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The Late General Assembly.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY which was dissolved at a few minutes before 11 o'clock at night, on the 16th of June, was one of the most delightful in the history of our Church. A venerable Father in asking leave of absence shortly before the close, and the Moderator in his closing address, declared their firm conviction that the Spirit of God was with the Assembly, guiding and controlling it. This was undoubtedly the universal feeling. God had heard the prayers of His children for the supreme court of the Church. The subjects that had to be dealt with were numerous and varied, there being over seventy items on the docket. Romish ordination occupied much time; but it had been before the Church for several years, and it was well to come to a decision with regard to it. The resolution leaves the matter where it was,—where it has been,—and the Church is free to deal with each case of priestly conversion as it arises. Another matter that created considerable discussion was, the proposal to “urge upon the educational authorities of the several Provinces” to have Scripture truth taught in our schools. It was disposed of with almost complete unanimity. The subject of the adequate support of ministers of the Gospel received the attention due to its great importance. A large and we are sure a very efficient Committee has been appointed, which will mature a plan, and keep the matter before the Church. Whatever scheme may be ultimately adopted, be it “Sustentation” or “Supplementary,” it will be the product of the united wisdom of the Assembly, and it will, we fondly hope, be sent down in due

season to the Presbyteries with the unanimous sanction of the Assembly. Either plan, or a combination, or an adaptation of both plans, would serve a good end if wrought with steadfast earnestness of purpose.

The great schemes of the Church, it will be seen, are prosperous,—there is no falling back. Thank God for what has been accomplished in connection with Missions at home and abroad, and also in connection with our Colleges! Debt has been removed; income has been increased, and obstacles to progress have been taken out of the way. Our Colleges in Quebec and Ontario have had very serious difficulties to encounter with regard to their means and methods of support. These difficulties, it is hoped, will soon entirely vanish. It is the Assembly's unanimous and ardent desire to see all our Colleges fully equipped and endowed. Meanwhile a common Fund has been established for Montreal, Queen's, and Knox. This step was taken unanimously, and it is regarded as a signal proof of the reality of union. Let the Church welcome it as such, and work it out with zeal and liberality.

French Evangelization, as the Moderator indicated, has in a few years grown to be one of the greatest schemes of the Church. The hope was expressed by Mr. Warden that ere the lapse of another five years the receipts of the Board will increase to a hundred thousand dollars per annum. The work to be accomplished is immense, and the Church is only awaking to its gravity and urgency. Home Missions in a Church such as ours, must continue to be a scheme of vital importance. Unless we take care of our people within these Provinces,—unless we continue to extend

our operations, "to strengthen our stakes and lengthen our cords," we can do little for the evangelization of the heathen world, or for any other good cause.

The Statistical Report shows that more has been achieved during the past year than in any previous year. More souls have been added to the Lord, and more of the people's substance has been consecrated to the Lord's service.

The attendance on the Assembly was unusually large, but the hospitality of the people of Kingston was more than equal to the occasion. Much of the comfort and success of the Assembly was confessedly due to the admirable accommodation provided in the noble new Building of Queen's University.

It must be borne in mind that much of the Assembly's work must always be matured by Committees. Some Committees on the present occasion sat as early as 7 a.m., and as late as 11 p.m. in order to overtake the work assigned to them.

The presence of Rev. L. G. MACKAY, D.D., who has been so pre-eminently useful in Formosa, was a feature of special interest in the late Assembly. His earnest and pathetic missionary addresses will long be remembered by all who heard them.

"The best of all was, God is with us,"—with us to give peace and brotherly love,—to give light and wisdom,—to hear and answer prayer,—to remove stumbling-blocks,—to strengthen our faith and hope, and to disappoint our fears. The Seventh General Assembly was one of the shortest in our history; but it was not the least fruitful in work. It may indeed be called a working Assembly in contradistinction to a talking Assembly. The Prayer-meeting every morning was crowded. The evening meetings were very largely attended by the public. The attendance of members continued very considerable to the closing hour. Ministers and elders return to their respective spheres with renewed heart and hope, and a determination to work loyally for the cause of Christ in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

French Evangelization.

THE annual collection on behalf the French Evangelization scheme takes place, by appointment of the General Assembly, on Sabbath, 17th July.

The Board employed last year 14 colporteurs, maintained 12 mission schools, and supplied Gospel ordinances to the French-speaking people in 35 different fields. The total number of missionaries employed was 55.

So numerous are the openings at present that from 10 to 12 additional labourers would be at once added to the staff did the state of the fund

warrant it. The requirements of the Board for this year are \$34,000, an estimate based on the staff *at present* employed. To enable the Board to extend the work by opening up new fields and admitting as many pupils to the Pointe-aux-Trembles schools as the buildings will accommodate, the revenue should reach at least \$40,000. With the improvement in business generally, and the prospect of a good harvest, there should be no difficulty in raising this amount. Attention is specially called to the following points:—

(1) That the Collection be made on *the Sabbath named*, 17th of July.

(2) That it be taken up in *all Congregations*—settled and vacant;—in *all Mission Stations*; and in *each Preaching Station* connected with the several Congregations and Mission Stations of the Church.

(3) That in view of the increased expenditure of the current year consequent on the growth of the work, the need of increased liberality on the part of the friends of the Mission be prominently brought before the Congregations of the Church.

(4) That owing to the precariousness, from various causes, of a Sabbath Collection, an *additional* opportunity to contribute be given, where there are no Missionary Associations, by means of Subscription Sheets, copies of which may be obtained on application to Mr. Warden.

(5) That the Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools be brought before Bible Classes and Sabbath Schools with a view to the support of a pupil, who will correspond directly with the Sabbath School from time to time. Should any Bible Class or Sabbath School be unable to provide the full amount required for the maintenance of a pupil, a liberal contribution towards this object is earnestly solicited.

(6) That by instructions of the General Assembly, all Collections and Contributions for French Evangelization (including Rev. C. Chiniquy's Mission) be forwarded *direct* to the Treasurer, addressed Rev. ROBT. H. WARDEN, 260 St. James St., Montreal, from whom extra copies of last year's Report may be obtained.

(7) That on the Sabbath appointed for the collection, the attention of Congregations be drawn to this Scheme of the Church, and special prayer be offered for its continued success and for the outpouring of the Spirit of God on all engaged in the work.

Knowing how dependent, under God, upon the ministers and missionaries of the Church for success is any appeal for increased interest and liberality the hearty co-operation of such is earnestly solicited on behalf of this important scheme. Students and other missionaries are requested to forward their addresses to the Secretary, who will supply them with copies of the Annual Report. Besides contributions from congregations and Sabbath Schools, the Board respectfully solicit donations from all the friends of the mission. As \$8,000 are required to meet the salaries of missionaries before the end of July, an *early* response is urgently requested.

The Coming Deliverer.

JULY 10th.

EXODUS II: 5-15.

Golden Text, Hebrews 11: 24.

MOSSES was the son of Amram and Jochebed, of the tribe of Levi, ch. 6: 20; born near Zoan, by the Nile, B. C. 1791. Aaron his brother was three years older, and his sister Miriam, about 12 years older than Moses. His life is divided into three distinct periods of 40 years each. (1) In the palace: (2) in Midian: (3) in the Wilderness, see Acts 7: 20-37. He died on Mt. Nebo, aged 120. For his funeral and epitaph see Deut. 34: 6-12. V. 5. *To wash*—to bathe in the “sacred Nile” was a common practice and a religious ceremony as well. *At the river*—The princess’ bathing-place would be fenced off as a protection from crocodiles. *The ark*—v. 3. *Flags*—tall reeds growing out of the water. *Her maid*—her immediate attendant. V. 6. *Opened it*—uncovered the box. The discovery of the foundling baby-boy touched her womanly heart. She comprehended the whole situation at a glance. This was surely one of the Hebrew children placed here of set purpose that she might save its life, ch. 1: 22. Vs. 7-10. *His sister*—Moses’ sister, Miriam. Their mother doubtless had planned the whole thing and was near by, eagerly watching the result. *Of the Hebrew women*—no Egyptian woman would nurse this young Israelite; so her proposal is readily accepted. The story reads like romance and shows great ingenuity, as well as intense solicitude on the part of the parents coupled with a strong exercise of faith, Heb. 11: 23. V. 10. *Became her son*—was adopted by the Princess, but trained by his own mother in the true religion which he never forgot. *Brought him*—another display of the mother’s faith, who must have had a presentiment of the future in store for her son. *Called him Moses*—meaning “drawn out,” or “the drawer out.” V. 11. *When Moses was grown*—when 40 years old, Acts 7: 23. *Went out*—Patriotism induced him on hearing of the cruel treatment of his “brethren.” *Smiting*—It was true, here was a poor fellow being beaten most unmercifully by one of the taskmasters. Fired with indignation, but not without some qualms of conscience, he slew the Egyptian. His milder interference next day was resented by the disputants, shewing that they were not yet prepared to accept his leadership, and that he was not yet prepared to be their leader. Misunderstood and betrayed by his own, Acts 7: 25, *Moses fled*—self-convicted. *Midian*—in the south-eastern part of Arabia peopled by descendants of Abraham—the same who sold Joseph into Egypt, Gen. 37: 6. Here, separated from the contaminations of court life, he became the shepherd of Jethro, married his daughter, v. 21, and spent 40 years of mental discipline, biding his time. As a type of Christ, notice Moses’ peril in childhood; his sojourn in the wilderness; his election as the saviour of Israel; his miraculous power as prophet, lawgiver, leader and commander, and especially as MEDIATOR, the parallel is easily traced.

The Call of Moses.

JULY 17th.

EXODUS III: 1-14.

Golden Text: Exodus 3: 22.

VERSE 1. *Moses kept the flock of Jethro*—How this came about see ch. 2: 15-21. *JETHRO*, elsewhere called *Ruel* and *Raguel*, ch. 2: 18 and Numbers 10: 29, was probably a descendant of Abraham by Keturah, Gen. 25: 2. As in the case of Jacob and Laban, Gen. 29: 15-18, he may have exacted from Moses a term of servitude as the condition of marrying his daughter Zipporah. During forty years Moses remained his shepherd, Acts 7: 30. Meanwhile the Israelites continued in bitter bondage in Egypt. *He led the flock to Horub*—Into this wild mountainous region Moses himself was providentially led by God for an important purpose. Ps. 77: 20. Every part of the transaction was highly symbolical. V. 2. The strange phenomenon which now appeared was designed to represent the prolonged sufferings of his brethren. The Church in Egypt, “cast down but not destroyed.” *The Angel of the Lord*—the Covenant Angel, Gen. 16: 17—Jehovah himself. V. 4. *Flame of fire*—symbol of the power, holiness and justice of God, frequently used, ch. 24: 17. Deut. 4: 24. Mal. 3: 2. 2 Thess. 1: 8. *A bush*—The wild acacia or scrubby thorn, emblem of the crushed Israelites. That it was *not consumed*, indicated God’s purpose to prevent their destruction. Hence the favorite motto of the Presbyterian Churches—*nec tamen consumebatur*—meaning that it is the presence of Christ which still preserves His Church in the world. Vs. 3, 4. *This great sight*—Moses perceived to be a divine manifestation and he desired to learn what it was meant to teach him. “Here am I”—shews his readiness to be instructed and to obey. V. 5. *Draw not nigh*—rash approaches to God betoken irreverence. The publican stood afar off, Luke 18: 13. *Put off thy shoes*—in conformity with religious custom in the East where worshippers still take off their shoes or sandals as we do our hats, an acknowledgment of personal defilement in the presence of Deity. *Holy ground*—made so by the presence of God, Gen. 28: 16, 17. Vs. 6, 7. Here the divine speaker announces Himself in his covenant-keeping character, Deut. 7: 9, 12. Dan. 9: 4. Heb. 8: 9, 10. *I have surely seen*—a blessed assurance that God does regard compassionately the afflictions of his people and hears their cry. V. 8. *To deliver*—whom God delivers from a spiritual Egypt he will bring to a heavenly Canaan. S. Catechism, 20. V. 10. *I will send thee*—God who sent Moses on his errand of mercy also sent Him of whom Moses was a type, John 3: 16, 17. Vs. 11-14. *Who am I?*—Those who are best fitted for God’s work have commonly the humblest opinion of themselves, Num. 12: 3. His brethren had already spurned his mediation, and how could he contend with Pharaoh? *I will be with thee*—oft-repeated promise! Isa. 43: 2. Matt. 28: 20. *A token*—the burning bush, a pledge that on that very spot Israel should see the glory of the Lord, ch. 24: 16-17. *I am that I am*—the self-existent and unchangeable Jehovah, Rev. 1: 8. S. Catechism, 4.

Moses and Aaron.

JULY 24th.

EXO. IV : 27-31 ; 5 : 1-4.

Golden Text, Ps. 105 : 26.

FROM the burning bush Moses returned to his home in Midian and, having obtained Jethro's leave to visit Egypt, he set out with his wife and two sons, ch. 4 : 18-20. Before they had gone far he sends his family back, ch. 18 : 2, and Moses proceeds alone to Horeb, where by divine appointment he meets his brother whom he had not seen for forty years. AARON was now 83 years of age, and Moses 3 years younger, ch. 7 : 7. The former had married Elisheba by whom he had four sons, ch. 6 : 23. V. 27. *Go*—from Goshen to Horeb was about 200 miles. *He went*—He obeyed the call of God with fewer scruples seemingly than Moses. *Met him in the Mount*—at Horeb, already consecrated by the appearance of God to Moses in the bush, and to become still more "holy" by further displays of the Divine Majesty at the giving of the Law, ch. 24 : 2-17. *Kissed him*—Eastern people salute each other still with a kiss, often on both sides of the face. V. 28. *Moses told Aaron*—Each had a great deal to tell the other respecting events of these interesting forty years. Their experiences had been very different, but both were being prepared by God for the great work in which they were to take so conspicuous a part. *The signs*—(vs. 2-9.) *Gathered the elders*—The term "elders" first occurs in Gen. 50 : 7. Originally it would mean the elder people who, from their experience, wisdom, and prudence, would be acknowledged as the heads of tribes and families. That they came to exercise the functions of magistrates among the Hebrews seems probable, as Moses associated "the elders" with him when he took his seat to "judge" the people, ch. 18 : 12, 13. We also find them frequently mentioned in the New Testament along with "the rulers." Acts 4 : 8. V. 31. *The people believed*—Formerly they had rejected Moses, now, convinced by the miracles he wrought, they thankfully received his statements. Faith in Moses was the first essential in their deliverance. Faith in Jesus Christ is no less needful for us, S. Catechism, 86. Heb. 11 : 6. Acts 16 : 31. V. 1. The request made on behalf of the people was dictated by God, ch. 3 : 18. The request was a reasonable one. How could they observe their sacrificial solemnities among the idols of Egypt? Ps. 137 : 4. *The wilderness*—anywhere outside of Egypt. Vs. 2, 3. *Who is the Lord?* An insolent rejoinder. He ought to have known the name of Jehovah ; his ancestors knew it, Gen. 12 : 17 and 41 : 38. Pharaoh worshipped the gods of Egypt, between whom and Israel's God there was now to be a trial of strength. *Let he fall upon us*—The judgments of God would overtake both them and Pharaoh if they did not go. V. 4. *Let*—hinder. He treats them as disturbers of the peace, inciting his subjects to sedition. *To your burdens*—Bad policy on his part. This only hastened the crisis. As for the Hebrews, they needed to be further taught in the school of adversity. Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth. Heb. 12 : 6, 7. Sam. 3 : 32, 33.

Moses and the Magicians.

JULY 31st.

EXODUS VII : 8-17.

Golden Text, Ps. 105 : 27.

PHARAOH not only refused to let the people go, he gave orders to increase the rigour of their servitude. Besides making the stipulated tale of bricks they must now find the straw used in their manufacture as best they could. They were unmercifully beaten, ch. 5 : 5-14. They reproached Moses, v. 21. He, in his distraction, goes to the Lord—the right thing for every one to do in times of trouble. In ch. 6 : 1-8, God graciously reminds Moses of his covenant with the patriarchs, Gen. 17 : 7, 8 and 28 : 13, and renews it to himself. But the people, crushed in spirit and irritated, would not listen to the message. Even the faith of Moses faltered, and he would have abandoned the enterprise in despair but for a command from God to approach Pharaoh again in a more peremptory tone ; at the same time he is prepared for continued opposition from Pharaoh. V. 8-10. *Show a miracle*—as the Pharisees asked Christ for a "sign" of his Messiahship, Matt. 12 : 38. So would Pharaoh demand evidence that God had sent Moses, without pledging himself to be convinced by it. *Take thy rod*—the same that Moses had at Horeb, v. 15. This kind of sign was best suited to the Egyptians who prided themselves on the art of snake-charming. The sign did not fail. V. 11-12. *The wise men and sorcerers*—not mere tricksters, but accredited magicians who were always retained about the courts of kings, Gen. 41 : 8. Dan. 2 : 2. Two of them are named by St. Paul in 2 Tim. 3 : 8. *In like manner*... with their enchantments—imitating the movements of Aaron they made it appear that their rods also became serpents. This was as far as their art could go. Their rods were rods still. On a later occasion they signally failed to produce even the optical delusion, ch. 8 : 18. But, serpents or no serpents, they were beaten. V. 13. More important is the fact that Pharaoh's heart was *hardened*. He was confirmed in unbelief. God left him to follow the bent of his inclination. Hosea 4 : 17. A sad condition to be in, Rom. 2 : 3 6. V. 15-17. The ten plagues had special reference to the idolatries of Egypt. The graduation in the severity of the strokes is obvious. The first fell on their River God—NILUS—regarded as the source of animal and vegetable life. The pollution of the Nile was a terrible calamity, so dependent were they upon it for the daily necessities of life. THE LESSONS from this passage lie in the surface. The conduct of Moses teaches us to go to God in every time of need. In Pharaoh we have a true picture of the natural depravity of the human heart and the hardening influence of sin. The plagues shew the bitter consequences. From the magicians, learn that we may deceive others and even ourselves, but we cannot deceive God. The preservation of the Israelites in the midst of these disasters illustrates the care that God has for his own people.

