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JULY, 1877.

French Evangelization.

THE Annual Collection for this Scheme has been appointed by the General Assembly, for Sabbath, 22nd July. It is safe to say that in no department of the Church's work has greater progress been made during the past year than in that under the care of the Board of French Evangelization. The number of fields has been doubled during the year. Among the new ones, are such important centres as Quebec City, St. Hyacinthe, Danville, Joliette, Canning Street, Montreal, &c. Indeed, it would seem as if our Church were being specially called to undertake French Evangelistic work, nearly all the prominent Missions among the French Catholics of the Dominion being under the care of the Assembly's Board. When a few months ago, the Synod of the French Protestant Church of Canada (Synod des Eglises Evangeliques) was dissolved, all of its Congregations, with a few exceptions, asked connection with our Church. The Missionaries at present employed by the Board of French Evangelization, number 42. Such has been the rapid growth of the work, that as large a sum is required this year to carry it on as is required for Home Missions in the Western Section of the Church. We hope, therefore, that there will be a liberal response to the appeal of the Board, when the collection is made on 22nd July. Besides contributions from settled congregations, let all Mission Stations, Sabbath Schools, and Bible Classes, help to make up the large amount required. This is the first collection for any of the Schemes this present Ecclesiastical year. Let the result of it indicate what the Church is determined to do for all the Schemes during this the first year of returning prosperity.

Formerly there were two Boards—one for the Maritime Provinces and one for the Western Section of the church. There is now but the one Board, with an executive in Montreal. The Assembly at its late meeting has enjoined that all contributions for French Evangelization, including Rev. C. Chiniquy's Mission, should be forwarded direct to the Treasurer, addressed Rev. R.

H. WARDEN, 210 St. James Street, Montreal. Copies of the Annual Report, as also Subscription Lists, Children's Collecting Cards, and Missionary Boxes, can be had on application to Mr. WARDEN.

The General Assembly.

GOD has blest our Church with gracious answers to the earnest prayers that were presented at the Throne of Grace from ten thousand hearts on behalf of the General Assembly. We can look back to the Halifax Assembly with unmingled gratitude and joy. Our faithless fears have all been dispelled, and our hopes more than realized. Men loyal to the Lord Jesus and loyal to the Church, came together to do the Church's work, and they have done it well and successfully. There was no small amount of toil and of expense in travelling so far; but no obstacle prevented a full and admirable representation of nearly all our Presbyteries. It was the first representative Assembly of our Church, and very few of the Ministers and Elders chosen to represent their Presbyteries failed to carry out their commission.

From the opening day to the close, a spirit of deep devotion pervaded the Assembly. It was evidently a gathering of men conscious of their responsibility to the Head of the Church, and their duty in a world where sin and misery sadly abound. The good hand of God was recognized throughout. Special Prayer Meetings were held in the Halifax Churches before the Assembly met, and morning meetings were held daily in two of the churches. St. Matthew's Church, where the Assembly met, was usually thronged with members and deeply interested spectators; and the whole community was in full sympathy with the proceedings from day to day.

The work of the Church in all its departments received due attention and honest discussion. Our Colleges had their claims ably presented, and their operations minutely described. We have Knox College, Queen's College, Montreal College, Morrin College, Halifax College, and the College in Manitoba, to watch over and to sustain.

All are no doubt becomingly increasingly dear to the Church; and it is hoped that ere long all shall be so endowed as to obviate any difficulty regarding their support from year to year. The Colleges are in a large measure the hope of the Church in her operations at home and abroad; and in the continued prosperity of these institutions, every one who loves the good cause will heartily rejoice.

Our Home Missions received much consideration, and it was obvious that the most thoughtful and energetic men in the Church are realizing the importance of evangelizing the field which God has specially made our own. Much remains to be done in the way of drawing out the Church's resources in this direction. The kindred theme of "Sustentation"—the strong helping the weak—was brought before the Assembly, and its consideration will be resumed next year.

No department of the Church's work attracted more attention than that which is under the care of the Board of French Evangelization. A million of French fellow-citizens require the light at our hands, and shall we refuse to them the gift? The Assembly listened with the greatest satisfaction to the details given in the Report and in the addresses of members acquainted with the Board's operations; and it was resolved with perfect unanimity to prosecute the work with increasing energy.

Our Foreign Missions have now a deep and lasting hold upon the affections of the Church and of the Assembly. The evening devoted to that subject was one of the "best of all the week." We were carried first to the fertile banks of the Saskatchewan, then to China and to India, to Trinidad, and away to the sunny New Hebrides. Subsequently the Assembly listened with delight to the success of the agencies supported by the Juvenile Missionary Society. The work in all its branches is growing upon our hands. It has the full sympathy of the Church and the Assembly.

No review of the late representative gathering of our Church would be complete, without a reference to the happy conclusion of the "Macdonnell case" so called. After anxious discussion and brotherly deliberation, common ground was reached where all were able to stand securely side by side. The truth of God is vindicated; the standards of the Church are maintained in their integrity; brotherly united is cemented; clouds of misunderstanding are swept away, and anxious fears are completely allayed. "It is the doing of the Lord, and wondrous in our eyes." No scene was ever witnessed in our Assemblies so profoundly

affecting as that which was presented in St. Matthew's Church when the Special Committee reported a unanimous and cordial conclusion of the case. Tears streamed from eyes unused to weeping, and joy and devout gratitude thrilled every heart.

The Assembly was presided over by the venerable Dr. Macleod, of Sydney, Cape Breton. It was attended by many of our most venerable ministers and elders. The good people of Halifax showed all their proverbial hospitality to their numerous guests. All in all it was an Assembly long to be remembered with gratitude to God.

The Church which prayed so long and earnestly for blessing on the Assembly and for Divine guidance in midst of perplexity, will now assuredly offer thanks and praises to the gracious hearer of Prayer:

Now let the Lord our gracious God
Forever blessed be;
Who turned not my prayer from Him,
Nor yet His grace from me.

Third General Meeting of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

THE first General Assembly of this Church was held in Montreal in 1875, —the memorable year of the Union. The second was held last year in Toronto; and the third met in St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, on Wednesday evening the 13th June, and at 7½ o'clock. Dr. Topp, the retiring Moderator, preached an impressive discourse on Esther 4: 14,—showing the duty of the Church to avail herself of all her opportunities and advantages to promote the Kingdom of the Lord. Responsibility rests not only upon the Church as a whole, but on every individual—members as well as office-bearers. The attendance of commissioners as well as of the public was large. After devotional exercises the Assembly was constituted in the name and by the authority of the Lord Jesus, the King and Head of the Church.

Rev. Hugh Macleod, D D., of Sydney, Cape Breton, was elected Moderator.

After the thanks of the Assembly had been conveyed to Rev. Dr. Topp for his conduct in the Moderator's Chair, and for his excellent sermon, the "Business Committee" was appointed, consisting of the officers mentioned in the standing order, and of the following members:—Dr. Topp, Toronto; Rev. Finlay McCuaig, Clinton; Dr. Bell, Walkerton; Rev. Mr. McTavish,

Woodstock; Rev. James Bennett, St. John; Dr. Robb, Toronto; Rev. James Cameron, Chatsworth; Rev. R. H. Warden, Montreal; Rev. T. G. Smith, Kingston; Rev. R. S. Patterson, P. E. Island; Rev. Donald McRae, St. John; Rev. Dr. McGregor, Halifax; James Brown, Toronto; John Durie, Ottawa; and David McCurdy, M. P. P.

The hours of meeting were fixed as follows:—Morning 10 to 1; afternoon 3 to 6; evening 8 to 10.

The Assembly then adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

The forenoon sederunt was devoted chiefly to praise; prayer, and reading the Scriptures.

Replies were read to the Assembly's loyal Addresses of last year to the Queen and the Governor General. The following Committee was appointed to draft addresses for the adoption of this Assembly:—Revs. Dr. Topp, Dr. Robb, T. C. Smith, D. McRae, Thos. Duncan, Dr. Williamson.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported the following Committees:—

Committee to consider application of Students for License.—Rev. Mr. McQuaig, Conv.; J. M. King, J. B. Muir, Dr. Waters, Principals Snodgrass, Cook, Gaven, McKnight, MacVicar—Ministers; Dr. McDonald, Alex. McPherson, J. J. Bremner, James Brown,—Elders.

Committee to consider applications for admission from Ministers and Licentiates of other Churches.—J. McTavish, Convener; Jas. Bennett, Principals Caven, Snodgrass, MacVicar, Professors Campbell & McLaren, Dr. Jenkins, Dr. Proudfoot, Dr. Cochrane, G. M. Grant, D. H. Fletcher, D. B. Blair, J. McEwan—ministers; Hon. Geo. Bryson, A. C. Hutchison, James Canning, J. K. Blair, Robert Cassels, Hon. John McMurrich, Peter Wilson, G. S. Hobart, John Hardy—Elders.

Committee to consider applications for Ministers to retire, and from others to have their names retained on the Roll of Presbyteries.—Dr. Robb, Convener; J. C. Smith, J. M. Mitchell, M. W. McLean, Wm. M. Wilson, Jno. Smith, J. Crombie, Dr. Burns, Ministers; J. McBean, J. McKobie, J. C. Thomson, J. Lillico, J. Durie, Elders.

Committee to examine and amend if necessary the Roll of the Assembly.—D. M. Gordon, Convener; J. Middlemiss, J. Laing, W. Mitchell, J. L. Murray, James Cameron, C. B. Pitblado, A. Young—Ministers; T. McRae, R. Cruickshanks, James McLennan Q. C.—Elders.

Committee to examine the Records of the Assembly and Synods.—Dr. McGregor, Convener, Dr. Bain, Peter Wright, Prof. McKnight, J. Black, J. Breckenridge, A. D.

McDonald, Dr. Murray, Prof. Bryce,—Ministers; J. S. McLean, Warden King, J. Bruce, J. Jackson, Judge Blanchard, James Court—Elders.

These Committees were appointed. The names of students applying for license and of ministers and licentiates of other denominations applying for admission to this Church were read, and each case was referred to its appropriate committee.

On Thursday afternoon, Dr Snodgrass reported from the Committee on

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER CHURCHES.

No delegates to other Churches had been appointed this year. The full number of delegates to which this Church is entitled had been accredited to the Presbyterian Council in Edinburgh, and commissions had been given to some as alternates. Dr. Van Essen of the Reformed (Dutch) Church had been delegated by the Synod of that venerable body to visit this Assembly, but being unable to come, he addressed a very friendly and brotherly letter to the Moderator, and also forwarded a copy of a volume of Centennial Addresses by ministers of the denomination. Dr. Snodgrass' report was approved, and the thanks of the Assembly were conveyed to him by the Moderator.

A "CASE."

The Presbytery of St. John had sent up to the Assembly a reference and two appeals, all bearing on the same general matters,—some difficulties between the late Pastor of Calvin Church on one hand, and on the other hand the present pastor and certain Elders and Trustees. To read all the papers in the case would, it is stated, occupy twenty-four hours. The Business Committee recommended that all the cases should be referred to a special Committee with power to send for persons and papers, and to draft a deliverance for the adoption of the Assembly. After considerable reading of papers, and discussion on points of order, this proposal was adopted. A large committee was appointed, Dr. Jenkins, Convener.

In the evening the Assembly met at 8 o'clock. After devotional exercises, the subject of

HOME MISSIONS

was taken up. The theme is a glorious one—the evangelization of this great country,—and the spirit in which the Assembly approached it was worthy of the occasion. The operations in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and the regions beyond, are under the direction of the Western Committee of which Dr. Cochrane is Convener, and the operations

in the Maritime Provinces are under two committees, one called the "Home Mission Board" and the other the Supplementing Committee.

WESTERN SECTION.

Dr. Cochrane spoke first and gave a bird's-eye view of Western operations. "As yet," said he, "we stand upon the threshold of our great work as a United Church, which is nothing less than to plant a church in every village and hamlet of our land, and send forth our missionaries to the distant islands of the sea. With us it is still the day of small things, but that same God who so highly blessed the churches from which we sprang, still lives to prosper us, in our endeavors to emulate their missionary spirit and realize their fondest expectations. Cheered and encouraged by the past, let us go forward to possess this goodly land; which the Lord God of our fathers hath given us. The past year has been one of great financial depression. The hopes entertained at last Assembly, of a speedy revival of trade and an abundant harvest, have not been realized. The year has passed, with increasing stringency in the money market, and more wide-spread anxiety among all classes of society. Every department of industry has been more or less paralyzed, and large numbers thrown out of employment. As a consequence, Christian merchants have been forced to curtail, and in some cases entirely to withdraw their accustomed contributions to benevolent objects, and our operative classes, who according to their ability, are ever ready to give for missionary objects, have had a strong struggle to provide the necessaries of life for dependent families. In such circumstances, it is not matter of surprise that the missions of our church should share in the general depression that still exists, and cripples the operations of every branch of the Church of Christ."

In last October the Committee made some reductions in appropriations, and also made special appeals to Presbyteries in order to secure greater liberality on the part of congregations able to help. This appeal was responded to. At the last General Assembly, the Committee's indebtedness amounted to \$9124.65. In order to liquidate this deficit, the Assembly resolved to make an immediate appeal to the Western section of the church, distributing the debt among Presbyteries on the basis of membership, to be again distributed by Presbyteries among congregations. The committee appointed for this purpose at once carried out the instructions of the Assembly. In reference to the appeal, some Presbyteries,

with an alacrity exceedingly commendable, at once sent in the full amount apportioned them. Other Presbyteries,—equally able in point of resources,—have fallen below the sum required of them, so that the entire amount aimed at has not been reached. The Committee are, however, glad to report that the special effort has reached the sum of \$8791.35.

Valuable aid had been received from the British Churches: from the Irish Church £100; from the Free Church £300; and from the Church of Scotland what is virtually a larger contribution,—the support of Missionaries in British Columbia.

