon all our converts, thirty-seven in number, sat down at the table of the Lord. I felt thankful to God, because all our converts have been faithful until this day. And our little band is increasing too. Let God be praised. I sat down first with five, then with twelve, then with eighteen, then with twenty-eight, and this last time with thirty-seven. Dr. Fraser arrived about noon on Sabbath, and was present at both services. He addressed the communicants in a very appropriate manner, by urging them to watch and pray. I translated what he said, and the people seemed exceeding glad. He also visited Pat-li-hun, Go-Ko'-Khin and Chin-nih with me, and said a few words at each place. After I had translated what he said, the hearers were delighted, and thanked God for bringing another labourer into the midst of them. We have now, at the arrival of Dr. Fraser, six chapels, and in two or three weeks the seventh will be finished. I sent a helper to labour amongst the people there some time ago. Next month we will have seven chapels and a helper at each. The helpers have proved themselves earnest and faithful thus far. They have shown themselves able to maintain their ground with Confucianists, Buddhists and

Tanists. I taught them the elements of Astronomy, Geography and History. For some time past they have also written essays and sermons. I read and explained to them the "Pilgrim's Progress," "Boston's Fourfold State," and several works on the Old and New Testaments. Every morning and evening, indeed every day, whether on the road or in the house, I have been explaining to them the gospel of Jesus—the Bible first, and then useful knowledge of whatever kind. I thank God for the zeal, devotedness, and intelligence of our young helpers. The most pleasant hours of my life have been spent amongst them, teaching what I could, as I travelled in the interior, preaching the gospel of salvation. The future is unknown, but hitherto they have been faithful and true. Friday last I visited a place where the people wished to build a chapel. I will let you know about it hereafter. Twice last year I was near the gates of death, but God kept me, and I am still here trying to obey my master, the Lord Jesus Christ. For seven chapels, seven helpers, several teachers, three schools, large number of regular hearers and thirty-seven communicants, let God be praised, not man. The Lord has accomplished all. Let us continue to plead and he will come in might and power and overthrow the kingdom of devils. Let us continue to labour and he will bless our efforts. More labourers are needed. Who will come? The Lord be praised for bringing Dr. Fraser and his family to this place."

It is due to themselves that your committee should state that they have done all they could to meet the earnest pleadings of your missionaries for more men. They have made every effort to carry out the instructions of the last assembly, to send a third missionary to Formosa. They regret that these efforts have not been crowned with success. No less than three gentlemen whom they called to engage in this work, have, for various causes, seen it their duty to decline the invitation. More recently correspondence has been held with a young and devoted minister of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces, in connection with the Church of Scotland, who is willing to engage in mission work in India, China or Japan. It appears, however, that his brethren of the Lower Provinces are so anxious to retain his services for a department of the Home work for which he has special qualifications, that the prospect of obtaining him at present for the Foreign field is not definite. Your committee, however, still cherish the hope that after the Union, a way may be opened up by which, at no distant date, he may go forth as a missionary to the heathen.

It has been judged expedient to take steps for the erection of a residence for our missionaries at Tamsui. From the character of the Chinese houses, this has been regarded as quite essential to the health and comfort of your missionaries. This work will involve the mission in a very considerable expenditure, but the experience of other missionary bodies leads us to believe that not only will such building tend to prolong the lives of our missionaries, but it will, in the end, be found in other respects consistent with a true economy. An admirable site, in a healthy locality, was purchased by Mr. McKay, and since the arrival of Dr. Fraser, steps have been taken to have a house erected.

Your committee are happy to state that Foreign Missions are slowly but steadily obtaining an increasing liberal measure of support from the Church.

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1861-2.....	\$2,067 06
1862-3.....	2,798 23

1868-4.....	\$8,475 59
1864-5.....	8,486 58
1865-6.....	8,997 89
1866-7 (including £100 stg. from F. C.).....	4,809 50
1867-8.....	4,941 18
1868-9.....	5,179 58
1869-70.....	5,526 26
1870-1.....	6,812 62
1871-2 (including \$1,168 legacy and outfit).....	11,212 82
1872-3.....	10,522 88
1873-4.....	12,084 44
1874-5.....	12,558 40

In the fourteen years which have elapsed since the last Union, the Foreign Mission Fund has risen from \$2,067.06 to \$12,558.40; or in other words, it has increased more than six fold. We are very far from thinking that the Church has reached the limit of its ability. It is with us only the day of small things. But such steady growth inspires the hope that the church is gradually awakening to a fuller sense of her responsibility to the heathen.