Our own Church.

DR. MACKAY.—Rev. Dr. MacKay will make a short visit to the Maritime Provinces where there is naturally a very strong desire to see and hear him.

ARROW-ROOT.—Rev. J. W. MacKenzie has brought with him from Erakor, Efate,—some casks of arrow-root, prepared by the Christian natives. It is with arrow-root our New Hebrides friends pay for their Bibles, and show their liberality to the cause of Christ.

MARITIME SYNOD.—The Synod of the Maritime Provinces met at New Glasgow just a week before the Assembly. Dr. Pollok was elected Moderator. Two of our Foreign Missionaries addressed the Synod,—Rev. K. J. Grant, from Trinidad, and Rev. J. W. MacKenzie, from Efate, New Hebrides. Mr Grant has returned to his field of labour. Mr. Mackenzie will spend at few months a home for the benefit of his health. An overture in favour of a Ladies College was very cordially received and a resolution encouraging the project was adopted. The claims of all the Schemes of the Church were laid before the Synod, a deliverance was adopted approving of the withdrawal of Government Grants to Colleges. The next meeting will be held at Charlottetown, P. E. Island, on the last Tuesday of May.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE HALIFAX.—Rev. Professor Currie asks us to intimate that copies of the Calendar of the College may be obtained by application to him. It furnishes all the information with regard to the College, which intending Students require.

CORRECTION.—The intimation in the June RECORD, that Rev. Lachlan Cameron, Thamesford, had demitted his charge, was entirely erroneous, and we regret its publication.

CHURCH OPENING.—The Church at Richmond Hill was opened on the 24th May, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, Toronto, conducting divine service. In the evening at a large meeting Messrs. Macdonnell, Macleod, and Smith, of Toronto, delivered stirring addresses; \$800 were realized during the day. On the following Lord's day services were conducted by Drs. Caven and Gregg. The Church is commodious and beautiful.

PRINCE ALBERT.—A recent letter from Rev. J. Sieveright, reports progress at his stations. The great drawback is the sparseness of the population.

CORNER STONE.—The corner stone of a new Church was laid in Fairbairn Egremont, on the 24th May, by the Pastor, Rev. P. Straith. Rev. J. Campbell, Moderator of the Presbytery of Sauguen, presided. Rev. D. Fraser, Mount Forest, Rev. J. Morrison, Cedarville, Rev. S. Tucker, Methodist, took part in the proceedings. At a gathering in the old Church the sum of \$80, was raised towards the Building Fund. The building will be completed in September, costing \$1500.

LICENSURE. Mr. Angus MacLeod was licensed by the Presbytery of Lindsay, at Woodstock, on the 31st May.

Meetings of Presbyteries.

BARRIE, May, 31: Mr. David James's name was placed on the roll. He labours in the Home Mission Field.—On reference from Townline and vey, the Presbytery selected Thornton as the best location for a Manse. A public conference was held on S. Schools, Temperance and the state of Religion.

HALIFAX, May 28. Granted moderation in a call to Kempt and Walton,—A petition from Annapolis requesting to be erected into a separate charge is under consideration.—Rev. G. Christie was granted three months' rest on account of his health. Synod granted leave to take Messrs. McMillan, Rogers, Sillars, Campbell and Forbes, on trial for license.

GUELPH. Rev. J. C. Smith, Guelph, has been appointed Clerk in the absence of Rev. R. Torrance in Britain. All correspondence for the Presbytery will be addressed to Mr. Smith.

Obituary.

JOSEPH MACKAY, Montreal.—The death of Joseph Mackay carries sorrow far and wide throughout the Dominion. His hospitality and his benefactions made him known in every part of our Church. His honesty, integrity, indomitable perseverance and enterprise, enabled him with God's blessing, to amass much wealth, and he used it to the glory of God and for the good of men. His most notable benefaction was the erection of the Institution for the instruction of Protestant deaf-mutes. He was unailing in his liberality to the Presbyterian College, Montreal, to the French Evangelization Scheme, and many other objects. He was 71 years of age, and completed a beneficent life in humble trust upon his Saviour. The Presbyterian Church in Canada has lost in Mr. Mackay, one of her most-loved and honoured elders. Suitable references were made to Mr. Mackay by the ex-Moderator, and the present Moderator, and by members of the General Assembly. We understand that Mr. Mackay has in his will, remembered many of the Schemes of the Church, including the Presbyterian College, Montreal, and the Home, Foreign and French Missions, and also work in the North-West.

MR. JOHN FYFE, a faithful Elder of the First Congregation, Guelph, died on the 20th of May, at the patriarchal age of 91 years. He was a native of Mid Lothian, and was ordained to the Eldership in the Congregation organized by the late Rev. Thomas Christie, Flamborough, which office he held for forty-three years.

COLLEGE CALENDARS. For Calendars apply as follows:—Knox College, to Dr. Reid, Toronto; Queen's, to Professor Mowat Kingston; Presbyterian College, Montreal, to Dr. McVicar; Presbyterian College, Halifax, to Professor Currie.

The General Assembly.

THE Seventh General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on Wednesday evening, June 8th, at 7.30 o'clock. The retiring Moderator, Rev. Donald Macrae, D. D., preached an appropriate discourse from the text "They go from strength to strength." The references to Home Missionary work were specially heart-stirring and timely. We give the concluding paragraph:—Can it be said truly that as yet we have fully realized the vastness of the work that has to be done for the Christianizing of this Canada of ours? In nearly every Province are vast districts sparsely peopled, comparatively poor, and likely to remain so for some time to come; in these portions of the field mission work will for a long time have to be done. In connection with the lumber trade there is a large number of men who have unsettled habits. These require peculiar consideration. The same remark applies to those who are engaged as labourers in connection with the recent railway enterprises. There is room for vaster efforts in large cities than have been put forth to guard against the growing up of the masses in a state of heathenism and godlessness. There is the tide of immigration that is sweeping over the prairie lands of the West, and there is the Province of Quebec, which presents the most difficult of all problems confronting us in our home fields. To these might be added the aborigines of the country. In all these directions may it not be truly said that "the harvest is plenteous, the laborers are few?" He believed in Presbyterianism, and also in its antiquity, but he thought more of its elasticity and suitableness to the age, people and country, and its affording scope at once for the fullest development of free, individual action, and providing for the sustaining of that action by its compact, yet easily adjusted, organization. And therefore to us the call to take possession of Canada, in the name of our living Head, seems to be addressed with peculiar distinctness. Shall we respond to this call, and how shall we do it? He did not wish to insinuate that neglect should be suffered by the foreign work, but we can only hope to do great things abroad in proportion as we are powerful and progressive at home. Hence the call for a profounder influence of the Church over society, hence the urgency for holding ourselves ready for a union of the churches on a vaster scale than heretofore, so that

From ocean unto ocean
Our land shall own Thee Lord,
And filled with true devotion
Obey Thy Sovereign word.

"They go from strength to strength," they, that is, whose strength is in God, who still praise God, whose very heart and flesh cry out for God, the living God. Here then are suggested the only conditions of the only true progress for us all—it is faith in God. The only true progress for man is moral and spiritual, from death to life and from sin to holiness, under the guidance of Him who is "the same yesterday, to-day and forever."

At the close of the services the Assembly was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called. The Moderator referred briefly in his closing remarks to the death of Mr. Joseph Mackay, of Montreal, an elder of the Church, whose hospitality and philanthropy were known to all.

The Assembly then proceeded to the election of a Moderator. Presbyteries had nominated the following brethren for the Chair:—Drs. Black, McVicar, Caven, Cochrane, and Professor McLaren. Dr. Black, in a letter to the Clerk, asked leave to have his name withdrawn.

Rev. Principal McVICAR was elected, and on taking the chair thanked the Assembly for the honour conferred on him, and spoke of the past year as one of prosperity in the work of the Church.

A vote of thanks to the late Moderator was passed for the manner in which he had presided over the Assembly, and for his excellent discourse.

Dr. MACRAE laid on the table replies to loyal addresses, received from Her Majesty the Queen and His Excellency the Governor-General. After the appointment of various Committees the Assembly adjourned. The meetings during the day to be held in Queen's College, and the evening meetings in St. Andrew's Church.

Second Day.

The Assembly met at 11 o'clock and spent nearly the whole forenoon Session in devotional exercises.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS.

Applications were made by Presbyteries for permission to receive the following ministers from other churches:—Messrs. Edmonds, Reese, Cairns, Coubois, Howe, Fleming, McElroy, Smith, Ferris, and Love. A Committee was appointed to consider all these cases.

ROMAN CATHOLIC ORDINATION.

Rev. J. LAING moved and Dr. GREGG seconded the following resolution:—

Resolved,—That when an ex-priest, who is a member of this church, desires to exercise the functions of the ministry of this Church, and applies to a Presbytery with this view, the Presbytery having satisfied itself as to his acceptance of the Reformed Faith, his Christian character and fitness for the work of the ministry, shall apply to the Synod of the bounds, who may, if they see fit, grant leave to receive such applicant as a licentiate or probationer."

Dr. PROUDFOOT moved and Dr. JENKINS seconded the following amendment:—

"That Romish ordination be recognized, but as there are points of difference between Romish ordination and Presbyterian ordination, a Presbytery purposing to apply to the General Assembly for leave to receive a Romish priest into the ministry of our church, must ascertain that he has correct views of ordination, and that he has reasonable evidence that he is called by Christ into the ministry, and that he understands and

embraces our doctrinal standards; and, further, that in the case of leave being obtained, the person to be received shall be required in open court to answer satisfactorily the questions put to students when they obtain a license."

Rev. Mr. MIDDLEMISS moved, seconded by Rev. JOHN MACKINNON:—

"That the General Assembly, having maturely considered the validity of the Romish ordination, after having submitted the same to Presbyteries, resolved as follows:

"Inasmuch as the Church of Rome, while it has adopted very many errors fitted to neutralize and hinder the efficiency of the peculiar truths of the Gospel on the consciences and hearts of men, has never renounced any distinctive or essential truths of Revelation, and notwithstanding all its corruptions, occupies a position in relation to the Christian religion and holds views in relation to the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ and His place in man's salvation, which fully warrant us in regarding it as Christian in a sense in which we could not apply the term to Socinians, to say nothing of Mahomedans and Pagans.

"Second,—Inasmuch as while the ministers of the Church of Rome claim to occupy a position and to possess powers that belong exclusively to the High Priest of our profession, they are, nevertheless, ordained to the discharge of all the distinctive functions of the Christian ministry.

"Third—Inasmuch as many priests of the Church of Rome, who have never left its communion, have given good evidence that they were true ministers of Christ, and have been unquestionably owned of God in the conversion of sinners and edification of saints, while it is admitted that the faithful labours of such priests have very generally subjected themselves to persecution.

"Fourth,—Inasmuch as notwithstanding the importance which, as Presbyterians, we attach to the calling of the Christian people as an element of our warrant to ordain to the Christian ministry, we could not, on account of the absence of that element, deny the validity of the ordination of the Church of Rome without denying the validity of the ordination of many prominent Christian ministers whose praise is in all the churches,

The Assembly is not prepared to assent to the principle that a priest of the Church of Rome cannot, as such, be a true minister of the new Testament, and that reordination is in every case necessary to put him in that position; at the same time, the Assembly is of the opinion that if a priest leaving the Church of Rome and desiring to become a minister of our Church, has doubts as to his warrant to preach the Gospel and to administer the Sacraments in virtue of his Romish ordination, there is no reason why his mind should not be relieved by his being set apart to the work of the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in the same way as our probationers are.

Dr. PROUDFOOT asked and obtained leave to withdraw his motion, as his views were met by the following amendment proposed by Principal CAVEN, seconded by Mr. MORRIS:—

"The General Assembly do not find it necessary

to come to any deliverance on the general question of the reordination of ex-priests of the Church of Rome, who shall make application to be admitted to the ministry of this Church, but expresses its readiness at all times to give directions to Presbyterians in cases of practical difficulty in which the question now raised may be involved, and following its course in the past, reserves to itself the right of dealing with each case of reception into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada on its merits, as the same may emerge."

The Assembly adjourned before a vote was taken.

The Thursday Evening Session was devoted to Sabbath Schools, and the state of religion.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Rev. JOHN MCEWAN gave in the Sabbath School report. The efforts of the Committee to obtain correct and full statistics have not hitherto proved successful.

The Synod of Hamilton and London has 185 pastoral charges, only 125 of which have reported. Number of scholars on the roll, 15,740; average attendance, 10,987; added to the communion roll from the school, 310.

The Synod of Toronto and Kingston gives number of scholars enrolled, 20,181; average attendance, 13,433; added to the communion roll from the school, 739.

Montreal and Ottawa has 237 schools, 170 of which send in reports. Scholars on the roll, 12,845; average attendance, 9,348; communicants admitted from the school, 630.

The space devoted to the Synod of the Maritime Provinces contains a commendation of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island for the fulness of the reports sent from the schools within its bounds. The number of schools reporting throughout the whole Synod is 239; scholars on the roll, 8,030; average attendance, 7,391; communicants admitted from the schools, 148.

	1880.	1881.
Number of teachers and officers..	3,766	6,727
Scholars enrolled	33,200	56,797
Average attendance.....		41,162
Communicants under instruction.	848	3,063
Added to Communion Roll from school	425	1,812
Spent on School work	\$8,097	\$18,273
Spent on Church schemes.....	10,878	63,603
Volumes in libraries.....	23,724	120,457

The report lays great stress upon the importance of improving the knowledge and spirit of the workers in this field.

The report on the Sunday School teachers' course of study says that in accordance with instructions, the Committee took the matter in hand, and prescribed a written examination upon the life of Moses, and one upon the first twenty-eight questions of the Shorter Catechism, with the portions of Scripture on which they are based. The questions given, and the rules of the examination, are set out at length, and show that great care was exercised by the Committee in carrying out the scheme entrusted to their charge. The Com-

mittee has been on all hands encouraged to continue the scheme. The recommendations made in the report are as follows:—

1. That the next year's course of study run parallel with the International Course of Lessons, and that there be two supplementary departments,—one on the Shorter Catechism from questions 29 to 33 inclusive.

2. A short and simple study on the government and polity of the Church. That there be two divisions—one more simple than last year's, and the other as before.

3. That the second Sabbath of September be as far as possible devoted to special prayer for the youth of the Church, and calling the attention of parents and Sabbath School teachers to increased devotedness to the study of the Word.

Rev. NEIL MCKAY moved and Rev. Mr. PARSONS seconded the following resolution:—

“That the Assembly receive the report and tender thanks to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, and express satisfaction with the fuller returns made by all the Synods, and with the increased interest and progress which the returns show; and, further, that the Assembly approve of the Sabbath School teachers' course of study as carried out by the Committee and received by the Church; and that the outline proposed be committed to the Assembly's Committee as the line of instruction for next year, and commended by the Assembly to the favourable consideration of the Church in terms of the Committee's resolution.”

The subject was not concluded on Thursday evening.

Rev. Dr. JAMES presented the report on the
STATE OF RELIGION.

Here also, returns are very defective. In general terms the Committee report that gratifying progress is noted from the returns received. All agree in reporting an increasing sense of the importance of the claims of religion. The decadence of family worship is noted with regret.

Complaints are made in some cases that pastors are left unsupported, while others note with pleasure that the other church officers and members discharge their duties faithfully. On the subject of special works of grace within the year, and the general impression as to the prosperity of the cause of Christ, the reports range from the most desponding to the most encouraging. In many places special or evangelistic services were held, with the most gratifying results. The general impression left by reading the extracts given is, that the work of the Church is making satisfactory progress.

The fourth question relates to the young people and indications of their interest in the Church. Here, also, a great variety of opinion is expressed. In one case, while the general advancement of the young in the knowledge of religious truth is favourably commented upon, it is said that home-training is not given, and many children are not indoctrinated into that knowledge of, nor do they form that attachment to, their own Church which would induce them to take an interest in her

prosperity. But few young men, it is said, take upon themselves the obligation of a public profession of faith. This portion of the report concludes as follows:—“One report calls attention to the alarming tendency to light and trashy literature, low concerts, and clownish performances. Mothers allow their daughters to mingle in the society of some young men, to their peril, in attendance at these and other such places, and it is added truly that the whole question of the spiritual interests of the young is one demanding the most prayerful consideration of this Court.”

The returns as to the liberality of the people in supporting ordinances are favourable, although some complain that the willing few give the larger part, and the majority fail to give anything like a fair proportion. The special forms of evil against which the voices of the Churches are raised, are legion—intemperance, bad literature, lack of parental control, gossip, hastening to get rich, political duplicity, Popery, tobacco, secret associations, and Sabbath-breaking, occupying the foremost place. Sabbath-breaking and worldliness are spoken of in one place as forming a greater hindrance than in years past. Intemperance, promiscuous dancing, and licentiousness are spoken of as slowly disappearing.

In concluding, the Committee, after calling attention to some of the greater evils mentioned in the report, express devout thankfulness to God for being able to present one so favourable. The following are the recommendations:—

(1) That ministers should make the questions sent down on the state of religion and the answers given therein by their respective sessions the subject matter of a discourse to the people at some diet of worship on the Lord's Day.

