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## Ecclesiastical News.

THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND commenced its annual session in Liverpool on the 28th of April. Dr. Edmond, the retiring Moderator, preached the opening sermon, after which he announced that the Board of Nomination had chosen as his successor the Rev. R. H. Lundie, M.A., of Fairfield Church, Liverpool, subject to the approval of the Synod. In his opening address the new Moderator stated, what seems to be very generally admitted and deplored, that "the lapsed masses are the problem of the day." It is a sad confession to make that "in no country of Europe can any parallel be found to the deep debasement, the hopeless helplessness, the sudden misery of multitudes in the great cities of Britain." How are these lapsed masses to be reached and elevated? Mr. Lundie has no hesitation in saying that Gospel Temperance must have a leading place in any reformatory movement. The efforts of Moody and Sankey, and of the Salvation Army and other evangelistic agencies were referred to appreciatively; but after making all due allowances for them, it goes without saying that the chief burden of responsibility must ever rest on the churches. The report on the Sustentation Scheme was satisfactory. For the eighth time they had paid a dividend of \$1,000 to each of the ministers. The number of congregations is 279; of ministers 373, and of Church members 58,400. The receipts for Home Missions were \$14,000, for other missionary purposes \$51,000, and for all purposes \$1,055,850. The report of the Committee on the Confession of Faith, presented by Dr. Dykes, recommended:—(1) that officers be required to assent to the "system of doctrine" contained in the Confession; (2) the preparation of a declaratory statement explaining the sense in which the Church understands the document; and (3) the reappointment of the committee to move in the direction of framing "a briefer and more available compendium of fundamental doctrine." Dr. Dykes, while acknowledging that it was a very serious thing for a Church to raise the question of the basis of its Confession, explained that what they had

endeavoured to do was to define with greater precision than had hitherto been done their comprehension of the infinite truth of God. It was felt that the Westminster Confession of Faith had never been a text-book for teaching, its only use being an ultimate standard of appeal in cases of heresy. The report was sent down to Presbyteries to report their judgment thereupon, and the committee was instructed to consider the best method of proceeding with the preparation of a briefer compendium of doctrine.

THE SYNOD OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND met in Edinburgh on the 5th of May. The Rev. Dr. Hutton, of Paisley, Moderator. Before proceeding with the ordinary business, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated, a large number of members being present. The report on Statistics, given in by Dr. Scott, was encouraging. It was specially gratifying to know that there was a continual increase in the number of young persons receiving instruction in the Sabbath-School and of teachers. Dr. Hutton presented the report on Disestablishment. He said that this question had made progress. "It had stood the stress of the severest political weather, and it was, he believed, in sight of port." He moved that the Synod express its satisfaction that three notices of motion now before the House of Commons declare the necessity for disestablishment and disendowment in Scotland, England and Wales, and that the Synod renew its petition in favour of Mr. Peddie's motion. Principal Cairns, in seconding the motion, said that while there was cause for thankfulness that Established Churchmen were approaching them on this subject as they had never done before, he did not see the least possibility of their meeting the new Established Church movement half way. The financial affairs of the Church were reported to be in a satisfactory condition.

UNITED STATES.—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, North, met at Saratoga on the 18th of May. Owing to the death of Dr. Hatfield, the Moderator of last Assembly, it fell to Dr. Jessup, of Beirut, to deliver the opening sermon, who discussed for an hour and a half on the theme nearest his heart—the subject of Foreign Missions. Rev. Dr. George B. Hays, of Denver, was elected Moderator, and Rev. Dr.