In resigning their trust into your hands, your committee can only express the hope that the approaching union will give a new impulse to the great work of Foreign Missions; and that the Presbyterianism of the Dominion, consolidated into one compact and powerful church, will gird itself with earnestness proportioned to its strength, for the evangelization of the heathen world. They do not overlook the fact that the real source of success in this, as in every good work, is God. But they feel assured that, in proportion as the church goes forward in the right spirit, she is warranted to expect the divine presence and blessing. It is in connection with this very work that Christ said "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." It is our slothfulness and unbelief that turn away from us God's blessing. God has given us reason to hope in Him. He has revealed His power and grace in the past. He has given us His promise for the future, and He is now beckoning us by his providence to reap fields already white to the harvest. Let the Church then go forward, assured that God is for us and none can be against us. He will bring forth judgment unto victory.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Wm. McLAREN, *Convener.*

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

In presenting their report, your Committee would express their ever deepening conviction of the importance of the work intrusted to them by the Assembly. It is of vital moment that all the Sessions under the care of the Assembly should be often and earnestly reminded of the necessity of inquiring how it is in regard to the "State of Religion" in the congregations of which they have the oversight—often and earnestly warned of the danger of mistaking the shadow for the substance, and the form of godliness for its reality and its power.

After careful deliberation, with earnest prayer to God for the guidance and teaching of His Holy Spirit, your Committee again sent out questions on this subject to all the Sessions of the Church. In the report for last year, the belief was expressed that the number of returns (164) was the largest number that had been received in any year, in reply to similar inquiries. The number received this year is 196. From some Presbyteries the number of returns is almost complete: that is, one from every Session. From others, the number of returns is a mere fraction of the number of Sessions. In the Presbytery of London, for example, whether from inattention to the matter, or disapproval of the form in which the questions are sent, only five Sessions out of thirty-four send returns. The small number of returns from the London Presbytery seems the more remarkable, from the fact that, in the other three Presbyteries of the Synod of London, with an aggregate number of fifty-five Sessions, there are only eleven in all that have sent no returns.

SYNOD OF LONDON.

The Report of this Synod shows that, in the Presbytery of Huron, 19 Sessions have sent in returns; Stratford, 11; Chatham, 14; London, 5. Besides the Synodical Report, there are reports from all the Presbyteries: that from the Presbytery of London, concluding with a recommendation that "the Synod should issue a pastoral address, bearing chiefly on family worship, secret prayer, personal piety, and the training of the young in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." With reference to the Assembly's questions on the State of Religion, the Synodical Report contains a recommendation that "Presbyteries be directed to appoint one of their number to receive the reports of Sessions, and prepare a report based on them; and that such person be *ex officio* a member of the Committee on Evangelistic Work."

SYNOD OF HAMILTON.

In the Synod of Hamilton forty-six Sessions have sent in returns: Presbytery of Hamilton, 9; Paris, 16; Guelph, (including returns forwarded to the Convener of the Assembly's Committee, after meeting of Synod), 14; Durham, 4; Bruce, 3. In the Synodical Report, attention is called to the cheering fact that "in some of the Reports from Presbyteries and Sessions, it is stated that the Spirit of God has been working on the hearts of many connected with the Churches in this district of country," and that, "in several congregations, large additions have been made to the membership of the Church, of many who were not previously members."

SYNOD OF TORONTO.

From this Synod there appears a very full and instructive report. It shows that returns have been received from fifty-two Sessions: Presbytery of Cobourg, 9; Ontario, 11; Toronto, 15; Simcoe, 12; Owen Sound, 5. This report leads to the encouraging conclusion that "the tide of Christian liberality is steadily rising throughout the bounds of the Synod; that the interests of God's children in God's work at home and abroad appears to be deepening; that the Lord is not unmindful of His people, and that in many places He is granting them manifold tokens of good; that, while the love of some waxes cold, and there is much worldliness, forgetfulness of God, and desecration of His Sabbath, His work is clearly reviving in different parts of His Church."

