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## marriages.

In Canbrook, on June ${ }^{12 \text { th, by }}$ Rev. D. B. McRae, Mr. Wm. Smalldon, to Miss Kate McDougall, both of Cranbrook.
In Esquesing, at the residence of the bride's mother, on Wednesday, $5^{\text {th }}$ June, by Rev. L. Perrin, B.A., $5_{\text {Thomas Arthur Ivens, Toronto, to }}^{\text {Th }}$ Catharine, eldest daughter of the Catharine, eldest
late James Sharp.
In Quebec, on June 11, by the Rev. A. T. Love, B.A., the Rev Edward G. Walker, B.A., of Valcartier, Que., to Daisy, daughter of Wm. R. Dean, of Quebec.
On June 5, 1901, at the residence of the bride, 130 Bank street, by the Rev. Robert Herbison, M.A., the Rev. Robert Herbison, M.A.,
Elizabeth J., daughter of W. J. Elizabeth G., daughter of Weo. H. Taylor, of Ot-
Barr, to Barr,
tawa.
On June 5 , 1901, by the Rev. N. Mcleod, at the manse, New Edinburg, Wim. Mockett, of Billings Bridge, to Floret Woodhus, of Ottawa.

At the residence of the bride's parents, June 12, 1901, by the Rev. A. Rowat, Mr. Henry Nelson Henderson, of the Gore, Hinchinbrook, to Mary Helen, second daughter of Mr. Thos. Severs, of Elgin.
On June 12, 1901, at the home of Mr. C. E. Plain, 549 Gilmour street, Ottawa, father of the bricle, Mabel Ross Plain, to W. George Young, son of Mr. Wm. Young, by the Rev. Dr. Moore, assisted by the Rev Thurlow Fraser, all of Ottawa.
At the manse, Nesbitt, on June th, by the father of the bride, Mr. Thomas Stuart, Acheson, C.P.R. Wont Winkler, eldest son of Rev. agent, Winkler, eldest sonof Rev, Miss Mary Elizabeth, eldest daush ter of Rev. R. Milne Croll, of Nester of Rev. R.
bitt, Manitoba.
At St. Andrew's Church, Quebec on June 5, 1got, by the Rev. And. T. Love, Edith Mary, younges daughter of the late Joseph Wilson Henry, of Quebec, to Herbert Egmont Bieber, accountant, Molsons Bank, Simcoe.

On June 5, 1901, at the 'Maples, the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. Robert A. Jaffray, of Wouchow, China, assisted by the Rev. D. G. Macphail, of St. And rew's Church, Picton, and the Rev. Robert Bell, curate of Grace Church, Toronto, Wm. G. Jaffray, eldest son of Robt. Jaffray, Toronto, to Ethelwyn Gillespie, Picton, Ont.

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## Note and Comment.

Venice is trying to revive the picturesque ceremony of wedding the Adriatic, which has been discontinued since the last Doge was expelled in 1797 . Plans are being made for a new "Bucentaur" on the model of the one used in the last ceremony.

A party of Swedish naturalists under the leadership of Gustave Kolthoff made a northern voyage of more than usual length last summer, for the purpose of studying the fauna in Arctic waters and lands. They were disappointed in not finding any more relics of Andrés on Prince Charles Island.

It is said that the Princess Victoria, the only unmarried daughter of the King, is one of the most expert amateur bookbinders in England, and spends much of her spare time in pursuing her hobby. She has il small library of books, all exquisitely bound by herself, and as an exhibitor she has won many prizes and much commendation under the psedonym of "Miss Matthews."

A society to be called "The Church Law Society" has been inaugurated with Principal Story as its president. The general purposes of the society are stated to be to promote a better knowledge of the constitution, laws, and procedure of the Church of Scotland, and to advise in regard to the preservation of the property, rights, and privileges of the Church. Advisory, editorial, business, and lictureship committee have been elected.

The language contest has led to serious tumults in Prussian Poland. It is an ax. iom of the Polish clergy that the Virgin Mary does not understand German, and that prayer addressed to her in that language is of no effect. Polish children, therefore, refused to learn the religious lessons set them in the schools, for which the teachers punished them. On hearing this, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Chronicle," parents stormed the schools, dragged their children out, and flung the German religious text-books at the teachers' feet. The police had ultimately to interfere.

According to the rule sanctioned by centuries of Chinese observation, no document can have the authority of the Imperial Throne of China unless it bears a red spot placed there by the Sovereign. To the Grand Council the Tsung-li-Yamen and all other departments of State take their business, and the Grand Council in its turn considers all documents, and attaches to each a piece of red paper on which its own decision is written. Each morning at daybreak the Grand Council proceeds to the palace to submit the papers to the Sovereign, who, as each document is produced, signifies approval by making a small spot with a brush on the margin of the red paper. With the red spot upon it the paper is the most sacred thing in the world to a Chinaman ; without it, it may be torn to shreds with impunity.

A daring voyage has been undertaken by two venturesome British Columbians. A ma-ter mariner and a newspaper man have arranged to make a tour of the world in an Indian war canoe. The craft is 40 ft . long and 4 ft . wide, contains a cabin large enough for both to sleep in, and is provisioned for six months. The voyagers were to start for Australia on May 29, and they expect to reach Syilney at the end of September. They estimate that they will reach Eng land in about two years.

It is reported that the Rev. Dr. Charles Sheldon, of Topeka, Kansas, who wrote a book advising employers to treat their servants as equals, is having serious domestic troubles. His wife last week refused to allow the servant girl to dine with the family. The girl promptly gave up her place, and before leaving she reminded Mrs. Sheldon that her husband had recently solved the servant girl problem by declaring that domestics should have equal privileges with the family. Mrs. Sheldon told the girl that she was not responsible for her husband's opinions; he could write books, but she intended to rule the household. The pastor's dilemma is said to have caused great amusement.

Mr. Henry Broadhurst, English M. P., has published the story of his life, trom stone-mason to a Government Minister, and he ends the volume with a description of Mr Gladstone's funeral. He says Within the Abbey my place was on the north side of the grave. On my immediate right was the late Lord Chief Justice, and on my left Lord Justice Rigby. Behind sat the Lord Chancellor, and as the Duke of York retired from his post of pallbearer he brushed against me. Then the Prince of Wales, to day the King of the mightiest Empire the world has known, advanced in reverence to Mrs. Gladstone, and betore us all kissed the trembling hands of the widow of the greatest commoner of our land. Thus did the first gentleman of the nation acknowledge the equality of all humanity in the presence of the King of Kings.

Rev. John Spurgeon, father of the famous C. H. Spurgeon, remarks the Belfast Witness, is alive and well, and still usefully occupied at the great age of ninety years. Rev. Theodore Cuyler, of Brooklyn Presbyterian fame, is reported in excellent health at the age of seventy. nine. Dr. Farrar has been preaching on Sundays for forty-five years, besides innumerable week-day lectures and addresses. Dr. Parker, of the City Temple, has just preached, at an advanced age, the opening sermon of the great Evangelistic Campaign in London, and with undimin ished fire. In the Irish Church there are Dr. Alexander, of Armagh, Dr. Killen of Belfast, and Mr. Buick of Ahoghill, all venerable and venerated. It is not that pulpit work itself is without tax and strain ; rather it is that sober and regular living promotes longevity ; "godliness hath the promise of the life that now is."

Rev. Dr. Morison, pastor of St. David's Church, St. John's, tells a rather amusing incident of the census taker's plan for deciding his nationality.. On calling upon the reverendgentleman for his census, the enumerator asked him the usual question as to nationality, and the prompt reply was "I am a Canadian." This fairly staggered the official. He had evidently never heard of such a nationality, but, nothing daunted, he inquired what nationality Dr. Morison's father was. The answer was "Scotch" "Then you're Scotch," triumphantly answered the enumerator. "But my mother was English, and she surely counts as much as my father in settling so momentuous a question." But the census taker was not to be moved. And so Dr. Morison is, officially at least, a Scotchman.

General Booth, says Mr. Stead in an article on the "General" in the Young Man, met Cecil Rhodes both in Africa and in London, and liked him well. Cecil Rhodes was very much taken with the General. He visited the Labsur Colony at Hadleigh, and spent a day with the heads of the Army The visit of inspection terminated with the inevitable prayermeeting in which the General prayed earnestly, as is his wont, for the salvation of his distinguished visitor. Cecil Rhodes's demeanour was noted at the time as being singularly reverent and sympathetic, in marked contradistinction to that of others of the party. He told me afterwards: "The General's all right. I quite agree with him, only with the difference ot one word. Where he says salvation I say empire. Otherwise we are quite in accord."

An extraordinary dispute has arisen between Rev. Dr. Cameron Lees, minister of St. Giles's Cathedral, Edinburgh, and Principal Story, of Glasgow University, owing to remarks made by Dr. Story in the General Assembly. Principal Story referred to Dr. Cameron Lee's speech at the deputation which went to the Episcopal bishops in furtherance of a day of prayer for Christian unity, in which he had expressed thankfulness in the words of a Scotsman speaking in 1610 , of certain events which took place at that time, The Principal went on to say that he did not know if Dr. Cameron Lees knew what the history of the Church of Scotland was in 16ro, and that Dr. Cameron Lees "rather preferred such meetings to the floor of this house." Dr. Cameron Lees replied in a lettér to "The Scotsman,' by characterizing the latter remark as a sneer, and, stating that during his forty five years' ministry he had always attended the General Assembly when sent there by his Presbytery, except on two oc-casions-once when prevented by an unexpected call of duty, and once by family bereavement. He explains that he is not this year a member of Assembly, but was present when the remarks were made. Dr. Cameron Lees thus concludes - "A man with his hands tied can always be made an easy victim by any cur that de. : 1 c : to flesh his teeth."

## Twenty-Seventh General Assembly.

SECOND DAY-THURSDAY.
The opening hour this morning was devoted to devotional exercises ; and the first item of business was a report from the committee on Bills and Overtures with a programme of busin ass recommending that Mr. J. W. McMillan, of Lindsay, be appointed to act as joint clerk of the Assembly in place of Dr. Warden, moderator-elect. The report was adopted.

Applications From Ministers
were then considered. Among them was one from Rev. J. C. Madill, former president of the P. P. A. and a Congregationalist, which was endorsed by the presbytery of Winnipeg. Protests against Mr. Madill's reception were read from the Preshyteries of Ottawa and Stratford. One from the presbytery of Paris was worded so as to read that Mr. Madill's application be entertained but that inquiry be made into the circumstances under which he left the presbytery of Toronto and the Presbyterian church. Rev. Dr. McMullen said the minute from the Paris presbytery should read that Mr . Madill's application be not entertained, The moderator ruled that to make any change such as suggested would be a dangerous precedent. Rev. Dr. Thompson, of Sarnia, pointed out that Mr. Madill had been separated from his church by the Congregational union, the fact of this gentleman having been disciplined ought not to be ignored. The application, with all its accompanying documents, was referred to committee.

Leave was given the presbytery of St . John to place upon its roll the name of Rev. Dr. McRae, until recently principal of Morin college, Quebec.

A welcome to Ottawa was read by the moderator from the Ministerial association of Ottawa and inviting the assembly to designate ministers to occupy the fulpits of the various churches on Sunday.
afternoon sederunt.
Reports of the varions Collegcs were presented. The Presbyterian College, Halifax, shows a falling off in the attendance and a slight decline in the funds, but the smaller attendance is attributed to the raising of the standard in the opening classes. The opinion was expressed that the attendance would pick up. In eleven months of the last church year the college took in $\$ 10,905$ as compared with receipts of $\$ 11,207$ for the previous year.