William H. Roberts, of Princeton, Stated Clerk. Fraternal greetings were exchanged with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, South, the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. On the evening of the second day a large and enthusiastic meeting was held in the interests of Sabbath-School work. There are 81,746 officers and teachers in the Sunday-Schools, and 643,722 scholars. The Committee on Missions to the Freedmen reported receipts for the year \$121,521. The number of ordained ministers employed in this service is 91, of whom 78 are coloured. The number of communicants 12,958, and of Sabbath-School scholars 12,058. The report on Home Missions shewed that the work is rapidly expanding. During the year there have been 1,458 Missionaries at work. The income from all sources was \$620,428. In the department of Foreign Missions it had been a year of blessing. The receipts of the Board were \$693,122 and the expenditure \$703,845, leaving a debt of \$10,000. It has in the mission field 163 American and 251 native ministers; of teachers 23 male and 281 female, who are Americans, and 786 natives. In the churches it has organized and fostered there are now 19,218 communicants and in its schools 25,914 pupils. Sabbath Observance, Temperance, Church Policy, Theological Institutions, &c., were severally discussed. The hardest nut to crack was the vexed question of "Reduced Representation." The next meeting is to be held in Cincinnati.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, South, met at Vicksburgh, Dr. Witherspoon of Louisville, Moderator. The various reports indicated steady progress in all departments. The total receipts for Home Missions were \$61,076. There are 398 ministers who are adequately and 556 who are inadequately supported, and there is need for at least 350 more ministers to take charge of 443 vacant churches and evangelistic fields. During last year 94 churches were erected, but there are still nearly 300 organized charges without a place of worship. Satisfactory reports were presented from the Theological Seminaries, in which there were in all 113 students, of whom 31 attended the Institute for training coloured ministers. A deputation from the Northern Assembly was enthusiastically received, and although the Moderator had to check the spontaneous outburst of applause at the close of their addresses, a halt in the proceedings was called and a general hand-shaking became the order of the day.

AT THE METHODIST GENERAL CONFERENCE held in Philadelphia in May there was a long and animated discussion on "The Licensure of Women." The Committee who were charged to consider this subject, reported by a majority of about five-sixths, that it is inexpedient to license women to preach the Gospel. Strong arguments were used on both sides; those in favour of granting the license based their

opinion on the "law of liberty," admitting that the applications for license would be extremely small. It is said that some of the best preachers in the Methodist Church are women, and that these will still preach no matter what the Conference may say or do; that sinners will be converted and churches will be built up by their agency. On the other hand St. Paul was quoted as authority that women should keep silence in the Church, and such, when it came to the vote, seems to have been the mind of the Conference.

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. — The General Assembly met in Edinburgh on the 23rd of May, and was inaugurated with the usual imposing ceremonies. The Earl of Aterdeen again presided as Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner. Dr Rankine, of Sorn, preached the opening sermon, after which Dr. Peter Mackenzie, of Urquhart, (1843) was elected Moderator. Dr. Phin presented the report on the Schemes of the Church, which foreshadowed certain improvements in the *Missionary Record*, which it was hoped would largely increase its circulation. The Colonial Committee was represented by Dr. Gray of Liberton, the convener. The receipts for last year were \$29,000; the expenditure, about \$500 more, included grants to the Army and Navy Committee and the Continental Chaplaincies, leaving some \$18,000 for strictly Colonial Missions in Asia, Africa, America and Australia. Delegates were present from the Australian Churches who addressed the Assembly. Rev. J. G. Paton, from the Synod of the New Hebrides, gave an interesting account of the progress of Mission work in that field. Principal King of Winnipeg, referred in happy terms to the harmonious working of the union of Presbyterians in Canada, and of the strenuous efforts of the United Church to overtake the necessities of its vast Home Mission field, and to provide for the education of its ministry, and also of the successful working of the scheme lately inaugurated for securing a minimum stipend of \$750 and a manse for every minister of the church. The Moderator, in eloquent terms, thanked the deputies for the information they had given, and assured them of the continued interest of the church in the welfare of the colonial churches. The report on Foreign Missions which spoke of success, mingled with trial and difficulties, was presented by Dr. Scott, whose resignation, as convener, was accepted with much regret.

The Free Church Assembly also met in Edinburgh on the 23rd of May. Dr. Horatius Bonar, the retiring Moderator, preached the opening sermon. Dr. Walter Ross Taylor, of Thurso, (1829) was elected Moderator, and in addressing the Court paid an eloquent tribute to the memory of Sir Henry Moncrieff, Dr. Begg, Dr. Kennedy of Dingwall, and other prominent ministers of the church who had been removed by death during the past year. Rev. Andrew Melville of Glasgow, was elected junior principal clerk, Rev. Dr. Wilson taking rank as senior

principal clerk. Dr. J. H. Wilson read the report on Jewish Missions. The expenditure for the year was upwards of \$32,000, and although the results were not apparently very great, they were encouraged to continue and increase their efforts, believing that converted Israel had a great part to act in the future triumphs of the gospel. A new formula for deacons was adopted. Much time was given to the state of religion and discussions upon Sabbath observance, temperance, the colleges of the church, &c. Principal Rainy carried a motion declaring the conviction of the Assembly that disestablishment and disendowment are essential, and that the time has come to press the question energetically upon the attention of the Legislature.