The Home Mission field in the Lake Superior region, at Sault Ste. Marie, Manitoulin Island, in Manitoba, and in British Columbia, and then in the Presbyteries further east, was briefly surveyed. The *Record* cannot of course, give all; but the following from Manitoba will prove of general interest: The past year has been marked by the favor of God, so far as temporal things are concerned in the Northwest. The ravages of the grasshopper, which for three years had been so great, have happily been unknown in Manitoba during the past year, and the settlers have had plenty, enough at least to wipe off the indebtedness incurred for the necessaries of life during the years of suffering. As was to have been expected, there has been an effort made in almost all our stations to raise as much as possible, and so secure ministers for the several groups of stations. The want of a sufficient number of labourers has up to the present frustrated the hopes of some of the most likely groups of stations. When the work is opening up on every hand it is a source of great regret to this Presbytery to note the scarcity of money at the disposal of the Committee, and to see hints thrown out of a probable diminution of expenditure in the Northwest. It is the opinion of the Presbytery that the tide of immigration will for the present and future years far exceed anything the past has seen, and we shall be unfaithful to our position as a church if the expenditure, instead of being diminished, be not greatly increased in these future years. In order to help on the work of the church, the Presbytery pledges to do all in their power to raise as much as possible from local sources. On account of there being little, if any, immigration to the Province during the past year, no new stations have been opened, unless it be the ground taken up by our most western missionary in this Province, Mr. Stewart, of Palestine, by his visit during the winter to a group of families on the Little Saskatchewan, a point 160 or 170 miles west of Winnipeg.

The Presbytery of Manitoba asks urgently for at least five more labourers.

FINANCE.

The contributions during the year amount in all to \$36,783. The debt is \$2,389: last year it was three times as large. Dr. Cochrane claims that \$36,000 is the least that will enable the Committee to carry on its work satisfactorily during the year.

It is to be noted that in the Western Section, the same committee supplements weak congregations and takes charge of mission work proper.

Dr. Cochrane pointed out that the contributions received for Home Mission work are still less than 50 cents each member; \$9,000 are raised by 15 congregations. The rural congregations do not come up to their duty. The Presbyteries of Montreal, Toronto, and Guelph have done admirably, but certain very large Presbyteries give very poorly, leaving the burden to be borne by others. We have 115 groups and 297 stations where the Gospel is preached; 101 congregations were aided from the fund. The attendance amounted to some 20,000. Four congregations have been unable to come up to the \$400 required, to enable them to have a supplement. Aid is expected from the Maritime Provinces for Manitoba; \$36,000 are required for next year. The work is extending and the expense increasing.

Dr. Cochrane concluded by tendering his resignation of his office as Convener of Committee.

EASTERN SECTION.

The Report of the Home Mission for the Eastern Section was presented by Dr. McGregor, Secretary.

The new year opened with 31 vacancies and 17 members under appointment, 10 ordained and 7 probationers. The work of extension was chiefly undertaken by catechists, but there were also some ordained ministers in it—Rev. Peter Melville in the new Kincardine district, N. B., and Rev. D. F. Creelman at Bay of Islands, Nfld. Reports from these two fields are included in the committee's report, and show that the work of the missionaries has prospered. The catechists employed were 9 in St. John Presbytery, 4 in Halifax Presbytery, 3 each in the Presbyteries of P. E. Island, Victoria and Richmond, 2 each in the Presbyteries of Miramichi, Truro, Lunenburg and Yarmouth, and 1 each in the Presbyteries of Sydney, Pictou and Wallace—total 28. The time of these young men's engagements varied from three to six months. The average was about five months, and the

labor of all equivalent to that of 13 men for a whole year. Financially the year was not one to boast of. In the previous year there were 132 congregations contributing; in the past year only 107. The receipts of the year from congregations were \$2,515, against \$2,692 in the previous year. The deficiency was made up, however, by an increase of the individual contributions—\$843 against \$149—so that the total receipts were better by \$498 than those of last year. The receipts were \$8,241, and the expenditures \$9,281, leaving a deficit of \$996, which reduced the balance of \$1,491, with which the year commenced, to \$434, and this when the time was approaching for the half-yearly payments, which required about \$1500. There are 40 paid agents employed for the summer, and more than half of them would it was hoped, be retained for the whole year. Dr. McGregor concluded by urging to greater zeal and self-sacrifice in order more adequately to do the great work that lies before us as a church.

Special mention was made of the New Kincardine Colony, and of Mr. Melville's arduous work there.

SUPPLEMENTING FUND.

Rev. G. M. Grant presented the Report of the Supplementing Committee for the year ending May 31. The number of congregations receiving aid was 40, and the amount raised was but \$5,000. The sum of \$2,000 is required before the first of July. A special appeal was made, which is being responded to. But such appeals must not be often repeated. Of the 170 congregations 94 sent no contribution. Some give twice in the year. The Committee recommend the following appropriations for the coming year:—

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

New Carlisle, Hopetown and Port Daniel, \$200, if settled; Black River, \$100, if settled; New Mills, \$100, if Mr. McMaster continues in charge of congregation; Tabusintac and Burnt Church, \$180; Redbank, \$100.

ST. JOHN.

Sussex, \$100; Springfield, \$150; Boca-bec, \$125; Carleton, \$200. Buctouche, \$125; Chipman, at the rate of \$150 for the first six months, and of \$125 for the second six; Greenock Church, St. Andrew's, \$200; Prince William, \$100; Glassville, \$150, if settled; Woodstock, \$200, if settled; Nash-waak and Stanley, \$200, if settled; Quaco, \$200, for one year if settled.

WALLACE.

Amherst, \$125; Fugwaab, \$200; Wallace, \$125.

TRURO.

Acadia, \$100, if settled; Coldstream, \$100, if settled; Parrsboro', \$100, if settled.

LUNENBURG AND YARMOUTH.

Clyde River, \$50; Carleton, \$150; Riversdale, \$200; Dublin, \$200 for one year.

HALIFAX.

Little River, \$100, only \$50 to be given next year; Musquodoboit Harbor, \$230, this amount to be reduced at the rate of at least \$30 annually; Noel, \$120, this amount to be reduced at the rate of at least \$30 annually; Lawrencetown, \$140; Richmond and N. W. Arm, at the rate of \$250 for the first six months, and of \$200 for the second six; Kempt and Walton, \$120, if settled; Annapolis and Bridgetown, \$150, if settled; West Cornwallis, \$200, if settled; St. Croix, \$60 for first six months, and \$40 for the next six.

PICTOU.

French River, \$120, for one year.

SYDNEY.

Cape North, \$150; Cow Bay, \$150—for one year; Gabarus, \$200; Leitch's Creek, \$130, if settled; St. Ann's, \$60 for the first half year, and that only.

VICTORIA AND RICHMOND.

Port Hastings, \$80; Lake Ainslie, \$100; Mabou, \$100; Broadcove, \$100, if settled.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Covehead, \$80; Bay Fortune and Souris, \$80; West Cape, at the rate of \$200 for first six months, and of \$100 for next six; Tryon and Bonshaw, \$150.

WHAT IS NEEDFUL.

Mr. Grant showed that hitherto means have been found to meet all demands, and that what is essentially necessary to ensure permanent success is, the co-operation of all the congregations. He urged the claims of Manitoba on the older Provinces, and hoped the Maritime section would do its share of work for the new Provinces.

A WARNING.

More than one speaker pointed to the vast losses our Church has sustained in earlier days in the older Provinces, from the people being neglected while living in distant and perhaps sparsely settled districts. This circumstance was rightly held up as a warning lest through our neglect similar loss should come upon the new Provinces of the North-West.

SPEECHES.

These Reports were followed up by excellent addresses by Rev. John McTavish, Rev. Mr. Mitchell of St. John, Rev. Mr. Wishart of Madoc, Rev. Professor Bryce, and Rev. Mr. King of Toronto. Mr. McTavish urged greater liberality, and regretted the lack of organization in congregations. This was the cause of the heavy deficiencies that have to be met. "Want of thought" was also an evil which he deplored and to which he traced much mischief. Mr. Wishart, of Madoc, is virtually bishop over a territory 100 long by 20 wide. He spends three days every week for six months in the year in visiting this vast region. He and the students have taken full possession ecclesiastically of the territory. He looked every whit a brave and hard working pioneer. Professor Bryce graphically described the religious condition of Manitoba and the North West. The two Lieutenant Governors are Presbyterian Elders, who bear good will to the cause. Mission stations in that territory are sometimes 400 miles apart! Stations are carefully grouped, and a minister placed in charge of as many of these as possible. The majority of the immigrants are Presbyterians, and it is the duty of the church to follow them with the ordinances.

Thus a profitable and delightful evening was spent by the Assembly, the only regret being that so vastly important a theme had to be so briefly dealt with. Year by year the field is widening and becoming more inviting. Ministers and people will learn to sacrifice more and still more in Home Evangelization.

THIRD DAY.

The whole of Friday, the third day of the Assembly's sittings, was devoted to the "Macdonnell case." The following Report from Presbytery of Toronto was read by the Clerk of Assembly:—

A letter was read from Mr. D. J. Macdonnell, stating that in accordance with the instruction of the General Assembly of eighteen hundred and seventy-six, he now enclosed for transmission to next Assembly, indicted to meet at Halifax on the thirteenth proximo, a report as to his acceptance of the teachings of the Church in regard to the eternity of the future punishment of the wicked. The said enclosed report was read, and the Clerk was instructed to transmit the same to the General Assembly. Extracted from Presbytery Minutes.

R. MONTEATH, Presby. Clerk.

MR. MACDONNELL'S STATEMENT.

To the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, indicted to meet at Halifax on the 13th June, 1877:—

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

The General Assembly of 1876 having required me to report through the Presbytery of Toronto to this Assembly whether I accept the teachings of the Church on the eternity of the future punishment of the wicked, I beg respectfully to state that I hold no opinion at variance with that teaching.

I am, Fathers and Brethren,

Your obedt. servant,

D. J. MACDONNELL.

Toronto, 1st May, 1877.

Rev. P. G. McGregor, D.D., then moved to receive the report; and, inasmuch as Mr. Macdonnell has expressed his regret for having preached the sermon which gave occasion for the reference to the Assembly, and has now, as required by the last Assembly, presented through his Presbytery a statement in which he declares that he holds no opinion at variance with the teaching of the Church on the eternity of the future punishment of the wicked,

Resolved, That proceedings in regard to this matter do now terminate.

Rev. William Duff, Lunenburg, seconded the motion.

Rev. Dr. Topp moved, and Rev. James Thompson seconded the following resolution:—

The General Assembly having heard the statement of Mr. D. J. Macdonnell given in as his reply to the injunction of last Assembly whereby he was required to report, through his Presbytery, whether he accepts the teachings of the Church on the subject of the Eternity or endless duration of future punishment of the wicked, as taught in the Confession of Faith and as a doctrine of Scripture, finds that while reporting that he holds no opinion at variance with the teachings of the Church, he has failed to state that he accepts it, and accordingly requests him to give in writing, addressed to the Moderator, before 10 o'clock on Saturday forenoon, a categorical answer to the said question in terms of the deliverance of last session.

The discussion continued till ten o'clock, p.m., when the Assembly adjourned.

OUR COLLEGES.

The greater part of Monday, the [fifth] day of the Assembly's proceedings, was de-

voted to one subject, our Colleges. Beginning with Knox College, the reports of which were read by Drs. Proudfoot, Reid and Caven, then followed the reports of Queen's University and College, Montreal College, Morrin College, Quebec, the Theological College, Halifax, and the Manitoba College.

KNOX COLLEGE.

Dr. Proudfoot reported 93 students who had received instruction, and who had the ministry in view. The income of the year had not met the expenditure, the arrears having now accumulated to the aggregate of \$13,000. The ordinary income of the year had been \$9,376—by no means adequate. Some congregations had contributed twice, and some not at all. Indeed a large number had failed to respond even to the "earnest appeals" of the Board. A special effort is proposed to clear off the current debt. An increase of revenue is expected, and also a decrease of expenditure. The retiring allowance of Dr. Willis, \$1200, comes out of the funds of the College. It is proposed to transfer the responsibility for say \$400 of this sum to the Fund for aged ministers. A general canvas of the congregations for an increased endowment, and for funds to pay off all debts, is earnestly recommended. Principal Caven reported concerning the work of the classes, and Dr. Reid gave an account of the Building Fund—its receipts and expenditures. There is evidently a great future before Knox College.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

Principal Snodgrass submitted a report of the year's operations.

The number of students registered for attendance is 85, being an increase of 15 over the number for last session. Of these 59 were undergraduates in Arts, and 11 students in Theology, 15 not being undergraduates in Arts, were enrolled for attendance in one or more classes. Of those attending classes in the Faculty of Arts, 24 have in view the Ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, making a total of 35 who have signified their intention of studying for the Church. The actual number is, however, 34, one student having been registered in both Faculties.

The regulations respecting the degree of Bachelor of Divinity have been revised by the Senate, and, as revised, they have been sanctioned by the Board. It is hoped that they will prove to be better adapted to the purpose contemplated than those hitherto in force. In framing them the leading features of the Scottish University regulations have been followed. All candidates must

be graduates in Arts of some recognized University. The examinations are open to students attending any Theological College, and while they may be passed at intervals the degree is not conferred until the candidate has completed his curriculum. Candidates who have completed their course may be examined in either of the departments and defer their examination in the other, provided there be not a greater interval than two years between the two examinations.

A lecturership in Elocution has been established. Rev. Dr. Cook was elected first Chancellor of the University, in January last. The Treasurer's statement, shows a deficiency of \$543,29 in the revenue. The expenditure for the year is \$16,817,77. The attention of the Assembly was called to the entry "bills payable" paid \$1865,21. This amount represents a debt incurred in 1875 for payment of salaries. The charge for salaries is a total of \$15,205 and for general expenses \$1,612,77.