The report was presented by the Rev. Dr. Sedgewick and in it a scheme was outlined to consolidate all the funds of the church in the eastern section, and then apportion to each fund including colleges, a proportionate share. This was adopted. Dr. D. A. Murray, of Harvard, will be called to take the chair of mathematics in succession to the late Prof. Chas. Macdonald.

President Forrest, of Dalhousie College ; Principal Pollok and Rev. J. A. Macdonald spoke on the report.
The impression was current that the falling off in the number of applicants of candidates for the ministry was because there were so many difficulties in the way of a student getting a charge after he had graduated from college. After passing his examinations he must then go before an entirely different tribunal, a congregation, and preach for a call. Principal Pollok reterred in a humorous way to the deterioration in some quarters on the part of the people in the

THE DOMINION PRESBYT ERIAN
caliber of minister required. Persons writing to him to recommend a minister asked thit he be a "young man," "agreeable socially," "fond of athletics," and not one moral quality mentioned. Rev. Dr. Warden, the moderator, told the assembly that there was a diminished attendance of students for all the professions in the colleges of Scotland.

When the report of the Montreal Prespyterian College came up Principal MacVicar smilingly toid the assembly that he had a prosperous year to report. The number of students enrolled was fifty-eight, of whom nine were studying for the work of French evangelization. All the funds of the college are in a good condition but the Principal would like to see some person come forward with funds for the exegetical chair. Dr. MacVicar said the falling off in the number of applicants for the ministry was a serious matter and should be considered by the church, but Dr. Lyle who seconded the adoption of the Montreal College report, said there was no cause for alarm and that the young men would be obtainable as they are needed.
Rev. Dr. Patrick presented the report of the Manitoba college. This was Dr. Patrick's first introduction to the assembly and he received a hearty welcome. The total number of students enrolled at present in theology is twenty-five and the arts stu dents for the year numbered 150 . The endowment fund totalled $859,75^{\circ}$; ordinary fund, $\$_{23}, 19^{2}$; scholarship tund, $\$ 9,625$. Dr. Patrick paid an eloquent tribute to Prof. Bryce and delivered a graceful panegyric on the late Dr. King, who did so much for Presbyterianism in the west. He said that the ministers must be practical, thorough men, who know how to preside over a kirk session, or run a Sunday school. They have no antiquated, out-of date fashions in the west. He said that the church could go to the old country for a professor but it required Canadians for the ministry. It wanted men who knew which end of the horse to put in the buggy. There are no better men than the sons of Ontario farmers now in Manitoba and the Nurthwest The motion to adopt the report was moved by Rev. R. G. McBeth, Vancouver, seconded by Mr. Robert Murray, Halifax, and carried.
Dr. Gregg, Toronto, presented the report of the hymnal committee. The edition sold for the year totaled 63,778, an increase of nearly 20,000 . The royalty increased over $\$ 1,500$ Of the royalty $\$ 1,000$ goes to the aged and infirm minister's fund and $\$ 500$ to the widows' and orphans' fund.

## Term Eldership.

An overture, which originated in presbytery of Owen Sound and was endorsed by the synods of Toronto and Kingston, dealt with the term service of elders. At present elders are elected for life, and it is proposed to give congregations power to elect when desired for a stated term of years.

Dr. J. B. Fraser, said that men are sometimes elected for life who prove a hindrance to the church. It night be said that the logical outcome would be term service in the ministry. He did not think it wonld ; but, if so, it would not be a calamity. When elected for a period of five years the elder would be eligible for te election. Dr. Fraser concluded by moving the reception of the overture. This carried, he moved that the overture be approved and sent down to the presbyteries under the barrier act. If a majority of the Presbyteries endorse the overture, it will be subject to confirmation at a future meeting of the assembly.

Dr. Thompson, of Sarnia, said he did not think the church was more troubled with tractious elders than with fractious preachers, and moved in amendment that the overture be not entertained.

Dr. Forrest, Halifax, seconded the amendment, and said whenever there is a little trouble anywhere some people are always rushing to upset and amend the constitution. He thought the same treatment should be provided for preachers, and thought the elders would bear comparison with the ministers. He deprecated these changes. The present system is good enough as it is, and he hoped the assembly would give the quietus to the proposal.

Mr. McQueen, of Beverly, opposed the proposai and thought the assembly was wasting time. He said the proposal degraded the office of elder.

Rev. Mr. Gracey, Gananoque, said that when the Kingston synod approved the proposal it was not from any desire to weaken the eldership and pointed out that the proposal was not retroactive being de vendant upon the will of the congregation. Dr. Sommerville, Owen Sound, objected to some of the comparisons made, which he said were unfair. He asked where in the New Testament the Presbyterian church got its authority to appoint elders for life and managers for a term of years. Knox was a pretty safe Presbyterian and he never thought an elder should be appointed for life.

Dr. Campbell, secretary of the assembly, said John Knox soon discovered that term service was not satisfactory and for 300 years the church had got along nicely and would do well to stay where it is.

Rev. Mr. McDougall, of Spencerville, opposed the overture
A. F. Wood, ex M. P. P, Madoc, said that he never heard of any complaint with the sy,tem in the section in which he lived for many years.

Principal McVicar urged the rejection of the overture.

In closing the discussion Dr. Fraser said he was surprised and pained at the lightness of the debate. The proposal should be brought seriously to the attention of t'e church. He asked if the assembly s averse to submitting the question to the 55 Presbyteries for discussion.

The first vote showed a large majority for Dr. Thompson's amendment throwing out the overture which was made the substantice motion and an amendment was moved by Mr. Cassels, Toronto, that the overture be "remitted" to presbyteries for discussion, which carried by a vote of 107 to 105 .

To the proposal that the amendment be made the substantive motion, Dr. Sedgewick moved in amendment that further discussion be deferred until after the report on the el-der-moderator question be submitted and disposed of.
The amendment was defeated by a vote of 74 to 80 .
Mr. Cassels' amendment was then finally adopted and the overture goes to the presbyteries.

## Evening sederunt,

Home Missions had the floor. The report from the Eastern Section was submitted by Rev. S. G. Carson. of Pictou, N. S. The committee was unable to tell of rapid extension or of any marked expansion in its work. In the east it is difficult to do more than occasionally to add a promising field to those already under charge. The number of stations with home missionaries was 23 as against 31 the year previous. Their
missionaries have supplied fields having 112 preaching stations, embracing 1,487 families and $\mathbf{x}, 786$ communicants.
The stations contributed $\$ 8,360$ for the support of the missionaries and gave \$1.154 to the schemes of the church. The home mission committee gave grants totalling $\$ 5,040$. The receipts of the committee were $\$ 14,080$, expenditure $\$ 14.65 \mathrm{t}$. The givings of Christian Endeavor societies are steadily falling off.

Home Tissions West
The report tor the western section was presented by Rev. Dr. Robertson, Toronto, who said he was called on to present the report because the convener of the committee, Dr. Warden, was in the chair and he congratulated the assembly on its selection of a moderator. The field covered extends from Gaspe to Klondike, a distance of 5,000 miles. There was an increase of 40 in the missions and more than half the missions are west of Lake Superior. Sume missions passed to the augmented list, and others became self-sustaining. If there was money 45 mi sions could be added to the augmented list to-morr.w. The revenue exceeded the expenditure by $\$ 66$. There were $\$ 13,500$ received from Britain. Expenditure for current year is likely to be very much in advance of any previous year. Some 33 missions have been started and if justice is to be done to the growing west a mission must be started every week. The church must see to it that whatever country a man comes from he must be given the opportunities and privileses of the gospel. The printed reprott oullined the work to lumber camps, Manitoba, British Columbia and the Yukon. The work of the committee is carried on in 402 fields including 1,174 preaching stations, with 12.823 families and $13,830 \mathrm{com}$ municants. The committee will want $\$ 97$, 500 to meet the expenditure this year. Rev. J. C. Herdman, of Calgary, seconded theadoption of the report in an eloquent manner.

## Gaticians and Doukhobors.

Rev. Dr. J. T. Reid, who worked among the Galicians and Doukhobors as a medical missionary, was next introduced. He said these people,semi-barbarian Slavs, are worthy of sympathy. With a map of the Northwest he showed the locations of the Galician and Doukhobor settlements There are in all about 39,000 Galicians and 7,500 Doukhobors. These, he said, are a frugal, industrious, promising people and in a few years will be prosperous farmers. They are writing cheery letters home and the thousands here are but a dot compared :o the thousands coming. To argue against their coming would be as useless as for the redmen to argue against the coming of Columbus. The Anglo-Saxon brought a high civilization to this continent and who can tell but the Slav is being led to Canada by God to be enlightened. In twenty five years the vote of the west will be dominated by the foreigners and it is the duty of the Canadians to civilize them. To do this they must be given what Browning calls, "Christi $n$ souls." The lowest civilization he found in the west was among the Anglo-Saxons on the frontier working on the railroads.

## THIRD DAV-FRIDAV.

When the General Assembly opened this morning, after devotional exercises the moceritor announced that he had appointed the following committee to draft loyal addresses to His Majesty the King and the GovernorG neral ; Principal Pollok, convener ; Principal MacVicar, Dr. D. D. Mcleod, James Hastie, John McIntyre, R. C., and Mr. F. Falconer, Sydney, Aftet reappointing the
committee on revision of Book of Forms with the addition of the names of Rev. Dr. Sedgwick, Halifax, and Professor Baird, Winnipeg, the Assembly proceeded to consider the report of Knox College, which was presented by Mr. Mortimer Clark,Chaırman of the Board. The college barely met expenses and the report observed with great regret the very trifling sums received from many congregations for the maintenance of the college. "An examination of the church treasures's statements discloses a condition of affairs by no means creditable to the congregations or the graduates of the college in charge of them." He moved the adoption of the report and the appointment of Rev. W. Halliday Douglas, of Cambridge, England, to be professor of apologetics, homiletics and pastoral theology, at a salary of $\$ 2,500$ a year. The motion was seconded by Rev. Dr. Torrance. Rev. Dr. Gregg referred to a number of Canadian graduates of the college who, he said, are quite worthy of appointment to the professoriate, among them being Rev. D. M. Ramsay, of Knox church, Ottawa, and said, amidst hearty plaudits, "Surely there are men in our wide Dominion fitted for this position without going to a far distant land for one." He moved, in amendment, that the report of the board of management be referred to a committee. The amendment was lost on division. The figures were not ancounced but the amendment had a large number of supporters. The main motion was then carried and Mr. Douglas was appointed.

## Queen's University.

The report of Queen's University, Kingston, was next presented by Rev. Principal Grant. He said the university is passing through a critical stage, but is receiving the hearly support of all sections of the church. Last year the Assembly affirmed the principle that the time had come for nationalizing the university by statute as it had been the practice for years. The Assembly would be glad to learn that on Oct. 16 last King. ston, by an overwhelming majority, had passed a grant of $\$ 50,000$ for an addition to the building for the faculty in arts. "That showed," he said, that the people who know that it is a public and not a denominational assembly institution, although under the jurisdiction of the church. It ought to tend to the sweetening of the national life that one city can be found in which the spirit of union prevails." The county council of Frontenac will submit a bylaw for $\$ 20,000$ for an enlarged examination in Convocation hall. He next told of the appeal to the Ontario Government by which $\$ 100.000$ was secured. Queen's got its grant with the nnanimous approval of the legislature. Queen's, he said, led the way and first opened the doors to all creeds and both sexes, Toronto and other universities following after. Report received and referred.