CANADA: The four branches of the Methodist Church in Canada are now one under the name of "The Methodist Church." This marks a most interesting epoch in the ecclesiastical history of Canada, and to the parties immediately interested it is an event of unspeakable importance. It places the Methodist Church, numerically, at the head of the Protestant Churches in the Dominion, thereby putting upon it great responsibilities. The influence of this union upon other branches of the Methodist family, in other countries, is likely to be widespread. Indeed the whole Protestant Church will in some degree be moved by it. For one thing, the consummation of the union passed off in a very quiet manner. There was no public demonstration to emphasize the fact. The district conferences met at the usual time, in their respective localities, and the members said to one another, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" And the great outside world took knowledge of them that they had merged their differences and that the long expected union had been accomplished. *Esto perpetua!* The Congregational Union had a pleasant meeting in Montreal last month, when delegates from all parts of the Dominion were present. An interesting feature in the proceedings was the ceremonies connected with the opening of the new building for the Theological College, of which Rev. Dr. Stevenson is the Principal. The total number of Congregational ministers in Canada, in charge, is between seventy and eighty.

### Our Own Church.

WE learn that Rev. John Rose, a Gaelic speaking minister commissioned by the Colonial committee of the Free Church of Scotland, arrived at Halifax in the end of May, and proceeded to the Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond, C. B. The Rev. Thomas Christie, formerly of Couva, Trinidad, has accepted an appointment

as missionary at St. Maria, Lower California, under the auspices of the Home Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church, United States. Rev. C. E. Amaron, for some years minister at Three Rivers, Que., has left us to enter upon the duties of his charge at New Lowell, Mass. We hope he may be very successful in the work among the French-speaking people in that neighbourhood. The Rev. M. R. Paradis, for some time assistant to Rev. C. Chiniquy at St. Anne's, Kankakee, has removed to Farmer City, Illinois. His services were highly appreciated at St. Anne's as we doubt not they will also be in his new field of labour. Rev. Wm. Aitken of Newcastle, N. B., sails about this time for Britain, having obtained two months leave of absence.

Rev. Principal King of Winnipeg, appeared before the General Assemblies of the Church of Scotland, the Free Church of Scotland and the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Edinburgh and met with a very cordial reception.

WOMEN'S WORK.—The second annual meeting of the Montreal Woman's Missionary Society was held in Crescent street Church on the 3rd of April. President, Mrs. John Campbell; Recording Secretary, Miss McMaster; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Henderson. The receipts for the year were \$683.39. Monthly meetings were held during the year. Interesting addresses were delivered at these meetings by Mr. and Mrs. Morton of Trinidad, Mr. Robertson of Eromanga and others. Letters were also read from our missionaries in India, the New Hebrides and Formosa. The Society carries on three branches of work, namely.—French Evangelization, Home Missions, and Foreign Missions.

### ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

EAST WILLIAMS: *Sarnia*.—Rev. John Anderson was inducted on the 29th of April.

BARRIE.—The Rev. D. D. Macleod, formerly of Dumfries street Church, Paris, was inducted on the 3rd of June.

ELGIN AND ATHELSTAN: *Montreal*.—Rev. Andrew Rowat, late of West Winchester, was inducted on the 29th of June.

RUSSELLTOWN: *Montreal*.—Mr. Archibald Lee was ordained and inducted on the 17th of June.

LAGUERRE: *Montreal*.—Mr. A. P. Grant was ordained and inducted on the 19th of June.

SUNDERLAND: *Lindsay*.—Rev. A. Stevenson, formerly of St. Vincent and Sydenham, was inducted on the 24th of June.

LINDSAY: Mr. D. McTavish was ordained and inducted into St. Andrews Church on the 17th of June.