SYNOD OF MONTREAL.

This Synod likewise furnishes a full and carefully prepared report. Comparing it with that of last year, it shows great progress in the attention given to this important subject. "The large number of returns," says the Convener, "is one gratifying feature of this year's report. These number forty-five as compared with thirty-two last year." This increase is mainly in the Presbytery of Montreal, in which there were received 25 returns instead of 15 as last year. In the Presbytery of Brockville also, there is a very marked increase, viz : 7 instead of the 2 of last year. In the Presbytery of Ottawa, there were 11 returns, being a decrease of 3. In the Presbytery of Kingston, 3 returns—same number as last year.

PRESBYTERY OF MANITOBA.

Your Committee have much satisfaction in referring to a report from this Presbytery, in which it is stated that returns have been received from 4 Sessions. This, it is believed, is the first regular report of this kind that has come from that new, important, and interesting field. It leads us to realize more vividly that, far remote as our brethren there are from the present main centres of our operations, we are all "one in Christ Jesus." The report is accompanied by a letter from the Presbytery's Committee on the State of Religion, assuring us of the Presbytery's readiness to cooperate with us in furnishing all the information in their power, and in seeking to secure a fuller report for next year.

From a conjunct view of these reports, your Committee gather that there has been a gratifying increase in the membership of the Church during the past year. Fuller information regarding this will be given in the report of the Committee on Statistics.

FAMILY WORSHIP

is generally observed by heads of families in communion with the Church ; but, from some quarters, the sad report comes that it is neglected. In almost all congregations, it is feared, there are dwellings of professing Christians in which there is no domestic altar ; and your Committee would recommend that, especially in Synodical and Presbyterial conferences on the State of Religion, Ministers and Elders should stir each other up to a faithful and affectionate dealing with heads of families, in whose houses there is no family worship.

THE TRAINING OF THE YOUNG

in the nurture and admonition of the Lord is attended to in many of the homes of our people. It can hardly be hoped that such a thing will be much thought of where there is no family worship. But your Committee are persuaded that even parents who do pray with and for their children need, in the most of cases, to realize, more vividly than they have ever done, the duty and the privilege of bringing their children to Christ—of seeking to induce them to give their hearts to Him in the days of their youth.

SABBATH SCHOOLS

are all but universally maintained in our congregations. In most of them the teachers are sustained in some good degree by the sympathy and co-operation of the members of the Church. The Shorter Catechism is used in the schools, but it is said that, in some localities, the scholars, even the

more advanced among them, are not so familiar with it as they might be expected to be.

PRAYER MEETINGS

are to be found in connection, it is believed, with almost every congregation. They are not attended as they ought to be; but, from some quarters, the encouraging report comes that there is a largely increased attendance at such meetings. It is said that, in a few congregations, there is no prayer meeting. To your Committee this seems inexplicable. Such a state of things surely requires the immediate and very earnest attention of the Presbyters or Presbyteries to which such information has been forwarded.

CHRISTIAN LIBERALITY

appears to be on the increase throughout the Church. Congregations contribute more and more largely toward the maintenance of Gospel ordinances among themselves, and the support of the schemes of the Church; but in both of these departments, and very specially in the latter, there is much room and great need for improvement.

INDICATIONS OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

of a very cheering character are to be seen here and there throughout our borders. One Presbytery reports that in some places "prayer meetings have been, and still are, exceedingly well attended. There never was anything like the interest now manifested, in former years." In another Presbytery one reports: "but for hopeful indications among the young, we might be tempted to give up altogether." A second: "Some of the young are known to be under the power of the truth, and there seems to be a growing seriousness among them." And a third: "We are glad to be able to report this year more indications of spiritual life than any previous year. In the first half of 1874 the seed of the Gospel was sown in tears, and no fruit appeared. But in August the Lord of the harvest was pleased to give us a rich and glorious in-gathering. Not less than 124 were received on the profession of their faith, at the communion in September.

It is most interesting to observe that, in all the Synods, and in almost all the Presbyteries, there have been conferences on the State of Religion. These seem to be becoming year by year, more interesting and more profitable.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES.