## afternoon sederunt.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong presented the report of the

## Ottava Ladies' Collige

which had passed through a very satisfactory year. The number of pupils enrolled during the year was 158 , of whom 48 were in residence during the year. The estimated revenue to the end of the session was $\$ 16$, 667 . The revenue had heen sufficient to meet the ordinary expenses, interest and debt, etc., leaving a small balance to the good. It was confidently expected that $\$ 12,000$ wuld be subscribed in connection with the century fund towards wiping out the debt on the institution. Dr. Armstrong
praised the teaching staff, who were all of high academic standing.
Principal McVicar, Montreal, moved the reception and adoption of the report and the appointment of the following as the board of management: Rev. Dr. Herridge, Ottawa; Levi Crannell, Dr. Armstrong, Dr. MacIntosh, Cornwall; Dr. Scrimger, Montreal; Rev. A. H. Scott, Perth; Dr, Stewart, Prescott; J. R. Mcleod, Three Rivers; D, M. Ramsay, George Hay, Ottawa; E. T. Frost, ex M.P., Smith's Falls; A. W. Fraser, George L. Orme, Ottawa; and Walter Paul, Montreal.

Principal MacVicar said the college was doing excellent service to the church and the country.

The Moderator said he had not the slightest hesitation in strongly recommending the institution to the Assembly. The report was adopted.

The Century Fund
Rev. Dr, Campbell, Perth, who was greeted with loud applause, then presented the report of the Century Fund Committee.

The report gave an exhaustive review of the several divisions of the funds, etc., which have been added to considerably since the publication of the report.

Rev. Dr. Campbell said that although they were not able to point to as great a spiritual movement as was expected when the century fund was launched, there were numerous indications of a quickening of spiritual life in the church. With respect to the financial side of the fund, they had received $\$ 1,000,000$ in actual cash and $\$ 25,000$ to spare. By the time everything was in hand the total fund would amount to $\$$ r.500,000 . Up to date $\$ 896,000$ had been subscribed to debt fund, of which $\$ 610,000$ had been paid in. Towards the common fund 8565.000 had been subscribed, of which $\$+15,000$ had been paid in. The church was on the threshold of great progress, and he believed that ten years hence, instead of looking upon the century fund as a great thing, they would be raising a million every year for missions.

## Knitted the Church

Rev, Dr. Thompson, Sarnia, spoke in hopeful terms of the future of the church, and said the realization of the century fund movement knitted the church as it never was before. The work was not accomplished without great and noble effort. No church could drift far into heresy that kept practical work to the front. He concluded by moving the following resolution: "That this Assembly bends in adoration and thankfulness before Him who has led His people in connection with the fund and movement; recognizes that more spiritual effort should be sought for as a result of this great and crowning effort; has peculiar pleasure in recognizing the helpfulness of Sabbath schools and young leople's societies; thanks the convener, agent and all who have assisted in the work; mentions the kindness of the railway companies; approves the recommendation of the report and re-appoints the executive committee with the addition of Rev, A. Gandier, and appoints two special committees to be named by the Moderator, one to consider the means to be adopted for securing further spiritual results, the other to consider the financial steps necessary in connection with the fund, both to report at an early sederunt of this assembly." This was seconded by Dr. Johnson, of London, in an eloquent speech in which the leaders of the church were highly eulogized.

Dr. Thompson's motion was carried by a standing vote, the assembly singing the doxology.

It was recommended:-(1) That the committee be empowered to proceed in due time to distribute the money in their hands, and that they be permitted, also, to make suitable classification of certain special sums which do not in strictness come under their notice, such as Halifax college building, Indore college, and Ottawa Ladies' College. (2) That in view of the many subscriptions not yet paid, the books be kept open till December 1st of this year, and that Dr. Campbeil's services as agent be retained till that date.

## Aged and Intirm Ministers.

Rev. Anderson Rogers submitted the report of the aged and infirm ministers' fund, eastern section. The fund was reported as seriously embarrassed, the collections not having increased in ten years, while the expenditure had stcadily increased.

Mr. J. K. McDonald, Toronto, presented the report of the aged and infirm ministers' fund, western section. He thought it poor encouragement that the ministers should take so little interest in the fund. nearly onehalf of the commissioners leaving the church when the Moderator announced that the reports were to be received. The fund was not well enough supported to give the annuitants the amount desired. Eighteen new annuitants were added to the list.

## Evening sederunt.

The time this evening was given to the great subject of

## Foreign Missions.

The report of the eas ern division comprising the New Hebrides, Trinidad and Corea, was presented by Rev. Mr. Gandier, who referred to the leading features of the year's work. He moved a resolution expressing thankfulness ai the preselvation of the missionaries and native converts in Honan, putting on record the assembly's keen sense of the loss sustained in the death of Rev. Dr. MacKay of Formosa, and allud ing appreciatively to the valued services of the missionaries in Central India.

The motion was seconded by Rev. R. P. MacKay. of Toronto, who pronounced a panegyric upon the great Formosan missionary who had passed away. He announced that the foreign mission committee had decided to make the very best provision for the widow and family of Dr. MacKay. Mr . Gauld, who was now in charge of North Formosa, was a man of splendid ability. The speaker presented the report for the western section of the foreign mission field. He referred to the trials experienced in China, where 40,000 native cunverts had perished. At a moderate estimate the church had lost $\$ 74,000$ to $\$ 75,000$ worth of property. A claim for that amount of indemnity had been made, but whether they would get it and when, remained to be seen. Missionary work amongst the Chinese in Canada was gaining in importance. "The government may raise the capitation tax," observed the speaker, "but it cannot keep out the Chinese. A larger number have come in than ever came in before and we must look afier them."

Mr. Norman Russell, missionary in India, spole next, and showed a map with 17,000 villages marked on it, for whose spiritual wellare the Canadian Presbyterian church alone is working. Out of the 17,000 villages the church occupits 15 places and does not reach five per cent. of the population with one sirigle message of the gospel in the year. There is no watting for open doors, the country is ready for the gospel.

Dr. Woods, medical missionary to India, followed. He said if obstacles are to be
overcome the medical missionary will have greater success than the ordained missionary. The medical man is essential to success as the pioneer in opening up a new field. He emphasized the importance of hospital work as the best method of work as it brings the missionary in direct personal contact with the natives.

Rev. Mr. Wilson, Neemuch, India, gave a graphic description of the horrors of the famine. He said there were sixty million people in the famine area and a vast multitude in the scarcity area. The missionaries devoted their chief efforts to providing for children. Prejudice is being scattered through the generosity of Christian peoples and pasticularly the British government which spent thirty-three million dollars on relief work.

## Work in Cores.

The work in Corea was next presented by Mr. Robb, who goes there shortly. Mr. Kobb is an impressive speaker, inspired with missionary fire and zeal.

The assembly next greeted Honan, China, and listened to a fascinating story from Dr. Menzies, who has accomplished a telling work there, especially in hospital service. In one hospital in one year there, 21,800 patients were treated and 564 operations performed. Taking China as a whole every medical man has three million people as his share of the work. He gave positive testimory to the genuineness of the conversion of the Chinese Christians, hundreds having sealed their faith with their blood

Rev. Jonathan Goforth was the last speaker and this heroic soldier of Christ in China received a rousing welcome. The Canadian Presbyterian church, he said, was respon sible for the conversion of $25,000,0000-$ people. In Honan they have a population $10,000,000$ and 200 men and women are needed for the work. The great work must be done by natives, but how are these to be got except by sending out the hest men to train them. Mr. Goforth was enthusiastic in his predictions of the future if the money and men are forthcoming. He had every faith that the church of God in China wili be a glorious church in the years to come.

FOURTH day-saturday.
A full house marked the opening of the forenoon's sederunt. After devotional exercises, the business committee submitted a docket which was accepted.

The Rev. John Neil introduced the subject of

## Work in the sabbath schools

and presented the report. Principal MacVicar delivered a timely and weighty address in advocacy of greater attention to this department of the church's work, and was followed by many others. The report was adopted. it said:

For 1900 we report 3,049 schools-395 union and 2,654 Presbyterian-with 162 home departments. As 1900 is the first time that union schools have been classified as such, your committee cannot say whether the number of union schools has increased or decreased. The total number of schools increased during 1900 by 35 I , with an increase in home department of forly-two.

Including the attendance of teachers and scholars in the schools under the supervision of our foreign missionaries, we have in all the schools of the Church 21,295 teachers and officers-a gain of 184-and 187, 691 scholars-a gain of 4,238. Counting the 5,009 reported in the home department of the schools, we have in the schools reported an enrolment of teachers, officers and scholars of $\mathbf{s 0 8 , 9} 96$.

In 1900, for the support of Sabbath schools, congregations contributed $\$ 10,868$, a decrease of $\$ 235$, and the Sabbath schools themselves $\$ 54,396$, a decrease of $\$ 366$. When one rumembers the increased number of schools, it would seem as if in many places the equipment was so complete that schools need not spend so much on themselves. Seven hundred and sixty schools gave $\$ \mathbf{2 3 , 3 7 3}$ to the schemes of the Church, a decrease of $\$ 4,698$. One thousand nine hundred and seventy of our schools do not report themselves as giving anything to the schemes. If an intelligent interest in the missionary and educational work of the Church is necessary in our land, something more ought to be done to train the future church members and supporters now in our Sabbath schools. One thousand two hundred and seventy-nine schools contributed $\$ 17,4^{82}$ to the century fund. Eight hundred and forty four schools gave $\$ 17,341$ for other purposes than self-support, schemes or century fund. It would seem that presbyteries and sessions would do well to inquire more fully into this item of expenditure. For all purposes our schools contributed $\$ 113,097$, an increase of $\$ 12960$.

The resolutions in part were as follows :That for the securing of greater completeness and accuracy in the statistical returns, and for the better promotion of the work generally, it be a recommendation to synods and presbyteries to continue the same Sabbath school conveners in office for at least three years in succession.

That the recommendations of last General Assembly regarding: The visitation of Sabbath schools by representatives of session and presbytery ; the establishment of a home department in connection with each Sabbath school ; the encouragement of the memorizing of Scripture and the Shorter Catechism by the young; be, as they bereby are re affirmed.

That the General Assembly regret that, in so many of the Sabbath schools no contribution is made to the missionary, educational and benevolent schemes of the chuch; and urge upon all concerned the extreme importance of hearuly enlisting the sympathies and energies of the children and young people in these great enterprises.

That the General Assembly regard with much satisfaction the increased attention given in the colleges of the church to instruction in the principles of teaching and in Sabtath school methods, and strongly recommend to presbyteries the holding, where practicable, of local institutes to the same end.