**CARBERRY: Manitoba:**—Mr. W. A. Mackenzie was ordained and inducted on the 17th of June.

**BURNSIDE: Manitoba:**—Arrangements have been made by the Presbytery for the ordination and induction of Mr. Todd on the 8th instant.

**Calls:** Rev. James Sieveright, late of Prince Albert, to Lachine; declined. Mr. Dougald Currie, to Three Rivers; accepted. Rev. Donald Fraser, of Mount Forest, to Elora. Dr. Murray, of Vale Colliery, N. S., to North Sydney, C. B.

**DEMISSIONS:** Rev. Robert Hume, of St. George, Paris. Rev. William Anderson of Mulmur and Rosemont, Barrie.

**NEW CHURCHES:** A very handsome new church was opened for public worship at Nine Mile River, N. S., on the 25th of May, Rev. John Cameron assisting the pastor, Rev. J. Layton. It cost \$2,222 and is free from debt. It is expected that the commodious new church at Parrsboro will be completed this summer.

**HOULTON, MAINE:** The first and only Presbyterian Church in the State of Maine was opened for public worship on the 18th of May. Houlton is a section of Rev. Kenneth Mackay's congregation, the chief portions of his charge being in New Brunswick. There are fifteen Presbyterian families in the place. The new church cost \$1,500, a balance of about 700 remains unpaid, Rev. William Ross assisted at the opening services; also Professor Knowlton, Baptist, and Rev. Mr. Howie, Methodist.

**SELF-SUPPORT.**—Our congregations in Canada that are not yet self-supporting should never cease to aim at self-support as an object of just and necessary ambition. Congregations very weak in numbers and in wealth sometimes not only support Gospel ordinances amongst themselves, but contribute liberally to Foreign Missions and other schemes of the Church. It is healthy to do for ourselves and others; it is enfeebling to live contentedly in a state of dependence on others. Of course we know that there are many supplemented congregations that contribute with most exemplary liberality. We wish to stimulate the lagging ones, for their own sake as well as for the sake of the Church at large. It was stated at the recent missionary conference in India that if all foreign support were withdrawn, the Native church would gather together and propagate itself. The churches were exhorted to beware of too much "nursing." What is true abroad is true at home.

## Missionary Cabinet.

HENRY MARTYN.

**THE** "Saintly Martyr" was born at Truro, England, on the 18th of February 1781 and although he died when only 32 years of age his name and his character will long be held in grateful admiration as one of the foremost in the vanguard of the noble army of missionaries. As an example of self abnegation and thorough devotion to the service of his Master, at a time when missions to the heathen were not so popular as now, and when the difficulties to be encountered in the field were infinitely greater, his brief missionary career presents many points worthy of honourable mention and is indeed invested with peculiar interest. As a boy he attended the Grammar-school of his native town. At sixteen years of age he was sent to St. John's College Cambridge, where he soon took a high position and carried off a number of prizes. He acquired there the habit of close application to study and used to be spoken about as "the student who never lost an hour." But beyond this there was nothing in his early University career to call for special notice. He was indifferent in regard to religious matters, and repelled rather than encouraged the kind remonstrances of a pious sister who earnestly desired his conversion. The unexpected death of his father, which took place when he was nineteen, was the first means of opening his heart for the reception of the truth. He began to read and study his Bible as he had never done before and, gradually, the great change came which transformed him into a new man. At this time he was much encouraged and strengthened by the Rev. Charles Simeon, minister of Trinity Church, Cambridge. It was in consequence of a casual remark from this minister that young Martyn resolved to engage in missionary work,—a fine illustration of the proverb,—*"A word spoken in due season how good is it!"* Whatever the remark was, it made him resolve to abandon the profession of law and to become a missionary to the heathen. It required no small effort for him to come to this decision. From a worldly stand point, his prospects