2. That the Christian young men and young women also of our respective congregations should be encouraged to form themselves into bands to go out and try to invite the young who do not go to church, to go with them to Sabbath School and to the Lord's house, and that office-bearers be urged to countenance and assist them in the work.

3. That elders in visiting their districts, and Ministers in their ordinary visitation be urged to talk in a familiar and friendly manner with heads of families in regard to family religion, and especially Bible reading and instruction in the family circles.

4. That brethren be enjoined to assist each other in special services on all opportune occasions, so as to promote a healthy and lively spiritual interest in all the congregations of the Church, and if possible to make inroads on the careless and ungodly around.

5. That all the Presbyteries be recommended to hold conferences on the state of religion, and to see that sessions within their bounds send in reports in due time.

6. That all the office-bearers and members of the Church be earnestly exhorted to discountenance the evils complained of so that those things which are pure and lovely, and of good report may prevail.

Rev. Dr. BURNS moved :—

“ That the report be received and adopted ; that at the same time the General Assembly expresses satisfaction at the evidence given in the report of steady progress in the different departments of Christian life and work, especially as regards the continuance of and interest in the public services, family wo ship, greater missicary zeal, and the increase of Christian liberality. Still in the wide prevalence of lukewarmness and worldly formality, in the tendency to substitute the form for the power of Godliness, in the attention they feel in not a few cases in a diminishing degree to certain practical evils which ever provide formidable obstacles to the rise and progress of religion in the soul and in society, the General Assembly finds abundant ground for humiliation before God. In adopting the recommendations of the Committee, the General Assembly remit it to synods, presbyteries, and sessions, with the hope that these may be faithfully carried out to the end that our beloved Zion may be blessed yet more and more wit^h times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.”

Third Day.

The Assembly met on Friday at 10 o'clock. A Judicial Committee was appointed, and the petitions and appeals of Presbyteries and individuals were referred to it.

COLLEGE REPORTS.

The Report of the PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, Halifax, was presented by Dr. Burns. Students in Theology 17. Drs. Macknight, Pollok and Currie are the Professorial staff of the institution. Dr. Burns had delivered special lectures. The Library, containing 5,000 volumes, requires replenishing with new works.

The Board gratefully acknowledge receipt of two shares of Canadian Bank of Commerce, the dividends to be applied to the purchase annually of the most recent and valuable works on Missions, from Rev. E. A. McCurdy, of New Glasgow. This gift is “in Memoriam” of Roy McGregor, his eldest boy, deceased, and consists of principal and interest of a legacy of \$100 from Rev. Dr. Roy to his little namesake, the son of his successor in James' Church.

The Board prize this gift very highly, both from the circumstances, and also from the suitableness and value of the donation, which will secure something fresh every year on a subject which has been, and it is hoped will be, ever dear to the ministry and people of this Missionary Church.

The Board desired to be placed on a level with other Colleges with regard to the degree conferring power. The Bursary Fund amounts to nearly \$900, and more is asked for. The Board refer hopefully to the prospect of one teaching University for Nova Scotia, and they hope that the funds of the Church now employed in the support of Dalhousie College may, ere long, be released wholly or in part. Dr. Pollok's salary for the Colonial Committee having ceased the Board assume the responsibility. Rev. A. Maclean Sinclair had collected for

the Endowment Fund during the winter over \$2,200 The Fund now amounts to \$62,000. A special effort is required to complete it this season.

	1880.	1881.
Receipts from congregations.	\$1,907 02	\$2,087 81
Receipts from donations, rent, opening and closing meetings.	260 10	84 14
Receipts from dividends and interest.....	6,110 63	5,337 03
	\$8,320 80	\$7,008 98
Expenditure as per account.....	7,880 84	7,807 07
Balance favourable 1881, \$448.96 ;		
adverso 1881, \$348 69.....	\$ 448 96	\$ 348 69

Debt May 1st, 1881.....\$1,842 01
Debt May 1st, 1881.....1,691 20

These figures show that while there has been no increase of expenditure, there has been a falling off in donations, &c., of \$176.01, and in interest of \$773.60 the last arising chiefly from the fact that the previous year had the benefit of a sum of interest, accumulated in the hands of Messrs. Farquhar, Forrest & Co. for previous years, to an amount exceeding \$500.

New subscriptions are asked, and the payment of amounts already subscribed is earnestly pressed. Dr. Burns stated that a member of James Church, New Glasgow, had just given \$1,000 towards the Bursary Fund. The following resolution, proposed by Dr. Burns, seconded by Rev. J. K. Smith, was adopted :—“ That the leave craved by the Board to apply to the Legislature of Nova Scotia for the power of conferring degrees in theology be granted. The Assembly expresses its satisfaction that the Bursary Committee has been so materially aided in its work of assisting deserving students for the ministry by the beneficence of a liberal member of James' congregation, New Glasgow ; that in view of the increasing financial responsibilities assumed by the Board, all congregations within the bounds of the Synod of Mar. Provinces be urged to contribute liberally to the ordinary college fund, and that a strenuous effort be made by deputation or otherwise to collect the subscriptions already due on the Endowment Fund, secure new subscriptions, and commend the college to the sympathy and support of the Church.”

MORRIN COLLEGE, QUEBEC.

Rev. Prof. WEIR read the report of the Morrin College, Quebec.

About fifty students attended the arts course, only three with the intention of entering the ministry. The want of funds has been to some extent met by the gift by one church of a sum equal to \$1,200 a year. The whole will be devoted to founding scholarships. Special scholarships have been founded for proficiency in the French language and in knowledge of the Roman Catholic controversy. Chairs have been added to the theological faculty, filled respectively by Rev. Dr. Matthews, and Rev. W. B. Clark, both of Quebec. Up to the present time, notwithstanding its services, Morrin College has received from the Church no financial support, and the Governors now respectfully suggest that the Assembly assign the territory occupied by the Presbytery of Quebec to the College situated within its bounds.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

Rev. R. H. Warden presented the report.

The number of students during the year was 61, to whom 33 were in the theological and 28 in the literary classes. Besides the scholarships already held, others were given by generous donors in connection with the new degree conferring power, and in connection with it a post graduate course has been established. Valuable additions have been made to the library, including 218 volumes and a copy of the Codex Alexandrinus. The Board notes with unfeigned pleasure the donation of new buildings erected at his own expense by Mr. David Morrice, also the endowment of the MacKay chair by Mr. Edward MacKay, and of a \$20,000 gift by Mrs. Redpath to endow the John Redpath chair in memory of her late husband. The debt of \$6,000 resting on the ordinary fund of the College has been removed by special donations. The debt on the building fund, it is hoped, will soon be removed. The financial statement shows a balance on hand on account of the endowment fund of \$40,476. The ordinary fund receipts were \$14,866, and the balance on hand after all disbursements, \$64. The balance to the debit of the building fund is \$21,745. The invested funds in all are \$23,491. The David Morrice Building will cost at least \$60,000. The Board hope to report to next Assembly every fund of the College free from debt, with an endowment of \$100,000, and buildings exceeding in value \$110,000. The endowment of the McKay Chair would be \$50,000. Very cordial congratulations were offered by members of Assembly, and the hope was expressed that the friends of the other colleges would show similar liberality. The following resolution, moved by Rev. Mr. LAING, seconded by Rev. J. K. SMITH, was unanimously carried:—"That the report be received, and that the Assembly adopt its recommendations and express its satisfaction with the evidence which the report affords of the increased efficiency and extended operations of the institution; also that the General Assembly put on record the great satisfaction which this Assembly has at the information of the liberality of several warm friends of the College by which the Board has been enabled to discharge the indebtedness on the ordinary income, and of the munificent donations which have given to the Church an addition to the College building and a library so valuable, and have secured the endowment for two chairs, which bear the names of tried friends of the Church, and further to express the hope that the College may continue to grow in resources and power, and thus be enabled to worthily uphold the special interest committed to the large and important centre in which it is situated."

The Moderator tendered his personal thanks for the kind manner in which the report had been received. He would gladly join in the strongest vote of thanks to the kind friends who had made these munificent donations. He eulogised Mr. David Morrice, Mr. Edward MacKay, and Mrs. Redpath, stating that in each case their gifts had been gladly and freely given. These donations, it would be observed, had been made in the life-

time of the donors, instead of leaving them to be given when they are dead and could make no use of money. He believed in the necessity of pushing forward in the work of evangelization. He had been unable to do much outside of his own work, but were he set free by the settlement of all the problems arising in connection with the College he would be glad to throw all his soul into the development of the vast resources of Montreal in support of evangelistic work.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY.

Rev. PRINCIPAL GRANT submitted the report of Queen's College, a summary of which is herewith given:—

The students in arts, law and theology are 170, of whom 74 were registered as students for the ministry. In 1876 the total number of students was 69. The new building was opened on the 16th of October last, and great enthusiasm. After referring to the different funds of the College, and giving in detail the accounts of each, the report proceeds to announce a deficit of \$1,489, referring to which the report says:—"We would always have had to report a considerable annual deficit had we kept up the expenditure for the faculty of theology. At the Union it was stated that in the circumstances of the College at that date an annual contribution from the Church of \$2,450 was required to maintain the theological department. In no year has this amount been received in full, in consequence of the inadequacy of the College fund. In fact, this year less than half the amount has been remitted to the Treasurer. Again, since the Union the theological department has lost in different ways much of what was considered in 1875 permanent revenues, and the loss has only been partially met by the Endowment Fund, which is now being raised. While this fact was explained in 1879 to the Committee in support of theological colleges (western section), Knox College reported that it would thereafter require much less than it had required in 1875. The General Assembly, however, took no special action on the report of the Committee, and in consequence no change has been made in the distribution of the fund. We, therefore, respectfully request the Assembly to direct that the College fund be divided according to the altered requirements of the colleges. In bringing this matter under the attention of the Assembly we also think it our duty to submit that the College fund should be augmented to such a sum as would enable the absolute requirements of the theological faculty of the University and of Knox College in the maintenance of their existing staffs to be fully met. While he yielded to no man in a feeling of thanksgiving to God for the generous donations to Montreal College, yet they must not forget that there were many who had given small sums and whose names were not mentioned in the Church courses or in the newspapers, yet whose names were certainly not forgotten by Him in whose name their donations were made. He opposed the idea which seemed to prevail that there were too many colleges.

Queen's College requires a considerably larger

support, and it is hoped that a larger share of the annual collections will be assigned to it. He hoped to resume the work of collecting the Endowment Fund this summer.

Dr. Ure moved that the report should be received and the request contained in it referred to a committee to consider the whole question of college support, and to report not later than Tuesday. It seemed manifest to the speaker that some change was necessary in the disposition of the college fund. At the time of the union Knox College required \$13,000, since reduced to \$9,000 by an endowment of \$50,000, and by the death of Principal Willis, who was entitled to \$1,200 a year. The requirements of Quern's have increased beyond the \$2,000 said to be necessary at the union, because of the departure of Dr. Snodgrass, who received money from the Temporalities fund as part of his salary, and also because of the growth of the institution.

KNOX COLLEGE.

Dr. Reid submitted the report, from which it appears that the number of students in attendance was 46. There were 13 in the preparatory department, and 50 are attending the University with a view to theology when they have graduated. Only those who have degrees in arts are to be admitted as candidates for degrees in theology. The Board ask the Assembly to enact that, before any student can take the preparatory course, he must obtain the special permission of the Presbytery to which he belongs.

The boarding accommodation of the College was taxed last session to its utmost capacity. The Alumni of the College have resolved to raise \$12,000 as a fund for the extension and maintenance of the library.

The total amount received from congregations during the past year for the ordinary fund has been \$7,253.16, as against \$7,180.42 obtained from the same source during last year. The ordinary expenditure has for the same period been \$12,849.67, and the total receipts from all sources have been \$11,587.16, showing a deficit of \$1,262.51. The total debt on the ordinary fund, including the deficit for last year, amounts to \$10,263.20, being \$521.64 less than at the date of last report. This balance against the ordinary fund forms a continual subject of concern to the Board, and imperatively calls for increased liberality throughout the constituency of the College, and renewed effort on the part of the office-bearers to bring the claims of the College more prominently before the members of the Church.

The Endowment Fund now amounts to \$51,992.10.

The receipts for the Bursary Fund amount to \$1,576.33, including a balance of \$12 76 for last year; of this sum \$1,570 have been applied in payment of scholarships and bursaries.

During the year subscriptions to the amount of \$3,405 have been paid to the Building Fund. The debt has now been consolidated in one mortgage for \$27,500 at 6 per cent per annum. The interest being reduced to this rate, the charge on the fund on this account will consequently be considerably

lessened. A large sum still remains outstanding for unpaid subscriptions. The Board cannot expect to obtain payment of a great part of these moneys, but have made arrangements for securing as much as possible of the amounts, and for prosecuting a fresh canvass for new subscriptions. The Board bespeak the cordial co-operation of the office-bearers of the Church in this effort.

Principal Caven moved a resolution to the effect that the Assembly receive the report, expresses its satisfaction at the large number of young men who are offering themselves as candidates for the ministry; as also with the efforts which the College is making to raise the standard of theological education, and in accordance with the recommendations of the report, express their satisfaction with the effort which is being made on behalf of the library of Knox College; and in view of the inadequacy of the revenue of the College, instruct the Board to use their best endeavors to develop the liberality of the College constituencies, and especially to take steps towards preparing a large and generous measure of endowment.

MANITOBA COLLEGE.

Prof. Bryce read the report of Manitoba College. The report showed the difficulties surrounding the establishment of a college in Manitoba, the different denominations of the students and the migrations of the College from one building to another. The College has a sum of \$22,000 on hand available for building purposes. It has a block of four acres in the western part of the city in a line with the new Government buildings, and costing \$6,000. A new building of white brick is to be erected at a cost of over \$30,000. Manitoba College is one of a confederacy of three colleges included in Manitoba University. A student of the College carried off the silver medal in medicine in Trinity College, Toronto, this year, and another came out first in the Military College at Kingston. Prof. Bryce described the future of Manitoba College as an evangelizing agent. The College would require much assistance from Canada, as Winnipeg had already done its duty. It is the centre of North West mission work.

Prof. Hart presented the report of the Senate

There was also an overture in favor of authorizing Manitoba College to train students for the ministry. On motion of Mr. Pitblado, seconded by Mr. Warden, the report and the overture were remitted to the Committee on Colleges.

BENEFACTORS.

Rev. Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Dr. Gregg that the General Assembly hereby resolves to record its most hearty thanks to Mr. D. Morrice for his munificent gift of buildings to the Presbyterian College, Montreal.

Rev. Dr. McRae moved, seconded by Rev. Dr. Burns, that the very cordial thanks of the General Assembly be given to Edward Mackay, Esq., for his generous endowment of a professorial chair in the Presbyterian College, Montreal.

Moved by Rev. Kenneth McLennan, seconded by Rev. J. K. Smith, that the thanks of the Assembly be tendered to Mrs. Redpath, Terracebank, Montreal, for giving \$20,000 to the endowment of

a professorial chair, to be called the "John Redpath," chair in the Presbyterian College, Montreal.

These motions were adopted with most cordial unanimity.

SYMPATHY WITH QUEBEC.

At the opening of the evening session, Mr. ROBERT MURRAY moved, and Dr. MACRAE seconded, a resolution expressing the sympathy of the Assembly with the citizens of Quebec in their severe loss by fire, and recommending the people under their charge to give practical proof of their sympathy as opportunity may offer. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

HOME MISSIONS.

Dr. COCHRANE presented the Committee's Report:—In laying their Annual Report before the General Assembly, the Committee record with gratitude the continued gratifying progress of their work, more especially in the remote and necessitous Home Mission fields, under their care. An earnest effort to equalize the receipts and expenditure for the year has prevented the appointment of many missionaries, and compelled the Committee to refuse many appeals. The great drawback to our possessing this great land is not so much the lack of men, as the lack of means. During the year many promising students of our colleges have given themselves to the mission field, and the prospects are that still greater numbers will offer themselves in coming years. This fact ought to provoke a much larger degree of liberality on the part of our people, so that the Committee may be enabled to take advantage of the missionary spirit that seems to possess our candidates for the ministry. Then follows a review of the work accomplished in Lanark and Renfrew, Ottawa, Peterborough, Muskoka, &c. Of Muskoka Mr. Findlay says:—The prospects of the field for the future are very hopeful. When we remember that in 1876 we had but 16 stations all told, and that these were supplied by five missionaries, that now we have fifty stations requiring the labours of fifteen missionaries, we may well ask, "What hath God wrought?" Our people in these stations, while thankful for the past for the care which they have received from the church their love, are also very hopeful for the future, and are looking forward with pleasure to the appearance among them again of those who bring with them the word of life. To visit these stations in turn during the comparatively limited period at my disposal for so doing, will give me a very busy summer. From the middle of May, when the roads become fit for travel, to the end of September, when the student missionaries withdraw from the field, will give me just twenty Sabbaths. In the Presbytery of Barrie alone there are twenty-seven laburers, and more are needed. Very gratifying results are reported from the policy of settling missionaries in fields for the space of three years.

Progress is reported from Sault Ste. Marie, Manitoulin Islands, Prince Arthur's Landing, Fort William, &c.