Mr. Douglas Fraser, presented the report on Sublath school publications. The cash balance at credit April 30, 1921, was $\$ 6 .-$ 510 . The excess of assets over liabilities is $\$ 10,223$.
fifth day-Monday.
After devotional exercises this morning the report on

## Sabbath Observance

was presented by Rev. D. R. Drummond, who sald the question of Sabbath observance is the most important the church had to deal with. It was the right arm of the church, the hope of the great army of toilers which is continually increasing the bulwarks and defence of the nations highest life. While there are perils existing the assembly should not be forgetful of the fact that probably as a nation Canada was among the best Sabbath observers to be found anywhere. Nevertheless, as compared with the importance of the day and the spirit of Him who has given his imprimatur to it for all
time, many desirable things were lacking. Mr . Drummond discussed the attitude of the great corporations towards Sabbath observance and took the ground that it should not be left to them to determine what was proper and necessary work to be performed on Sunday, as they would act in accordance with their own selfiah interests. He also expressed pleasure at the manner in which the various labor bodies were co-operating in securing the observance of the Lord's day, and moved the adoption of the report, which embodied a number of recommendations. The motion was seconded by Rev. Joseph Hogg, Winnipeg, who spoke of the work in Manitoba to secure Sabbath obscrvance. He said there was a general movement in the west to secure a Saturday halfholiday, so as to obviate the alleged necessity for excursions and outings on Sunday. Principal Caven supported the report and spoke of the difficulty of gaining much by the deliverances of the provincial high courts, as the Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and other courts all gave diverse judgments. Some central decision would be necessary to remove the ob-tacles.

The report was adopted.
The appointment of an assistant to Dr. Robertson, superintendent of home missions, was introduced by Rev. J. W. McMillan, of l.andsay, in a report asking that the home mission committee, western section, be empowered to appoint a man to work in Manitoba and the Northwest. The report was second d by Rev. Dr. Bryce, of Winnif ag, and carried unanimously. A wealthy layman will pay the salary for two years.

## Woman's Home Mission Society.

The recommendation of the home mission committee, left over at the tume the report was taken up, was next considered. The recommendation was: "That the home mission committee, finding it necessary to be provided with a larger revenue, and from more assured sources, are anxious for the organization of the women of the church for this purpose, and ask the assembly if it is not possible to so alter the constitution of the W. F. M. S. as to admit of it serving a double function in regard to both foreign and home missions, and render unnecessary the organization of distinctively Worman's Home Mission Sicieties. After discussion a motion by Dr MacLaren, seconded by Dt Bayne, to lay the recommendation on the table, was carried by a large majority.

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Current History for Junc opens with a very able and pithy, critical estimate of the life work of Lord Salisbury, "the proudest aristocrat in England," written from an opponent's point of view The writer makes the remarkable statement that "the English are not a democratic people. They have less of the democratic instinct than any other nation in Christendom." The article on Lord Salisbury is probably the last from the pen of the famous English journalist William Clarke, as the writer died suddenly shortly afterwards while on a tour in Herzegovina. The other contents of the number embrace the usual comprehensive but concise and clear headed review of the chief news of the world during the preceeding month, serving to fix in the reader's memory a clear idea of many things that the daily papers tend to render confusing. Among the leading topics of the month are the situation in China, opening of New Ontario, the British Budget, the Pros and Cons of Trusts. Current History Co., Buston, Mass., $\$ 1.50$ a year.

##  Our Young People 

General Topic-Whatever - "I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do." John 15: 7-16. Matt. 28.

## BY REV, W, A STEWART, M. A.

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength I promise him that I will strive to do whatever he would like to have me do. Trusting and striving represent the two sides of the Christian Life. Trusting represents the passive side and corresponds to Faith; striving represents the active and corresponds to Works-Either is sufficient, together they are complete. Faith without works is dead, but accompanied by works it forms at once the natural fruit and warrant of the Christian Life.
The word striving in the topic for to-day is singularly apt and happy. It reminds us of that classical saying by the Master Him-selt-Strive to enter in at the strait gate, and comes also ladened with suggestions of the toil and the battle of the Christian Life. In the New Testament saying above referred to, strive means agonize, which again comes from the Greek word agon a contest or battle.
striving, therefore, to do whatsoever he would like to have me do indicates no half measure, no lukewarm service, but a hearty and enthusiastic obedience to the mind and will of the Saviour. It is a pledge to combat your own convenience, our own comfort, our own selfishness, the ways of a wicked world and the machinations of the Evil One ; and in spite of every adverse influence to control ourselves according to His sweet will.

And this article in The Pledge is not only thorough-going, it is also comprehensive. How easy and delightful it is to be enthusiastic when duty lies in the line of inclination. But dutics seem to lie around us in all directions, they cross our inclinations, they oppose our aptitudes; and most of th m seem to run contrary to the very nature and genius of our beings. We must strive to do them all. The obligations is whatsoever He would like to have me do. Our attitude in this conversion should be like that of the ox in the familiar seal standing between an altar and a plough and signifying a readiness for sacrifice or for work. Who is able for these things? Let us lift our eyes to the everlasting hills of God's righteousnes where cometh our help.

It must be confessed that this aspect of the Christian life is not inviting. Strife is a state of disquietude and unrest, and even continual striving to do whatsoever Christ would have us do is unsatisfacto.y and at last would become wearisome and disappointing. As the Christian grows in grace, however, it is one of the beautiful arrangements of providence that the elemen $t$ of strife passes into the background and that of victory and triumph takes its place. The development of the spiritual life produces wonders more marvillous than those of the natural because it is not only a new but it is also a bigher order of a life. Former difficulties vanish, hindrances become helps; and the noise and confusion of strife passes into the confidence of victory and the sweetness of joy and peace. Therefore, says Paul, being justified by faith we have peace with God, and not only so but we glory in tribulations.

Let us, therefore, fear neither the strive nor the whatsoever of the Pledge : the strife but leads to victory and our wills as Tennyson reminds us "are ours to make them God's.

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## Daily Readings.

Mon., June 24.--Scripture "whatsoevers." Matt. 7:12; Iohn 2:1-5:16:23, 24 Tues., June 25--Great things in little.
Mic. 5:2; Matt. 13: 31, $3^{2}$
Wed., June 26.-The strenuous life. Mark 12: 29-31
Thurs., June 27.-In His strength and name.
Fri., June 28. The obfect of our endeavor.
Phil. $1: 27$; Heb. $6: 1-3$
Sat., June 29.-Faithfulness rewarded.
Heb, 10: $1-5$
lever: $\because /$ will Sun., June 30--TOPIC. Whatever: 'I will strive to do whatever He
me do." John $15: 7-16 ;$ Natt. $28: 18-20$.

## Sparks From Other Anvils.

Lutheran World: There have been a good many failures in various religious methods, but we know of none more palpable, none quite so dead, flat and stale and unprofitable as the gospel of Belles-Lettres.

North and West : The religion of Jesus Christ is the only thing that preserves our civilization from decay. Scratch even a nominal Christian and you find a barbarian. It is the growth in Christian sentiment that is making it impossible to erect a bull-ring, start a bear pit or pitch a prize ring in any state in the union.

Herald and Presbyter: Why should so many evangelists work from the outside rather than from the inside of the Church ? In an organized way the work of evangelism has not been taken up, except as it has been urged that each man, in his own way, do his best. If any more efficient form of effort may be discovered, and greater results secured, the Church and ministry will welcome it with open arms.

Presbyterian Banner: Family worship was strictly maintained in the household of the late Queen, and her well worn Bible and prayer book accompanied her on her journeys. In the family of the Emperor of Germany the same custom is observed. Are not these great ones under better guidance because of their use of this means of blessing? And will not the same worship bless our homes and lives? The home that is built around an altar of prayer is ever the best, and we should maintain such an altar for ourselves and for our children.
Christian Instructor: Without battles, life would be too tame to enjoy. A great battle in the Presbyterian General Assembly was looked tor, and it came "with confused noise," but no "garments rolled in blood." The smoke cleared away, what do we now behold? Not a confession of Faith torn to tatters; not a Dolly Varden creed all patched like a "crazy quilt" ; not a more than half thousand delegates disgruntled going home to raise discord in their Presbyteries ; but a united body each vying with the other how closely they can hug to their bosoms the grand old Confession of Faith, that comes so near to expressing the truth of the Word of God on all points of faith and doctrine.

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## NOTES ON THE ASSEMBLY.

The Presbyterian General Assembly developed a number of striking features that deserve more than a passing notice -the business and speaking talent dis played by many of those who took part in the proceedings ; the harmony and courtesy which prevailed throughout the sessions ; the enthusiasm which centred around the success of the century fund enterprise ; the interesting and often thrilling facts recited in the home and foreign mission reports and in the addresses of the missionaries and others who spoke thereon; the impressive considerations that call for the evangelization of the foreign peoples who have settled in our great Northwest, and the marked progress indicated in nearly every department of church work. All these things call, first of all, for gratitude to the great Shepherd, and then for determination on the part of the Presbyterians of Canada to follow up their Century fund enterprise by making a vigorous advance all along the line.

The success which has attended the Century fund enterprise shows what the Christian people of Canada can do, if they will, in bringing their offerings into the Lord's treasury and in sending out Gospel messengers to enter into the "open doors" and possess the fields already white unto the harvest. The open doors are there in answer to the prayers of God's people ; the material prosperity which our country i. enjoying is present as a gift from God him elf; and these two facts combined are in effect an enquiry from the Master, "what are you going to do about it?" What if some of these open doors should have to be closed and the banner of the cross hauled down, because God's profess. ing people may have failed to take advantage of their opportunities? What if the Christian people of Canada fail to

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realise the increased responsibilities which expanding prosperity and augmented wealth impose upon them as stewards of God's bounty? These are questions which God's professing people cannot evade.

The home mission report for the west brought into bold reliet the magnitude and importarce of the work in the Northwest, especially in connection with the Galicians and the Doukhobors, and also among the settlers and lumbermen in New Ontario. There is a loud call for men and means to grapple with these protl.ms. The foreign peoples, to the number of over twenty thousand, who have settld on our prairies-and there are nore coming-especially the Galicians, occupy a low plane of Christian civilization, because, in their own land, they have never had the op;ortunity of acquiring anything better, and unless the Christian people of Canada give them a pure gospel along with education, elevating them to a higher plane of living, they may become a menace to the moral and material future of the Dominion. This is a view of the problem which our people cannot afford to ignore-as Christian patriots they must surely see the necessity of making strenuous, self-sacrificing efforts to bring these people under Gospel influences and thus aid in laying broad, deep and solid the foundations of Christian civiluzation in our great western heritage. The protlem is a serious and weighty one ; but the Christian people of Canada can be equal to the emergency if only they are faithful to the call of the Master, whose they are and whom they profess to serve.

As already noted the foreign mission report and the addresses of missionaries present, indicated that everywhere in heathen lands there are open doors await. ing the coming of the Gospel messengers. Very loud, indeed, is the Macedonian cry "come over and help us." This is particularly true of Corea and India; and in China there are many evidences that the doors are not closed. These three countries contain at least $700,000,000$ millions of people - an awful mass of heathenism, superstit on and immortality to be coped with. Most interesting work is being done in Corea and India. In the form $r$ the people are wonderfully receptive ; while in the latter Christianity is leav ning even the higher and educated classes in that country. That 30,000 Christian con verts in China have proved themselves faithful unto death, shows how strong a hold the Gospel has taken upon the Chinese people wherever our missionaries have for any length of time carricd on their work.

India, Coreq, China, the New Hebrides, Trinidad and Demevara should be de, $r$ to the Presbyterians of Canada, for there our own missionaries are faith ully toiling for the Master; and we, the Aarons and Hurs at home, should sustain them by reinforcements of men and money, and hold the ropes of faith and prayer and
love as they go down into the dark places of heathenism, Mordecai's warning to Esther-"who knoweth whether thou are come to the kingdom for such a time as this"-should possess some significance for the Christian people of Canada at a time when from so many heathen lands the cry, "Come over and help us," is sounding out. "Who knoweth" but the prosperity and wealth which God is bestowing upon the Canadian people is being given them to provide "for such a time as this?'