Your Committee have to tell of much earnest conference and, in many places, much earnest effort in connection with evangelical services. "It seems a sign of hope and of promise * * * that this somewhat new form of Christian activity which we call *special* or *evangelistic* services, should have commended itself so readily to the judgments and consciences of our people."* In several places within the bounds of the Synod of Toronto, such services have been followed by blessed results. Special mention may be made of Woodville in this connection. In the Report of the Synod of Toronto, the conviction is expressed "that the blessing granted so abundantly at Woodville, and vouchsafed in lesser measure elsewhere, invites and encourages all * * * to a heartier and more devoted service than the former years have seen."

* Report of Toronto Synod.

Brethren in the Synod of London have been greatly encouraged by the success with which God has graciously attended the efforts of those engaged in evangelistic work. "Circulars were addressed early last autumn to ministers and sessions, to ascertain what brethren were willing to aid in the work, and what sessions desired assistance in carrying on special services. To these circulars there was a most encouraging response. A considerable number of ministers expressed their willingness to devote from one to two weeks each to such work whenever their services might be required; and a still greater number expressed earnest desires for assistance." * * * "The deputations sent were, all but universally, received with great cordiality, by the minister and people to whom they were sent, and the reports which have been received afford gratifying evidence that their labours were attended with an encouraging measure of success."* Among the results of these services, the Report of the Synod of London tell of "increased attendance on Sabbath day services" in the localities referred to; "the quickening of a number of members of the church; anxiety in some who have hitherto been exceedingly careless, and decision for Christ by some who before were undecided, but who now seem to be under the power of the truth as it is in Jesus, and to be rejoicing in the assurance of God's love."

In the Synod of Montreal it was found impossible to secure the services of a sufficient number of labourers to work in all the fields in which help was desired for the carrying on. But by the blessing of God on the earnest and self-denying efforts of some who gave themselves to the work, much has been accomplished. "Times of refreshing" have been enjoyed in Osgoode, Nepean, Pakenham, Almonte, Castletford, and other places which your committee cannot now specify. To a small congregation, about two years ago, when matters were somewhat discouraging, a deputation was sent for evangelistic work. "The visit and services had the happiest effect. Fifteen were added to the church on profession of faith, and a new and better spirit among the people became manifest. Fifteen more on profession have been received this year, though no special services were held. In two years an addition of thirty on profession of faith. In Chalmers' Church, Kingston, a condition of unusual prosperity, of more vigorous life, and greater progress, is traced to the special services with which the city has been favoured during the past year, even though, congregationally, no such services have been held.

"And so it must be generally. For, what is special evangelistic work? Simply the more earnest and abundant use of the Divine means to save men; the preaching of the glorious gospel of God's Grace with a more than usually importunate application of that Gospel to individuals. And who can see the masses of our hearers benumbed with spiritual apathy, or swept away in the current of worldliness, without the eager desire to interpose in some way to remedy the evil."†

The aim of your committee in preparing this report has been to condense; to expand would have been easy. Some of the Synodical Reports, both on the state of religion and evangelistic work, are fuller and, in many respects, better than this which is now presented to the Assembly. But your committee have endeavoured, as they felt themselves bound to do, to exhibit within the smallest possible compass the substance of the various reports with which they have had to deal.

Your committee do not deem it necessary to add any recommendation to this report, save

* Report of Synod of London.

† Report of Montreal Synod.

1. That the Assembly commend the diligence of Synods and Presbyteries in their conferences and efforts in connection with the state of religion, and enjoin them to continue giving equal, or increased, attention to this most important subject.

2. That the Assembly highly approve of the efforts that have been put forth in connection with the evangelistic services; heartily rejoice in the success with which, by the Divine blessing, these efforts have been attended; and earnestly commend the subject of evangelistic work to the prayerful consideration of all the office bearers and members of the church.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS WARDROPE, *Convener.*

Notices of Publications.

THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN EVANGELICAL REVIEW. Edited by the Rev. J. Oswald Dykes, D.D. London: J. Nisbet & Co. Toronto: J. Bain & Son.