The missionary among the men on the Pacific

Railway, Mr. McCannel, says:—I found that my parish extended from the ballast pit at Martin station, 120 miles from Fort William, to Eagle River, 170 miles from Winnipeg. Thus my mission field was 110 miles long, but the breadth was not by any means proportionate to the length, being only 66 feet. In speaking of the stations on the Canada Pacific Railway it must not be supposed that they are in, or in the immediate vicinity of, prosperous towns and villages and a well settled country. On the contrary, although sidings are put in for stations every ten miles, frequently there is no station house or indeed a house of any kind within twenty miles. The nearest settlement is that of Fort Francis between 80 and 100 miles to the south, and Thunder Bay and Manitoba east and west, hundreds of miles away. To the north, with the exception of an occasional Hudson Bay post and a few wandering Indians, the nearest settlement is on the other side of the Pole in the penal colony of Siberia. This is literally "The Great Lone Land." Anywhere away from the portion of the road under construction, a person might travel hundreds of miles and see no living creature larger than a squirrel or a rabbit. The natives are of all nations and forms of religious belief. They might also be described in the language of Scripture as being "out of every nation under heaven." Roman Catholics and Protestants are about equally divided, the majority of the latter are Presbyterians. The men as a rule were anxious to have the Gospel preached to them, and regularly attended—Roman Catholics as well as Protestants. Owing to the distance I had to travel—all on foot—I could only hold two services a month in each of the different camps, and in some camps not that often. Men were coming and going continually, so that in many instances those to whom I preached when going up the line were all away, and their places supplied by new hands, when I returned. I held altogether eighty services on the line. Once, twice or thrice on Sundays according to the part of the line I happened to be on. Every day was Sunday with me, and every evening some of the men were ready to attend service. There was some work done by certain parties on Sunday, but as the terms of contract expressly prohibit Sunday labour, there is very little open desecration of the day. I heard but little profanity, and, owing to the absence of intoxicating liquors, quarrelling and fighting are unknown. As might be expected in a country into which all supplies have to be brought hundreds of miles, everything required commands almost-fabulous prices. Half way between Thunder Bay and Winnipeg hay is worth \$120 per ton, potatoes \$6 per bushel. The latter were, last May, sold for ten cents a piece. They were not then used as an article of food but as medicine. Doctors attend to the bodily ailments of the men, as well as the missionary, their quickest, best, and only way to pass up and down the line is on foot. The best the district afforded was always at my disposal, whether pork and beans, a bed on the dining-room table, a drink of water out of a shovel, were freely given and all thankfully accepted.

BRITISH COLUMBIA is reported from by Rev.

Mr. Jamieson, of New Westminster. At Prince Albert there is progress—there is hope—there is urgent need of more preachers.

The Home Mission Report included the reports of the Missionary Associations connected with the three colleges, and also the mission to the lumber men. The report contains also a brief statement by Mr. Pitblado of his visit to the North-West in the Autumn of 1880.

At the meeting of Committee in March last, Mr. C. B. Pitblado's report of his visit to Manitoba and the North-West was laid on the table. The Convener intimated that he had, in accordance with the instructions of the Committee, sent Mr. Pitblado \$150 on behalf of his expenses in the North-West, which sum Mr. Pitblado had returned to the Home Mission Fund, with the request that it should be expended on mission work in the North-West. The Committee resolved to put on record their appreciation of the valuable and gratuitous services rendered by Mr. Pitblado, and instructed the Secretary to convey to him the cordial thanks of the Committee.

Mr. Pitblado since his return has lectured frequently in the Lower Provinces on the claim of Manitoba upon our Church, and has in addition to the \$150 mentioned above, sent to the Home Mission Fund \$130, being a portion of the collections taken up at his lectures, and divided between our Home Mission Fund and other benevolent objects.

Besides appropriations to definite fields, the Board voted \$1,000 to the Presbytery of Manitoba for Missionary purposes. The appointment of a Superintendent of Missions was recommended as essential to the successful prosecution of the work.

New regulations are proposed:—

1. That congregations having settled pastors, and not self-sustaining, be placed on a list, distinct from stations supplied by missionaries, to be called the list of Supplemented Congregations; that a minimum contribution of \$450 towards the salary of the minister be necessary in order to entitle any congregation to be placed on this list, and that, in view of the greater cost of living in Manitoba compared with Ontario and Quebec, the Committee have power, if it sees fit, to supplement the salaries of ministers labouring in these congregations up to \$850 per annum.

2. That the Committee hereafter simply make grants to the fields, and that the list of labourers to be employed by the Presbytery in supplying these fields, be revised at the semi-annual meetings of the Home Mission Committee; with the understanding that the Committee are only liable for the amount of the grant to the field, except in the case of those missionaries directly appointed by this Committee, whose term of service has not expired.

3. That the distinction hitherto made in the remuneration of married and unmarried missionaries be done away, and that \$800 be the salary of missionaries to be hereafter sent to Manitoba, during the period of their direct appointment by the Committee, unless in cases in which the great distance from Winnipeg would render a larger salary necessary; with the understanding that the

amount promised by the field to which the missionary is appointed be regarded as a part of the salary named.

4. That a semi-annual grant be made to the Presbytery of Manitoba for exploring and giving temporary supply in new districts, the details of the expenditure to be submitted to this Committee.

The Committee thought it would be proper to make a special appeal to the Churches in Great Britain on behalf of the field in Manitoba and the the North-West. The financial summary is thus given:—

Home Mission Fund.....	\$34,299.67
Lumbermen's Mission.....	497.12
College Missionary Societies.....	2,436.79

Total contributions for 1880-1.....\$37,233.58

Grants from the Free Church of Scotland have been received to the amount of £237; and from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland to the amount of £100.

The Committee is in debt \$862. A Church Extension Fund is much required. A member in one of the churches in the East has offered \$1,000 towards a fund of \$100,000 for this object. The Committee recommend that the Colleges extend their sessions from the beginning of November to the end of April.

The Report of the Eastern Section was presented by Rev. C. B. Pitblado. Forty five agents have been employed, of whom fourteen were ordained ministers and six licentiates, making twenty preachers, and nineteen theological students, two who have finished their arts course and had been admitted for theological study, and four young men of piety, recommended by Presbyteries as persons who had proved themselves earnest and successful workers. These have been employed in the Presbyteries of the four Provinces of Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. The labours of student-catechists have been acceptable and successful.—Number of mission fields, 29; stations, 93; average attendance, 6512; communicants, 1299; paid by stations, \$2384; paid by Committee, \$1171.

Of the twenty-nine fields eleven are found in St. John Presbytery, which embraces more than half of the Province of New Brunswick, comprising nine counties, and extending from Northumberland Straits in the east away to the State of Maine in the west. Its stations are some on the sea coast, and others by river or lake, as far from the sea shore as is possible in the Maritime Province-s. Northern New Brunswick is covered by the Presbytery of Miramichi, where a number of stations have been occupied. The lumber camps on the great rivers have been visited by Mr. John Grierson. The camps visited were occupied by about 800 different men, representing all the different countries and creeds which go to make up our Lower Provincial population. In accomplishing the above he travelled 1069 miles, of which 415 was on snow-shoes. But it would have taken five missionaries, doing an equal amount of work, to have even so seldom, and so hurriedly,

visited *all* the lumber camps of Miramichi alone. As a field of Home Mission work, surely our lumber camps present a strong claim in view of the direct personal evil influences they exert upon our young men, and through them on society. Especially is this true of the settlement near the lumber woods. He also found hundreds of young men from Eastern Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, spending their first winter from home, and their first contact with the unholy influence of camp life. He received a cordial welcome everywhere, and an urgent and earnest invitation to return. So far as I know I received as kind treatment from Catholics as from Protestants, not that I sought for such dividing lines; indeed *I would not* see them, when they were visible. To me there are but two *Denominations*, the "*Saved*" and the "*Lost*," and my one text is John iii. 16, always—in every place, at all times.

Special fields are New Kincardine and Tobique, Bay of Islands, Newfoundland; Little Bay Mines, Newfoundland; Bedford and Waverley. All of these report successful work. Receipts, \$3,763; expenditure, \$3,917; expenditure over receipts, \$153. The balance against the Treasurer up to the 1st May was \$653. The withdrawal of grants by the Scottish churches more than accounts for the deficit.

SUPPLEMENTS.

There was received from 127 congregations, in aid of this scheme, \$2,914—a small increase on last year. Expended \$3,957. During the last four years this fund has been in difficulties. The receipts from congregations have increased as already shown by \$99.71, but the adverse balance on the year is \$1,104.48. The explanation is easily given. Last year this fund received from Parent Churches in Britain \$1,567.06, and from the "Record" Committee \$250.00, making in all \$1,817.06, while this year the only sum received outside of the contributions of our people direct, was from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, £50 stg. (\$243.33), making a difference of \$1,573.33. About one-fourth of the congregations failed to contribute anything to this fund. The Committee in view of all the facts and circumstances asked the General Assembly to allow the debt to remain another year. The estimates for 1881-82 are prepared with a view to the fact that aid need not be expected from abroad. Still the total needed is in excess of the past year by \$201. The total debt is \$2,121. The Committee asked the Assembly for a column in the Statistical Tables. Appropriate resolutions, covering the various points in the reports, were adopted by the Assembly. The proposal to appoint a Superintendent of Missions for the North-West was approved, and a Committee appointed to nominate a suitable man.

Fourth Day.

The Assembly met at 10 o'clock.

The committee appointed to name a superintendent of the Manitoba Missions reported as follows:

That the salary of said superintendent be \$2,000 per annum, exclusive of travelling expenses; that

the Rev. James Robertson, of Knox Church, Winnipeg, be superintendent.

The report was adopted, and Dr. Cochrane directed to telegraph to Mr. Robertson and get a reply from him as regards his appointment.

The Home Mission Board (Western section) was appointed in order that it might hold an early meeting.

The subject of Roman Catholic ordination was resumed. The discussion having been concluded, the amendment of Dr. Caven was preferred to that of Mr. Middlemiss, and also to the original motion by Mr. Laing. The vote stood 67 for Mr. Laing's motion and 84 for Principal Caven's amendment. The motion as thus amended became the judgment of the assembly by a vote of 106 to 67.

THE HYMNAL.

Dr. Jenkins obtained leave to present the report of the Hymnal Committee. The edition with music will be ready in September. It is edited by Mr. Hopkins, of London, a gentleman of the highest reputation. Cheaper editions of the Hymn Book are about to be issued, one for Sabbath Schools, to cost not more than 8 cents per copy. About \$700 had been received as royalty for copies sold. The expenses incurred in preparing the book are already nearly met. The report was received and approved, and the Committee reappointed.

The assembly adjourned till 10 o'clock Monday.

SABBATH SERVICES.

Rev. J. S. Black preached before the Assembly on Sabbath forenoon in St. Andrew's Church; Rev. Dr. Matthews preached in the evening. A large Sabbath school gathering was held in Chalmers' Church in the afternoon, at which an address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Mackay, of Formosa. All the city pulpits, except those of the Roman Catholic and English churches, were occupied by members of Assembly.

Fifth Day.

The Assembly met at 10 o'clock.

Certain amendments on the Sabbath School Report, proposed by Mr. Laing, were carried. The Report on the state of Religion with its recommendations was adopted.

Mr. LAING moved the following resolution:—
 "That this Assembly, under the deep conviction that the immorality, unbelief, and religious indifference which are so prevalent and which we deplore have their origin in ignorance of God and His revealed will, and in consequence of the daily absence of the fear of God which is the beginning of wisdom, and deeming it of vital importance that our children and youth be taught to fear God, to be subject to the powers that be, and to honour all men, do respectfully but earnestly urge upon the educational authorities of the several Provinces the duty and necessity, in view of the highest interests of the nation of having scripture truth and Christian morality taught in our public institutions of learning in such ways as the vast majority of Christian people desire; and further instruct

the Committee on the state of religion to bring this matter under the notice of the other Protestant Churches, and earnestly invoke them to co-operate in thus seeking to have the rising generation taught the principles of eternal truth, righteousness and love."

The resolution was seconded by Dr. Cochrane. It was opposed by several members, chiefly from the Maritime Provinces, where the system of "Separate Schools" has not been adopted, on the ground that it might furnish the enemies of the public schools with a pretext for re-opening a dangerous agitation. The final decision was not reached when the morning session closed.

NEXT MEETING.

In the afternoon the Assembly was invited to hold its next meeting in St. Andrew's Church, St. John. The invitation, conveyed by Dr. Macrae, was unanimously accepted, and the date of meeting was fixed on the second Wednesday of June at 7.30 o'clock.

SUSTENTATION AND SUPPLEMENTING.

Rev. P. McF. MACLEOD presented the report of the Sustentation Fund Committee. It appears that 16 Presbyteries were heartily in favour of a Sustentation Fund, 14 of these unanimously and 2 by a majority; 9 of that number approving of the Committee's scheme in all its details, and 7 not committing themselves to all the particulars; 5 Presbyteries give a modified approval to the principle of a Sustentation Fund and 12 Presbyteries entirely disapprove, 7 simply expressing a preference for a supplemental scheme and 5 desiring no change on the present system of supplementing by means of the Home Mission Committee. From the above returns the Committee are convinced that the interest in the whole subject of ministerial support is increasing in the Church, and that much of the opposition is owing not to hostility to the principle of a Sustentation Fund but to a lack of faith in its practicability in the present circumstances of the Church. They have, therefore, agreed that in order to test the prospect of the practical working of the sustentation scheme to make the following recommendations:—

The recommendations are to the effect that the scheme, as amended, be sent down to sessions, and that a Committee be appointed to watch over the subject, send deputations to visit Presbyteries in important centres, &c. The scheme, as amended, places on fund congregations remitting a minimum of \$500. All self-sustaining congregations are expected to participate in the fund.

Rev. J. M. KING supported an overture, transmitted by the Presbytery of Toronto, in favour of a supplementing scheme. It is proposed that a separate fund be established, or that a definite proportion of the Home Mission receipts be assigned to this work. The discussion was not concluded at the hour of adjournment.

On Monday evening the Assembly met in St. Andrew's Church, the subject being

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

Rev. R. H. WARDEN gave an abstract of the

report and the operations of the year. In no country does the Church of Rome possess greater wealth and power and influence than in the Province of Quebec. Out of an entire population of less than 1,200,000 she claims fully 1,000,000 votaries, nearly all of whom are of French descent.

By royal edict she has the right to levy tithes upon the products of the soil for the support of her clergy, together with special assessments for the erection of ecclesiastical establishments. By means of these and the large grants of land made to the Jesuits and other religious orders in the early history of the Province the Church has amassed enormous wealth, and, virtually controlling the Legislature, she has established herself more firmly in this Province than ever she did in France or Italy, or even perhaps in Spain. With the most bitter and uncompromising hostility to the dissemination of God's truth she strives to keep the people in slavish ignorance and superstition. No one at all acquainted with her wealth and power and influence,—no one who has seen her magnificent churches and seminaries and convents (in marked contrast to the adjoining poverty-stricken huts of her votaries); no one who knows the number of her ecclesiastics who swarm in every section of the country; no one familiar with the hold she has on the vast bulk of the people, but is constrained to feel that it is not by human might nor by human power this Church is to be driven from her strongholds, but by the omnipotent Spirit of the living God. To the eye of sense it would seem utterly futile to cope with this giant system of error and superstition,—to the eye of faith it is far otherwise. The time is coming—is not far distant, we believe—when by the blessed Spirit Quebec will be disenthralled and her people rejoice in that liberty wherewith Christ makes His people free. But to bring about this happy era work is necessary,—faithful, self-deceiving, prayerful work,—for, to quote the words of the late Dr. Norman McLeod, "What may appear suddenly and unexpectedly, may nevertheless be the necessary results of long preparation; like the water or the gas, which suddenly enter a thousand city houses to refresh and illuminate them, but which are the results of years of labour in digging trenches, laying pipes and erecting reservoirs, during all which time no streams of water or of gas were ever present to the senses." To help on this work of preparation, to aid in bringing about the desired and longed-for time, and to give to the French-speaking people of the whole Dominion the glorious light of the Gospel of Christ is the great aim and object of the Board; and though it is as yet but early morn, but the dawn, the break of day, still progress has been made. Rays of light have penetrated into not a few districts of the country, cheering and gladdening darkened souls and enabling them to see behind the veil with which a corrupt faith had tried to hide the crucified One; and these rays, it is comforting to know, are but the first beams of that sun which is yet to stream into every corner of the Province now lying in darkness and steep in its glory the whole land.

Though Canada ceased to be a French colony

and was ceded to Britain in 1763, yet the Protestant Churches of the parent country neglected for fifty long years the spiritual interests of the French Canadians,—the Church of Rome, during these years, gaining many proselytes from English-speaking nominal Protestants who had settled in the colony.

The first French Protestant missionary was a Wesleyan, from Guernsey, who laboured among the French in several parts of the Province of Quebec from 1815 to 1821. During the next thirteen years nothing seems to have been done. The Grande Ligne Mission was established in 1834 and the French Canadian Missionary Society in 1839. This latter Society, while supported largely by Presbyterians, was non denominational. After an honourable record of over forty years it recently withdrew from the field because of the prosecution of the work of French Canadian Evangelization by the several branches of the Protestant Church in Canada. During the period of its existence it circulated upwards of 57,000 copies of God's Word and some 650,000 French tracts and religious publications. It established mission schools at Pointe-aux-Trembles as well as at other points in the Province. It formed, and for a time fostered, a number of mission congregations, and prosecuted the work of colportage with much vigour and success. To the efforts of this Society, under God, are largely owing the great changes that have taken place in the religious sentiments of the French-speaking people of the Province of Quebec during the last forty years. It may not be out of place here to mention the names of the Rev. Dr. Wilkes, Mr. James Court, and the late Rev. Dr. Taylor, of Montreal, to whom more than any other, under God, the Society owed its existence and its long career of usefulness. It is encouraging to state that, though the Society has now ceased operations, many of its life-long friends continue to take a deep interest in the work of French Canadian Evangelization, and are among the warmest supporters of the work of the Board. Not only are the Pointe aux Trembles schools, but also nearly all the congregations and most of the missionaries and colporteurs of the Society now in connection with the Presbyterian Board.