Acting in concert with a Committee of the Board of Management of Knox College, the Finance and Estate Committee of this College appointed deputations to appear at meetings of the Presbyteries within the constituency (set apart for the support of the two Colleges, and to urge upon them the claims of the College Fund. The amounts asked from the constituency were \$11,900 for Knox College and \$2450 for Queen's. Of the latter sum the Treasurer received \$1,095.88 on the 10th of April. The amount required from the Church for the ensuing year is estimated at \$2,280.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

The Report of this College was read by Rev. Mr. Scrimger. Twenty-seven students were admitted into Theology. Five completed their course. There are fifty-eight students in all. Thirty-eight students are accommodated in the College, and as many more are cared for outside. The Board pays somewhat towards expenses of outside students. Sixteen bursaries or scholarships exist. Mr. Doudiet resigned last summer. He was succeeded by Mr. Ouriere. Revd. Archibald Henderson had donated 1500 volumes to the College Library. There are deficiencies in the Library Fund and in the Bursary Fund. \$15,000 have been received from the Hall bequest. A larger endowment is earnestly solicited. There is a deficit of \$4,000 in the income for the year. A liberal response has been made to an appeal to sustain the Chair of Apologetics, etc.

They recommend that the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa be the constituency of the

College, that Mr. Scrimger be appointed lecturer in exegesis, at a salary of \$500, and Mr. Ouriere to French tutorship at \$600. The Senate report 67 students—27 in Theology. Regular attendance and uniform diligence are reported.

There are tutors in preparatory departments, and an arrangement with McGill College for the benefit of students. Degrees in Divinity are likely to be conferred by-and-bye in McGill. Students' societies are doing useful work. Total endowment \$40,465.

MORRIN COLLEGE.

Dr. Cook reported regarding Morrin College, Quebec, where there were thirteen students in Arts, and six in Theology. Financially, it is not in debt, and nothing is asked of the Church. There are two large libraries.

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, HALIFAX.

Rev. Dr. Burns reported on behalf of the Board of Management of the Presbyterian College in Halifax. The report showed an attendance of six students of the first year, four of the second, and seven of the third year. These were taught by three Professors, Dr. McKnight, Professor Currie, and Dr. Pollok; the first being Professor of systematic theology; the second of Hebrew and biblical exegesis, and the third of pastoral theology and Church history. Six students completed their curriculum. The sum of \$280 was paid in prizes, and \$1,264 in bursaries. The whole expenditure amounted to \$9,080.88, which, however, includes the sum of \$3,300 paid to aid the Arts course in Dalhousie College. The expenditure over-balanced the income, but the excess was not very large. The report complained that only eighty-one congregations out of about one hundred and seventy had made collections, and asked the General Assembly to adopt measures for securing a more hearty co-operation on the part of the Presbyteries of the Church. Thanks were expressed for aid from the Free and Established Churches of Scotland. The great effort of the year has been in favor of a new building and a fuller endowment. Of the \$100,000 sought, over \$60,000 have been subscribed, and a proportion paid, although only about one-third of the church has been visited.

MANITOBA COLLEGE.

Prof. Bryce read the Reports of the Board of Management and Senate of Manitoba College. The reports showed satisfactory progress during the year. Reference was made to the fact that a University of Manitoba had been organized by the Province,

and the Episcopal, Roman Catholic Colleges, along with Manitoba College, given the controlling power of the University. There were, last year 44 students on the roll, 27 Seniors, and 17 Juniors. During the past 3 years 5 of its students have gone to Eastern Colleges, to pursue still further their studies. Many of its students have become teachers, and 6 or 7 others have the Ministry in view. \$600 were raised during the past year in the Province for the College, \$1,413.17 for Board; and the total expenditure exclusive of salaries was \$2,320.31. The Board has to receive about \$1000 of the \$3,500 promised for building by the General Assembly, but the amounts from Hamilton and Toronto have been provided for. The students of Theology have progressed satisfactorily during the year. Some are now working in the Mission Field. Two former students graduated at the late Convention in Toronto University, and two are studying with success in the Military College, Kingston. Members for the College Board were nominated.

A large Committee with Rev. R. H. Warden, Convener, was appointed to take all these Reports into consideration.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada is justly grateful for the increasing prosperity of her Colleges, for *their* prosperity lies at the root of our work for the future. We hope that the next Assembly will be favoured with Reports still more gratifying, and that all financial hindrances will have been moved out of the way.

A DELEGATE.

Rev. G. W. Gillespie appeared before the Assembly with the friendly greetings of the United Presbyterian Church of America. He was heard with much pleasure, and the Moderator conveyed to him the thanks of the Assembly.

OVERTURES.

An overture from the Presbytery of Paris, Ont., recommending that the Assembly take into consideration the whole question of Colleges, and that immediate steps be taken to materially reduce the expenditure of Manitoba College; that the members of the Theological Faculty of Queen's College be transferred to Knox and Montreal Colleges, as the Assembly may direct—(this clause was withdrawn by the Presbytery, with the consent of the Synod); that Queen's University be brought into closer relations to the Church; that the Theological Halls of the Church be affiliated with Queen's University; that the territorial system for the support of the Colleges be discontinued; that the lectureship be dis-

continued; that no church lectureships be instituted without consent of Presbyteries; that no appointment be made to any such without a reference to Presbyteries.

This overture was allowed to lie on the table.

An overture from the Presbytery of Manitoba was read. It asked that two young men, Wm. Omand, and J. W. Cunningham be permitted to study for the ministry. Referred to Committee.

YOUNG LADIES' COLLEGE.

Rev. Dr. W. Cochrane read the report of the Brantford, Ont., Young Ladies' College. The number in attendance last year, boarders and day pupils, was 124. Notwithstanding the financial depression, the number of boarders this year has increased and the resources of the College advanced beyond those of last year. The directors called the attention of the Assembly to the facilities afforded by the College for the education of the daughters of ministers. They suggested the expediency of the wealthier congregations founding bursaries to meet the case of clergymen who cannot afford to pay the whole cost of the education of their daughters, and offering prizes for prominence in special studies. During the past year, a very deep religious feeling prevailed in the College.

The cost is \$200 a year, with 15 per cent off for the daughters of ministers. A number of Members of Assembly spoke very highly of the Institution, and the Board proposed was appointed.

PROBATIONERS.—WESTERN SECTION.

The committee on the distribution of preachers then reported. There were 57 probationers, with 134 vacancies. The number became smaller, but all through the year, the proportion of vacancies and supplies kept in the same relative proportion.

The committee propose that either the period of probation be shortened, or that the sphere of labor extend over the whole church, and other recommendations are made which are not of general interest. The document was handed to the Committee on Home Missions.

Rev. William Bennet asked for information concerning an overture on Sustentation. He desiderated the consideration of the overture in favor of taking the proposal to raise the salaries of ministers to a minimum of \$800. He moved that the matter be now taken up. The motion was lost.

An overture from the Synod of Toronto and Kingston was taken up, proposing a Home Mission plan. Two divisions to be made—the *near* and the *remote*, the *near* to

be supplied from regular congregations of the neighborhood, and the remote by students and preachers. It was also suggested to hold theological sessions in summer, in case a portion of the students would labor in mission stations in summer.

The overture was supported by Rev. Mr. Gray, of Orilla. He had been 20 years in a home mission field. The problem we have to solve is, how we can supply our stations in winter. He advocated the freer use of lay agency all through the land. There is a vast amount of latent energy in our laity; we have our elders, men of ability and piety, who ought to work in this cause. This plan will furnish recruits for the ministry. The plan is inexpensive, lay services being given gratuitously. During the summer our students build up stations, and when they are doing best they have to go to College, and then the stations become a prey to others. He proposed to submit the plan to the consideration of the Principals of Professors of our Colleges. It was further supported by Mr. Rogers, and then referred to the Home Mission Committee.

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

The Board Report was presented by Principal MacVicar.

The rapid growth of the work is shewn by the increase of Missionaries in the year from 26 to 40. Rev. R. H. Warden was appointed agent of the Board by last Assembly. The *Synod des Eglises Evangeliques* had been dissolved, and most of its members are now the agents of the Board. This has added largely to the expenditures of the Board.

In view of the rapid expansion of the work and the increased expenditure consequent on the erection of churches and mission premises, the Board deemed it necessary to have the claims of the Mission laid before the Christian people of Britain and Ireland. In response to their invitation, the Rev. R. Campbell, M. A., of St. Gabriel's Church, Montreal, generously came to their aid and agreed to devote five months to further the object in view. Mr. Campbell left Montreal in the middle of January, and up to the end of the ecclesiastical year had visited the northern part of Ireland, and the west coast of Scotland, meeting with a cordial reception, and, considering the great stagnation of trade, a generous response to his appeals for aid. Up to the date of this Report the Treasurer has received from Mr. Campbell, the sum of \$2,565,56.

During the year, three new churches have been built in connection with the Board—one in Quebec City at a cost of

about \$8,000, chiefly provided by the friends in that city; one in Montreal, Canning Street, the total expense of which, including ground, was \$10,942.56; and one at Namur, in the township of Suffolk, which has been erected for the modest sum of \$448.54. In addition to these, temporary mission premises have been provided at Belle River, Ont., and Point Aux Bouleaux, Que., by the congregations in these fields, without expense to the Board. Two other churches are at present in course of erection by the Board, viz.: at St. Paul de Chester and St. Antoine Abbe, Que., both of which it is hoped will be ready for occupation this fall.

GRAND FALLS, NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Rev. Mr. Paradis has labored here with diligence and a good degree of success. The station is in some respects favorably situated for the carrying on of aggressive work among the French population. It has all the advantages of a centre, chiefly inhabited by English-speaking people, while in its immediate neighborhood, there is a large French population. A commodious and comfortable Church has been erected, in which services are conducted both in English and French by the Missionary, while a congregation has been formed, with a communion roll numbering between twenty and thirty. The missionary is a frequent visitor at the houses of the French people, by whom he is generally well received. There is reason to believe that good work is being done, and that at no distant future the result of patient and persevering effort will become abundantly manifest. During the year \$100 have been contributed by the people for the support of ordinances.

Violet Brook, New Brunswick—At this place Mr. Bruneau labored earnestly during the whole of last summer. During the first part of the season he taught a school, but as it was found that the persons for whose benefit it was specially intended did not avail themselves of its privileges, he was instructed to discontinue that branch of the work and confine himself to colportage and the visitation of the people in their homes. He was well received by the people, and the Board was so well satisfied both with his diligence and the result of his labors, that he has been appointed to the same field for the present summer.

St. Francis, New Brunswick.—This is an entirely new station, about half way between Grand Falls, and Riviere du Loup. Last winter Mr. Paradis visited this district of country, and learned that the people were

earnestly desirous of obtaining the services of a missionary who could preach both in French and English. The people promised a subscription of about one hundred dollars for the support of a missionary. The subscription list was signed by twenty-nine persons. Mr. Jesse J. Wheelock, in a letter written on the 26th February, says: "The people seem to be anxious to have a minister for next summer. It seems to be a great pity that we cannot have some place of worship to go to, there are so many young people growing up around us without being taught any religion of any kind. For my part I would like to have a minister who could speak both French and English. The people in general are very anxious to hear from you." The people are chiefly on the American side of the line, in the state of Maine, but as it appeared to your committee to be a promising opening, Mr. S Ami was appointed to labor at this place during the summer months. At the close of his period of service the capabilities of the field will have become manifest, and the committee will then be in a position to determine upon its future action.

STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA.

The work at this place has been carried on chiefly among the miners from Alsace and Lorraine, who are employed in the collieries which are situated in the County of Pictou. The Rev. Mr. Pelletier has labored diligently during the year, with some measure of encouragement. However, many of the families have left, so that now the sphere of his operation has become somewhat limited. The Missionary reports regarding the present state of the mission as follows:—"I am sorry to say that a very large number of the people have gone away since the depression of the coal trade. I enclose a list of those here at present, and who will likely remain. Among those who had left, were those who had joined us from the beginning, and from whom I had hoped the most. Indeed, our number would be very small now, had it not been that while some went away, others came from other localities and filled their places. It was, and is yet to a large extent, like working in a new field, and I have no doubt that however discouraging that change may have been to me, yet it has this advantage, that those who go will carry with them what they received. We have yet a few good men who are in earnest, and it is to be hoped that with their help, perseverance and faithful prayer, and with continued zeal and energy, we shall continue to experience success." The Missionary reports the baptism of eight children, whose parents professed their faith in Christ. Under

the guidance of the Presbytery of Pictou, Mr. Pelletier has been engaged in exploring the French districts in the Counties of Antigonish and Guysborough. In these localities he says, "There is not one Presbyterian Church, and for the most part it is nothing more than a vast religious waste. The different localities that I visited seemed to be very fertile, and the people are materially prosperous. I could see no indication of poverty anywhere. Morally, however, and intellectually, the people are very far behind. They are here as much opposed to Schools as they are in New Brunswick. The priests have the entire control of the people, who are kept in ignorance and superstition."

Judging from the report of the Missionary, the Board is of the opinion that if the state of the funds would permit, this district of country should be thoroughly explored, and, if possible, occupied by a permanent Missionary. In concluding this brief statement regarding the work of French Evangelization in the Maritime Provinces, the Board desires to express the opinion that the time has come when separate Executive Boards for the East and West are not required. The Board would therefore recommend the General Assembly to place the control of the work of French Evangelization under one Board of management, which shall carry on its operations, as far as possible, through the Presbyteries, within whose bounds the special fields of labor may be found."

Ground has been broken in P. E. Island. The Report traced operations at Pointe aux Bouleaux and Port au l'ersil, St. Paul de Chester and many other stations. We can only give a very partial exhibit of the contents of this most interesting Report.

GRENVILLE, QUEBEC.