We have received the July number of the "British and Foreign Evangelical Review." The articles are all good and interesting; indeed, this number is especially interesting, from the fact that the contents are largely from Colonial ministers. There is, to begin with, an article by Professor Campbell, of Montreal, on the "Origin of the Phœnicians;" and then there is from the pen of Rev. Dr. Geikie, of New South Wales, formerly one of our own ministers, "A Colonial Sketch: Dr. John Bayne, of Galt." The other articles in the July number are: Personal Religion in the Homeric Age; An Argument about the Manna;—The Idea of Dogmatic Theology and Classification of its Dogmas;—The Great Controversy;—with a reprinted article on "Oriental Pantheism and Dualism viewed in relation to Christianity." There is also the usual amount of Literary Intelligence.

THE PRESBYTERIAN QUARTERLY AND PRINCETON REVIEW. New York: J. M. Sherwood. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication.

The July number of the Princeton, which always comes regularly to hand, should have been noticed in our last. We have only space to give the contents:—1. The Modern Theory of Forces; 2. Reason and Redemption; 3. The Indian Question; 4. Studies in the Gospels; 5. The Progress and Prospects of Oriental Discovery; 6. Morality and Free Thought; 7. Exposition of Job xxi., 15-17; 8. Our Industrial and Financial Situation; 9. The General Assembly; 10. Current Notes; 11. Contemporary Literature; 12. Theological and Literary Intelligence.

Monies Received up to 22nd August.

ASSEMBLY FUND.		FOREIGN MISSION.	
Amount received to 22nd July, \$187	19	Amount received to 22nd July, \$515	39
Nassagaweya	8 00	Doan S. School.....(omitted)	4 00
Acton, Knox Church.....	18 75	J. M'Kee, Orillia, China "	20 00
		Elora, Chalmers' Ch. "	7 00
		" " India "	7 00
		" " Saska. "	7 00
Amount received to 22nd July, \$1904	73	Two Friends, China.....	10 00
Cummock	10 50	Winnipeg, Knox Ch. S. S., Saska.	6 07
Kilbride	6 00		

John Edwards, Hemmingford. \$25 00
Brucefield 73 50

KNOX COLLEGE.

Amount received to 22nd July, \$379 29
Proofline 17 75
English Settlement 31 81
Carnock 10 50

NEW COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.

Amount received to 22nd July, \$3161 04
Per Rev. R. H. Warden—
Columbus and Brooklin 17 50
Brussels 47 00
Strathroy 10 00
Forest 5 00
M'Killop, Duff's Church 9 25
Egmondville 3 75
M'Killop and Tuckersmith... 16 00
Seaforth 7 50
Vaughan and Albion 10 00
Drummondville 4 00
Per Rev. J. M' Tavish—
Woodstock 44 00
Per Rev. Wm. Cochrane, D.D.—
Brantford 33 33
Per Wm. Clark, Esq.—
Scarboro' 17 00
Per Rev. James Gourlay—
Port Elgin 20 00
Per J. Carmichael—
Oro, Knox Church 14 00

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

Amount received to 22nd July, \$99 02
St. Peter's, Madoc 7 00
Ayr, Knox Church 15 12
Moore, Burns' Church 11 75
Fisherville 7 50
Fordwich 6 45
West Gwillimbury, Ist. 10 00
Nassagaweya 8 00
Shakespeare and Hampstead .. 18 68
Scarboro', Knox Church 32 50
Metis 5 17
Moore, Bear Creek 11 00
Owen Sound, Division Street .. 21 00
Greenbank 7 00
Smith Church 3 00

Georgetown and Limehouse ...\$14 00
St. Vincent 6 70
Sydenham, Knox Church 3 68
Euphrasia 2 62
North Gower 5 00
Wick 9 00
Winslow 4 00
Inverness 8 50
Eramosa, Ist. 14 00
" " Sabbath School.. 4 00
Acton, Knox Church 10 00

AGED MINISTERS' FUND.

Amount received to 22nd July, \$43 00
Rodgerville and Exeter 14 78
Claremont 4 50
Watford 6 30
Greenbank 4 00
Smith's Falls 10 00
Vaughan 12 52
Albion 7 48
Lake Shore 8 28

WIDOWS' FUND.

Amount received to 22nd July, \$16 86
Nassagaweya 8 00
Owen Sound, Division Street.. 1 00
East Seneca 2 10
North Gower 5 00
Smith's Falls 10 00
Waddington, N.Y. 27 50
Colborne 4 00
Brighton 3 00
Lachute, Henry's Church 5 68
Acton, Knox Church 22 49

ORPHANS OF THE LATE REV. J. NESBIT.