Prior to 1875 the several branches of the Presbyterian Church carried on separate French-Canadian missions. Since the union of the Churches in 1875 the work has made rapid strides, each succeeding year shewing marked progress.

The Board has three agencies—Colportage, Schools, and Preachers. A large number of testaments, and a neat little book—a Life of John the Baptist,—were circulated during the great festival of the 25th June. Circulation by colporteurs during the year: Bibles, Testaments, and Gospels, 6,150; Tracts, &c., 32,000. The Board has 12 mission schools, 18 teachers, 475 pupils. In all of these both French and English are taught, and special prominence is given to the religious training of the pupils. The schools at Joliette and St. Hyacinthe are self-supporting, and at Ste. Anne the salary of the Principal only is paid by the Board. Did the funds at the disposal of the Board admit of it, the number of these schools

could be multiplied tenfold, and their necessity no one at all acquainted with the state of the country, and the vast multitudes growing up in ignorance, can for a moment question. Many of the French Canadians are beginning to realize the importance of a good education, and would gladly send their children to such schools, if they were established in their district, even in spite of the ban of the priesthood and the threat of excommunication.

The vital importance of good schools was dwelt upon, Mr. WARREN quoting the example of Dr. Duff in India.

Concerning the Pointe-aux-Trembles schools, it is stated that the school for boys can accommodate 150, and that for girls between 40 and 50. It is nine miles from Montreal, upwards of 2,000 French Canadians have already been educated here. Many of these now occupy positions of trust and influence as ministers, teachers, physicians, lawyers, merchants, etc. Pupils are admitted between the ages of thirteen and twenty-five, the average age being about seventeen. A preference is given to the sons and daughters of French Roman Catholic parents and to the children of recent converts from Rome living in parishes where there is no Protestant school. The session begins in October each year, and continues for seven months. The pupils all reside in the buildings and thus enjoy the advantages of a Christian home, under the watchful nurture of earnest, devoted teachers. Upwards of 200 applied for admission last session, but only 102 could be admitted, on account of funds. Pupils contributed \$838. The cost per pupil is \$50.

The Board occupies 35 mission fields, three of which are new.

Mr. DOUBLET, writing of St. John's Church, Montreal, expresses himself as encouraged by the regular attendance of the congregation. Fewer church members have left the country this year, work being plenty. A very pleasant incident of our work has come to light this year, viz: the great revival of religion in Limanton (France), through one of our converts, a movement that has resulted, as readers of the *Record* already know, in the founding of two large Protestant congregations. Converts that have left Canada for France or the United States frequently write to me, always speaking with love and gratitude of their sojourn here and of their old pastor.

During the year a number of ex ecclesiastics of the Church of Rome sought counsel and protection from the Board. Several of these have already taken the decisive step and renounced their allegiance to the Church of Rome. Three of them attended the Presbyterian College, Montreal, last winter, one of whom is an ex-priest. A fourth studied during the latter part of last session at Pointe-aux-Trembles. Two others are anxious to obtain teaching or other secular work as a means of support, that they may at once sever their connection with Romanism.

Professor COUSSIRAT was inducted into his chair in October last. There are 17 French students in the College, Montreal. Professor C. is preparing religious literature for the people. Two

of the French Canadian missionaries have gone to France to aid in Evangelistic work there for a few months. The late Joseph Mackay offered to pay all expenses connected with their visit. The Ladies' Society maintains a French Protestant Home in Montreal,—supports an efficient Colporteur,—and several pupils at Pointe-aux-Trembles.

Concerning finances, the Board say:—
 “\$22,487.18 were received during the year towards the ordinary work of the Board, \$1,677.46 for the endowment fund of the Pointe-aux-Trembles schools, \$5,517.71 (inclusive of fees, etc.) for the maintenance of the schools, and \$4,763.35 for the purchase of the Pointe-aux-Trembles property, making the total receipts of the year, \$34,845.70, a sum so far in excess of that of any preceding year as to call forth the deepest gratitude of the Board to the great Head of the Church who has put it into the hearts of His people to contribute so liberally on behalf of the work. To the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, for a grant of £200 sterling—to the congregations of the Church for contributions exceeding those of the preceding year by \$2,500 towards the ordinary fund—to the Sabbath schools of the Church for the handsome sum of \$3,300 towards the ordinary fund and the maintenance of the Pointe-aux-Trembles schools—and to the many generous friends of the Mission in Canada and in the United States and Britain, for contributions aggregating for the respective departments of the work upwards of \$10,000, the most cordial and heartfelt thanks of the Board are gratefully tendered. In pursuance of the policy adopted and steadfastly carried out, the Board close the operations of the year free from debt, with a balance in the treasury of \$169.05. As the salaries of most of the missionaries, teachers and colporteurs, are payable monthly, the Board express the earnest hope that contributions for the ensuing year be forwarded as early as possible, so as to render necessary the payment of interest on borrowed money. The estimated expenditure to carry on the work with efficiency for the ensuing year, is \$34,000, viz., \$25,000 for the ordinary work, \$6,400 for the Pointe-aux-Trembles schools, and \$2,600, the balance due on the Pointe-aux-Trembles property. This estimate is based on the staff at present employed by the Board, and an increase of twenty-five pupils to the number in attendance last year at the Pointe-aux-Trembles Mission Schools. It is greatly to be desired that the revenue of the year will exceed this amount to such an extent as to enable the Board to extend the work by opening up new fields, and admitting as many pupils to the Pointe-aux-Trembles schools as the buildings will accommodate.

The Board say that to be satisfied with anything less than the conversion of the French-Canadians would be to trifle with the gravest problem that has ever come up for solution in our Dominion.

Dr. McVICAR, stated from the chair, that so great is the labour devolving on the Secretary-treasurer that he is often kept in his office till 12 o'clock in the morning.

Addresses were made by Dr. BURNS, Mr. MITCHELL, Father CHINIQUY, and others, and the re-

commendations of the Board were unanimously adopted.

Sixth Day.

The resolution proposed regarding religious instruction in public schools, together with amendments, was laid on the table.

The discussion on Sustentation and Supplementary schemes, resulted in the carrying of a motion proposed by Rev. J. M. KING, seconded by Professor FORRESTER, to the effect that a Committee be appointed to mature a Supplementing Scheme, which will then be sent to Presbyteries.

The report of the delegates to the Presbyterian Council, Philadelphia, was received.

An overture with respect to Evangelistic services was laid on the table.

STATISTICS.

Mr. TORRANCE presented the report on Statistics, from which we give the following facts, it being noted that the returns are still defective. For example, three congregations in the city of St. John are blank in the tables, and so are five in the Presbytery of Montreal.

In the report of the Assembly's Committee, presented last year, the number of pastoral charges, including 25 in Manitoba, was given as 746, or 721 without, they are now reported as 730, an increase of 15, or, adding those of Manitoba, 767, an increase of 27. The number of vacancies is 88, 3 fewer than in last year's report, or 7 fewer if we take into account 4 that were in the Presbytery of Manitoba. The total number of ministers is 653, or adding 32 for Manitoba, there are 685, which shows 26 more than for the previous year.

The entire number of congregations or stations constituting pastoral charges is 1506, an increase of 166 on the returns of the preceding year. This shows an average of more than 3 to each minister of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, and this average holds good of nearly each of its Presbyteries, with the exception of St. John and Miramichi, in which the average is about 4 to each pastor, and that of Newfoundland, which has 3 ministers for its 4 charges. In the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, the average is about 2 congregations or stations to each pastor; in the Presbytery of Ottawa it is 1 to 3. In the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, the average is likewise about 2; but the Presbytery of Kingston has only 20 ministers to 54 congregations or stations; Barrie, 23 for its 126, although it has but 27 pastoral charges. In the Synod of Hamilton and London the average does not reach 2, and the same proportion, on the whole, holds good of each Presbytery.

According to the returns that have come to hand, there are 65,103 families, representing, say, an aggregate of 330,000 persons connected with the Church, and 6,616 single persons, or, joining these numbers, say, 337,000.

The number of sittings is reported as 346,044, an excess of accommodation apparently for about 9,000, shewing that there is room in the buildings

that have been erected for the worshippers belonging to our Zion for a considerable increase. The state of things shown by these figures is just what it ought to be. The members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church in Canada have not reached their full numbers. Many shall yet join themselves to the Lord within her pale.

Number of communicants added during the year, 11,123. Removed, 7,514. Increase, 3,609. Total on the rolls reported, 112,970. Baptisms: infants, 9,250; adults, 474.

Number of elders, 4,340,—being about 6 to each pastoral charge. Number attending weekly prayer meetings, 36,708. Pupils in sabbath schools and bible classes, 85,856; teachers and officers, 10,306. Volumes in library, 162,164.

Missionary Associations number 326,—an increase of 33 on last year. Manses number 417; 16 manses and 40 churches were built or bought or begun during the year.

Taking in now the statistics of the Presbytery of Manitoba, which are not included in the above, there are 37 congregations or stations; 32 persons employed either in the college, in the organized congregation, or in the mission field; 116 congregations and stations; 3,450 sittings in churches or stations; 971 families—although in a note added by the Clerk he remarks that this is not a correct representation, for the number cannot be less than 2,500; there are 303 single persons not belonging to the families where they reside; 1,153 communicants—the additions were 329 and the removals from various causes 116; 203 infants and 20 adults were baptized; the number of elders is 34, and of other office-bearers, 154; 240 attend weekly prayer meetings; 908 are under instruction in the Sabbath school and Bible class, under 96 teachers and others immediately engaged in Sabbath school work; volumes in libraries, 1,175; Missionary Associations, 2; manses, 4; rented house, 1; and 5 churches were built in the course of the year.

Stipend promised, \$530,779; last year it was \$522,394. The stipend promised by congregations alone, that is, without any grant from the Home Mission Fund to supplemented congregations and mission stations, or other sources, was \$495,371; last year it was \$485,326. The stipend paid by congregations or stations alone, was \$498,475—upwards of \$3,000 more than was promised, and more than \$12,000 above what was paid last year.

The arrears of stipend amount to the large sum of \$15,845 reported, yet this is a decrease of about \$3,000 on the arrears reported last year. The Scripture precept, "Owe no man anything," is evidently not acted upon between pastor and people. Reasonably might it be expected that of all money which the people voluntarily engaged to pay, none would be paid more promptly and cheerfully than that for which they are bound to God through those whom they have called to take charge of their souls. Yet it is kept back, and is it not, therefore, crying against them to the Lord? Only 3 Presbyteries of the 35 in the Church return no arrears. In the Presbytery of Sydney, in which last year they were \$2,330, this year they are \$1,976—a considerable diminution, yet still a

formidable sum for a Presbytery with 14 congregations and 11 ministers. In the Presbytery of Montreal they were \$1,045; in that of Peterborough, \$1,782; in that of Barrie, \$1,049.

In the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, \$47,604 have been contributed for church or manse during the year; in that of Montreal and Ottawa, \$88,075; in that of Toronto and Kingston, \$57,666; and in that of Hamilton and London, \$88,976; making a total of \$262,951—showing a decrease on the contributions of last year for the same purpose of \$7,320.

The total amount contributed for other strictly congregational objects was \$139,286, and the total amount paid as stipend, contributed for church or manse and other purposes strictly belonging to the congregation, was \$993,997, being an increase of \$78,820 on the contributions for the same objects in 1879-80.

For other benevolent purposes, \$41,572.

The total contributions for all purposes were \$1,245,495—an increase of \$83,341; or, if Manitoba be included for each year, an increase of \$93,361, and an increase of \$262,824 on the contributions for 1876-76; on those of the year 1876-77 of \$259,380; on those of 1877-78 of \$215,109; and on those of 1878-79 of \$135,114—or a total increase for the years, of \$262,823, while the contributions for all purposes during the same period have been \$6,517,203.

Debt on Church property, \$873,222.

The average contribution per family throughout the Church for stipend paid was \$7.64, and per communicant \$4.41; for strictly congregational objects \$15.23 per family, and \$8.79 per communicant: for the schemes of the Church \$2.62 per family, and \$1.61 per communicant; and for all purposes \$19.09 per family, and \$11.02 per communicant.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Tuesday evening was devoted to Foreign Missions. St. Andrew's Church was filled to its utmost capacity. After devotional services Dr. McGregor gave a brief account of the Missions sustained especially by the Eastern Section (or Part I. of the Report). In the New Hebrides we have 3, in Trinidad 4 ordained missionaries. This year we have had three visitors from the foreign fields.—Rev. K. J. Grant, Rev. J. W. Mackenzie, and Rev. Dr. Mackay. Mr. Grant has returned to Trinidad after a very brief visit, during which he raised over \$1,700 for the Mission. Dr. McKay will soon return to Formosa. Mr. Mackenzie has just arrived in Nova Scotia after the exhausting labours of nine years in a tropical climate. The work on Ancityum, on Etatè, and on Eromanga is prospering, and details are given in the Report—details which have already appeared in the RECORD.

Mr. ANNAND'S work in the department of printing may be given in his own words:—"In addition to our own work I have been enabled to give some assistance to brothers Mackenzie and Robertson in the way of printing. With the assistance of a native (who, by the way, lost his right hand the other day with a charge of dynamite), I

printed a hymn book of 32 pages in Efatese for Mr. McKenzie, 500 copies. Also a small Bible History in Erromangan for Mr. Robertson, 768 copies. Also almanacs for 1881 for the whole mission, 1000 copies. Then, for our own people I struck off four hymns, which completed the printing of the year, being in all about 32,000 pages.

The Mission ship, "Dayspring" has been of essential service to the missionaries during the year.

The fourth missionary to Trinidad, Mr. Macleod, was appointed since the Assembly of 1880. He is now stationed at Savanna Grande. Mr. Christie is at Couva, Mr. Grant at San Fernando, and Mr. Morton at Caroni.

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The whole expenditure in Trinidad for 1880 was.....	£2620 13 8
Receipts.....	2524 14 1

Expenditure over receipts.....£ 95 19 7

The steady expansion of the Mission is quite evident to those who note facts as they transpire, but the extent to which the Mission is sustained by local effort is cause for special gratitude to God, who has given our Mission such favour with the planters and the Government, and who has inclined the hearts of the native congregations to such praiseworthy liberality. Of the £2524 14s. 1d. paid, the sum raised in Trinidad has been £1507 8s. 11d., amounting to \$7336.24.

Women's Foreign Mission Societies have raised \$335. Debt has been extinguished.

In finance, some of the congregations have done nobly and many have done well; we cannot say *all*, but it is hoped that *all* will do their part in giving and working for their Lord during the present year. Our Erromangan missionary is not in error when, writing in his report, "I believe there is something more than hard times keeping the churches back. If our young men and young women were found willing in larger numbers to go *any where* to labour for the glory of God and the salvation of the lost, the missionary spirit would soon draw forth the people's gold and silver to carry on the work, and, giving their money cheerfully, they would pray constantly for the outpouring of the Spirit to water the many dry places of the earth. May the glory of the latter day promised speedily come!"

Professor MACLAREN gave a brief summary of the Missions, supported principally by the Western Section. There are four (including one lady) among the Indians of the North-West; two in connection with the Formosa Mission; five (including two ladies) in the Central India Mission. Dr. McKay, of Formosa, has been in Canada for some months. Mr. Junor has the chief charge of the 20 chapels and two hospitals, during Dr. Mackay's absence. The work is making progress.

The Mission to Central India is more hopeful than hitherto. The attendance on services is encouraging. Mr. Douglas baptized two men and two children.

The printing press has continued to render excellent service in diffusing the truth. There have

been printed 43,200 booklets and tracts in Hindi, 4,000 leaflets in Hindi and English, and 24,200 Sabbath school tickets, making a total of 689,410 pages of religious matter for the year. Since 1878, 2,115,560 pages have been printed by the Mission press.

During the year, Mr. Douglas has devoted much attention to evangelistic work. Early in the year he travelled north to the Separ river, and east in the Gwalior direction, as far as Kurel. Latterly he has confined himself to the district south and east of Indore. The details which he gives of this portion of his work are very interesting and encouraging. He made use of the measure of medical skill which he has attained to treat the more common forms of disease, and even to perform the more simple surgical operations. In this way the confidence of the people, who flocked to him in great numbers, was secured, and a favourable hearing obtained for the Gospel message.

Rev. J. F. CAMPBELL, reports the services at Mhow well attended. Mrs. Campbell visits native houses, to which she finds ready access. During the year Mr. Campbell spent ten weeks in itinerancy. The Gospel message was proclaimed in sixty places, including two *melas*, or religious fairs. Many towns of considerable importance were visited. In his tour he sold 435 volumes or portions of Scripture at reduced prices, and a larger number of other religious publications.

Conversions are reported. Mr. Wilkie is learning the Urdu and Hindi languages. The ladies connected with the Mission have met with much encouragement in their work among women and children. The income from all sources has risen from \$22,471.59 last year to \$35,434.53, or an increase in the revenue for the year of \$12,962.99.

The debt has been reduced from \$16,558.83 to \$5,392.59. It is a disappointment that it has not entirely disappeared; but the financial position has improved so much that there is no small ground for thankfulness. It is to be hoped, however, that the Church will not rest until the debt has not only been swept away, but more labourers are sent out to the Foreign field. The quarterly financial returns now received from India and China regularly, shew that there are no liabilities in these fields which the local treasurers have not funds on hand to meet.

The marked increase in the funds for the year is doubtless largely due to the loyal response on the part of many congregations to the call of last Assembly to endeavour to double their contributions for the year, and to the powerful impression made by Rev. Dr. McKay's addresses throughout the country. The amount collected in connection with his meetings, specially reported to the Treasurer, is \$1,699.26, but as, in many cases, what was raised at these meetings was sent in along with the ordinary contributions, the sum realised was much larger.