In the village of Grenville, on the Quebec side of the Ottawa river, our Church has long had an English congregation, which, united with Chatham, forms a pastoral charge. The French Mission is in the township of Grenville, distant from the village about three miles. This mission was for several years under the French Canadian Missionary Society, but more latterly in connection with the "*Synod des Eglises Evangeliques*." On the dissolution of that Synod the congregation petitioned the Board to be taken under their care. Mr. R. Hamilton was appointed to labor as Missionary among them.

Mr. Hamilton, who speaks French well, threw up a lucrative situation in Montreal a few years ago to study for the work of the ministry, with a view to French evangelization. He is the first English graduate of

the Montreal College who has devoted himself to French work. He began his labors in Grenville in the end of April. He reports 16 French Protestant families in the settlement, 11 of whom live on adjoining farms. These families number 100 members, 50 of whom are under 17 years of age. He has instituted a Sabbath School and Bible Class, the attendance at both of which as well as at the regular Lord's Day Services is encouraging. While nearly all the families left the Church of Rome in a body several years ago, not one of the original Protestants has gone back to Romanism. Four or five of the young people who have married and gone to other districts have been instrumental in leading some of their Roman Catholic neighbours to the truth. Mr. Hamilton says:—

“The people are extremely fond of singing hymns, and frequently their Roman Catholic neighbours join them in singing. Hymns are readily learned and easily retained, and by means of them much truth may be conveyed. We have Thursday evening re-unions from house to house for reading and exposition, singing and prayer. In addition to this, I make frequent visits, which are taken up largely with reading and prayer. This is easily accomplished, as all the families are within a radius of two miles of the house where I stay. The eagerness of all for Gospel instruction is really encouraging. All my services as yet have been attended by some Roman Catholics, whether through curiosity or not I have been unable to ascertain, and in the few Roman Catholic houses where I have been, I have been well received, though well known.”

Mr. Hamilton thus writes of the temporal condition of the people:—

“Their farms are very poor as well as small, generally 25 acres each. They mostly come to church in their working clothes, though clean, frequently without coats, and the boys almost invariably come to Sunday School with nothing on but shirt, trowsers and hat. And I don't think any groceries, unless it be salt, are bought by any of the families, except where I live, some oatmeal has been bought since my advent. I hear of two little French Protestant communities back in the country, that are beginning to relapse through neglect. The people among whom I labor have a firm, strong hold on the Gospel, and their children numbering 70 or 80, young and old, will know nothing of Romanism at all.”

There is a large scattered French population in Ontario, and in other Provinces. The new Church on Canning street, Montreal, is well attended. A Church has been

opened in Quebec city, the only French Protestant one there. Mr. Ouriere preaches there. In the city there 52,000 Roman Catholics to 7,000 Protestant.

Valuable aid is rendered by the Ladies' French Evangelization Society. Aid is given in various ways to deserving needy ones, especially women and children. This Society raised and expended some \$1,600. Apart from Montreal and a few other points, the English population in the Province of Quebec is steadily decreasing.—The English population are nowhere very close together, and ministers, to be useful in this field, are bound to speak both French and English. In Ontario, the French population numbers 75,000; in New Brunswick, 45,000; in Nova Scotia, 33,000. There are many in P. E. Island and Manitoba. The whole French population amounted in 1871 to 1,250,000. This mass of people urgently require evangelistic effort.

As regards funds, the balance in hand last June, was \$3,770. The sum received from all sources, amounted to \$30,578. Of this amount \$1,977 was received through Dr. McGregor, Halifax, and the balance by Mr. Warden. Besides this, Mr. Warden received \$4,104 for Church Building, making a grand total of \$34,000. The sum of \$10,000 had been received from the estate W. Hall. The ordinary expenditure for 1877-78 is estimated at \$28,000; and the present debt for building purposes, is \$18,000, making a total of \$46,000 required for next year. Concerning

BELLE RIVER, ONTARIO.

The Report says:—The Village lies on the line of the Great Western Railway about fifteen miles east from Windsor, and thirty west from Chatham. It contains a population of about four hundred, the large majority of whom are French Catholics, by which class also the surrounding district is chiefly settled. A gentleman in the village having gratuitously offered three lots for a church property, the English people are anxious to have a place of worship erected as speedily as possible, towards which they have been promised liberal assistance from outsiders. Mr. Rivard succeeded in securing the use of an unoccupied house for a temporary place of worship. Partitions having been removed and seats procured, a comfortable meeting place was improvised, in which services were held by him, attended by both French and English, and it is hoped with good results. The Missionary of the present summer, Mr. T. A. Bouchard, speaks of the field as a very promising one, and as a good centre for

evangelistic work among the French Catholics of the surrounding district, who are far from bigoted, but willing and anxious to attend his Services and receive his visits. He preaches in Belle River every Sabbath and alternately at two other stations in the immediate vicinity. He has recently organized a Sabbath School, with an attendance of fifteen to begin with. Throughout the County of Essex—where are upwards of 10,000 French speaking people—as well as in the westerly section of the neighboring county of Kent, there are good openings for several French missionaries, provided the men and means were at the disposal of the Board.

OTTAWA.

The capital of the Dominion has in it one French Protestant congregation, which is increasing in strength, though still small and weak. Recently a second Station has been organized.

COMMUNION IN MONTREAL.

Concerning Father Chiniquy's labours in Montreal, and specially in Canning Street Church, the Board says:—It is somewhat difficult to estimate the number of converts to Protestantism during the year in connection with Mr. Chiniquy's labors, but it is safe to state that at least 250 families have been brought under the sound of the Gospel. The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered in the new church in April. Of the converts from Romanism, a large number applied for membership. After careful and minute examination of each applicant individually, one hundred and fifteen were received into fellowship with the Church.

The Communion Service was one of deep solemnity, and will long be remembered by those privileged to take part in it. The centre pews were occupied by the communicants, and the side seats by a large and apparently interested congregation, among whom were several Roman Catholics. The venerable appearance of the "old man eloquent,"—himself for many years a priest of Rome—as after clearly explaining the nature of the ordinance and the solemn obligation resting upon those who partook of it, he broke the bread and distributed it and the wine to the people; the sight of the communicants—nearly all of whom a few months previously were in the Church of Rome—as they commemorated the death of a crucified Redeemer, and the subdued aspect and chastened demeanour of the throng of spectators, could not fail to create a lasting impression on nearly all present. It was,

indeed, a sight to be remembered—a season for which to thank God and take courage.

The Report met with the cordial approval of the Assembly. Addresses of great power and eloquence were delivered by Messrs. Fletcher, Drs. Burns, Reid, &c. Special attention was called to the cordial relations between the Board and the French Missionary Society.

The Report was submitted to a large special committee.

SIXTH DAY.

The Assembly engaged in devotional exercises, which were prolonged with a special view to the case which was to come up before the Court. On the previous day Mr. Macdonnell's reply to resolution of Saturday was read. It was to the effect that his previous reply was all that could be constitutionally asked of a minister within the Church who had given his adherence to the Confession, and who still continued that adhesion. This reply was made the order of the day for Tuesday.

On the subject being taken up, Rev. Mr. Middlemiss moved a resolution to the effect that the matter be sent to the Presbytery of Toronto, to be proceeded with by Libel, to be finally adjudicated upon by next Assembly. After some discussion, the following resolution proposed by Rev. Dr. Cochrane and seconded, was adopted:—

"That before the General Assembly proceeds further in considering what future action should be taken in this case, a small Committee be appointed to meet and deliberate with the view of presenting a basis for a satisfactory adjustment of the case. Also, that further consideration of the case by the General Assembly be suspended till this Committee reports."

The Committee appointed was as follows:—

Rev. Dr. Jenkins (Convener), Principal Caven, Dr. Topp, Principal MacVicar, J. M. King, Professor McLaren, Dr. Waters, Dr. Cook, Principal Snodgrass, Dr. Bell, G. M. Grant, Dr. McGregor, Dr. Murray, Dr. Proudfoot, Mr. McTavish, and Dr. Cochrane, Ministers; and Hon. John McMurrich, Jas. McLennan, Q.C., Thomas McKee, Mr. Mutchmore, Dr. McDonald, R. Cassels, and John S. MacLean, Elders.

The Committee retired, and at 4½ o'clock reported unanimously as follows:—

REPORT.

The committee appointed by the General Assembly with a view of presenting a basis for a settlement of the matter relating to Mr. Macdonnell, beg leave to report, that they have ascertained from Mr. Macdonnell,

through a sub-committee, that in intimating in his last statement to the General Assembly his adherence to the Confession of Faith, he intended to be understood as saying:—

“I consider myself as under subscription to the Confession of Faith in accordance with my ordination vows, and I therefore adhere to the teachings of the church as contained therein, on the doctrine of the eternity or endless duration of the future punishment of the wicked, notwithstanding doubts or difficulties which perplex my mind.”

The committee, therefore, unanimously recommend that this statement be accepted as satisfactory, and that further proceedings be dropped.

(Signed) JOHN JENKINS, D. D.,
Convener.

The Report was received with the greatest delight by the whole House. Cheers were repeated and repeated, and tears of joy coursed down many faces.

Dr. Topp moved and Dr. McGregor seconded the adoption of this report. The resolution was adopted unanimously, the Assembly rising in a body to testify their approval of it.

The Moderator gave out the last three stanzas of the 122nd Psalm, which were sung with deep feeling by the Assembly. It was no merely formal singing but a genuine song of praise. The words are as follows:—

Pray that Jerusalem may have
Peace and felicity.
Let them that love thee and thy peace,
Have still prosperity.

Therefore I wish that peace may still
Within thy walls remain,
And ever may thy palaces,
Prosperity retain.

Now for my friends' and brethren's sakes,
Peace be in thee, I'll say,
And for the house of God, our Lord,
I'll seek thy good always.

At the close of the singing, Rev. Robert Sedgwick, of Musquodoboit, was asked to lead the Assembly in prayer. Many of the members were already weeping tears of joy, and while the “old man eloquent” offered up thanks to God for his great mercy in extricating the church from the great difficulties by which it had been surrounded, and implored a continuance of the Divine favor on the work of the Assembly, there was scarcely a dry eye in the Assembly.

The Assembly then adjourned.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Prof. Maclaren, Toronto, read the report of the Foreign Mission of the Western section of the Church, from which it appeared that a fair measure of success crowned the

efforts of the Missionaries. A number of students are training in the Colleges for foreign mission work. The work is divided into three sections—first, work among the Indians in the North West, carried on in three stations, the chief of which is at Prince Albert on the Saskatchewan. The number of communicants there, was 38, of which 16 are Indians. A school is also established there which had an average attendance of 50 pupils during the winter. A considerable portion of the teacher's salary is paid by the settlers. The services have been carried on in English and Cree together, but it is recommended to separate the services, and place the English under the charge of the Home Mission. The second section is the mission to China, in which field excellent progress is being made. The hospital at San-Jooe has done much to help the mission. In 1876, there were 1,356 patients received in it, of which 1,125 were males and the rest females; Chinese women object to go to a public hospital, which accounts for the disparity in numbers. The patients are invited to attend daily services, and many avail themselves of the privilege. Mr. McKay, one of the Missionaries in Northern Formosa, also practices medicine in conjunction with his ministerial duties, and has succeeded in founding a Christian community of 400 or 500 souls; he has 11 helpers and students training for missionary work, who are examined monthly, and 11 chapels have been erected. When this missionary arrived at his post, he found Northern Formosa a dark field of barbarism. The third section is the mission to India, and it may now be said there is a Canadian mission in that country. Up to this year the missionaries worked in conjunction with the American Presbyterian church mission. Rev. Jas. Douglas, appointed to found the Canadian mission in Central India, has selected Indore as the mission field, where he was the sole missionary in a city of 70,000 inhabitants. A school for Mahomedan girls has succeeded very well, and the missionary has been appointed Chaplain to the British Garrison stationed thirteen miles off. It is too soon, however, to speak of results. During the year the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has made satisfactory progress, obtaining \$1,107 subscriptions, of which \$1000 were sent to aid the lady missionaries in India. The work has not interfered with the other missions. The service of two young ladies, Misses Forrest and McGregor, who will proceed to India in the autumn, have been accepted by the Committee. The receipts for the past year have been—

Expenditure—Saskatchewan Mission, \$3,691.97; Formosa Mission, \$6,784.82; India Mission, \$3,507.82; Expenses of Committee, \$150.55; Interest for Advances, \$175; General Expenses, \$200; Salary of Agent, \$375; Day Spring and Trinidad, \$70; balance, \$474.66. Total, \$15,429.74.

The Committee recommend that an effort be made to increase the revenue of the fund.

Dr McGregor, Halifax, reported on the Foreign Mission of the eastern section. In San Fernando excellent progress is made, as also in Trinidad. The lady missionary in San Fernando is now paid by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Halifax. There has been during the year an advance along the whole line. There are 18 schools, with 572 pupils and an average daily attendance of 335. In Anteuim, New Hebrides, there are to be henceforth two European or American missionaries and schools for native helpers. At Cook's Bay good progress has been made, though some of the natives retain their partiality for murdering missionaries. The labor traffic is one of the great obstacles to missionary work in this field. The Day Spring, missionary vessel, has been of very great use in the course of the year. In St. John's and Harbor Grace, Nfld., much excellent work was done by Mr Campbell, who spent a fortnight in the island when on his way from Halifax to India. He subsequently joined Mr. Douglas at Indore in the latter country. He visited also Trichinopoly, Tanjore, Tinivelli and other missionary centres in Southern India at all of which he addressed in public educated Hindoos. The finances are not in a satisfactory condition; the receipts for the year were:—General Fund, \$7,663.63; balance on hand at commencement, \$1,410.33; total \$9,082.06. Expenditure, \$8,934.71. Mission Schools and Day Spring Department Receipts, \$2,633.55; balance on hand at commencement, \$155.21; total, \$2,788.76. Expenditure, \$3,566.68; excess of expenditure over receipts \$777.92. Whole expenditure for the year, \$15,234.06.