Amount received to 22nd July, \$55 00
Eramosa 25 00
Dundas 28 25
Peterborough 73 50
Milton and Boston Church.... 42 50
Miss Matilda Preston, Galt... 10 00
John Carruthers, Esq., Kingston 25 00

REV. J. G. CARRUTHERS' FUND.

Amount received to 22nd July, \$45 66
Mrs. Paton, Tiverton 1 06
John Carruthers, Esq., Kingston 25 00

RECEIPTS FOR RECORD UP TO 22ND AUGUST, 1875.

A. S., Brockville, \$3-75; J. McL., Norwood, Rev. J. C., Chatsworth, \$15-00; J. R., Ballinafad, D. H., Logierait; A. G. McL., Pembroke, \$15-00; Mrs. W. R., Dalkeith, W. W., Dunbarton, Mrs. G., Brucefield, W. C., Mussellburgh, Rev. W. F., Lachute, \$3-00; A. W., South Monaghan, \$1-50; J. S., Hamilton, \$1-50; J. McL., Blackheath, J. C. G., Woodville, \$8-50; E. McT., Oshawa, \$3-25; J. S. S., Esq., Oshawa, \$1-25; J. D. C., Hamilton, \$2-66; A. H., Woodstock, J. W., Elm Grove, \$2-00; J. K. McD., Toronto, \$2-00; H. C. R., Owen Sound, R. C., Hagerman, \$1-50; T. B., Bala, N. McN., Rutherford, J. A., Elmvale. \$1-48.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES IN QUEBEC AND ONTARIO.

SYNOD OF MONTREAL.

- Presbytery of QUEBEC.....meets in Quebec, in St. Andrew's Church, on 2nd Wed. of Sept., at 12 noon.
- " MONTREAL.....meets in Montreal, in St. Paul's Church, on 1st Tues. of Oct., at 11 a.m.
- " GLENGARRY ..meets at Alexandria, on 1st Wed. of Sept.
- " BROCKVILLE ..meets in Brockville, in St. John's Church, on 3rd Tues. of Sept., at 3 p.m.
- " OTTAWA.....an adjourned meeting at North Gower, on 12th Oct., at 3 p.m. Next ordinary meeting in Ottawa, in Bank Street Church, on 2nd Tuesday of Nov., at 3 p.m.

SYNOD OF TORONTO AND KINGSTON.

- Presbytery of KINGSTONmeets in Belleville, in St. Andrew's Church, on 2nd Tues. of Oct., at 7.30 p.m.
- " PETERBORO'.....meets at Port Hope, in the 1st Church, on last Tuesday of Sept., at 2 p.m.
- " WHITBY.....meets in Whitby, on 1st Tuesday of September, at 11 a.m.
- " TORONTOmeets in Toronto, in Knox's Church, on 1st Tues. of Oct., at 11 a.m.
- " BARRIE.....meets in Barrie, in Church there, on 28th Sept., at 11 a.m.
- " OWEN SOUND.....meets in Owen Sound, in Division Street Church, on 3rd Tuesday of September, at 10 a.m.
- " GUELPHmeets in Guelph, in St. Andrew's Church, on 2nd Tues. of Sep., at 10 a.m.
- " SAUGEEENmeets at Harriston, on 3rd Tuesday of Sept., at 4 p.m.

SYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON.

- Presbytery of HAMILTON.....meets in Hamilton, in St. Paul's Church, on 2nd Tuesday of Oct., at 11 a.m.
- " PARIS.....meets in Brantford, in Zion Church, on Tues., 21st of Sept., at 2 p.m.
- " LONDON.....meets in London, in 1st Church, on 3rd Tues. of Sept., at 3 p.m.
- " STRATFORDmeets in Stratford, in St. Andrew's Church, on last Tues. of Sept., at 11 a.m.
- " BRUCE.....meets at Paisley, on last Tuesday of September, at 2 p.m.
- " CHATHAM.....meets at Bothwell, on 27th Sep., at 3 p.m.
- " HURONmeets at Seaforth, on 2nd Tues. of Oct., at 11 a.m.