It is pleasing to know that Mrs. Mackay, of Windsor, who has already given \$1,700 towards the erection of what is now known as "The Mackay Hospital," Tamsui, has intimated her intention of meeting the entire cost of the building, by giving a further sum of nearly

\$1,300. It is hoped that this noble example of Christian liberality will be copied by other friends of the Foreign Mission cause.

The Report of the Standing Committee on Juvenile Mission work is presented in full as an appendix to this Report. It speaks for itself. It will be seen that the work has been advancing satisfactorily under the able and energetic management of Miss Machar, the Secretary-Treasurer. There is, however, no reason why the Sabbath schools of the Church should not do much more to aid the cause of Foreign Missions.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies continue to prosper, and give promise of proving most important auxiliaries to your Foreign Mission Committee. The Society of the Presbytery of Kingston reports eight branches, and has sent \$175 to aid mission work at Indore.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (Western Section) reports forty-nine auxiliaries and nine mission bands. It has raised during the year the noble sum of \$4,666.55, and has paid to Rev. Dr. Reid \$4,500, an advance of \$1,000 on the previous year. There are two Presbyterian Societies in connection with this organization, viz., Hamilton and Whitby. These facts are full of encouragement, and indicate the propriety of early steps being taken to increase the staff of lady missionaries and of those agents whom these societies are more specially designed to support. This, of course, can only be done prudently, in accordance with the requirements and openings presented in the fields occupied by the Church; but your Committee trust the way will soon be prepared for a further advance.

A NEW PRESBYTERY.

Rev. JOHN MACKINNON, P.E.I., for the Committee on the petition to form the new Presbytery of Sarnia, recommended that the request of the petition should be granted, and that sixteen congregations and mission stations be set apart as the Presbytery of Sarnia, said Presbytery to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, on the second Tuesday of August, and that the Rev. Mr. Duncan be the first Moderator.—Agreed.

LOYAL ADDRESSES.

Rev. D. M. GORDON submitted a draft of loyal addresses to Her Majesty the Queen and the Governor-General.—Adopted.

Seventh Day.

COLLEGES.

The Special Committee on College Funds reported through Mr. W. B. McMurrich recommending that a "COLLEGE FUND," be established to be divided on the basis of the present needs of Knox, Queen's and Montreal, as follows:—Knox \$10,000; Queen's, \$4,000; Presbyterian College, Montreal, \$5,000. Rev. R. H. Warden to be Secretary and Agent of the Fund, and Dr. Reid and Mr. Warden Joint-Treasurers. Mr. David Morrice cordially endorsed the plan. So did the Moderator and Principal Cavan and Principal Grant. All, however, urged the necessity of completing, as soon as possible, the endowment of all

the Colleges. The Committee's proposals were unanimously adopted.

At the suggestion of the Rev. Dr. Burns, the Moderator called upon Rev. Dr. Jenkins, who led the Assembly in a brief and earnest prayer of thankfulness to God for the solution thus achieved of a difficulty which had so long stood in the way of the advancement of the Church's work.

TEMPERANCE.

Rev. D. FRASER presented the report on temperance. Returns of Presbyteries show that intemperance is still rampant except in a few favoured localities; but that on the whole it is on the decrease. Among the reasons for the prevalent intemperance are the treating custom, hereditary predisposition, idleness, and ignorance. Every phase of evil and unhappiness is ascribed to intemperance. In view of these returns the Committee consider it necessary that the Church should take definite action. The reports show that but few liquor-sellers are in the membership of the Church. From the reports it is believed that about half of the members of the Church are total abstainers, and that the majority of the ministers are such. Referring to temperance legislation, the Committee report that restrictive laws have on the whole a good effect. In some places in the Maritime Provinces, the traffic has become thoroughly disreputable. The Committee believe that to speak of total abstinence as one of the commandments and not as a matter of Christian expediency, was likely to do harm. It was most desirable to avoid all extremes in dealing with this subject. The Committee recommend that the Assembly resolve to renew their testimony that the evil of intemperance is a great hindrance to the Church's work, and resolve to do all possible to suppress it; to recommend total abstinence as the best principle for the guidance of individuals; to recommend the congregations by means of pledge books, etc., to endeavour to promote total abstinence, particularly among the young; and that the Assembly resolve that total abstinence is correct in principle; and that Presbyteries and Sessions be directed to hold conferences upon this subject, and express the view that the Scott Act is correct in principle, and that any changes made should be in the direction of further restriction and more effective working of the Act.

The recommendations with two exceptions, were adopted, and these were held over for discussion at a subsequent sederment.

LADIES' COLLEGES.

Dr. KEMP, Principal of the Ladies' Colleges, Ottawa, reported, total pupils 131; boarders, 61. The institution is in a prosperous and hopeful condition. Principal GRANT, as visitor, stated that he had been most favourably impressed with what he had seen of the institution. He and Mr. Crombie were appointed visitors for next year.

Mr. T. W. TAYLOR called attention to the circumstance that the Act of Incorporation of the College had not yet been changed, and recorded his dissent.

Dr. COCHRANE presented the report of the Brantford Ladies' College. Eight students passed

the matriculation examination of the Toronto University,—five with honours. The College is flourishing. Several members spoke very highly of it, and the usual commendatory resolution was passed.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Rev. Mr. McMULBEN, Woodstock, presented the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance. The first attempt to introduce Sunday concerts into Canada was promptly put down, greatly to the satisfaction of the religious people of the country. Last summer an excursion from Kingston to Picton avowedly for religious purposes was stopped by the collector of customs. The attempt to throw open the Welland Canal for twelve hours on the Sabbath was stopped by public opinion, largely through meetings at Merriton and St. Catharines; but while these and other instances were calculated to cheer, it was still lamentably true that there was much Sabbath desecration by running steamboats and railway trains, unnecessary funerals and social visiting. But with regard to the second, ministers had the matter largely in their own hands. People should be encouraged to keep holy the Sabbath Day. It had been urged that the Committee should be empowered to speak on behalf of the Assembly with contractors and employées of labour against Sabbath desecration. The great offenders in this respect were the railway companies, who were becoming dangerous not only in a political sense but to the moral welfare of the people as well.

Rev. Mr. BRUCE, of St. Catharines, spoke particularly of the attempt to open the Welland Canal, and said the Government had sent word to rescind the order even before a deputation waited upon the Superintendent of the Canal. This lesson proved that if Christian sentiment could be evoked and clearly expressed upon this subject of Sabbath desecration, the effect must be felt. He moved the adoption of the report.

Rev. Mr. FRASER, of St. Thomas, spoke of the difficulty felt in that town on account of the number of trains run through on Sunday, and asked the assistance of the Assembly in preventing a continuance of the present state of affairs.

Rev. J. M. CAMERON, of Toronto, said that near the scene of his labours were the works of a large gas Company, whose employées were paid to work on Sunday. In answer to his objections the manager replied that the churches required an extra supply of gas, and therefore the men had to work. He would ask were the churches right in encouraging such a practice.

Rev. D. J. MACDONNELL said he thought also ministers and members as well should do what they could to prevent another phase of Sunday work, that of the newspaper reporters in taking sermons to be published on Monday morning.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Rev. ROBERT CAMPBELL reported the list of Standing Committees, prepared by a special committee. With some emendations the report was adopted, as follows:—

I.—KNOX COLLEGE.

1. Board of Management.—Mr. W. M. Clark,

Chairman; Principal Caven, Prof. McLaren, Prof. Gregg, Dr. Reid, Dr. Proudfoot, J. B. Edmondson, W. Armstrong, P. Nicol, E. F. Torrance, James Little (Bowmanville), J. Hastie, J. M. King, J. Gray (Orillia), J. Cameron (Chatsworth), S. Young, J. K. Smith, D. H. Fletcher, W. T. McMullen, J. Carmichael (King), J. A. Murray, J. Thompson, (Sarnia), J. R. Battisby, Dr. Ure, H. McQuarrie, J. Scott (N. Bruce), John Davidson, and Messrs. C. McDougall, T. W. Taylor, J. A. Patterson, W. Alexander, W. J. McCalla, R. M. Wanzer, K. Urquhart, Dr. Gunn.

2. Senate—Principal Caven, Chairman; the Professors and Lecturers of the College; Messrs. H. M. Parsons, D. J. Macdonnell, S. Lyle, Dr. Reid, T. Kirkland, A. McMurphy, W. B. McMurich.

3. Board of Examiners—Mr. J. Laing, Chairman; the Senate; Messrs. G. Bruce, H. H. McPherson, E. D. McLaren, F. R. Beattie, Dr. Wardrope, W. McWilliam, P. Wright, G. M. Milligan, R. Torrance.

II.—PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

1. Board of Management—Mr. D. Morrice, Chairman; Principal MacVicar, Prof. Campbell, Prof. Coussirat, Dr. Matthews, Messrs. J. Scrimger, R. H. Warden, C. E. Amaron, R. Campbell, A. B. Mackay, W. M. McFibbin, J. B. Muir, W. R. Cruikshank, D. L. McCrae, J. McCaul, John Fraser, F. W. Farries, J. Munro, J. Fleck, J. Nichols, W. J. Dey, Justice Torrance, Principal Dawson, Messrs. Ed. Mackay, John Stirling, J. M. Smith, Alex. Macpherson, J. Croil, G. S. Spence, A. S. Ewing, M. Thomson, Warden King, W. Yuile, A. C. Hutchison, W. Darling, Jr.

2. Senate—Principal MacVicar, Chairman; the Professors and Lecturers of the College, J. S. Black, G. Burnfield, A. B. Mackay, Prof. Weir, Justice Torrance, Principal Dawson, Prof. Murray, D. Patterson.

III.—PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, HALIFAX.

1. Board of Management—Dr. Burns, Chairman; Dr. McGregor, Secretary; Principal McKnight, Prof. Pollok, Prof. Currie, Prof. Forrest, Principal Ross, Dr. McCulloch, Dr. Waters, Dr. McRae, C. B. Pitbaldo, S. Houston, A. McL. Sinclair, J. McMillan, L. G. McNeill, K. McLennan, T. Sedgwick, E. Scott, R. Laing, Jas. McLean, T. Duncan, A. J. Mowat, E. D. Millar, Hon. R. P. Grant, Hon. S. Holmes, Hon. Senator Boyd, Judge James, J. K. Blair, R. Murray, J. D. McGregor, A. Cameron (Baddeck), J. S. McLean, John McMillan (Antigonish), J. G. Forbes.

2. Senate—Principal McKnight, Chairman; the Professors, Dr. Burns, P. M. Morrison, Professor Forrest, A. B. Dickie, A. Simpson, Robert Murray.

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

IV.—QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON.

Bursary and Scholarship Committee—Dr. Smith, Convener; Prof. Williamson, Prof; Ferguson, Messrs. H. Gracey, F. McCuig, G. M. Macdonnell, and A. Macalister.

V.—MANITOBA COLLEGE.

Board of Management—Hon. A. G. B. Bannatyne, Chairman; Prof. Bryce, Prof. Hart, Dr. Black, Messrs. A. Bell, Jas. Robertson, A. Campbell, T. McGuire, A. Matheson, Hon. G. McMicken, M.P.P.; D. McArthur, Hon. D. A. Smith, John Sutherland, A. W. Ross, M.P.P.; and D. H. McMillan, M.P.P.

VI.—HOME MISSIONS.

1. Western Section—Dr. Cochrane, Convener; Messrs. A. F. Tully, R. H. Warden, W. A. Lang, Dr. Smith, J. Cleland, H. Crozier, E. Cockburn, J. M. King, R. Moodie, J. Somerville, F. W. Farries, R. Campbell (Renfrew), G. Burnfield, J. Campbell (Harrison), A. Stewart (Clinton), R. Torrance, G. Bruce, J. Rennie, Hector Currie, W. Walker, R. Hamilton, Duncan Cameron, A. Tolmie, James Robertson, J. Laing, D. J. Macdonnell, T. Gordon, T. McCrae, T. W. Taylor.

2. Eastern Section—Mr. C. B. Pitblado, Convener; Dr. Burns, S. Houston, J. McMillan, Prof. Forrest, J. C. Burgess, R. Laing, S. C. Gunn, J. F. Forbes, A. B. Dickie, E. Grant, J. S. Caruthers, James Barnes, J. F. Blanchard, J. K. Munnis.

VII.—SUPPLEMENTS.

Mr. T. Sedgwick, Convener; Dr. McGregor, Dr. McCulloch, Jas. Sinclair, A. F. Thomson, C. B. Pitblado, J. H. Chase, J. McMillan, Jas. McLean, E. A. McCurdy, E. Scott, J. A. F. McBain, Wm. Grant, Jos. Hogg, K. McLennan, J. F. Blanchard, Wm. McMillan (Pictou), Geo. McLean, (Halifax),

VIII.—DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS.

Mr. R. Torrance, Convener; Dr. Wardrope, Messrs. J. Davidson, J. C. Smith, J. B. Mullan, D. Tait, J. A. R. Dickson, T. McCrae.

IX.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1. Western Section—Prof. McLaren, Convener; Principal Grant, Messrs. T. Lowry, J. B. Duncan, M. W. McLeod, J. S. Black, Dr. Moore, D. J. McLean, G. Burson, J. Ballantine, A. H. Scott, A. D. McDonald, J. Gray, (Windsor), R. D. Fraser, John Smith (Toronto), Mungo Fraser, J. S. Burnet, R. Campbell (Montreal), Dr. Wardrope, G. Smellie, Dr. Smith, S. Lyle, W. B. McMurich, T. Yellowless, Dr. McDonald, C. Davidson, Hon. A. Morris, A. Dingwall Fordyce, Walter Mackenzie, R. J. Beattie, A. McMurchy, J. Y. Reid.

2. Eastern Section—Alex. McLean, Convener; Dr. McGregor, A. McL. Sinclair, E. Scott, E. A. McCurdy, Thos. Duncan, H. B. McKay, E. S. Bayne, D. B. Blair, Wm. Donald, John McKinnon, M. McKenzie, John Millar, Harvey Graham, Dr. Geo. Murray.

X.—STATE OF RELIGION.

Dr. James, Convener; Dr. Black, Messrs. T. Duncan, Ed. Smith, J. A. F. McBain, N. McKay, John Murray, J. Scrimger, J. Ferguson, (Van-kleek Hill), W. M. Roger, J. Kirkpatrick, D. D. McLeod, D. B. Whimster, John Scott (N. Bruce), H. Gracey, W. T. Wilkins, A. F. Carr, E. W. Burdon, R. P. McKay, W. M. McKibbin, A. T. Colter, John Becket, Col. Haultain, Hon. A. Vidal, J. S. Mc-

Lean, A. Bell, T. Goldsmith, Alex. Bellew, B. J. Ross, Dr. Murray, P. Whellams, J. Boyd, J. McNab, J. R. McLeod, G. Sutherland.

XI.—SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Messrs. J. McEwan and A. Simpson, Joint Convener; Dr. Bell, Dr. Isaac Murray, Messrs N. McKay, J. C. Herdman, W. Donald, Mungo Fraser, R. J. Laidlaw, J. M. Cameron, Captain Gibson, W. P. Archibald, T. C. Jack, J. Mordy, T. F. Fotheringham, J. B. Mullan, H. M. Parsons, J. Little (Bowmanville), J. McCaul, A. Campbell (Manitoba), P. S. Livingstone, G. M. Clark, T. W. Nesbit, R. Laurie, A. Bartlett, Dr. McGuire, C. M. Copeland (Winnipeg), W. N. Hossie, J. M. Gill, M. Lindsay, S. Waddell, D. Fotheringham, Wm. Mitchell (Toronto), A. Mutchmor, J. A. Stewart, Wm. Robb.

XII.—SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Dr. McCulloch and Mr. W. T. McMullen, Joint Convener; Dr. Pollok, Dr. Jardine, K. McLennan, E. Smith, W. Aitken, A. L. Wylie, R. Laird, A. Farquharson, J. Radcliff, A. Gilray, P. McF. McLeod, A. Wilson, D. W. Morrison, R. Wallace, R. N. Grant, D. McKeacher, P. McDermid, E. W. Waits, J. K. Wright, A. Russell, A. H. Cameron, J. Wellwood, Dr. Christie, R. Murray, A. Beith, J. Durie, W. H. Hamilton (Winnipeg), J. J. Casey, A. McDermid.

XIII.—PRESBYTERIAN RECORD.

Dr. Jenkins, Convener; D. Ross (Lachine), J. Scrimger, J. Fleck, W. Forlong, Dr. McGregor, and the editors.

XIV.—WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

1. Late Canada Presbyterian Church.—Messrs. W. Alexander and T. W. Taylor, Joint Convener, Dr. Reid, J. Leper, Arch. Stevenson, H. J. McDiarmid, G. Munro, A. Gilray, Jas. Brown, John Kerr, J. Osborne, A. C. Hutchison, Jas. Walker, (Hamilton), J. L. Blaikie, R. Jennings.

2. Late Presbyterian Church, Lower Provinces.—Mr. D. B. Blair, Convener; Dr. Patterson, Dr. McLeod, Dr. McCulloch, Dr. Bennet, W. Maxwell, T. Sedgwick, A. L. Wylie, J. McKinnon, E. McKenzie, E. A. McCurdy, Jas. McLean, J. D. McGregor, Dr. George Murray.

3. Late Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in Connection with the Church of Scotland.—Mr. J. J. Bremner, Convener; Dr. Pollok, Messrs. Alex. McLean, R. Laing, J. M. Sutherland, Geo. McLean, J. R. Nicholson, J. S. McDonald, G. Mitchell.