## THE CENTURY FUND.

Why not drop this well-worn subject, now that the term for whicn the promot ers asked has passed, and the response made by the Church is known? Because that for which the Century Fund was originated is but beginning. The first resuit, the million dollars for which the Church was asked, has been given. But that is but the leaf, the blossom and the fruit are to follow. Some lives have been blessed in the giving of the money that has swelled to almost a million and a half. Many have not received blessing, for they gave because they had to give. They did not discover the privilege underneath the compulsion; and so the channel through which blessing flows remained closed, and they ar just so much pooret in money than they were We can understand the chargin of these.

Chere are those who gave under com-
sion, but who have since seen the sider field that opens, and to whom blessing has come in this vision of the possibilities before the Christian Church of today They would have given with more heart had this vision been vouchsafed before; but it is well they did not miss it altogether. The gates remain unclosed, and the whole afterlife will be brightened and controlled by what has been seen within.

To some the gates of possibulity opened early. They have given and given abundantly, and they have been abundantly blessed These are infinately richer than they were. Life means more than it did. The sense of perception has been immensely quickened, and not a day passes that does not bring to them some additional evidence of the value of living. Their opportunities seem endless, and the day seems too limited to seize upon all the means by which their life may be brought into help!ul touch with other lives.
This is the true effect of the Century Fund movement. It was intended to shew men how much there was to be done, to shew them how much could be done, how much of this might be done by themselves, and so to enlist every individual as active workers. If $i$ has shewn us the latent power of our Church, if it has given us a glimpse of the tremendous responsibility under which we rast, for responsibility is measured by ability, if it has even partially led us to make an effort to meet that responsibility, it has done us good. But these effects are but beginning. The years to come must
bring them to perfection. We dare not suppose that this great movement is over. As well might the newly ordained minister imagine his intellectual equipment complete. We are but on the thrashold standing upon it and looking into a land rich with promise and richer in fulfilment to those of us who will enter and possess it.

Some minds must think and plan for the future of the Church. Upon the floor of the Assembly the first evidence of this careful thought is given, and there are not wanting those who say that this thing is all cut and dried before hand, and that the business of the Church is run by a f:w, who arrange all details, then skillfully engineer them through the Court. Were none to plan before coming to the General Assembly the first to grumble at chaotic conditiou of the business submitted would be the men who most earnestly protest against the bureaucracy of the present methods. A little Christian charity would help the thing out.

## A NATURAL LEADER.

In reporting the address of one of the missionaries at the General Assembly on Foreign Mission night, the representative of a daily paper described his address as full of a wonderful personal magnetism, compelling the attention and enlisting the sympathies of his hearers. We know the speaker of whom this was said. He is not an atractive man in appearance. His voice and manner are repellant rather than winning. Quiet, and restrained, one would never think of him as a natural leader of men. Something awakened within him as he stood before that great audience that night, for the whole Presbyterian Church in Canada was there and he rose to the occasion.

Leadership among men does not depend upon outward things. A great soul is often encased within an insignificant or even uncouth body. Napoleon was known as the "Little Corsican." His great rival and ultimate conquerer was almost repulsive in appearance. The great religious leaders, from Paul onwards, have been men whom it would be hard to fit with the regulation dress suit. But beneath an exterior that men would not turn to lo $k$ at a second time a soul richly endowed lay concealed, and at times looked out of the eyes and thrilled in the tones, and directed the energies of the man to whom God had given it.

The natural leader does not think of leadership. He is sublimely unconscious of his power. If he does become conscious of it at any time, he weakens it, for self consciousness in such a man soon becomes arrogance. Such a man is often possessed of a simple direct nature, that looks right on, and sees what should be done, and sets about naving it done. His power lies in this, that he can enlist, and even compel the energy of others to carry out his will. We yield to that power unconsciously, and, laying aside our own plan take up the plan of the man whose leadership we acknowledge.

There are not many leaders of this
stamp. There are a host of would be leaders, and the fact that they would lead bars them out of the class of great leaders of men But the Church needs a leader. Thousands stand ready to follow if but one would lead. Perhaps we have more of the spirit of consecrated service in the Church to-day than ever before. It may not be greater in the individual, but in the aggregate there is more of the desire to be up and doing than in any former period. But leaders are born, not made. By dint of persistent effor: one man may push himself to the front, and become an acknowledged leader; but we merely acquiesce in his leadership. There is little heart in the service we give under him. To one whom God has gifted with the po . to compel the wills of other men unconsciously, the heart would go out naturally; and every earnest worker would draw towards him as steel to the magnet.

We are praying that the Lord of the harvest would thrust forth laborers into the harvest. Mav we not be more specific. May we not ask for one whom we would instinctively follow, whom the Divine Master shall endow with discernment, that he may choose the way for those of us who can follow, but who may not lead. Is this a confession of weakness? It would be were we responsible for the gifts we possess. But we are not. We are responsible for the use we make of them. If we have been fitted to follow we have no business in the place of leader, nor should we seek to do the leader's part.

Some set themselves to discover arguments says the (Lond,n) Presbyterian, for the di vinity of the Scriptures and of the Son of God. We never more needed such arguments than at the present time, when we are being assailed with all manner of doubt-begettong propositions, and when a German professor discourses frankly on the Christian mysteries, but denies the miraculous birth and the resurrection of our Lord. The late Professor Romanes was, as many know, cast in a sea of doubt, and all its waves went over him, but he tells us that one fact that stayed his soul was that Christ never taught a single doctrine which had to be unleaned. The advances of science do not antiquate a single point in His teaching. Where Plato and Socrates and Confucius have become old, Christ lives with an immortal youth, and in every century is still in the van.

The New Covenant-A Forgotten Secret.* by anna ross.
"The Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed, * * * took the cup, when He had supped, saying, "This cup is the New Testament in my blood drink ye all of it."

So there is a new covenant which is also a New Testament, the bequest of our dying Redeemer purchased for us at the price of His blood, and surely worth a good deal. What is it? and what is the use of it? The Church has forgotten. Ask ten ordinarily intelligent Christians what are the terms of this new covenant. Will anyone $i$ itere el p'ease make the experiment. If his experience is at all like the writer's, at least nine out of the ten will answer praclically after the
fashion of the Ephesians, "We have not so much as heard whether there be any new covenant."

The Church was not always so ignorant of the New Covenant. Francis Enzinas, the young Spanish Reformer, was negotiating for the printing of his translation of the New Testament. "Before he had sent the copy to the printers," writes D'Aubigne, "an old Dominican monk, who scented some heretical design underneath it all, presented himself at his door. After the customary salutations, he took up the first page, which lay on the table in manuscript, and contained the titlc and one epistle to the emperor. The monk read, 'The New Testament, that is the New Covenant, of our Redeemer and only Saviour Jesus Christ.' Francis had said Covenant because he had noticed that the word Testament was not well understood. * * * 'Covenant,' said the monk, 'your translation is faithful and good, but the word Covenant grates on my ear ; it is a completely Lutheran phrase' 'No, it is not a phrase of Luther,' said Enzinas, but of the prophets and apostles.' 'I his is intolerable,' resumed the monk ; 'a youth born but yesterday or the day before, claims to teach the wisest and oldest men what they have taught all their life long ! I swear by my cowe that your design is to administer to men's souls the poisonous bever iges of Luther craftily mixing with them the most holy words of the New Testament,' * But E. zinas knew what he was doing. It was not to him a small matter that many readers were losing the power of the word Covenant in their careless familiarity with the word Testament.

Samuel Rutherford had learned the secret of taking covenant hold upon his "sweet Lord Jesus" when he used the words, "Where there is fire, it is Christ's part, which I lay and bind upon Him, to keep in the coal." $\dagger$ Such bold trafficing in Covenant terms brought him into the banqueting house where the banner over him was love.

There was a time when there was a Covenant Theology, and "there were giants in the earth in those days."

That the force of the words Covenant and Testament were the precious property of the ordinary christian in those early times is illustrated by the following story. It was in the times of Claverhouse, A communion was to be held among the hills, but exactly wh e had not been ascertained by the enemy. The dragoons were scouring the country early that Sabbath morning seeking for traces of its whereabouts. They met a peasant servant girl running barefoot over the heath. "Where are you going my lass?" sung out the captain of the band. The girl stopped. She could not tell a lie. To tell the plain truth meant-she knew too well what. Her knowledge of "the secret of the Lord gave her a ready answer. She said promptly "My brother has died, Sir, and I am going to hear his will read, and to get my share." Her story and her appearance pleased the soldier. "Well, well lass," he said, "you will run better with a pair of shoes on your feet," and he opened his purse, and handed her a half crown
Where now will you find a young communicant giving such an account of a communion service, or of her object in going to it?
*D'Aubigne, 8th Vol. 2nd series, page 63.

+ Rutherford's Letters, page 322.
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## The Story of Dick, the Turtle.

Dick's life is not ali sleeping and wormhunting. Every second day he has a long swim in the bath, and he has certain social and domestic duties to perform which are very important.

When company is expected, Dick has to wear his swellest garb, a broad crimson ribbun, which is tiedaround his shell and into a huge bow upon his back. So attired, he gravely marches about as if he considered himself no unimportant personage. When all the pets are "dressed up" with similar ribbons, the effect is very comical.

Dick has to do his share of the work, too ; for this is insisted upon by a very young lady, whose commands are not to be trifled with. She owns a small cart and a vague number of dolls, including one springy rubber man.

To the hinder edge of Dick's shell is affixed a ring-a solid gold one, by the way ; for it rightly belongs to the stem of a certain watch. The cart has a cord and a gold snap, which should be at the end of a watchchain I know of. This snap is fastened to the ring, the lady dolls are seated in the cart, the springy rubber man is placed upon Dick's back, and hay !-away they all go for a ten-foot dash down the stone walk.

The performance never fails to delight tl e young lady who owns the dolls, while 1) ck does not mind it in the least. One terrible day-I almost shudder to think of it :-the rainhad left a pool about four mehes deep at a low spot in the walk. Dick was hilched up to take his party for its usual arring : and lo ! "he yunned away," as the young lady put it. Away he went full gallop straight for the pool. The party cane near being drowned:
So exciting was the work of rescue and the restoring to consciousness of the lady passengers that the rubber man was forgotten. Later, after the pool had been dragged and everything possible had been done, he was found in a thick-growing plant, where Dick had left him a la Absalom.

Dick, for a time, strove to make friends with the black turtle ; but of late he had discovered his own image in a mirror which extends to the floor of the studio. He climbs up the carved molding, and intently regards his reflection tor an hour at a time. Whether he tancies that he has found some captive maiden of his race or merely desires to be sociable, as other turtles are upon logs, 1 am not prepared to say.

Taken upon his merits, Dick is a harmless and most interesting pet. He has already shown much more intelligence than would be expected of a turtle, and I should not be astonished if in a few years of good treatment developed his faculties much further.

## The Grandmother's Place

She was a dear white-haired old lady-the very ideal of a grandmother ; and she sat by the firsside rocking slowly, but with a sad look on her gentle face.
"No, dearie, I'm not sick, but I do feel lonely sometimes."

But why should she be lonely ? She was in a family of well bred young people-son and daughter and grandchildren of various ages. To be sure, many of her dear ones had gone across the river to the Father's house ; but she was not of a melancholy temperament, so she did not brood over that.