in life were good in the profession which he so suddenly had abandoned, and he had counted the cost, the many sacrifices, privations and dangers which he must be subjected to in carrying out his new choice. But, the resolution once taken, he never faltered, although "the way" did not immediately open. In 1803 he was ordained to the ministry and became curate to his friend Mr. Simeon. The reading of Brainerd's Memoirs and other missionary biographies increased his missionary aspirations so that when, in 1805, he was offered a chaplaincy in the service of the East India Company, he gladly accepted it. In the autumn of that year he bade adieu to all who were dear to him in his native land and sailed for India. Some days were spent at the Cape of Good Hope, which just then became a British colony. Here Martyn did his utmost to minister to the bodily and spiritual wants of the wounded and dying soldiers. Here, too, he became acquainted with Dr. Vanderkemp, the famous missionary to whom Africa owes so much, whose conversation was a new inspiration to him. It was the 16th of May, 1806, before he reached Calcutta, and September before he arrived at Dinapore, his appointed field of labour. Here he remained for about three years preaching with great earnestness to the troops and government officials at the same time that he perfected himself in the knowledge of Hindustani. Not content with the discharge of his duty, he neglected no opportunity of instructing the natives in Christian knowledge. He was especially interested in the young, and at one time had five schools in operation which were supported entirely by himself. Another class among whom he laboured assiduously was "the poor." Whether they were men or women, Roman Catholics or Mohammedans, or Faddhists, it made no difference to Martyn; they had souls that needed salvation, and with all the earnestness of his sympathetic nature he preached Christ crucified to them. Afterwards, when he removed to Cawnpore, he preached on the lawn before his house to congregations of natives, chiefly beggars, who frequently congregated to the number of eight hundred. But the great work which he undertook and carried through was the translation of the New Testament into Hindostani, a work

which his brother missionaries at Calcutta and Serampore heartily approved and adopted and for which generations yet to come will call him blessed. At the same time, with the aid of native assistants, he had made a translation of the Testament into the Arabic and Persic languages. The latter not being deemed so perfect as might be, he resolved on a visit to Persia where he might have the work revised by competent scholars. His health by this time had failed and he hoped to reap some benefit from the change of climate. He accordingly proceeded to Shiraz, Persia, in January 1811. In little more than a month he accomplished his purpose and it is believed that the three Persian scholars who aided him in his translation were all of them converted to Christianity through his instrumentality. Intending to present a copy of his Persian Bible to the Shah in Persia, he undertook a fatiguing journey to Tabriz, in the northern part of the Kingdom, but, his health was by this time so shattered, he committed it to the care of the British Consul to do this for him and set out for Constantinople, a distance of 1,300 miles, on his way "home." But he was never to see his earthly home again. He got no further than Tocat where the plague was raging. There he died on the 16th of October 1812. The American missionaries labouring there in after years replaced the original slab that marked his resting place by a worthy memorial on which is chiselled a notable epitaph, concluding with these words:—"He will long be remembered in the countries where he was known as a MAN OF GOD. May travellers of all nations, as they step aside and look upon this monument, be led to honour, love, and serve the God and Saviour of this devoted missionary!"

THINK of Robert Morrison's waiting seven years for his first convert in China; or Adams' ten years at Port Natal; or the London Mission Society's ten in Madagascar, and thirty in Madras Presidency without any, and fifteen in Tahiti for its first convert; or the Baptists' twenty-one years for twenty-one converts among the Telooagoos, as compared with the gains of the last ten years, counted by tens of thousands.

## The Ark in the House.

JULY 13.

2 SAMUEL VI: 1-12.

Golden Text, Prov. 3: 33.