XV.—AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

Western Section—Mr. Middlemiss, Convener; F. McCuaign, Dr. Reid, Messrs. R. Leask, D. M. Gordon, P. Scott, H. McQuarrie, M. McGillivray, John Hogg, D. Mitchell, J. C. Smith, A. D. McDonald, J. Thompson, (Sarnia), John Logie, J. K. Macdonald, A. D. Ferrier, J. McCrae, (Guelph), John Cavers, Hon. A. Vidal, John Charlton, A. Macalister, Alex. Macpherson, T. McCrae.

2. Eastern Section—Mr. A. McL. Sinclair, Convener; Principal McKnight, Dr. Patterson, H. B. Mackay, J. H. Chase, R. Cumming, P. Goodfellow, D. McMillan, Jos. Hogg, E. S. Bayne, T. G.

Johnstone, G. L. Gordon, G. McMillan, K. McKay, G. W. Underwood, J. D. McGregor, J. S. McLean, J. J. Bremner.

XVI.—FINANCE.

1. Toronto Section.—Hon. J. McMurrieh, Convener; Dr. Reid, J. L. Blakie, C. Davidson, I. B. McQuestin, J. McLennan, W. Alexander, A. Jardine, Jas. Michie.

2. Montreal Section.—Mr. R. H. Warden, Convener; D. Morrice, J. Stirling, W. Yuile, W. Darling, Jr.

3. Halifax Section.—Mr. J. S. McLean, Convener; Messrs. J. J. Bremner, J. W. Carmichael, and Isaac S. Murray.

XVII.—STATISTICS.

Mr. Torrance, Convener; Messrs. R. H. Warden, S. Houston, A. McL. Sinclair, G. Chrystal, R. Pettigrew, J. McMillan (Mt. Forest), J. Gray (Orillia), S. C. Fraser, R. J. Laidlaw, J. A. G. Calder, J. R. Gemmill, G. W. Underwood, W. Robb, W. S. Ball, A. A. Drummond.

XVIII.—PROTECTION OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Mr. Jas. McLennan, Convener; Dr. Bell, Dr. Reid, Dr. Kemp, Messrs. Adw. Wilson, T. McPherson, D. McGillivray, Hon. A. Morris, G. M. Macdonnell, D. B. McLennan, W. M. Clark, J. L. Morris, John Macdonnell, (Winnipeg), J. S. Archibald.

XIX.—TEMPERANCE.

Hon. A. Vidal, Convener; D. Fraser, J. M. Cameron, Allan Simpson, Neil McKay, W. D. Ballantyne, Thomas Bennett, J. Straith, J. M. Cameron, F. Smith, H. McKellar, W. Mullins, J. M. Goodwillie (Goderich), J. R. Miller, G. W. Ross, M. P.

XX.—FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

Principal MacVicar, Convener; R. H. Warden, Secretary-Treasurer; Prof. Campbell, Prof. Cousirat, Dr. Kemp, Dr. Jenkins, Dr. Matthews, A. B. Mackay, J. Fleck, G. M. Clark, J. McCaul, Joseph Hogg, R. Campbell (Montreal), J. Scrimger, C. A. Doudiet, David Mitchell, A. A. Scott, J. S. Black, T. G. Thompson, W. R. Cruikshank, T. Cumming, J. Nichols, A. McGillivray, D. Morrice, W. D. McLaren, J. Croil, Warden King, J. Stirling, D. Yuile, Dr. Weir, and George Hay.

PRESBYTERIAN RECORD.

Dr. JENKINS presented the RECORD Report, which intimated that the circulation had increased during the year. On motion of Hon. A. Morris, the following resolution was adopted:—"That the report be received and its recommendations adopted; that the thanks of this Assembly be accorded to the Committee, and especially to the Convener and to the editors of the RECORD, for the efficient conduct of the paper for the past year, and that the Assembly anew commend the paper to congregations and families in the Church as a valuable organ of ecclesiastical and missionary information.

SUPPLEMENTING SCHEME.

In accordance with the understanding arrived at on the decision of the supplemental fund; question yesterday, Rev. J. M. King moved for a

Committee of fourteen ministers and eight elders to consider the question. The motion was carried, and Mr. King was appointed convener.

Eighth Day,

FOREIGN MISSION.

The following resolution, moved by Rev. M. G. HENRY, seconded by Dr. MCGREGOR, was passed unanimously.

The General Assembly, in receiving the report of the work conducted under the eastern section of the Committee, would record their gratification that the Aneityumese possess and are now reading the whole Bible in their own tongue: and that the missionaries on the other Islands are making progress in translating and printing portions of the Holy Scriptures, and teaching the natives to meet the needful expense. The Assembly rejoices in the progress of the gospel in Erromanga, and sympathizes with Mr. McKenzie, of Efate, in his illness, and welcome him home to rest for a season, and prays that he may soon recover his strength and reoccupy his field. The Assembly learns with satisfaction of the extinction of the debt, by the liberal contributions of the people of the people of the Maritime Provinces, and of the entrance of the fourth missionary to Trinidad on his work; and commends that expanding mission, as well as the older mission, to the New Hebrides, to the protection of the Great Master.

Dr. JENKENS moved, seconded by Dr. COCHRANE, and passed unanimously,

That the report of the Foreign Missions Committee (western section) be adopted, and satisfaction expressed with the marked increase of the revenue which the committee has been able to report, and with the success which has attended the labours of the missionaries in the various fields occupied.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

Rev. M. MIDDLEMISS, reported (Western Section) that twenty-seven ministers had received annuities during the year amounting in all to \$5,760, an increase of \$420 over the previous year. Five ministers received payments for the first time last year. The largest amount paid to any one was \$200, which is \$30 less than the recognized maximum. The expenses, other than in the direction of payments to Ministers, is \$301, leaving a balance in favour of the fund of \$1,001. Congregational contributions increased \$200 during the year. The amount invested, or held for investment, is now \$5,518, being a considerable increase on last year.

Dr. WARDROPE, in moving the adoption of the Report, stated that \$400 a year for each beneficiary should be aimed at. Dr. URE urged the claims of the fund.

After some further discussion the motion was carried.

Rev. Mr. SINCLAIR presented the report of the eastern section of the Committee on the Infirm Ministers' Fund, showing that the receipts, with the balance over from the previous year, were,

\$1,605. The number of annuitants was 6, each receiving \$200, or \$1,200 in all. The expenses were \$80.

On motion of Mr. FORBES, of St. John, N.B., seconded by Rev. D. MITCHELL, the report was adopted, with thanks to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, for their management of the fund.

Mr. SINCLAIR moved that the Committee of the eastern section in the meantime be allowed to manage the fund for that section, under any regulation agreed upon by the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, subject to the approval of the Assembly. Carried.

THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Mr. T. W. TAYLOR read the report of the committee appointed to consider the subject of amalgamating the several sections of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, recommending that though they would have liked to see the funds amalgamated, yet owing to the opposition to the present carrying out of the scheme in the Maritime Provinces, further action be postponed.

The report was received and adopted.

Rev. R. CAMPBELL read the report of the Committee on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund in connection with the Church of Scotland, showing that there were forty annuitants on the fund, receiving an average of \$147.50—a total of \$5,903. The assets in all are \$100,052, invested in various securities. The receipts from all sources being \$20 037.

The report was adopted.

Mr. T. W. TAYLOR presented the report of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the late Canada Presbyterian Church, showing that the total assets are \$92,226; and the income of last year's including the balance on hand, was \$9,579, divided among 46 annuitants, leaving a balance on hand of \$866.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committees of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund in the Maritime Provinces: First, in connection with the Church of Scotland; second, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, reported through Rev. A. M. Sinclair. In the first the receipts were \$2,832, and the amount spent in annuities \$1,545, the number of annuities being 27. The balance on hand is \$1,287, and the total assets \$25,734. In the second the receipts were \$825, and the payments to annuitants, three in number, \$290. The other expenses made a total of \$352, leaving a balance of income over expenditure of \$472.

Each report was adopted.

MORRIN AND MANITOBA COLLEGES.

Mr. McMURRICH reported for the College Committee the following deliverance:—

The application of Morrin College to have a certain territory set apart for it is recommended to be laid on the table until next session. With regard to Winnipeg College, it is recommended that Prof. Bryce be granted leave of absence for at least six months, and be authorized to present the claims of the college before the British churches, with a view to raising an endowment. That the

arrangement for the support of the college in force last year be confirmed, and that the first Sabbath of September be set apart as a day for taking a special collection for the benefit of the college. The Assembly is recommended to express satisfaction at the considerable number of young men appearing to study for the ministry, but deem it unnecessary to alter the arrangement for the conduct of theological education already sanctioned.

The Statistical Report was adopted. The Committee on Distribution of Probationers was re-appointed and asked to devise a better plan than the present.

TEMPERANCE DISCUSSION RESUMED.

All were in favour of temperance and every wise method for its promotion; but some objected to committing the Assembly to specific acts of legislation. The motion was to adopt the Committee's recommendations that the Assembly express approval of the principle of Legislative prohibition of the liquor traffic, and particularly of the Scott Act, and the hope that any changes in it would be in the direction of greater stringency and efficiency.

Rev. H. M. PARSONS, of Toronto, said that if all that intended was to affirm the principle of prohibition, he would move the following amendment:—"That the Assembly approve of the Legislative prohibition of the liquor traffic as correct in principle; and they also approve all efforts to render the legislation effective."

Rev. Mr. MCKAY, of Prince Edward Island, who had previously expressed himself in favour of the report, objected that in some places in Canada the Scott Act was now before the people, and the effect of the amendment would be to hinder the work of the supporters of the Act.

A vote was taken on Mr. Parsons' amendment, which was lost by a vote of 33 to 36.

Rev. Principal GRANT, seconded by Rev. Mr. MACDONNELL moved:—"That the members and officers of the Church be recommended to promote the carrying out of the present laws regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors."

This amendment was lost.

Rev. Mr. McCUAIG moved an amendment reaffirming the Assembly's decision of last year. The original resolution in favour of the recommendation of the Committee was then carried by a vote of 44 yeas to 25 nays. Rev. Dr. Proudfoot and Rev. Mr. Laing recorded their dissent.

On motion, the Committee were given leave to withdraw the recommendation that the terms of the report be read in the churches; and on motion of Rev. D. J. Macdonnell the following recommendation was added:—"Recognizing the importance of the principle of overcoming evil with good, the Assembly recommended the members and officers of the Church to encourage the establishment of coffee houses as substitutes for liquor saloons."

The prayer of the overtures from the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew was granted allowing Rev. Dr. Bain, of Perth, to retire from active duties, and his name was placed on the roll of the Presbytery as pastor *emeritus*.

Overtures from the Synod of Montreal and

Ottawa, and other overtures were referred to various Committees.

The overture of a number of members of Assembly was read asking for changes in the Standing rule of the house with a view to expediting business. On motion of Dr. Proudfoot the overture was referred to the Presbyteries for consideration.

On motion the name Rev. Mr. Smellie, of Guelph, was added to the roll of that Presbytery.

Rev. Prof. Forrest's name was retained upon the roll of the Presbytery of Halifax.

An overture of the Brockville Presbytery praying that a manual of Church government be published under the authority of the Assembly was laid on the table.

A letter of greeting from the Synod of the Reformed Church in America was received, and the clerk was instructed to make a suitable reply.

The Committee to consider the manner of appointing standing committees was at its own request re-appointed, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Assembly.

The report of the Finance Committee was presented, showing increases in the College, foreign missions, aged and infirm, missionaries', widows' and orphans', and Assembly funds, and a decrease in the Home Mission fund. The latter is attributed to the special effort made in this direction in the preceding years. The amount of contributions to the Assembly fund is \$600 more than last year.

On motion the Committee was instructed to grant Mr. Wright, of Muskoka, an annuity of not more than \$100 from the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

An overture from the Presbytery of Manitoba in favour of establishing a fund to build churches in Muskoka and the North-West Territory was read, in which it was stated that a gentleman in Newfoundland had offered \$1,000 to start such a fund. After a brief discussion, in the course of which the importance of the proposal was dwelt upon by several speakers, the overture was received—the Assembly cordially expressing its approval of the object, and referred to the Home Missions Committee.

A Committee was appointed on the Manitoba College.

Days were, on motion, appointed for the taking up of collections for particular schemes of the Church.

On motion of Dr. Burns, the thanks of the Assembly were expressed to the Christian friends of Kingston for the hospitality with which they had received the delegates, mentioning especially Prof. James Fowler and Alex. McAllister, members of the Committee of Arrangements, and the ministers and elders of St. Andrew's Church. Thanks were also given to the Principal and Board of Queen's College, the railways and the press. The mind of the Assembly on this subject was expressed by a rising vote and loud applause.

The Moderator briefly addressed the Assembly, and at his request the closing prayer was offered by Dr. McGregor.

After singing the psalm beginning "Pray that

Jerusalem may have peace and felicity," the Moderator in the usual way declared the Assembly dissolved, and announced that the next Assembly would meet in St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N. B., on the second Wednesday in June, 1882, at 7:30 p. m.

The benediction was then pronounced.

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OUR Church has entered upon a new ecclesiastical year. Thankful for God's guidance and blessing in the past, let us determine that through His grace the coming years shall be still more fruitful. The present issue of the RECORD gives an outline of the work done at the General Assembly, and a fair summary of the Church's work during the year. Our hope and aim are that all our people may take a lively and intelligent interest in the whole work of the Church. Each year the field seems to widen; the demand for work becomes greater, and the encouragements more numerous. Our Church is now sowing the seed for a glorious harvest.

Literature.

COMPARATIVE NEW TESTAMENT.—Dawson Brothers, Montreal.—This edition contains the Authorized Version and the Revised Version in parallel columns. The print and paper are good, and the arrangement is exceedingly convenient for reference. It is specially suited to the study table.

KANT AND HIS ENGLISH CRITICS: *A Comparison of Critical and Empirical Philosophy*: By JOHN WATSON, M.A., L.L.D., Professor of Moral Philosophy in Queen's University, Kingston, Canada. Glasgow: JAMES MACLEHOSE.—This work indicates a thorough mastery of Kant's Philosophy and a familiar acquaintance with recent philosophical discussion and speculation. We are glad that a Canadian University can show so remarkable a monument of sound reasoning and extensive learning. Dr. Watson's criticism of the Spence-rian Philosophy is acute and conclusive.

Acknowledgments.

RECEIVED BY REV. DR. REID, AGENT OF THE CHURCH AT TORONTO, TO 5th JUNE, 1881.

ASSEMBLY FUND.

Received to 5th May, 1881. \$4550.27
Belgrave omitted on 13th Apl. 7.00

\$4557.27

HOME MISSION.

Received to 5th May, 1881. \$34030.68
Markham, St John's S Sc. 13.50
Port Colborne. 20.00
Ayr, Knox Ch. 78.00
Longford. 00.15
Springville, addl. 9.00

\$34151.33

Less this amount credited in mistake to Longford. 10.00

\$34141.33

FOREIGN MISSION.

Received to 5th May, 1881. \$33866.67
Owen Sound, Division St. 56.90
Centreville S Sc, omitted on 3rd Dec. 4.50

\$33923.07

COLLEGES ORDINARY FUND.

Received to 5th May, 1881. \$9286.14
Ingersoll, Knox Ch. 60.00

\$9286.14

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTER'S FUND.

Received to 5th May, 1881. \$5298.99
Southampton, omitted 1.00
Woodville. 11.00
Scarborough, Knox Ch. 9.92
Scarborough, Melville Ch. 2.00
Priceville, St Columba Ch. 4.42
Stratford, Knox Ch. 20.00

\$5347.33

Less this amount credited to St Gabriel St Ch. 32.00

\$5315.33

Rates received to 5th May, 1881. \$1219.07

With Rates from Revds J J A Proudfoot, \$7.00; Dr W Reid, \$9.00; Robt Campbell, 4 years, \$32.00. 49.00

\$1267.07

KNOX COLLEGE BURSARY FUND.

Received to 5th May, 1881. \$690.00
Toronto, Knox Ch. 120.00

\$810.00

ASSEMBLY FUND, 1881-82.

Halifax, Poplar Grove. 6.00
Woodville and Little Sands. 4.00
Berkeley. 8.00
Price's Corners. 2.40
Charlottetown, St James Ch. 5.00
Nepean and Bell's Corners. 5.08
Bristol. 6.25
Shakespeare, St Andrews. 5.00
Trenton. 2.00
Little Narrows. 2.85
Mimos. 4.20
Grimsby. 1.50
Muir Settlement. 1.50
Milverton and North Morrington. 12.45
North Pelham. 3.00

Halifax, Chalmers' Ch. 5.00
Summerside, P E I. 10.00

Chatsworth. 12.00
Mosa, Burns' Ch. 18.33

\$84.00 \$602.33

HOME MISSION, 1881-82.

West Nottawasaga. 15.00
Camilla. 14.50
Meaford, Erskine Ch. 10.00
West Gwillimbury, St Johns Barton. 3.00
Davenport Road S Sch. 12.00
Thames Road. 10.00
Rev Alex Henderson, Hyde Park. 8.00
Riverview. 25.00
Anadienne. 4.67
Pinkerton S Sch. 2.95
Ivy. 1.00
Shakespeare, St Andrews. 2.00
Trenton. 25.00
Camden and Tamworth. 10.00
Rapid City. 7.00
Caduceis. 6.00
Anonymous, Vaughan. 3.00
Whitby, St Andrew's S Sc. 20.00
Oro, Guthrie Ch. 5.00
Elora, Chalmers' Ch. 10.00
Doon S Sc. 55.00
Wyoming S Sch. 4.00
North Normanby. 2.59
Whitechurch. 16.00
Fordyce. 40.00
Bradford. 6.00
Brantford Thankoffering. 11.00
A Friend, St Paul's Ch, Montreal. 5.00
Rodgerville S Sch. 25.00
Shank's Station, Rapid City Group. 7.55
Chatsworth. 2.50
Mosa, Burns' Ch. 15.00
North Westminster. 50.00

COLLEGES.