The Committee recommend that the Assembly appoint a Committee on Beneficence to press the claims of the Fund upon congregations.

Rev. George Christie, Yarmouth, gave an account of the Trinidad Mission, which he had visited last year. He moved the following resolution, which was ably seconded by Rev. Dr. Burns, Halifax:—

“That the reports now read be received, and the thanks of the Assembly returned to the Committees, and especially to the

Conveners, and that these Reports be referred to the following Committee, to consider and to bring in a matured deliverance, viz.:

“The General Assembly desires further to record fervent gratitude to God for the measure of success which has attended the labours of our faithful Missionaries during the year, and also for the increasing usefulness of the Women's Boards, and to commend the fine fields of our Church's Foreign Mission operations to the continued sympathy and prayers and liberality of the entire Church.”

We shall now, to save space, proceed by subjects.

RETIRING MINISTERS.

The application, through their respective Presbyteries, of Rev. John Porteous, Rev. James Herald, Rev. Thomas MacPherson, Rev. Dr. Barrie, and Rev. R. Dewar, for permission to retire from active service, was granted by the Assembly.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

The Assembly, representing truly the feeling of the whole Church in this matter, paid a good deal of attention to this Fund. It is not yet what it ought to be, but a fair beginning has been made, and suitable regulations have been adopted. Several ministers have been placed on the Fund this year with allowances ranging from \$100 to \$250.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUNDS.

These funds have not yet been consolidated, as it is hoped they will be at an early day. As a matter of ecclesiastical arrangement few things are more important to the Church than that suitable provision should be made for her aged and infirm ministers, and for the widows and orphans of those who pass away from among us in comparatively early life.

DELEGATES.

Two sister Churches sent delegates to the Assembly this year. The first to appear was Rev. W. D. Gillespie, commissioned by the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in America. This Church is much about the numerical strength of our own. She is distinguished for her enterprise and success in the Foreign Mission field—especially in Egypt, where her missionaries have met with most gratifying success. Mr. Gillespie spoke of the fraternal feelings of his Assembly towards ours, and gave a most suitable address. He was cordially welcomed and the Moderator responded to him in suitable terms.

The second delegate was Rev. Mr. Laidlaw, commissioned by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, which met recently at Chicago. Mr. Laidlaw is by birth and early education a Canadian. He addressed the Assembly very eloquently and affectingly. The Moderator responded in terms suitable to the occasion. Such fraternal greetings are both becoming and profitable.

HOME MISSION OVERTURES.

Several overtures, containing well matured suggestions with reference to Home Missionary operations, the employment of students and other workers, the best method of economising labour and money in distant fields,—were laid before the Assembly, ably expounded & supported, and referred to appropriate committees, through whose hands a residuum of practical recommendations and rules were reported to the Assembly and adopted. It is felt that much remains to be done in the way of utilizing to the best advantage the Home Missionary resources of the Church, and the attention of the Assembly can most profitably be turned in this direction from year to year.

ENACTMENTS.

The Barrier Act and the draft Act on the constitution of the General Assembly as a representative body were found to have met the approval of a majority of the Presbyteries, and were accordingly passed into permanent enactments of the Church.

PECULIAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

In response to an overture from the Presbytery of Ottawa, and at the recommendation of the Special Committee on Home Mission Reports, the regulation of the Assembly relating to the amount required to be raised by certain congregations as a condition to receiving supplement, were relaxed. These congregations are in very peculiar circumstances—are very poor—have suffered greatly through the depression of the lumbering interests, and are surrounded by Romanists. The relaxation sought was cheerfully and unanimously granted by the Assembly.

PRESBYTERIAN RECORD.

Rev. Dr. Jenkins presented the report of the Standing Committee. The circulation is upwards of 34,000. The receipts are \$14,703.40, and the expenditure \$13,007.07. There are sums still to be collected from subscribers, but all these will come in. The Committee does not believe in bad debts. The report was submitted to a Special Committee, which subsequently gave

in a report through Rev. J. C. Baxter, Montreal. That report proposed the accepting of Mr. Croil's resignation, which had been pressed upon the Committee, and the appointment of Rev. R. H. Warden in his place, with Mr. Murray for the Eastern Section. The General Assembly after a brief discussion, resolved meanwhile not to accept Mr. Croil's resignation. From all parts of the house came cordial expressions of confidence in his management, and an earnest desire to retain his services. The resolution to this effect, proposed by Revd. Dr. MacGregor, was adopted.

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sent up certain cases, in which Rev. Dr. Maclise, the Session of Calvin Church, and the Rev. S. Houston were parties. These cases were submitted to a large Committee, of which Rev. Dr. Jenkins was Convener. The Committee investigated "persons and papers," and succeeded in bringing about a solution of which the Assembly expressed unanimous approval.

MORE ABOUT OUR COLLEGES.

A special effort will be made for liquidating the ordinary fund of Knox College, amounting to about \$13,000. The funds of the College will be relieved of a portion of the retiring allowance to Dr. Wilhs.

The whole question of Theological Education in the several Colleges, especially with the view of securing similarity as far as may be deemed desirable in the Curricula of these Institutions,—is to be considered by a special Committee, consisting of Principals Snodgrass, Caven, MacVicar, Cook and MacKnight, and Professors MacKerras, Campbell, Maclaren, and Messrs. G. M. Grant and J. M. King. This Committee is also to consider the matter of conferring degrees in Divinity, and to report to next Assembly.

An additional Professor will be added to the Theological Faculty of Queen's College whenever the finances of that institution admit of it. Friends of the College are invited to exercise all possible liberality in the way of increasing the endowment, so that the appointment of the new Professor may be made without unnecessary delay.

The sum of \$750 is to be paid in support of the Montreal College from the territory set apart for Queen's and Knox. Considerable difficulty has existed for some time in apportioning the Upper Provinces between the three Colleges in a way satisfactory to all. It is now remitted to Presbyteries to consider whether there should not be a common fund for all the three.

ENDOWMENTS.

The best solution of all the difficulties would be the immediate and ample endowment of all. The Assembly sees this very plainly, and it accordingly, "expresses a strong opinion in favour of largely increasing the endowments of the Theological Colleges, and with the view of attaining this end, instruct the Boards of the several Colleges to use such means as in their judgment may seem proper to develop within the several College constituencies a sentiment in favour of endowment."

THE HALIFAX COLLEGE.

The Assembly congratulated the authorities and friends of this Institution on the great success that has thus far attended their efforts at endowment, and expressed the hope that such a sum will be speedily reached, as shall place it on a secure and adequate financial basis.

MANITOBA.

Only \$399 was raised last year in response to a special appeal for \$4,000 for the Manitoba College. The debt amounts now to \$2,869. In order to meet deficits and make provision for current wants, the Assembly resolved to vote \$2,000 from the Home Mission Fund of the Western Section, and \$500 from the same fund of the Eastern Section. A Special Committee was re-appointed to appeal urgently to our congregations and to wealthy members of the Church, and also to the Parent Churches on behalf of the College. The Assembly appeared thoroughly in earnest in its purpose to advance the good cause in the North West.

LOYAL ADDRESSES.

The Assembly adopted loyal Addresses to Her Majesty the Queen, and to His Excellency the Governor General.

THANKSGIVING.

There has been expressed from time to time a strong desire to have one and the same day observed as a Day of Thanksgiving throughout the whole Dominion. The Moderator was authorized to correspond with the authorities of other denominations, and with the Governor General, in order to secure the end desired.

SUSTENTATION.

Shall we establish a general sustentation Fund? This is evidently a question which the Church will soon have to face in serious earnest. After discussing overtures on the subject, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: The General Assembly,

deeply regretting the fact that notwithstanding the great resources of the Church, so many of our ministers should be so inadequately supported, expresses its deep interest on the subject, brought before it by the overture now read and supported, and therefore appoint a Committee to consider the whole subject, as also the best mode of accomplishing the end sought to be attained, and to report at the next Assembly. The committee is a large one, and it may be expected to furnish the next Assembly with very valuable suggestions. For the names we refer to the minutes of Assembly which will shortly be published.

HYMNOLOGY.

This subject is held over till next Assembly. Pressure of business prevented adequate discussion on this occasion, and there was no disposition to urge undue haste.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Very great care was taken to appoint on these important Committees, ministers and elders that are likely to take an interest in the work laid upon them. Much of the Church's success during the year depends on the energy and faithfulness of her Committee men.

MISSION TO LUMBERMEN.

Rev. D. M. Gordon, Ottawa, reports anent the work carried on among the lumbermen far off in the lonely forests. The men are visited in their shanties. They are furnished with good reading for the long winter evenings. The Gospel is proclaimed to them. They manifest their gratitude by their gifts and their kindness otherwise. The Committee was requested to prosecute with increased vigour its operations, and a hope was expressed that New Brunswick lumbermen would be thus cared for. The support of this enterprise is laid especially on the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We cannot too often have our attention called to the fact, that "the field is the world,"—that the Lord has given us not merely the vast territory of Canada to occupy, but also the regions beyond.

Professor Maclaren, Convener of the Western Committee, told briefly and well the story of the mission to the Indians in the North West, to China, and to India. Dr. MacGregor in like manner told of the work under the charge of the Eastern Committee—in Trinidad and the New Hebrides. Space will not allow us to do more than refer to the leading facts, and to the action of the Assembly. The Formosa Mission

has made marvellous progress. More laborers are urgently needed there. Mr. Douglas has commenced operations at Indore. Rev. J. Fraser Campbell visits Indore, and it is probable that he will be associated with Mr. Douglas in that Mission. The Trinidad Mission has been prosperous, the chief drawback being the illness of Mrs. Morton. The New Hebrides Mission is in need of reinforcements. The financial statement of the Missions is as follows:—

General Fund, \$7,663.63; balance on hand at commencement, \$1,410.43; total, \$9,083.06. Expenditure, \$8,934.71. Mission Schools and Dayspring Department—Receipts, \$2,633.55; balance on hand at commencement, \$155.21; total, \$2,788.76. Expenditure, \$3,566.68; excess of expenditure over receipts, \$777.92. Whole expenditure for the year, \$15,231.06.

The Assembly determined to separate the Indian Mission in the North West from the work among the English settlers, remitting the latter to the Home Mission Committee. The Assembly recorded its gratitude to God for the measure of success accorded to the Missions during the year. Another missionary will be sent to Formosa as soon as the funds allow, and the fitting agent offers. Deputations are likely to visit many congregations during the year to bring the claims of the Foreign Mission before them. Maps of the Mission fields are to be put in circulation, and all available means to be used to create an enlightened and enduring interest in this vast and glorious enterprise.

The Juvenile Missionary Society and the Woman's Missionary Society, reported, and their reports were very favourably received.

THE ST. JOHN FIRE.

Tidings of the dreadful fire which swept over so large a portion of St. John city reached the General Assembly on Thursday morning. The following resolution was moved by Dr. Topp, seconded by Principal Snodgrass, and carried unanimously:—

“That the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, now in session in Halifax, having heard of the very severe calamity which had fallen upon the city of St. John, in the destruction by fire of a large portion of that city, occasioning a vast amount of suffering to many of the inhabitants, and at the same time a large loss of life, desires to express to His Worship the Mayor of the City of St. John, the great grief with which the members of this Assembly have received such intelligence, their deep sympathy with those who have been visited with such a terrible disaster, and their earnest prayer that the Divine

hand may be recognized in this calamity, and that God in His mercy may vouchsafe all needed comfort and support to the sufferers.”

On Saturday morning the Assembly took further action as follows:—

“The General Assembly have already expressed their deep sympathy with the afflicted people of St. John; and now, learning that the churches under the charge of respected and valued brethren—Rev. Dr. Waters and Rev. Wm. Mitchell, have been burned down, and knowing that in these circumstances their own congregations will be unable to rebuild them, commend the case to the Church generally as one peculiarly calling for sympathy and ready aid.”

THE ELDERS' MEMORIAL.

The following memorial was unanimously adopted at a meeting of Elders:—

“Whereas, The General Assembly is composed of an equal number of Ministers and Elders, chosen by the various Presbyteries to whom are committed the weightier matters pertaining to its Government, and who are equally responsible for the acts of the General Assembly.

“Whereas, The real work of the Assembly is largely done in the various Committees, and,

“Whereas, The present mode of selection of Elders to serve on the Committees of the Assembly fails to preserve that equality of Ministers and Elders which forms one of the grand principles of the Presbyterian Church, and virtually restricts the representation to a comparative few.

“Resolved, That the matter be brought to the notice of the General Assembly, and that a rule be adopted, whereby all Committees shall be composed of an equal number of Ministers and Elders, and that some plan be devised by which the business ability of the entire representative Eldership may be made available, instead of a restricted number, as is practically the case under the present mode.”

It was supported by several Elders, and gave rise to considerable discussion, which ended in the adoption of the following resolution:—

“That the Assembly receive the Memorial, and in view of the importance of the matter thus brought before the Court, resolve to appoint a small Committee to prepare a recommendation as to the whole mode of appointing Committees of Assembly, to be submitted to next Assembly.”

The feeling was expressed in all directions that the talents and graces of the Elders should be utilized to the utmost.

STATISTICS FOR 1876-7.

This year Returns have been received from all the Presbyteries, but many were late in being sent in. The Presbytery of Huron, and it alone, has its returns complete. Why should not other Presbyteries "do likewise?" The names of 805 Congregations are given in these Tables. 122 of these are vacancies, and 127 fail to report. Number of Churches, 1042. "Other Stations supplied by Pastor," 364. These Stations are likely to be Congregations at no distant day. The number of families reported is 56,163. Communicants 93,788. Additions during the year 11,195. Removed during the year 5,427, Elders 3596; other office-bearers, 5278. Weekly prayer-meetings, 1,020; Baptisms, 9,244. Attendance on Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes, 72,867; Teachers, 7,405. There is an average of ten scholars to each teacher. Volumes in Libraries, 158,000. 252 Missionary Associations are reported. 257 report Mansees 36 Churches and 20 Mansees have been built during the year. One-fourth added to the above figures would probably give a close approximation to the total figures, but, as the Convener says, the only reliable figures are those which we actually receive from Presbyteries and Congregations. It is remarkable that there should be such reluctance or negligence in attending to the simple and easy duty of sending in these Returns.