She loved the young people. She would have liked to join in their merriment ; she would have gone with them to some of the concerts and other places, if she had been asked. But they in their thoughtlessness never imagined that grandmother cared for such things ; and so they sat talking over their plans, telling merry tales and jokes, but leaving grandmother out of the conversation altogether.
They were never unkind to her. She had the best room in the house. Her bodily comfort was attended to first; her wishes were immediately carried out. But she would have gladly given up all this to have had one of those brightfaced boys or girls for a companion. If they would only have sat down and told her some of their stories and plans, how glad she would have been ; and she had pleasant stories to tell, too, if there were some one to listen and care.
But she sat by the fire with a shadow on her lovely old face, and said, "I am so lonely sometimes." I wish they could all have heard it, and understood the pathos of it. It will not be long till grandmother's chair will be vacant. She has spent her life in ministry for others. Common gratitude would demand that her last days should not be lonely and companionless. Love the grandmother ; give her a place in your heart as well as your home, and make her closing hours her ha piest.

## Only Half a Point.

A gentleman crossing the English Channel stood near the helmsman. It was a calm and pleasant evening, and no one dreamed of a possible danger to their good ship ; but a sudden flapping of a sail, as if the wind had shifted, caught the ear of an officer on watch, and he sprang at once to the wheel, examining closely the compass.
"You are half a point off the course," he said sharply to the man at the wheel. The deviation was corrected, and the officer returned to his post.
"You must steer very accurately," said the looker-on, "when on!y half a point is so much thought of."
"Ah, half a point in many places might bring us directly on the rocks, he said.

So it is in life. "Half a point" from strict truthfulness strands us upon the rocks of falsehood "Half a point" from perfect honesty, and we are steering for the rocks of crime. And so of all kindred vices. The beginnings are always small. No one climbs to the summit at one bound, but goes one little step at a time. Many think light!y of what they call "smail sins," These rocks do not look so fearful to them.

## How is Your Health ?

Let us make a resolution that we will not speak any more nor think any more about our illnesses, whether they be great or small. Within my own experience 1 have known people who were hopelessly crippled fir every useful purpose of life, and who were a continual burden to their friends, and there was nothing whatever wrong with them. They are fead now, and they di d of their own dong. Their illness was sheer imagination, based upon persistent selfishness, and if they had been poor people, and been obliged to work, they would have had happtes lives, and stronger characters, and if their friends had had the resolution, not to pamper and condole with them, but tell them to get up and do their work, they would have been in good health to day, both of body and of soul.
For any sake do not speak of the different organs of your body, and try to forget they exist. Your indigestion is not of the slightest interest to any human being, and I wonder it interests yourself so much. A weak heart or a weak lung gives you no claim for respect upon your fellow men, and cannot be any source of pleasure.
When in this age of bad manners a man begins to speak of his liver, then I wonder how he was brought up, and doubt whether he ought to be admitted into decent society. If a man will talk about that-and there are men who will talk about it in railway carriages-he will talk about anything, and if it be a fact that that kind of disease causes depression, then I am glad to think that some judgment follows so close upon evil communications.

Did you say you had a serious disease and carried your death warrant within you ? do not be filled either with pride or despondency. Make all arrangements that you have to make in case you drop in the ranks suddenly, and then keep the matter to yourself. As for other chronic illnesses they are partly hypochondriasm add very largely downright selfishness.--Ian MacLaren,

## Where Pussy Got Her Name.

Did you ever think why we call the cat "puss?"

A great many years ago the people of Egypt, who had many idols worshipped the cat. They thought she was like the moon, because she was more active at night and because her eyes changed, just as the moon changes, which is sometimes full and sometimes only a bright little crescent or half moon, as we say. Did you ever notice your pussy's eyes to see how they change? so these people made an idol with the cat's head and named it Pasht, the same name they gave to the moon, for the word means the face of the moon.

The word has been changed to "pas," or "pus," and has come at last to be called "puss," the name which almost everyone gives to the cat. "Puss" and "pussy cat" are pet names for kitty everywhere. Who ever thought of it as given to her thousands of years ago and that then peopie bowed down and prayed to her ?

Never meddle with a man who is minding his own business. Don't poke your finger into a bumble bees' nest because it looks quiet on the outside.

Her-"Why are you in such a hurry to get married ?" Him-"Well, you see, the chaps will be coming back from the front soon, and then nobody else will have a show."

## Self-Help for Nervous Women.

When you are asleep, it is to be hoped that you are still. Few people are when they are awake. If one observes the crowd in the streets, it is curious and most disageeable to see how small the number is who are not constantly making grimaces and working their faces or jaws in some manner. I have heard it said it was bashfulness that caused this, but it has not been $m y$ observation that bashfulness was so widely distributed an American trait; besides, how does twisting the fice help to keep one in countenance ? No, it is not bashfulness ; it is misdirected nervous energy, which ought to be aiding the movements of their legs or getting stored up somewhere in the central nervous reser voirs for fuiure use.

Learn to keep still when you rest ; when y u move, move with the part of the body needed ; do not waste your force by walking with your arms and face as well as with your legs. If circumstances force an unus. ual and fatiguing am unt of exertion upon you, break it now and then by periods of absolute rest. No matter how brief they are, they will be useful if you make them complete and perfect in the way described. Tuis is true of mental as well as bodily excrtion. A minute or two minutes of quiet, with closed eyes if possible, with your tension relaxed and the gearing of the machinery thrown off for the moment, will help and refresh you greatly. Here, again, more may be gained if the ability to relax mentally c in be secured, in a fashion similar to the withdrawing of muscular tension. Learn to empty your mind when not using it.-Dr. John Mitchell, in Harper's Bazar.

## Why he Became a Missionary.

A beautiful story was told not long ago by a young missionary as to how he was influenced to become a missionary. When a child, he used constantly to walk through a certain churchyard; and one of the gravestones which he passed, erected to the memory of a little boy eight years of age, bore this inscription :-
"Mother, when I grow to be a man I should like to be a missionary. But if I should die when I am still a boy, will you put it on my tomb, so that one passing by may read it and go instead of me ?'

Through the reading of this inscription there grew up in his m.nd this thought: "I must go in the place of that little boy." And so he has been trained for the work, and will soon commence it. It was only a little boy's wish that $i$ - fluenced him to become a missionary. Now, if a wish can do so much good, what may a word and a deed do?Retormed Church Tidings.

## Serving by Suffering.

Sickness is discouragıng. It is disheartening not to be able to do the heroic things that the spirit yearns to do. Life seems to be uveless. The days seem lost in which no active service can be done for the Master. Sometimes persons suffering thus from illness, laid aside or broken so as to be equal to but little lose out of the heart the joy, the peace, the hope, the enthusiasm, and become depressed, unhappy, cast down, sometimes almost despailing.
But this is not victorious Christian life. The lesson for such is that the noblest thing in life is always the doing of God's will. That is greater than any heroism, greater than the largest service one can render, $g^{\text {reater than any toil and sacrifice. Let us }}$
accept our limitations. Let us not repine and chafe when God shuts us in a sickroom.

## Hard to Please.

The source of the following happy "hit" is unknown ; but many Canadian congregations in search of a minister might profitably take the hint offered toward the closing paragraph.

We accepted Deacon Philip's invitation to attend prayer-meeting, and found the midweek service rather poorly attended. The brethren spent most of the time praying that the Lord would direct them in the choice of "an under-shepherd" who should "go in and out with the flock," who should "care for souls," and, as "a steward of the mysteries of God," "give to each his portion in due season." The fact is that the church has been wi hout a pastor for three or it may be nearly four years, and the Brethren have become quite glib in the uee of Biblical phrases supposed to apply to the situation.
(In our way hone I told Deacon Philip that I was deeply affected by their depression and wished it were in my power to help them a bit. I suggested that I had heard the Rev. John Zebedce very well spoken of and thought he "could be moved" from Ephesus if tight measure, were taken ; but I learned that Mr. Utbane had been to hear him and objected to any one who had such evident reminders of his early sea faring life in his manner. Mr. Urbane is not very particular whom the church shall call provided he is a "gentleman." "How would Dr.

Peter do, who is just now at Bubylon ?" "Never in the world," said Deacon Philip, ; "why man, he is past forty five, almost fifty, in fact." "Well I do not think you would make a mistake if you were to call the Rev. Simon Zelotes." "He will do well enough for the Salvation Army." was the reply, "but we must avoid calling a man who is too radcal." Brother Apollos is a very eloquent man," we ventured. "Yes, but he has not been out of the seminary more than three years.

We did not say anything rude. We make it a point of conscience never to say anything rude. But we turned the corner some what abruptly and went cur way thinking what a precious lot of unconscious humbugs some people are, who pray the good hord for things they have no intention to accept. Ministers, are called, it seems, for reasons which have not one thing to do with their usefulness ; rejected for reasons in no way connected with their spiritual life, or peremptorily dismissed for some triffing difference of opinion in spite of their fidelity or their success. Stop praying for a pastor, brethren, or else put a little more senuine piety into your search for one. No, thank you, Brother Philip. We do not care to s') to prayer meeting to-night. We mean to stay at home and read the third chapter of First Timothy; and we suggest the same to you, if we may.

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## Ministers and Churches.

## Our Toronto Let!er.

The commissioner to the General Assembly left Tued ay evoning, many of them, the reat has a full representation this year, thirty mem. bers present Most of these have been chosen by rotation, for Toronto is democratic, and belieses in allowing ever member his chance at much what the younker members do when there, but the inspiration that is received, that counts. And for this it is worth while, though many go fix times hefore they raise their voice from the flow of the Court
The reception of the Rev. Alex. Esler in Cooke, Church would have been better attended prayer-mesting night, and it it had not also been pree night of the op nine of the General A weem. bly. As it was som came after their regular Werkmight mooting wis over, and some stayed Tir low the 1 -sembly in order to be present. The congrexition turned out splendidly, and when warm lrish heart plan one would expect The presentation of a hathd meme kold. The preserta and chain to the Rev. Dr. Mc Tavish, who has so plesant apprectation of his labors. He has done goad work for Cooke's congregation and some of the praise that has gone to Cooke's bould perhaps have been awarded the moderater, whore quict "erk show little of the thought and attention to detatl that lies behind it all.
The indurtion servies was one of the best at-
ended we have seen in Toronto. Tho great tended we have seen in Toronto. The great auditorimn was filled, both floor and gatlery. The sorvice was late in starting, and later in cloving. Can we not institute some reform in ddresses? Why could we not make it an induction or ordination service pure and simple, with two addresses, one to the minister and another to the people, and dispense with the sermon? Then the whole service would occupy not more than an hour and a half, and would be somewhat uniform. At the Cooke's Church Winchester, the addres, by Dr, Germon by Mr. o the people by Dr. Milligat. But Dr, Grege had to cut his address down to give Dr. Milligan fime, and when Dr. Milligan commenced to peak it was so late that some rose to go home. Before the induction service proper, the Presbytery held a busimess meeting at which two students were licensed. Theve were Mewors. Frank C. Harper and Murray C. Tait, both students and both intending to and brilliant Richard Davdson, the winner of the Travelling Rechard Davidvon, the winner of the Travelling Scholarship to Furope this fall. The examinmeating in he been sastained at the regular meeting in the beginning of the month, and only Mr. D. M. Kioroll
Mir. D. Mod ween called to Larkey and Weat King, and also to Sutton and the associate congregations, intimated his declinature of the Laskey c.II, and his devire for further time to consider the Sutton call. The answer with reference to Laskey was noted, and it was akreet to k;rant Mr. MicKerroll another week to think over the call to Sutton. In the hope that he would accept it, the Presbytery made"the following conditional arrangements. Presbytery will meet in Sutton on the fourth day of July next, at two odock in the afternoon for the ordination and induction of Mr. Mckerroll, when the Moderator will preside, Mr. D. G. Cameron will preach, Dr. Warden will address the minister and Mr. J. A. Brown will address the people.
Mr. McArthur, whose call to Queensville was sustained at the last meeting of the Presbytery, intimated his acceptance of the call The Pres bytery will meet at Gueensville on the 28 th inst. at 2 oclock for his ordination and induction. Moderator, Mr. J. A. Turnbull will prexide, M. E. I.aslic Pidgeon will proach, Mr. Gilsay will address the minister, Mr. A. H. McGillivray will address the peopt.
The present Moderator during his term of office will have presided at no less than nine induction services. There still romain thred vacancicy to fill, one of which has occurred within the last three months. The others would be better verved if the Pre-bytery were to place One of our bechel a period of two years.
One of our bechelor ininisters quietly changed his condition to that of a benedict the other day.