West Gwillimbury, St Johns. 1.00
West Nottawasaga. 5.00
Hawkesville. 2.55
Ivy. 2.00
Shakespeare, St Andrews. 12.00
Trenton. 3.00
Guelph. 40.00
Dunwich, Duff's Ch. 8.00
Pakenham, St Andrews. 2.50
Utica Miss'y Association. 2.50
Whitechurch. 15.00
Fordyce. 3.00
Bradford. 3.00
Port Dalhousie. 4.75
Grimsby. 10.00
Muir Settlement. 5.00
Amos. 6.00
Orchardville. 3.00
Middle Normanby. 3.00
Clifton, St Andrews. 10.00
Milverton, Burns' Ch. 9.50
North Morrington. 7.90
Hillsbury. 8.00
Chatsworth. 10.00
Pinkerton. 5.60
Thornbury and Clarksburg. 4.00

\$186.5

WIDOWS' FUND.

West Gwillimbury, St Johns. 1.00
Thames Road. 7.50
Kirkton. 5.29
Ivy. 1.00
Shakespeare, St Andrews. 3.00
Nepean and Bell's Corners. 2.00
Morrisburgh. 2.45
Elora, Chalmers' Church. 6.00
Utica Miss'y Association. 2.00
Whitechurch. 4.00
Fordyce. 2.00
Kingston, Chalmers' Church, Special. 19.75
Grimsby. 3.00
Muir Settlement. 3.00
Toronto, old St Andrews. 100.00
Chatsworth. 8.00
Wick. 18.00

\$185.22

With Rates from Revds W Scott, P E I, Dr Cochrane, Robt Jamieson.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTER'S FUND.

West Nottawasaga. 5.60
West Gwillimbury, St Johns. 2.00
Ivy. 1.00
Nepean and Bell's Corners. 1.00
Shakespeare, St Andrews. 3.00
Trenton. 2.00
Revd Alex Kennedy, Dunbarton. 100.90
Aylwin and Desert. 5.00
Elora, Chalmers' Ch. 12.90
Whitechurch. 5.00
Fordyce. 2.00
Kingston, Chalmers' Church, Special. 5.50
Clifton, St Andrews. 10.00
Chatsworth. 8.50

\$165.14

With Rates from Revs J McKenzie, \$300; Dr Cochrane, \$9.00; McNaughton, 4 years, \$13.50; A Sutherland, \$3.50; H Edmison, 3 years, \$15; G Burson, 3 years, \$17.25; J Murray, 5 years, \$43. Total, \$101.50

KNOX COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.

Flamboro West, per Rev. J Chrystal. \$18

Alberton, per Rev. Wm. Burns	5.00
Cobourg, " "	
Grafton, " "	57.00
Grafton, " "	9.00
Vernonville " "	16.00
Oakville, per J. Barclay	61.00
	\$177.00

KNOX COLLEGE BURSARY FUND.

Brantford Zion Church	\$50.00
Rev. John Morrison, Proton	
Gaelic	1.00
	\$51.00

MANITOBA COLLEGE ORDINARY FUND.

Keady	\$4.25
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CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH TO BE APPROPRIATED.

Fergus Melville Church	\$75.00
Brussels Melville Church	43.00
Brantford Zion Church	50.00
	\$173.00

WALDENSIAN PASTOR'S FUND.

R. McGowan, Wawanosh	\$1.00
A Friend, Toronto	2.00
	\$3.00

RECEIVED BY REV. DR. MACGREGOR, AGENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES, TO JUNE 4TH, 1881.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Acknowledged already	\$10,533.52
"A St John, N.B., Boy" for Trinidad	4.00
Rev. Dr. Pollok, St. Andrew's Church, Halifax	5.00
Widows' Fund, for Mrs. Geddie and Morrison	330.00
Beddie Memorial Fund	203.70
	\$11,136.32

Amount transferred to pay Dayspring debt	\$1995.92
Total for Foreign Mission Fund to May, 1881	\$9140.50

RECEIVED SINCE CLOSING OF ACCOUNTS.

Ladies' pony-a-week social, Churchville	\$14.00
Mrs. Alex. Munro, Pt Elgin	1.00
Summerside, P. E. I.	35.00
Middle Steviacke	11.35
Angus Sutherland, Plainfield, Pictou	1.00
Middle River, Pictou	7.00
Foreign Mis. Bd. in connection with C. of Scotland, for Rev. H. A. Robertson and Rev. J. F. Campbell	60.60
Westville	24.00
Souris Bay Fortune and Grand River	14.00
Freddie McKittrick, Kentville, for 4th Missionary	2.00
Blackville and Derby	7.00
Vale Colliery	10.00
W. For M. S., Shubenacadie	20.00
Bequest Peter Ross, Hopewell, sec. nd instalment	100.00
	\$306.95

RECEIPTS PER REV K J GRANT.
Mrs George Munro, N Y. \$30.00

Mrs K McKay and children, Richmond, N.B.	4.75
Maggie Dickenson	2.00
Yarmouth congregation	8.16
Dr and Mrs Geddes, Yarmouth	33.00
Friend, per Mrs Webster	1.25
Dr Jas Walker, Fairville, St John, N.B.	100.00
St Stephen's Ch, St John	31.65
St David's S.S, St John	15.00
T MacLellan, Esq, St John	10.00
Mr Brass, St John	2.00
Mr Wishart, Carleton	1.00
Mrs S Johnson, Chipman, NB	10.10
New Glasgow	50.00
Moncton	53.00
Newcastle	50.00
Douglastown	14.50
Campbelltown for Buildings	33.00
Dalhousie	14.84
Summerside	20.50
Rev R S Patterson	5.00
Truro	62.00
Stellarton	30.00
Mrs A Keith, Stellarton	5.00
Rev Wm Stuart, Green Hill	5.00
A McPhee, Tangier	1.00
Friend at Durham	1.00
Chatham, Senator Muirhead	\$5.00
" Mrs. Gardiner	5.00
" A Friend	1.00
" J Bremner	1.00
" Mr. Saddler	3.00
" Mr. Ferguson, Customs	10.00
" Mr. Vondy	5.00
" L. G. Tweedie	3.00
" A Leishman	1.00
" W. Anderson	4.00
" W. S. Loggie	2.00
" A. McKinnon	1.00
" Dr. Baxter	1.00
" Wm. Murray	3.00
" A. J. Loggie	4.00
" Miss E. Thompson	1.00
" A Friend	.50
" Alex. Marshall	1.00
" Rev J. F. McBain	2.00
" A few friends	4.75
" St. Andrew's Church	20.85
River Charlo, J. McMillan	2.00
" Geo White	1.00
" Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Nicholson	12.00
" D. McMillan, Esq.	10.00
" D. McLean	1.00
" Mrs. A. Macpherson	2.00
" Peter Hamilton	2.00
" Jas. McMillan	1.00
" R. McNair	1.00
" Mrs. N. McNair	.75
Charlottetown, Zion Church collection	17.50
" Prince street C. col'n	9.00
" St. James Church	30.00
" Mr. Bruce	1.00
" Miss Isa. Miller	5.00
" Mrs W. Mutch	5.00
" Miss Mutch	2.00
" A. Kennedy	10.00
" D. Small	2.00
" Rev. K. MacLennan	2.00
" Dr. MacLeod	1.00
" Miss MacRae	.50
" S. D. Fraser	1.00
Antigonish collection	33.60
" H. H. McCurdy	11.31
" A. Kirk	5.00
" J. F. Robb	1.50
" W. H. Mackenzie	2.00
" J. D. Copeland	2.00
" Dr. MacDonald	2.00
" T. H. Macphoe	.50
" Margaret Cameron	.20
	\$854.70

The lists from Pictou and Halifax will be published in next number of Record, as they are not yet received in full.

DAYSPRING AND MISSION SCHOOLS.

Acknowledged already	\$2723.30
Beachburg, St. Andrews ad'o	3.00
Erskine Ch. S.S., Toronto	40.00
	\$2776.30

Received from For. Mis. Fund for liquidation of debt	\$1995.92
Total for Dayspring Fund to May, 1881	\$4762.22

HOME MISSIONS.

Acknowledged already	\$3748.76
Rev Dr Pollok, St Andrew's Church, Halifax	5.00
Rev W S Whittier	10.00
Total for Home Mission Fund to May, 1881	\$3763.76

RECEIPTS SINCE CLOSING OF ACCOUNTS.

Summerside, P. E. I.	\$25.00
Middle Steviacke	9.13
Westville	23.00
Souris, Bay Fortune and Grand River	10.00
Blackville and Derby	20.00
Bequest late Peter Ross, Esq, Hopewell, 2nd instalment	100.00
	\$187.13

SUPPLEMENTARY FUND.

Acknowledged already	\$3206.78
Rev Dr Pollok, St Andrew's Church, Halifax	5.00
St Stephen's Ch, St John	26.21
Total for Supplement Fund to May, 1881	\$3237.99

RECEIVED SINCE CLOSING OF ACCOUNTS.

Summerside	\$20.00
Middle River, Pictou	3.00
Souris, Bay Fortune and Grand River	10.00
Miss Nancy Miller, per Rev D R Crockett	5.00
	\$38.00

COLLEGE FUND.

Acknowledged already	\$7053.61
Rev Dr Pollok	5.00
Poplar Grove, Halifax add.	8.00
Redbank additional	1.00
Interest	70.00
" " from For Mis Fund for 3 mos on \$1,200 at 6 p c Int. from Dayspring Fund	120.00
" " from Supplement Fund	23.53
" " " "	5.84
Total for College Fund to May, 1881	\$7568.98

RECEIVED SINCE CLOSING OF ACCOUNTS.

Gay's River	\$15.86
St Andrew's Truro	37.65
St Stephen's Church, St John	49.75
Souris, Bay Fortune and Grand River	10.00
John Stewart, Gabarus	1.00
	\$114.26

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

Acknowledged already	\$1600.30
Rev Dr Pollok	5.00
Total for Aged Ministers' Fund to May, 1881	\$1605.30

RECEIVED SINCE CLOSING OF ACCOUNTS.	
Balance on hand May 1, 1881	\$325.30
Souris, Bay Fortune and Grand River	10.00
Bequest of late Peter Ross, Esq, Hopewell, 2nd instalment	25.00
Rev A McRae, rate for 1881	2.90
	\$362.30
BURSARY FUND.	
Acknowledged already	\$747.77
Rev Jno McMillan, for prize	25.00
Rev Dr Pollok	5.00
Sheet Harbor	7.40
Total for Bursary Fund to May, 1881	\$785.17

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.
Rev. R. H. Warden, Treasurer,
to 31st May, 1881.

ORDINARY FUND.	
Acknowledged to 6th May	\$3956.27
Laprairie	4.75
Lancaster, Knox Church	10.00
Scotstown	3.00
Richard White, Montreal	6.00
Williamstown, St Andrew's	13.00
Bearbrook	2.00
Russelltown	6.00
St Hyacinthe	5.25
Rev T Fenwick, Metis	2.00
Montreal, St Johns	4.00
" Canning St Ch.	2.25
D Lyons, Montreal	5.00
Avoca	1.50
Richmond & Lower Windsor	10.42
Lake Megantic	3.25
St Lambert Bible Class	9.65
Cote des Neiges	25.00
Jas Court, Montreal	500.00
John Sti ling	500.00
Jonathan Hodgson " on acc't	100.00
A C Hutchison "	500.00
D Morrice "	500.00
R Langwill, St Lambert	25.00
	\$5694.34

THEOLOGICAL CHAIR.	
Acknowledged to 6th May	\$2830.00
Hon Justice Torrance	60.00
John Anderson	25.00
J S Archibald	12.50
	\$2927.50

SCHOLARSHIP FUND.	
Acknowledged to 6th May	\$954.00
Hugh McLennan	25.00
P Q (French)	20.00
	\$999.00

BUILDING FUND.	
Acknowledged to 6th May	\$381.10
Rev J Scrimger, Montreal	130.00
Mr McNiven	10.00
	\$521.10

THEOLOGICAL HALL BUILDING AND ENDOWMENT FUND.
Farquhar, Forrest & Co., Treasurers,
173 Hollis street, Halifax,
to May 31st, 1881

Already acknowledged	\$62151.24
Isaac Thompson, St Peters rd	
P E I, third instalment	9.00
Rev W Scott do do	9.00
Grace Robertson do do	3.00
Charlotte Nickerson do do	2.00
Rev A M L Sinclair	179.00
John McRae (Bentlie) Badk CB	6.00
Rodk McLeod,	4.00
Donald McRae " "	5.00
Wm. Hunter, Kelmahu-	
maige, P E L	32.25
Blue Mts, Pictou Co, N S	27.00
Middle River	15.00
John McKay, elder, New	
Glasgow, N S	15.00
Jas Ramsay, Mulpeeuque, P	
E I, in full	10.00
	\$62467.49

DETAILED STATEMENT OF AMOUNTS COLLECTED FOR PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL HALL BUILDING AND ENDOWMENT FUND BY REV A M SINCLAIR. ALREADY ACKNOWLEDGED.

Presbytery of Pictou.	
Goldenville	\$240.84
Sherbrooke	78.33
Antigonish	202.89
Barney's River	5.33
Lochaber	28.00
East River, Pictou	73.00
" "	25.05
East River, St Mary's	36.70
	\$690.14
Presbytery of Truro.	
St Andrew's, Truro	208.66
St Paul	151.00
First Pres Cong (Dr. McC's)	70.00
Great Village	101.71
	\$531.37
Presbytery of Wallace.	
Pugwash	\$4.50
Wallace	118.00
Tatamagouche	68.69
	\$191.19
Miramichi.	
St Andrew's, Chatham	\$160.00

St John's, Chatham	77.95
Bathurst	193.98
Campbelltown	92.58
Blackville and Derby	13.66
Newcastle	128.69
Richibucto	96.00
	\$762.84

Presbytery of St John.
Moncton.....**\$104.00**
Total.....**\$2279.54**

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE, KINGSTON, ONT.

C. F. Ireland, Treasurer.	
Building Fund.	
Already acknowledged	\$28284.85
Ford & Sons, 3 on 500	100.00
W Coresdate, 3 on 100	20.00
Mrs Betts, 3 on 100	20.00
To 1st June	\$28424.85

Land and Equipment Fund.
Already acknowledged.....**\$5000.00**

Endowment Fund.	
Already acknowledged	\$64188.82
<i>Kincardine.</i>	
J L Murray, 3 on 25	5.00
J McLeod, 1 on 10	5.00
<i>Ottawa.</i>	
J Scriven, 3 on 25	5.00
<i>Williamstown.</i>	

A Grant, 1 on 10	2.50
Mrs R McLennan, 3 on 5	1.00
P R Grant, 3 on 5	1.00
D A Grant, 3 on 10	4.00
R Robertson, 3 on 6	2.00
Mrs P Grant, 3 on 4	1.00
D B McLennan, 3 on 30	6.00
D Ferguson, 3 on 5	1.00
A Dingwall, 3 on 10	3.00
W Campbell, 2 and 3 on 100	40.00
M McMartin, 3 on 20	4.00
D J McArthur, 2 and 3 on 10	6.00
A McGillivray, 1 on 100	20.00

Harronsmith	
Rev J Connaek, 3 on 100	20.00
<i>Orillia</i>	
J Gray, 3 and 4 on 100	40.00
<i>Sarnia</i>	
Mrs J D Simpson, 3 on 100	20.00

Fergus	
A Brockie, 2 on 30	10.00
P Dow, 3 on 10	3.33
P Greene, 3 on 5	1.00
W Hastings, 3 on 5	1.00
J B Mullen, 3 on 250	50.00
W Ritchie, 3 on 5	1.00
Pinkerton.	
J C Eckford, on acc't	5.00
For June	\$64447.66

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Bruce, at Port Elgin, 19th July, 2 p.m.
Kingston, at Belleville, 5th July, 7.30 p.m.
Peterboro', at Port Hope, 12 Sept., 7.30 p.m.
Stratford, St. Andw. Ch, 5th July, 10 a.m.
Lan. & Renfrew, at Arnprior, 5th July, 3 p.m.
Montreal, at St. Paul's Ch., 12th July, 11 a.m.
Maitland, at Kincardine, 12th July, 1 p.m.
Chatham, at Chatham, 5th July, 11 a.m.
Miramichi, at Chatham, 2nd August, 10 a.m.
Glengarry, at Lancaster, 12th July, 10 a.m.

Whitby, St Andw's Church, 19th July, 11 a.m.
Saugeen, at Harriston, 12th July, 11 a.m.
Huron, at Goderich, 12th July, 11 a.m.
Toronto, at Knox Church, 5th July, 11 a.m.
Hamilton, at Hamilton, 19th July.
London, in First Pres. Ch., 12th July, 2 p.m.
Barrie, at Barrie, 26th July, 11 a.m.
Halifax, at Poplar Grove Ch., 5th July, 10 a.m.
Guelph, at First Pres. Ch., 19th July, 10 a.m.
Lindsay, at Beaverton, 30th Aug., 2 p.m.
Brookville, at Prescott, 12th July, 2.30 p.m.
Paris, Erskine Ch., Ingersoll, 5th July, 2 p.m.