Under the head of Financial Returns we hear from 590 ministers, exclusive of Professors in Colleges; and 715 pastoral charges, 660 congregations report. The aggregate amount of stipend promised was \$467,275.45, giving to each minister an average of a little under \$800. A few years ago the average was little over half this amount. The amount paid during the year was \$451,549.70, being an average of \$765 to each minister.

The amount expended in building and repairing churches and in paying debts was \$171,493.50; and on Mansees \$48,609. The amount contributed for congregational purposes was \$847,590

Contributions to the Schemes of the Church, \$93,058, made up as follows: for Colleges, \$15,789; Home Missions, \$31,803; for Foreign Missions, \$18,819; Aged and Infirm Minister's Fund and Widow's Fund \$6,935; Assembly Fund \$3,895; French Evangelization, \$15,235. The amounts actual raised and sent to the Treasurers are largely in excess of the above figures.

Raised by Sabbath Schools, \$20,800, an average of 3 cents for each scholar. This is surely far short of what it should be.

Contributions for all purposes amounted to \$986,115.

There was reported of Church debt \$527,977. Compared with last year there is considerable progress, notwithstanding the defective returns. The Committee insists with just emphasis on the necessity for full and correct returns. The labour performed in connection with these returns and this report by the Convener, Revd. Robert Torrance, well deserved, as it received, the recognition of the Assembly.

STATE OF RELIGION.

The Report on this subject, or as it may perhaps be more suitably called, the Report on "Church Life and Work," was submitted by Rev. D. Morrison, Owen Sound. Returns are very incomplete, which is much to be regretted. It is hoped that our Sessions will soon learn to give cheerful attention and a ready response to inquiries sent down by the higher Courts. The net increase to the Roll of Church membership throughout the bounds amounts, as reported, to 5,768. The total is 93,788. We have claiming connection with us about 300,000 persons who are old enough to make a profession of religion. Not more than half our people who have reached mature years are in actual fellowship with the Church,— "that is to say, there must be nearly 100,000 persons of mature years living unpledged to a Christian life, standing at a distance from the holy communion." This is surely an appalling fact. "Scores are growing up to manhood and rushing into life's solemn responsibilities, without, it would seem, a single thought of consecrating themselves to the Lord. All over the land there are fathers and mothers who have grown grey under the preaching of the Word, or within easy reach of it, who have not yet taken the first step towards reaching the higher life.

The causes of this state of things were indicated,—worldliness, intemperance, reluctance to come under the obligations involved in a Christian profession, and the feeling that it is better not to vow than having vowed, failed to perform. In order to remedy this evil, the Committee recommend earnest individual dealing with persons as they come to years of maturity. The perilous period is, when the children become in their own estimation too old for the Sabbath School and Bible Class—when they begin to think and act for themselves—when doubt distracts and passion urges, and temptation misleads! This is the period when the counsels and dealings of a pastor wise to win souls are specially needful.

The Committee lay due stress on the importance of family worship. Large numbers of even professing Christians neglect this duty. But the returns from some Presbyteries speak of it as being universally attended to within their bounds. It is, however, "plain to the Committee, that family religion is on the decline—that the old custom of Sabbath Evening catechising is passing away,"—that blessed custom which gave the child not only a light but a memory,—instruction associated with a father's worth, and a mother's love, which follows like a ministering angel through life, and speaks with power when father and mother are able to speak no more." Parents are reminded that it will not do to delegate to Sabbath School teachers the instruction of children in divine things. They are bound by the most solemn vows to bring up the rising generation in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Few Congregations are without a Weekly Prayer Meeting. In some congregations there are district meetings, as well as central ones. Great complaints have reached the Committee of the small share Elders take in these meetings, as well as in the general work of the Church. It is deplored that in many instances not an Elder can be found to open his mouth at a Prayer Meeting, or to bear a word of consolation to the sick and dying. Hundreds are perishing for lack of knowledge, while there are gifted men and women on every hand, professing to love the Lord, yet standing all day idle. How are these gifts to be utilized? The Committee suggest that the surest way is to begin with the young. The Minister must organize, and lead.

The work of Evangelists is spoken of with appreciation, and the necessary cautions are indicated. Revivals of religion are reported from the Presbyteries of Halifax, Peterboro', Whitby, Lindsay, Glengarry, and Barrie. Awakenings have taken place in the congregations of Martintown, Cornwall, Lancaster, Goderich, Walkerton, Woodstock, Ingersoll, Ailsa Craig, Listowell, and London. From many—far too many quarters, comes the complaint of spiritual leanness, dullness, death,—a complaint which God's good spirit can remove.

The Committee refer with satisfaction to the work being accomplished through our Sabbath Schools, but they point with regret to the increasing neglect of the Shorter Catechism and of our distinctive principles as a Church. They recommend that wherever practicable, the Minister himself should be the virtual Superintendent of the Sabbath School. It is suggested also, that great

care and caution should be exercised in the selection of teachers.

The Report and Mr. Morrison's remarks in connection with it, created a deep impression on the Assembly. Revd. G. M. Grant, Dr. MacVicar, Rev. Thos. Duncan, and others followed, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"Receive the Report—thank the Committee—express thankfulness to God for the many encouraging facts the Report reveals, especially for the signal blessings vouchsafed to many Congregations during the year; and in reference to the evils complained of, such as the neglect of family worship by many of our people, the small share of labour taken in the work of the Church by many of the Elders, the prevalence of intemperance and other sins, and the great numbers that have reached mature years, unpledged to a Christian life,—the General Assembly deplore the same, and appoint, that in their devotions to-morrow evening, humble confession be made at the Throne of Heavenly Grace, and that supplication be made for a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord."

RECEIVING MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES

Rev. Mr. Beamer was received from the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. B. Oueriere from the Church of Rome, Rev. R. Duclou from the French Evangelical Church and Messrs Jas. Campbell and J. L. Robertson from other Presbyterian Churches. Rev. Mr. Camerle, a converted priest from France is left for another year under charge of the Presbytery of Montreal. Two Baptist preachers are left under the care of the Presbyteries to which they had made application—to report next year.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUNDS.

The Funds of the Four Churches now united, have not yet been consolidated. They are all prosperous and doing a great deal of good. Details need not now be laid before our readers. Additional revision is to be attended to by a special Committee. It is of great importance to the permanent prosperity of our Church that we should care for the widows and little children of our ministers, and also for the Aged and Infirm Ministers.

NEXT ASSEMBLY.

Three places were proposed, namely, Montreal, Ottawa, and Hamilton. A vote was taken, and HAMILTON was found to be the choice of the majority. The time of meeting will be the second Wednesday of June, 1878.

TEMPERANCE.

The following resolution, moved by Dr. Burns and seconded by Rev. G. M. Grant, was adopted unanimously :

"The General Assembly having had its attention directed to the subject of Temperance by a communication from the Dominion Alliance for the suppression of the Liquor Traffic, decern as follows :

1. The Assembly reiterates its testimony as to the enormous evils entailed by intemperance on the church and the world.
2. The Assembly expresses satisfaction at the progress of legislation for the repression of these evils, and at the growth of a healthful temperance sentiment throughout the country.
3. The General Assembly further instructs the sessions to have continued regard to the causes and cure of intemperance within their respective bounds, and recommends to the office-bearers and members of our church to cultivate and exemplify the principles of Bible Temperance."

THANKS, AND CLOSING WORDS,

The Assembly was delighted with the overflowing hospitality of the citizens of Halifax and Dartmouth. The usual votes of thanks were passed with more than usual enthusiasm. It would be difficult to picture a more cordial and delightful scene than the closing Sederunt. The Moderator's closing address was a fine outburst of glowing eloquence. The eleven days' work would in ordinary circumstances heavily tax the energies of officers and members; but in this case all appeared as vigorous as they had been ten days before, and certainly a great deal more cheerful.

CONCLUSION.

The Assembly sat for eleven days,—ending with Monday, the 25th June. A great deal of work was done, and done well. We believe that the Halifax Assembly will be long remembered by those who were members of it as a delightful and a profitable one. The people of Halifax did all they could, and that was much, to make the sojourn of members very pleasant.

To God be all the glory for the good results of the Assembly. Let us show our gratitude by going forward to the work of another ecclesiastical year with stronger faith, and hope, and charity.

St. JOHN, N.B.—The deepest sympathy will be felt for our brethren in St. John, who have not only lost their Churches by the great fire, but their own homes as well. We are sure that they will not appeal in vain to their brethren throughout the Dominion.

India.

THE following excellent paper read by Mrs. McMurchy, of Toronto, at a monthly meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, gives, in short compass, a large amount of interesting and valuable information about Indore which we feel sure will be useful to our readers, and will aid many to a more intelligent acquaintance with our new field of labour :—

"The ancient kingdom of *Malwak* in Central India lies to the south-west of the valley of the Ganges and east of the northern part of the Province of Bombay.

It is better known as the Mahratta country, and is now divided into several native states under British protection; the largest and most important of these are Scindia and Indore. It is this *Indore* which has been selected for the Canadian mission. It is also called Holkar's states, from Holkar, the family name of the reigning prince. The whole Province, which is somewhat irregular in shape, is about the size of that part of Ontario, west of Toronto, enclosed by Lakes Huron, Erie and Georgian Bay, and lies between N. Lat. 21 and 24. The climate is sultry, the temperature being from 60° to 90° in the shade, but although tropical, it is healthy for India, and it is high—2000 ft. above the sea level; it is the northern limit of the great table-land of the *Deccan*. An eminent British statesman who held office in this part of India, calls it "The highlands of Central India, a region of great beauty and picturesqueness."

It is also very fertile, being a wheat and not a rice-growing district. The great natural features of the country are the Vindhya mountains and the Nerbudda River both extending across Indore from east to west; the highest peak of the Vindhya is 2,500 feet; the exceeding beauty of these mountains as well as their beneficial effect on the climate were noticed in one of Miss Fairweather's letters.

The Nerbudda River flows through a very fertile valley navigable for 90 miles, half a mile wide at Hoshungabad, but before entering the Gulf of Cambay it is a wide estuary.

Indore is also the name of the chief city, where our Missionary, Mr. Douglas, and the ladies have now happily made a beginning. It is the residence of the native Prince, the head-quarters of the British Government offices, as well as the Educational centre of the state; it is 379 miles from Bombay and

about 800 from Allahabad. The city lies just within the tropic of cancer and would correspond on our hemisphere with the city of Havana in Cuba or the extreme south of Lower California. It stands on the left bank of the Kuthi River and was founded in 1767; the old city, Jemnah, still stands on the opposite bank. Indore must be nearly equal in size to Toronto; it has 70,000 inhabitants. In the year of the mutiny, 1857, there were only 15,000. There are several other large cities, with hard names, which may afterwards become familiar to us as centres of missionary work; the most easily remembered is Mhow, the military station, where Mr. Douglas is now chaplain to the troops, seven miles from the capital.

Indore is closely connected with one of the main lines of travel in India. Its nearest sea-port is Bombay. To this place, from Southampton, England, there is now a weekly steamer. From Bombay the great Indian Peninsular Railway runs north east through the southern part of Indore, parallel with the Nerbudda River. Holkar's Railway forms a junction with this Indian Peninsular Railway at Chandwah, a town of 17,000 inhabitants.

Holkar's Railway runs North, it is now completed to the foot of the Vindhya and is just about to be opened further, and when connected with other railways there will be direct communication through Indore, Schindia and Rajputana to the Punjab and Cashmere. Indore is also directly connected with the cities of the North-West Province by Railway, the Indian Peninsular to Jubalpoore, joining the East Indian to Allahabad which is on the main line extending from Delhi to Calcutta. The family of Holkar the prince, is first mentioned in history in 1693, the time of our William and Mary, a formidable enemy, first to the Great Mogul and afterwards to the British.

The Holkar who reigned in the beginning of this century fought a long time against the British with varying success; it was during the reign of his son that the Mahrattas were finally overcome, and a British Residency established at Indore in 1818. It was in these famous Mahratta wars that Sir Arthur Wellesley, afterwards Duke of Wellington, first distinguished himself. The present Maharajah Rao Holkar was nominated by the East India Company in 1852, educated under the care of the British Government and has displayed some ability.

On the breaking out of the mutiny he took the side of the British, but his conduct was not very satisfactory, the English residents being cruelly treated there as in other places.

Inhabitants.—Besides the Hindu popula-

tion, in this province there are Mahrattas and Bheels. The Mahrattas are supposed to have come from Persia, an interesting people, small, vigorous, active, and distinguished for courage; their religion is Brahmin. *without caste*. The Bheels are chiefly confined to the hills and are the remains of the original inhabitants of India; they are known as Bheels, Ghonds and Santhals, a fierce but interesting people. The British Government has done a great deal for them, chiefly in the way of military training. The British statesman before referred to, speaks very highly of this people, considering them freer from prejudice and more open to the reception of the Gospel than the Hindu. The chief language is Urdu or Hindostani; but Mahratti and Hindi are also spoken.

I have not been able to find any account of mission work in Indore with the exception of the Jesuit mission in the city, recently established there by the Cowley Fathers. The American Board has a mission in S. India.

In the life of Sir Donald McLeod, recently published, there is some account of an attempt to establish a working mission on the Moravian plan in Jubalpoore, a district immediately east of ours, and where the races are the same. When Sir Donald was in Jubalpoore as governor, he settled at his own expense a band of five German missionaries, (a medical man, a farmer and three others, mechanics, some of them married), near the source of the Nerbudda, on the mountains. They soon came to an understanding with the natives, built their houses and began work, but after being able to report that the Ghonds were much attached to them, cholera came and carried off all the little band except two, who becoming dispirited, joined the mission at N. poore. But the little seed they were permitted to sow is now maturing, under the care of the English Church Mission and the mission of the Free Church of Scotland.