He was always a good follow, good all the way through, but we may expect some improvenient Rosers return to East Toronto they will mee the heartiest of welcomes; and his brother ministers will find that spot as pleasant a ministers will find that spot as pleasamt a manse will be a commodions one, tor it will be one of the popular resorts before the summer is

## Western Ontario.

Rev. E. H. Sawers and wife, of Brucefield, ailed from Montreal on Saturday for a three months sojourn in Scotland.
Ayr Presbyterian Church is to be reseated and refurnished, at a cost of $\$ 1.000$. The church will also be painted and otherwise remodeled. In all some $\$ 2,000$ will likely be ex pended.
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at Churchill and Stroud on Sabbath, June 16th. Ten new namen were added to the Commumion roll. Large congregations were present morning and afterneon.
Rev. W. J. Clark and Mrs. Clark, of London, have gone on a visit to British Columbia and the Northwest. Mr. Clark has long had a great desire to see our great heritage on the Pasific coast, and will doubtlese turn to good advantage his outing. He will be absent two months and travels by the C. P.R.

Anniversary serviece were conducted by Rev Prof. M.Curdy, Toronto, in the Burlington Church last Sabbath. On Monday evening a successful tea-meeting was held, at which the
pastor, Rev. Dr. Abraham, prosided, and inter pastor, Rev. Dr. Abraham, prosided, and intiesting specches and good music varied the proceedings.
Next June the Goneral Isoombly will meet ili the Bloor Street Chursh, Toronto. After ©ttiwa probably the Queen ('ity is the pleasantest place in Canada for the Assembly's meeting, un Province on the Coast is a charming spot : and its many attrations would delight the commisits matly
sioners.
Pre communion wervises were held at Church ill on Friday, June I th by Rev. J. E.. Smith, of Cookstown. Before commencing his discourse he congratulated the Churchill congregation and their pastor, Rev. J. A. Ross, R. A.. on their having wiped out their entire indebetness on their beautiful church buil a lew years at a cost of between six and seven thousand dollars. "Not only have you done this, said he, but you have increased your giving to the schemes of the Church which hase aways been among the highest in the Presbyterv.

## Twenty-Seventh General Assembly.

The first business brought before the A seembly gis afternoon was the reception of ateport from Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Perth, embodying roplies from synods upon a remit as to the advisability of

## Appointing Field Secretaries

to promote Sabbath School work. Many of the older synods approved the principle but there was a difference of opinion as to how it should be carried out.
Rev. John Neil (Toronto) then moved: "That for for the extension and improvement of the Sib bath school work generally, and especially in the newer districts, the general assembly is of opinion that if suitable provision can be made for their support, persons should at once be ap pointed for this purpose by the general assembly and hereby remits to a special committee to be named by the moderator the consideration of from what sources the necessary cost of such workers may be met, how many workers should be appointed, and where they shall labor, and the duties of such sabbath whool workum
Rev. J. W. MeMillan, acting joint clerk of the assembly, moved in amendment that the whol question be reterred back to the committee for cateful consideration.
Rev, John Recket, Rev, D. MacCrae, Vic toria, B. C., Principal MacVicar, Rev. D. Stile Fraser and others, spoke strongly in favour of
the motion ; while, on the other hand, Rev, Mr. the motion ; while, on the other hand, Rev, Mr.
MacVicar, Huntsville, av stronsly opposed; Dr. Campbell esserting that all the newer fields
were wholly epposed to any stoch appointment Rev. Mr. Mc Millan sadd be had purpose by catusing a discussion and wemp therefore withdraw his amondment ; and the resolution was adopted.

## Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund,

## Mr. Wood (Madoc) presented the report of

 meeting of edders held vesterday consider the aged and lofirm miniveco and the widows and orphans fund. The her consisted of a series of resolutions paseed by elders. The effect of these was that opinion of the elders the unsatisfactory thewe funds was due to their not havin thoroughly explaimed, and the real necessiti the claims urged. They recommended the sembly to take steps by which all the minemin of a suitable age should become connected the aged and infirm ministers fund, and that larger measure of business principles should he introduced into the administration of bothtmen In the case of the aged and infirm minist fund that could be secured by the adoption the plan of deferred annuities; but if the kem asvembly was not prepared to adopt that plat then payments under the fund sould be sidered and increased. The report was rescised and it was decided to discuss it at a later period.
## Fraternal Greetings.

A deputation from the Methodist and Consmegational churches was then received and introduced. The deputation consisted of Res, Dr. Rose, Rev. S. G. Blond, Methodist: and
Rev, Wom. Mosotosh. Conuregational toush. The delegates entered amidst hearty applatho and took seats on the platform, where tho. received a cordial welcome from the moderator. After the Deputation had conveyed to the Asembly the hearly greetings of their respective churches, the Moderator, Dr. Warden, replied in happy terms. He strongly favored clower co-aperation between Methodists, Congregationalists and Presbyterians in communitus where there is a surplus of evangelical shurches. The Presbyterian ansembly had considered the ques tion of comity and after a full and frank diacle sion adopted unanimously a resolution empower ing a committee to confer with the Methodise church authorities so as to devise meansaving men and money and yet properly for the work. If it is possible to have comits in heathen lands it ought to be possible in our Christian lands.
Av the delegates withdrew the eommissioners arose and sang, Blest Be the Tie That Binds.

## Deputation and Foreign Fields

When the assombly resumed routine Rev. Dr. Moore, Otawa, offered an important motions He moved concurrence in a resolution of the fordign mission commitye

That it be a recommendation of the foreign miswion committee to the general assembly that a deputation from the home church be appointed to visit our forcien mission fields in India. Formosa, and, if practicable, in Honan, with the purpose of conterring with the missionarice with regard to their work, securing information th may more perfectly guide the church it administration of the work, of acquainting church more fully with the conditions fields and the circumstances of our mis and, as "a result, of stimulating the interest of the church at home in the whole work. Moore pointed out that it was not intended to reflect in any way on the missionaries but said the information was necessary for the committee to intelligently carry on its work. Dr. Fraser Smith, formerly of India, opposed Dr. R. P. Mackay, superintendent of foreign missions, seconded by Principal McVicar, moved that the college at Indore be given an increased grant trom 400 to 675 rupees a month. A rupere is equal to one-third of a dollar. The motion (ars.
Dr. McKay then moved the appointment of a commatieto prepare a resolution in reverence to the death of Dr. Minckity, of Formosa, to be sont to the native church and members of the deceased missionary's family.

SIXTH DAY TUESDAY.
After devotional exercises this morning the first business taken up was a report from the Rerm on the attization of the serviceso Rev. Dr. Camplocll, Perth, Rad by Prof. Bryce, of Wimmipeg. The report recommended that Dr. Camplefl be commued as

Agent to the Century Fund
up) to the time of the movting of the next general
assembly. The committce suggested that during the year Dr. Camplell be engaged in col lecting subscriptions already made andtabulating and publishing returns, also in canvassing Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, British Columbia and other regions not yet overtaken. Further it was recommended that the century fund committee be instructed to take into con sideration what the postion of Dr. Campletl may be after the next general assembly, The epport wats adopted.
Rev, Alfred Gandier, Toronto, presented the

## The Young People's Societies.

The report showed that there are $75^{8}$ Voung People's societies of all kinds with a membership of 26,801 , of which 13,008 belong to the church. The total amount contributed for shemes of the church, $\$ 11,738$, for all other purposes, 827,763 . The causes given for the decline of the society were lack of interest among older people, lack preparation for meetings, monotony of methods, lax look-out committee work, etc. Among societies that have remained Christian Endeavor dency to abandon the pledge. When the first enthustasm dies out member who took the ings when convenient and stay away just as readily when there is anything more interestins to occupy them. This thoughtlensmess in taking to occupy them. of a pledge, it was satid, is young people concerned, and make them lax in their views of moral obligations generally. The remedy sussested for the undesirable conditions was the orgamzing along denominational lines like the Methodints,
and Baptists, the holding of Presbyterial unions, supporting of missionaties, etc., such as is in vogue among the Methodists. Mr. Gordon sotid that this would improve the exprit de corps, among the young people, this fecling not being as pronounced among the Presbyterians as
among other young people. He concluded by among other young prople. He concluded by
moving the adoption of the report and asking moving the adoption of the report and askink
authority for the committee to prepare a plan along denominational lines. Mr. Henderson, of Hensall, seconded the metion.

Dr. Gregg. Toronto, urged that the Voung People's societies tended to draw a line of cleavage in the church, and for instance in the choice the old people were ignored. He said the old people should try to organize also to conserve their standing in the church.
Rev. J. S. Conning, Walkerton, said that one of the reasons why the oder and younger the minister and older peoplie were seldom seen at the meeting

Dr. Gregs- They are never invited.
Rev. Jos. Hogk opposed withdrawing from affiliation with the Christian Endeavor socicty, and the moderator said it wats not proposed io do so
Dr. Johnston, London, expressed disappointmen' with the report of the committee, and vaid it did not seem to realize the seriousness of the situation. He quoted figures to show a de-
crease of 12,000 members in five years. This was not caused by inaccurate returns, but a spiritual condition, which the superficial suggestions of the committee failed to meet. A mere change in name and form would not remedy it. Heagreed with Dr. Gregg that there is too much cleavage in the church. He moved an additional suggestion that the committee con-ider the young peoples' societies brought under the supervision of the Sunday Si hool committee. Other speakers were Rev. Dr. McMullen and Dr. Somerville.
The latter speaker said he knew societies where the members balloted to see whether their pastor should be admitted as a member or

The Christian Endeavor society found an arThe Christian Endeavor society found and ir-
dent champion in Dr. Dickson, of Galt, and Dr. dent champion in Dr. Dickson, of Anderson Rogers, of New Glasgow.
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After a discussion which lasted until 120 clock Dr. Johnson's amendment was defeated, and the recommendations of the committee were adopted.

## Finances.

The report of the finance committee, eastern section, was then presented by E. A. McCurdy. The contributions for the different church funds totaled $\$ 105,010,77$, ascompared with $\$ 75,875 \cdot 57$.
The report of the western section was presented by Mr. George Keith, the contributions to church funds being $\$ 604,978,25$.

Student's Applications.
The report of the committee on applications
of students was presented by Dr. Fleteher, of student

Henry Carmichael, North Bay presbytery, will be licensed to preach ; J. L. King, Superior, will be licensed and ordaned ; F, W. Anderson, Winnipes, was granted standing for second year in theology ; E., G. Taylor, Victoria, ordained in isog and working as a missionary, was exSimmon, Galsary, was ordered to take a wecond year course, to be prescribed by the senate of Winnipes college ; McLoughlin, of North Bay, who wanted standing for first year in theology, was ordered to take the regular course of the church.