In a State paper, prepared by Sir Donald after the mutiny, in referring to the hill-tribes, he says "I believe it is hardly possible to over estimate the influence it might exert on the rest of Hind-stan if these groups of manly yet degraded races were brought under the influence of the Gospel of Jesus."

It was his opinion after living many years among them, and spending his whole life in India, "that if a firm footing were once gained among the hill tribes, they, being without caste, would form a centre on which the weaker converted Hindu could retreat from the scorn and hatred of his own people."

England has given to the people of Indore an organized army, protection, wise administration of law, and education. To Canada is left the distinguished honour of sending them the Gospel.

Our Own Church.

CALLS, INDUCTIONS, &c.

COLUMBUS, *Whitby Presbytery* :—Rev. Mr. Carmichael, formerly of Manassas, Virginia, was induced 16th May.

ARTHUR, *Saugeen* :—Rev. Donald Stewart, formerly of Enniskillen and Cartwright, was induced 24th April.

PETERBORO.—The Rev. Alexander Bell, formerly of Preston, England, was to be inducted to St. Andrew's Church, Peterboro', June the 5th.

CALLS.—The Rev. F. McCuaig, of Clinton in the Presbytery of Huron has received a call to the pastorate of Chalmers's Church, Kingston.

The Rev. John Wells of New Richmond, Bay of Chaleurs, Que., has received a call to East Williams in the London Presbytery.

The Rev. Peter Wright, of Chalmers's Church, Quebec, has been unanimously invited to become the pastor of Chalmers' Church, Montreal.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

The Presbytery of Halifax inducted Rev. P. M. Morrison into the pastoral charge of Dartmouth, on Tuesday the 5th June.

P E ISLAND.—This Presbytery resolved henceforth to hold quarterly meetings for the transaction of general business, viz :—On the first Mondays of August, Nov., Feb., and May, the first of such meetings to be held at Mount Stewart, the second at Summerside, the third at Georgetown, and the fourth at Charlottetown. Rev. N McKay reported that he had moderated in a call at New London. The call was in favour of Rev. Dr. Murray, and was signed by 335 persons, communicants and adherents. The congregation guaranteed to pay Dr. Murray a salary of \$900, with the free use of a manse and glebe, and had the hope of increasing to \$1000 at an early day. Dr. Murray has accepted the call.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The Presbytery has established a Home Mission station at Betts' Cove, a place which is rapidly rising in importance in connection with its copper mines. Dr. Burns was invited to visit the congregations on behalf of the College Fund. The results of Rev. D. F. Creelman's labours in the distant and lonely district of Bay of

Islands were found to be exceedingly gratifying.

VICTORIA AND RICHMOND.—This Presbytery at its meeting on the 22nd May, heard and sustained the trials for ordination of Mr. Alex. McRae, who was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Middle River and Little Narrows, the 7th June. A call to Mr. John Maclean, from Broad Cove, was sustained.

MAITLAND, NOVA SCOTIA.—The Equity Court has decided against the claims of a Congregational body to churches built by the Presbyterians within the bounds of this congregation.

DALHOUSIE.—The Presbyterian Manse was destroyed by fire early in May. Loss about \$200. No Insurance.

The congregation of St. James' Church, Charlottetown, is engaged in building a handsome stone church, to cost \$20,000.

YARMOUTH.—Rev. George Christie, who has been pastor of the Presbyterian congregation, Yarmouth, has retired, his ministry there closing with the General Assembly.

SAUGEEN, 24th April.—Mr. Greig's resignation of the charge of the Head Station was accepted. The Rev. A. M. Hamilton declined a call from Clifford and Balaclava. A call from Macintosh and Belmore congregation to Mr. A. C. Stewart, of North Gower was sustained. Mr. G. A. Smith, a minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, U. S., applied to be received and it was agreed to recommend the General Assembly to accede to the application. It was agreed to recommend that a collection be taken up in all the congregations of the bounds to defray the travelling charges of the Commissioners appointed to attend the General Assembly.

BARRIE, 22nd May.—There were present 14 ministers and 3 Elders. A resolution of sympathy with the family of the late Rev. John McLean of Knox Church, Oro, was adopted, and mention made of Mr. McLean's valuable services as an evangelist in Scotland and also in Canada. A good deal of time was taken up in discussing the Home Mission work of the Presbytery and of the Church at large.

MANITOBA, 9th May.—It was reported that the congregation of High Bluff and Portage Creek had unanimously called the Rev. John McNabb, of Beaverton, Ont., to be their pastor. The Presbytery sustained the call. The Rev. A. Mathieson had received two calls, one from Little Britain, &c. and the other from Sunnyside. Both were sustained. Satisfactory arrangements were made for occupying the Home Mission Stations during the summer months, and it

was agreed to bring the necessities of the field fully before the General Assembly.

HAMILTON, 15th May:—It was reported that the two congregations at Waterdown had agreed to unite. The resignation of Mr. Little, of Hamilton, was accepted, with a suitable expression of the Presbytery's esteem and regard for him, and their sympathy with him in what they feel to be a very severe affliction. It was agreed to apply for leave to receive the Rev. J. L. Robertson as a minister of the Church. *In re* a call to Rev. James C. Smith, from Guelph, it was agreed to cite the congregation of St. Paul's Church to appear in their interests. The Call has since been accepted.

Obituary.

REV. JOHN MUNRO, WALLACE, N. S.—We regret to record the death of the Rev. John Munro, Wallace, which took place at the Free Church Manse, Wallace, on the morning of Friday the 25th May. He died in the 68th year of his age, after a very short illness. Mr. Munro was one of our most zealous and devoted ministers. He was a thorough-going Presbyterian, loyal to the Church, punctual in his attendance on Church Courts, an ardent Union man, zealous for purity of doctrine, and himself a living illustration of the Gospel which he faithfully preached. For some years of his early manhood he was a successful City missionary in Edinburgh. He came to Nova Scotia in 1848, and ever since laboured in the Gospel with the utmost fidelity. He preached in Gaelic as well as in English. Some years ago he published a tract on *Baptism* which has had an extensive circulation in Nova Scotia and other parts of the Church. His very last work was revising a proof of a 12 page tract on "The Place and Work of Woman in the Church." He had a wonderful tact for stating the truth briefly and clearly. Very shortly before his death he sent a donation of one hundred dollars to the College Fund, a noble gift from a pastor whose annual stipend last year was but \$450. Mr. Munro was one of the delegates from our Church to the great Conference at Edinburgh, and he had his arrangements made for attending that Conference, but God called him to the "General Assembly" above.

Literature.

FOURS WITH MEN AND BOOKS, by Dr. Matthews, the author of "Getting on in the World," is one of the most

fascinating works yet published by the BELFORD BROTHERS, Toronto.

THE WONDERS OF PRAYER, edited by T. Williams, New York, contains a very remarkable record of answers to prayer, many of which are very striking.

THE CANADIAN MONTHLY; Hart and Rawlinson, Toronto. The June number is quite up to the average of this popular magazine.

BELFORD'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE is also establishing for itself a good reputation.

THE NEW DOMINION MONTHLY, John Dougall & Son, Montreal, has completed its 19th volume. As it grows in years it increases in the interest of its contents and in the excellence of its upward appearance.

THE CANADA CHRISTIAN MONTHLY, edited by Rev. James Cameron of Chatsworth, and published by C. Blackett Robinson, of Toronto, maintains a high standard of excellence as a Review and Record of Christian thought, Christian life and Christian work.

WOOD'S BIBLE ANIMALS.—A typographical error occurred in our notice of this admirable volume last month, in which it is styled *Hood's* Bible Animals.

Official Notices.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Paris—Tuesday, 3rd July, 11 a.m.
 Huron—Tuesday, 3rd July, 11 a.m.
 Chatham—Tuesday, 3rd July, 11 a.m.
 Toronto—Tuesday, 3rd July, 11 a.m.
 Brockville—Tuesday, 3rd July, 7 p.m.
 Quebec—Wednesday, 4th July, 10 a.m.
 Montreal—Tuesday, 10th July, 11 a.m.
 Glengary—Tuesday, 10th July.
 Peterboro—Tuesday, 10th July, 11 a.m.
 Saugeen—Tuesday, 10th July, 1 p.m.
 Bruce—Tuesday, 10th July, 3 p.m.
 Kingston—Tuesday, 10th July, 3 p.m.
 London—Friday, 13th July, 2 p.m.
 Whitby—Tuesday, 17th July, 11 a.m.
 Manitoba—Wednesday, 25th July, 9 a.m.
 Miramichi—Tuesday, 7th August.
 Ottawa—Tuesday, 7th August, 3 p.m.
 Barrie—Tuesday, 7th August.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

COPIES of the Annual Calendar, containing full information respecting the College and the work of next Session, can be obtained on application at the College. All letters addressed to the Rev. Principal MacVicar, L.L.D., will receive prompt attention during his absence in Britain, from the person in charge of his office.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

RECEIVED BY REV. DR. REID,
AGENT OF THE CHURCH AT TORONTO,
TO 1st JUNE, 1877.

COLLEGES.

Received to 2nd May, '77.	9606.00
West Nottawasaga	6.00
Kincardine, Chalmers's Ch	6.00
Balaklava	10.00
Boston	21.50
Milton, Knox Ch.	14.50
South Luther and Little Toronto	4.00
Ashburn	20.50
Gananoque, St Andrew's	11.75
Proton	5.00
Leith	5.00
Toronto, Central Ch.	20.00
Nicol, Zion Ch Missy Ass.	10.00
Prescott	16.80
A W W, London	2.00
Beverley	33.00
Sydenham, Knox Ch.	4.00
Bethesda Ch. add.	1.00
Galt, Knox Ch.	200.00
Elsmore	2.00
Allanford	3.00
Paris, Dumfries Ch.	85.00
Buxton	3.00
Raleigh	1.00

\$10091.05

RECEIVED FOR 1877-78.

Finch, St Luke's	4.00
Hamilton, St John's	10.00
Arnprior	8.40
Teeswater, Zion Ch	8.00
Kilbride	5.00
Ashburn	2.50
Columbus	25.00
Ashfield	29.00
St Catherine's, Knox Ch.	75.00

\$166.90

HOME MISSIONS.

Received to 2nd May including \$500.00 from St Paul's, Montreal, 1877.	32401.86
West Nottawasaga	20.00
Dunbarton & Canton	29.25
Kincardine, Chalmers's Ch	6.00
Balaklava	10.00
Chinguacousy, Add.	1.00
Cobden, Missy Meeting.	1.30
Ross, do	3.43
Westmeath, do	4.91
Toronto, St Andrew's, Church Street	30.00
Proffine	33.58
do	debt 3.00
Proton	7.00
Leith	12.00
Owensound, Divn. St. add	2.50
Aldborough, Argyle Ch.	13.00
Toronto, Central Ch	21.00
Lachine	12.00
do add.	8.00
Pickering	6.00
Nicol, Zion Ch Missy Ass.	10.00
Friend of Missions, London	5.00
Sydenham, Knox Ch.	10.90
Galt, Knox Ch.	500.00
Winnipeg, Knox Church.	
Ladies Aid Society.	150.00
Widder and Lake Road.	9.31

Galt, Knox Ch.	debt 115.00
Elsmore	2.00
Allanford	3.00
London, St James Ch.	6.00
Buxton	6.00
Raleigh	3.25
Georgia	5.00
English Settlement.	33.80
do do	debt 9.20
Bowmanville	50.00
Pittsburgh, St John's	omitted 6.00
Kennebec Road, omitted	0.80
Fergus, Melville Ch, do	0.50
Deans, do	1.75
This amount being half of Memorial Fund from Sabbath Schools	441.58

\$33799.02

RECEIVED FOR 1877-78.

Oshawa Sab Sc.	17.63
Finch, St Luke's	8.00
Lachute, 1st Church	26.00
Toronto, College St.	23.00
Nepean	3.00
Arnprior	63.00
Lunenburgh, Willis Ch, debt	5.00
Strathroy, St Andw's S S	20.00
St Catherine's, Knox Ch	121.00
Kilbride	14.00
Komoka Station	2.00
Columbus	30.00
Pittsburgh, St John's	19.20
Ashfield	12.00
Quebec, St Andrew's	100.00
Montreal, Erskine Ch S S	70.00
Woodville	63.60
Brooklin Sab Sc	21.15
Hamilton, St Paul's	80.00
Lancaster	87.62

\$683.20

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Received to 2nd May, '77.	13660.29
West Nottawasaga	15.00
Kincardine, Chalmers Ch.	6.00
F. M. China	25.00
Eldon	6.00
Balaklava	6.00
Mountain & South Gower	30.00
Ashburn	20.00
Gananoque, St Andrew's	12.75
Proton	3.00
Leith	4.00
Aldborough, Argyle Ch.	14.00
Toronto, Central Ch	20.00
Lachine	25.00
do add.	10.00
Township of Nicol	3.00
Friend, Port Hope	1.50
Sydenham, Knox Ch	5.00
Prescott	22.00
Friend, London	5.00
Galt, Knox Ch	100.00
Winnipeg, Knox Church,	
Ladies Aid Society	60.00
Widder and Lake Road	10.69
Carlton Place, Zion Ch.	12.12
Elsmore	2.00
Allanford	3.00
London, St James Ch	4.00
Buxton	2.50
Bowmanville	50.00
Agr. India, per Rev J F Campbell	8.28
Drummondville, do	4.19
Chippawa, do	2.00
Woodstock Union Meetings,	do 10.00

Gold Ornament,	do 1.00
Paris Union Meeting	do 7.25
St Mary's,	do 8.50
London, St Andws	do 43.00
Chatham, St Andws	do 12.03
Fullarton,	do 10.00
London, 1st Church,	do 10.00
Kingston, St Andws;	do 23.00
Martintown, add	do 1.75
Mitchell, Knox Ch,	do 5.25
This amount being half of Memorial Fund from Sabbath Schools	441.58
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	500.00

\$15224.68

RECEIVED FOR 1877-78.

Oshawa Sab Sc.	15.00
Utica	2.25
Finch, St Luke's	4.00
Fitzroy Harbour	10.00
Lachute, 1st Church	7.00
Nepean	3.00
Arnprior	40.00
Strathroy, St Andw's S S	15.00
St Catherine's, Knox Ch.	50.00
do do S S	70.00
Kilbride	7.00
Columbus	25.00
Ashfield	12.00
Friend, Hullett, India	3.00
do do China	3.00
do do Saskn.	1.00
Montreal, Erskine Ch S S,	
China	50.00
do do India	50.00
do do Saskn	
(for Boy D M McVicar)	30.00
Sherbrooke	5.00
Ekfrid, Knox Ch.	10.00
Hamilton, St Paul's	5.00
Lancaster	25.76
Bothwell	17.50

\$490.51

WIDOWS' FUND.

Received to 2nd May, '77.	3139.17
Kincardine, Chalmers's Ch	2.00
Balaklava	4.00
Union	13.82
Gananoque, St Andrew's	11.25
Leith	3.40
Proton	3.00
A W W, London	3.00
Winnipeg, Knox Church,	
Ladies Aid Society	8.60
Allanford	3.00

\$3191.24

RECEIVED FOR 1877-78.

Lachute, 1st Ch	7.00
St Catherine's, Knox Ch.	40.04
Kilbride	2.00
Ashfield	12.00
Ekfrid, Knox Ch	6.00
Galt, Union Ch	40.00
St Louis de Gonzague	6.00
Markham, Melville Ch.	7.00

\$120.04

With Rates from Revds E. W. Panton, \$16.60; William Park, W Coulthard, Stuart Acheson, Robert Whillans, D Anderson, omitted Charles Brouillette.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.	
Received to 2nd May, '77.	1174.63
A W W, London	3.06
Sydenham, Knox Ch	6.00
Galt, Knox Ch	45.60
Buxton	2.50
	<u>\$1231.13</u>

RECEIVED FOR 1877-78.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.	
Rev'd George Cheyne	8.00
Nepean	2.00
Ekfrid, Knox Ch	6.13
South Kinloss & Lucknow	11.85
	<u>\$27.98</u>

BURSARY FUND OF KNOX COLLEGE.	
Received to 2nd May, '77.	569.33
Rev'd Thos McPherson, Stratford	50.00
	<u>\$629.33</u>

MANITOBA COLLEGE, ORDINARY FUND.	
Received to 2nd May, '77.	113.45
Home Mission Board, Maritime Provinces	183.00
Halifax, Fort Massey Ch	40.00
Ottawa, Knox Ch	10.00
Halifax, St Matthew's	50.00
	<u>\$401.45</u>

MANITOBA COLLEGE, BUILDING FUND.	
RECEIVED FOR 1877-78.	
Darlington, St Andrew's	6.50
Winterbourne, Chalmer's	3.03
Deon	1.20
Forquas, St Andrew's	5.00
Rockwood	1.00
	<u>\$16.78</u>

KNOX COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.	
Amount Received for 1877-78.	
Caledonia, per Rev Jas Black	16.00
W Robertson, Kincardine	1.00
Simon Fraser, Bradford	5.00
Essa first, per Rev Dr Reid Stayner, do	25.00
Greenbank, per Rev J McClung	17.00
Norwood, per W E Roxborough	9.00
James Campbell, Toronto	55.75
J S McIntyre, St Mary	50.00
St Mary's, per Rev D B Whimster	10.00
	<u>225.00</u>
Manchester, per Mr J S Habkirk	63.00
J Stewart, Tilbury East	2.60
Jarvis, per Rev Thos McGuire	15.00
Walpole, per Rev Thos McGuire	17.00
Wingham, per J Dickson	91.00
Delaware, per A Dewar	18.00
Norwich, per Rev Wm M Martin	40.00

Sunnidale and Stayner, per Rev Robt Moodie	8.00
Essatownline, per T Scott	8.00
Garafraxa, per W Louttit	11.00
Rodgersville, per J Murray	75.50
Beamsville, per Rev A Dawson	34.00
Wellandport, per Rev A Dawson	5.00
Lucknow, per W Grassick	6.50
	<u>\$807.75</u>

ASSEMBLY FUND.	
Received to 2nd May, '77.	3224.14
Kincardine, Chalmer's Ch	1.00
St Therese de Blainville	7.50
Balaklava	3.00
Norval	4.00
Union	6.00
Mountain & South Gower	1.00
Gananoque, St Andrew's	6.67
Niagara, St Andrew's	2.00
Rathurst, St Luke's	5.00
Proton	2.00
Musquodoboit Harbour	7.10
Alberton	5.00
Port Hastings and River Dennis	5.50
Litchfield	5.00
Port Hope, 1st Ch, add	2.00
Galt, Knox Ch	38.40
Allanford	2.80
Hamilton, St Paul's	6.00
New Glasgow, United Ch	8.00
Halifax, St John's Ch	10.00
	<u>\$3352.11</u>

RECEIVED FOR 1877-78	
Finch, St Luke's	4.00
Oyde River & Barrington	4.00
Nepean	5.00
Summerside	10.00
Amprior	6.60
Carlton, St John's	1.00
St Catherine's, Knox Ch	18.00
New Castle, St James	10.00
St Peter's Bay	2.32
Ekfrid, Knox Ch	8.00
	<u>\$68.92</u>

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION	
Received to 2nd May, '77.	3939.20
Kincardine, Chalmer's Ch	4.00
Balaklava	2.00
Ashburn	20.00
Gananoque, St Andrew's	12.00
Leith	4.00
A W W, London	2.00
Galt, Knox Ch	46.00
Winnipeg, Knox Church, Ladies Association	30.00
Elsinore	2.00
Allanford	3.00
King, St Andrew's	15.70
	<u>\$4079.90</u>
Less amount from Blythe and Belgrave, placed to Widow's Fund account	23.23
	<u>\$4051.67</u>

RECEIVED FOR 1877-78.	
Oshawa Sabbath School	15.00
Finch, St Luke's	4.00
Galt Union Church	42.00

Strathroy, St. Andrew's Sabbath School	15.00
Kilbride	2.00
Ashburn S. School	3.46
Friend; Hullet	3.00
Woodville	53.70
Eden Mills	8.00
Seaforth	34.00
	<u>\$180.16</u>

KNOX COLLEGE, MISSIONARY SOCIETY.	
Presbyterian Teachers & Students, Hamilton—	
Collegiate Institute	\$ 17.25

RECEIVED BY REV. DR. MACGREGOR, AGENT OF THE CHURCH AT HALIFAX, TO JUNE 3RD.	
FOREIGN MISSIONS.	

Acknowledged already	\$8373.80
Member of Sutherland's River Cong. for native worker for Rev Mr McKenzie	10.00
Ladies' Sewing Circle of Sutherland's River Cong. for native worker for Mr McKenzie	4.60
Belfast P E Island	171.00
New Annan Miss Society A. M., Charlottetown	8.00
5.00	
Addl. from Caledonia, St. Mary's	0.70
Miss Martha Ann Chisholm	0.50
Miss Christy Chisholm	0.50
Children's Memorial Fund	182.11
James' Ch. New Glasgow, for support of "Balaran" Catechist	30.00
Merigomish, for Mr Grant for Coolie boy at School	6.00
St Peter's Bay	28.00
St Matthews, Pugwash & Oxford	22.31
	<u>\$9342.55</u>

MAY 1st, 1877.	
Middle Stewiacko	12.00
Zion Ch, Charlottetown	30.83
Loganville, W. B. River John	8.90
St. James' Ch., Charlottetown	50.00
Sheet Harbour	9.73
Riverside Cong.	4.23
Rev Thos Murray	5.00
Cove Head	27.75
	<u>\$148.46</u>

DAYSPRING AND MISSION SCHOOLS.	
Acknowledged already	\$2155.97
Clifton and Princetown	8.63
Proceeds of Bazaar for Trinidad Mission, held by Jessie Thomson, Nellie Hunter, Maggie Munnis, and Alice Munnis, Halifax	20.00
St. Davids Ch S. S., St. John	30.00

St John's Ch S.S. Halifax	10.00
Erskine Ch Juvenile Mis. Society, Montreal.....	50.00
	\$2274.65

HOME MISSIONS.

Acknowledged already	\$4797.36
Tabuisiac and Burnt Ch, for 1876.....	14.60
Dalhousie.....	12.00
Maple Green, Dalhousie..	2.30
Belfast, P. E. I.....	10.60
St Stephen's Pres. Ch.....	10.40
New Annan Miss. Society	8.00
St Paul's Ch, Fredericton	11.00
St Peter's Bay.....	15.00
	\$4880.86

The above Sums are acknowledged in last year's accounts.

MAY 1st, 1877.

Nushwaak.....	10.00
Guy's River and Milford.	20.00
Antigonish.....	30.00
Middle Stewiacke.....	7.72
Zion Ch. Charlottetown..	25.00
St. James' Ch, Charlottetown.	60.00
Riversdale Cong.....	4.00
Cove Head.....	13.27
St. Andrew's, Chatham...	23.65
Black River, St Stephen's	22.21
Richmond, N.B.....	10.00
	\$225.25

SUPPLEMENTING FUND

Acknowledged already...	\$4485.10
Prince St Ch Pictou.....	45.42
New Annan Miss. Society	8.00
St Paul's Ch, Fredericton	11.00
Chalmer's Ch, Halifax....	51.63
	\$4601.15

MAY 1st, 1877.

Loganville, W. B. River John.	3.15
St James' Ch., Charlottetown.	25.00
St. Andrew's Ch., Little River.	10.00
Riversdale.....	3.00
Rev Thos Murray.....	5.00
Cove Head.....	13.27
Cow Bay, C.B., for 1876..	10.00
Friends in Chalmer's Ch., Halifax.....	25.00
	\$94.42

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.	
Acknowledged already ..	\$2387.20
D. Smith, Beaver Brook ..	1.00
Mrs. " " "	1.00
John Hattie, Caledonia, St. Mary's, per Revd R. Cumming ..	.25
St. Peter's Bay.....	14.25
	\$2428.45

The above Sums were acknowledged in last year's accounts.

MAY 1st, 1877.

Zion Ch, Charlottetown ..	10.00
Riversdale.....	3.00
Cove Head.....	50.00
	\$ 63.00

COLLEGE FUND.

Acknowledged already..	\$4951.79
James Ch, New Glasgow ..	25.66
St Peter's Bay.....	9.00
Guy's River, and Milford.	20.00
Int. from Dalhousie College.....	99.28
Rent of Gerrish St Hall ..	50.00
Interest half year.....	60.00
do do	60.00
do do	48.00
Zion Ch, Charlottetown..	25.00
	\$5348.07

The above Sums are acknowledged in last year's accounts.

MAY 1st, 1877.

St Andrew's Ch., Halifax, for Library ..	27.19
Div. on 8 Shares, B. N. S.	64.00
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Div. on 21 Shares, B.N.A.	153.29
Interest on \$634.91, Logan Bequest, at 6 per ct ..	38.09
St. James' Ch., Charlottetown	20.00
	\$366.57

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

Zion Ch., Charlottetown..	5.00
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ZENANA MISSION.

Rev Hugh Robertson, Eromanga.....	5.00
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MINISTERS, WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Of late Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland.

Geo. Mitchell, Halifax. Treas.	
Rev. R. McCunn, River John.....	12.00
St. George's Ch., River John.....	7.00
Rev. H. A. Robertson, Eromanga.....	5.00
St. James Ch., Charlottetown, P. E. I.....	30.00
(In last month's list, St Andrews' Church, St John's, Newfoundland, should have been \$20, instead of \$12.)	

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

Received by Rev. R. H. Warden, General Agent of the Board of French Evangelization, 210 St. James Street, Montreal, up to 1st June.

ORDINARY FUND.

St. Marys, Ont.....	\$51.38
Jarvis, per Miss Maggie Smith.....	26.00
Bell's Corners	5.00
Fallowfield	5.00
Skeads Mills.....	6.00
Knox Ch., St. Catharines Sab. Sch.....	50.00
Friends in Springville, Ont.....	20.00
Erskine Church Montreal, Juv. Miss. Soc.....	5.00
Greenbank	40.00
St Pauls, Hamilton.....	22.56
St Andrew's Arnprior.....	40.00
E. Cook, Sarnia, Ont	20.00
Robt. Sturats, 2 boys, Ingersoll	2.00
W. Nottawasaga.....	5.00
Per Rev. R. Campbell....	3.57
	695.99
	\$997.44

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS FUND

Late in connection with the Church of Scotland.

James Croil, Montreal, Treas.	
Donation from Philip S, Ross, Montreal.....	\$ 5.00
Williamstown, St. Andrews' Ch	10.00
Hamilton, St Paul's Ch ..	50.00
Dundas, St Andrew's Ch ..	30.00

—The tribulations of God's children tend to their triumphs; their conflicts to their conquests; their heavy sorrows to their heavenly graces. Where trials hang heaviest, corruptions hang loosest. Grace in the soul, like the sweet odor in the rose-leaves, best gives forth its fragrance when distilled out by the fires of affliction.

Spencer.

—When, in the light of eternity, we look back over all the way in which God has led us, and so see the reason of His earthly discipline, and the wisdom and love of all His dealings, then, with the full conviction of clear intelligence, we shall say, "If God had done otherwise with me, I might never have come to this world of light and blessedness."

Educational and Book Notices.

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