## GELERNOON SEDERUNT.

In the afternoon the report of the eastern section of the committee on augmentation fund ax peacoca by Rer. S. Surester for the year total.d spo,000 and for eleven month the revenue was 88,224 . Mr. Sutherland noved, the and by Rev. Dr. Fraser, of St. Johm, .. R.

## The Augmentation Fund.

Rev. Dr. Lyle, of Hamilton, presented the report of the western section and moved its recepDr and that the committee was able to add only 11 mission stations to the list of consrexalons the amgmented list durines the year. This diatppeinting result was due to lack of means. The report noted that \$30,000 was asked for and only $\$ 2+327,18$ given. Had it not been for contributions from the Bntisis churet the standard of the mimistry on abyen on the dollar. He appealed to the church to conthe dollar. He appeated to the church to to bo
tribute safficient funds to enable fitty men to be plabute saffictent on the aukmented list every year. The committee noticed a lack of business methods among the augmented charges and suggested that if possible an agent be appointed for not more than twe years to teach them how to con duct their business. At least $\$ 30,000$ shouid be contributed next year, otherwise a less number of the congregations clamoring for augmentation should be placed on the list than were entittad to zo there, or the
be reduced below $\$ 700$.

The report was received and its accompanying recommendations considered, including one for the eppointment of a vigorous and energetic the ausmerted harge of Montral and Ottawa, Toronto and Kingoton. Hamilton and London.
Rev. J. W. Mc-Millan moved the adoption of the resolution for the appointment of an asent. fion wih the amemented fund and it might not be a bad thing to have an agent to organize the work and report delinguents.
Rev. Mr, Mckellar opposed the appontment, which he regarded as a reflection upon the existing machinery in connection with this fund. There were too many agents already

After a sharp discussion the motion for the appointment of an agent was put and defeated by a large majority

Rev. Dr. Mckay, of Montreal, moved that considering the necersities of the fund that the committee be requested to take into consideration the advisabili y of estabiishing

## A Sustentation Fund.

Presdent Forrest, Halitax, deprecated any radical change because there had been a little deficit in the augmentation report. The truth of the matter was that the people did not give enough money and the ministers were as largely to blame as the people. The wealthier congregations of Montreal and Toronto were conspic uous by their lack of contributions.
The motion of Dr. McKay was lost and the report of the committee, minus the recommendation, adopted.
The moderator before the matter dropped, aaid he believed in the parity of the ministry. If the church was to grow it was desirable they should secure the services of the very best men in augmented fiedds. All honor to the men who instead of listening to enticing calls from wealthy congregations, were willing to take charge of augmented congregations in the hope of building them up into self-supporting churches. If he were offered a subscription of $\$ 20,000$ towards the work of the church he would, without a moment's hesitation hand it over to the augmentation committee with the understanding that it
was to be used extending over a period of four years for the augmenting of new congregations. At the end of four years they womblave 100 self-stupporting cons each a year for the support of their home and foreign mission work. (Applause.)

## Aged and Infirm Ministers

Judge Forbes moved the adoption of resolations adopted unamimously at a meeting of 100 edders in resard to the aged and infirm and the widows and orphans fund. These resolutions asked that greater prominence be given to the two funds and that a larger measure of business principles be introduced in connection with them. So far an the aged and infirm ministers fund was concerned, improvement woudd be accomplisied by adopting the plan of deterrad atmonties or else reconsidering and increasing the fund. The elders pledsed themselves to give hearty
support to the fund. Mr. McMurchy, of Toronsupport to the fund. Mr. Mc Murchy, of Torons to, spoke feelingly in support of the funds. The thanks at the great interest felt by the elders it the two funds.

When the assembly resumed the repert of the widows and orphans fund, western section, way presented by Mr. Mc.Murchy. A deficit of dubze2 11 is reported in the ortm debt a !ear ago was \$1,533. The year \$1,.000 would be requared. The report of the find of the Presbyterian Church in connection with the church of Scotland was read by Rev. Kobt Campbell. The receipts were
 $\$ 23,539$, batance on
amount to $\$ 113,8_{+}$. The atnumitants are growing less yearly. Marric prosented the

Rev, Ir. Macleod, of Barrie, presented the report on

## Church Life And Work.

General satisfaction was expressed, there being a conviction that the former days were not better than these. Attendence at the divine ordinance was reposted as encouraging. The habit of nany to, itend only one service ondance at mids eriticised, as also the shith attendance at misi week prayer meet irs. The conditions of social and chush life ve changed, and methods must contorm to the change. The report pointed cut a healtiy rellgious lone th the homes and a krowing kencrosity in supporting the church work. The tone of the reports from all over was encouraging. As regards prohibition, Dr. Mackeod did not think any one should cast reflection on any one of the provincial governments or on the Dominion government in regard to this question. It was a difficult one to solve, The motion to adopt the report was seconded by Rev. Dr. Kilpatrick, of Winnipeg, and the report with it - recommendations was adopted and Dr. Mcleod thanked for his labors.
The assembly spent at hour discussing a proposat to appoint three sundiy school mission 10.45 o'clock.

## Eastern Ontario.

Lanark St. Andrew's consregation purposes celebrating the Soth anniversary of the organization of the church by special services next Sunday followed by an entertainment on Monday evening.

Congratulations are being showered on Rev. W. Amos, of Aurora, who has completed the 25 th year of his pastorate in the Presbyterian Church there. His faithful services during a quarter of a century, were suitably recognized by the congregation presenting him with a purse of money

Nothing could so forcibly set forth the rapid growth of Sault Ste Marie as the mention of the end of Lake Sup ing the Assembly to meet there in 1903. Whe invitation cumes throug years time they would an, who atation to entertain the Assembly right be in a
royally

The deputation which went to Cannington from Lindsay to oppose the call of Rev. J. W. McMillan to Fort Massey Church, Halifax, was a marvellous tribute to the popularity of that gentleman in bis own town. The deputation of the church, and the ladies as well, pleaded with the Presbytery to allow Mr. McMillan to remain; but the most unique circumstance was the presence of Mr. J. W. Flavelle, a leading Methodist, who represented the citizens of Lindsay in a protest against the Presbyterian pastor's departure. Mr. McMillan has decided to remain.

## Professor Clartin on Words and Realities

After the graduation ceremony at Edinbursh Universny, the weul commemoration service was held in s. (itles' Cathedral at noon. Rev. Professor Patrick conducted the service, and the sermon was preached by Rev. Protessor Martm, 1). 1)., of the Nuw College, Edinburgh, who sad: Words and realties, were apt to be confused in our mirds, especially, perhays, in a worldly age like this. We forgot the distinction between knowledge and leamng. The great facts of existence - the kingdom of God among men -were independent of what was said of them. When we wore done talking of them they stood where they had stood. They were reminded by the text how ineffectual a thing, comparatively, was human speech. It would be foolish to overperss that statement. Words might be the vehacles of power. After all, speech was the gitt which lent iself most readily to the fur he rance of spititual ends. Was not the symbol of the progress of the kingdom itselt a tongue of fire ? There could tee few things that each generation needed more than that it should em brace men who were enniched with the gifts of utterance and of knowledge, and who in the faithful exercise of their gifts, should be able to enrich others. And yet words at the most bore witness to something else. They were counters doing duty for things, the cur rent coin in the market of the mind, representing values beyond themselves. To estimate them overmuch, accordingly, was to be guilty of the miser's tolly, and perhaps, speaking mainly to thove who were seeking by an academic trainung to prepare themselves for the work of life, he might be allowed to emphasise that point. The world of books and ideas was a world both pure and good, and naturally it exercised a vast fascination over the mind. But a great scholar, lately dead, who was one of the most veracious as well as vitile minds of his generation, said :- "I have never cared much for books except as they may help to quick en one's sense of the reality of life." Perhaps there was no lesson more valuable to the student than that he should learn to weigh the significance of language, should become incapable of heing imposed on by it, and should acquire the power so to read, and so to write, and so to speak as, that, when the clouds of words had tallen again, the world of actual things should stand before their eyes in clearer outiine than before, more absolute in its appeal, more intelligible and worthy and true.

Christian England laughed much when Sydney Smith sneered at William Carey as a "consecrated cobbler," going on a fooi's errand to convert the heathen. Carey died, aged seventy-three years. He was vistted on his death-bed by the Bishop of India, the head of the Church of England in that land, who bowed his head and invoked the blessing of the dying misstonaty. The British authortites had denied to Carey a landingplace on his first arrival in Bengal ; but when he died the government dropped all its flags to half mast, in honor of a man who had done more for India than any of her generals.

A bright Christian young woman of Boston, after hearing a brilliant address along speculatively philosophical lines, said to the preacher who had delivered it, "Just what do you believe, any way?' Much of the meat of this matter lies there. What do we believe?. What do we stand by?

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## Dainty Deserts.

"I shall long remember your dainty deserts," said the quest of a week, as, at her last dinner, a delicate, quivering mound of pink, surrounded by whipped cream, was set before her, "and if you would be so kind as to give me the teceipts for them I will be ever so glad."
"Indeed I will, most willingly," replied the hostess, who was always pleased to have her culmary skill appreciated. "This dessert which we will call Gelatıne Moulds, is what you saw me preparing yesterday, and you thought it would not amount to any thing because, as you said, 'it was as thin as water' when I put it in the molds, but I have made it miny times and knew it would be all right when wanted. To make it I take haif a package of granulated gelatine, and mix with it half of the pink powder that is in a small envelope in the box.

I add to this about half a cupful of cold water, and let it stand for fit een minutes. Then I heat a quart of mink, and great care must be used not to let it scorch; when it comes to a biil add threefourths cupful of grarulated sugar and the gelatine. Let it borl for five minutes, stirring constantly, add a little vanilla, and pour it in the mol is. This quantity will make eight, and it is a favorite desert of mine, as it is to be made the day before it is wanted, or, for that matter, it will keep a week or more in the refrigerator. The cream is sweetened just a trifle and partially whipped
"It tastes as good as it looks pretty," said the guest, evidently enjoying the dessert under discussion, "but you seem to be able to combine the (wo in everything you make."

The talk drifted to other desserts that had teen served, and when they arose from the table the guest procured notebook and pencil, and with help from her hostess, jotted down, in addition to the one already given, the following desserts

Lemon Cream.-Yolks of frur eggs and four tablespoonfuls of sugar beaten together. Add the juice and grated rind of one lemon and two tabiespoonfuls of hot water. Cook until it thickens, then take from the fire, and add the whites of four eggs beaten stiffly with two tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar.

Snow-Drift Pudding.-Let two cupfuls of water and one cupful of sugar come to a boil then add three tablespoonfuis of cornstarch, the juice of one lemon and a pinch of salt, and boil the whole ten minutes. Beat the whites of three eggs to a stiff troth, and add the cooked ingredients by spoonfuls, beating well all the time. Put it into molds, and serve with boiled custard poured around it.

Stale Cake Pudding,-Lay thick slices of any kind of delicate cake in a deep pudding dish. Over this pour hot boiled custard, made from the yolks of three eggs, and one pint of milk sweetened and flavored to taste. Do this several hours before the dish is to be served. Just before serving, put a layer of sliced peaches or oranges over it. Cover with merangue, and browu slightly. The fruit can be omitted if preferred.- Miss L. E. Hutchinson, in New York Observer.

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