**C**OMPARE 1 Chron. ch. 13. The Ark was a wooden chest 3 feet 9 inches long and 27 inches deep and wide, called "the ark of the covenant" or of the "testimonies," because its principal contents were the two tables of the law written with the finger of God which made it specially sacred. On the mercy seat which surmounted it were the two golden cherubims, a symbol of the divine presence. Its proper place was in the "holy of holies" in the tabernacle. When the Israelites moved it was borne on the shoulders of the priests in advance of the host, Nu. 10: 33. on which account the expression in Ps. 132: 8 is used. On its approach the waters of Jordan divided and the people went through its bed dry-shod, Jos. 3: 15. Before it the walls of Jericho fell down, Jos. 6: 6, 20. For more than 300 years it remained at Shiloh, until that fatal day when it was carried into the battle field and brought disaster upon the house of Eli and upon the nation, 1 Sam. ch. 4. It troubled the Philistines who did not know what to do with it. At length they sent it to Kirjathjearim, 9 miles miles N. West from Jerusalem, where it was almost lost sight of for a number of years in the decline of religion which ensued. V. 1. The object of this great assemblage was to restore it to its proper dignity as the emblem of their national religion. V. 2. These 30,000 included delegates from all parts of the country with whom David consulted as to the best mode of taking it to Jerusalem, 1 Chr. 13: 1-3. *From Baale*,—rather to *Baale*—another name for Kirjathjearim. V. 3. They had no business to put it on a cart, new or old, see Num. 7: 9, *Gibeah*—a hill in or near Kirjathjearim. V. 5. This extraordinary demonstration was doubtless well intended, but it was premature. V. 6. *Uzzah put forth his hand*—fearing that the cart was going to upset: a small offence, seemingly, but a violation of an express command, Num. 4: 15; James 2: 10. V. 7. The severity of his punishment shews how great the offence was in God's sight. The whole proceedings were wrong, and doubly wrong for Uzzah, who was not a priest, to touch the ark, 1 Chr. 15: 13. V. 8. *David was displeased*—angry with himself as the person really to blame for this tragedy. *Afraid*—not knowing what might happen to himself. V. 10. Knowing all that had taken place? Obedience shewed great moral courage by admitting it into his house, V. 11. *Three months*—time enough for all parties to reflect before repeating the attempt. *The Lord blessed*—as he assuredly will all who seek to serve him, in the appointed way. V. 12. *Gladness*—see v. 15, and read in this connection psalm 24, supposed to have been composed for this occasion. From the whole narrative we learn the importance of implicit obedience, and the value of personal and family religion as a factor in national prosperity.

## God's Covenant with David.

JULY 20.

2 SAMUEL VII: 1-16.

Golden Text, 2 Sam. 7: 16.

**C**OMPARE 1 Chr. 17: 1-17. With the aid of Hiram's carpenters, ch. 5: 11, David had built a fine house for himself and others for the members of his court. He had also erected a temporary tabernacle or tent for the ark, 1 Chr. 17: 1. Vs. 1, 2. When all was finished he sat down to admire the fine workmanship of his palace and take his ease. Looking at this and that, he could not help drawing a comparison betwixt his own splendid mansion and the mean accommodation he had provided for the ark of God. The inward monitor told him this was not right, and he then and there resolved in his own mind to erect a building that would at once serve as a suitable place of worship for the people and a fitting receptacle for the sacred emblem—nothing less than a magnificent temple, which would be a visible expression of the nation's religion and a centre of attraction for generations to come. *Nathan*—one of the most eminent men of his time, a prophet and an author, 2 Chr. 9: 29. The same who rebuked David for his sin against Uriah, ch. 12: 1-15, and who arranged for the succession of Solomon, 1 Ki. 1: 22-49. Vs. 3, 4. Before consulting God, he encouraged David, thinking it was a good idea. But the Lord seeth not as man seeth, and next morning Nathan had to unsay what he had inconsiderately said. The reasons against David's proceeding, though not stated here, are obvious,—(1) The Lord had not been consulted in the matter. (2) The proper time had not yet come—the nation being still in a transition state, the risk would be too great for such an undertaking at present. (3) David had been a man of war, 1 Chr. 22: 8; 28: 3; the temple should be a symbol of the church and kingdom of God, Rom. 14: 17. Vs. 5-7. *Shall thou build?* equivalent to thou shalt not. For hundreds of years the tabernacle had sufficed, when better is needed the Lord will himself give instructions. Vs. 8, 9. David is reminded of his humble extraction and that his success and prosperity were not his own acquiring, but came from God. V. 10. *Will appoint*—rather "I have appointed," i. e. have given them Canaan—which they might have kept till this day had they been true to God. Vs. 11, 12. *A house*—God would increase and strengthen his kingdom, make him the head of a new dynasty, and endow his son with even greater splendour, 1 Ki. 10, 23. V. 13. *He*—Solomon, the man of peace; but, in a higher sense, David's greater son, Math. 22: 42; John 7: 42. Ps. 72: 17-19. V. 14. So soon as Solomon's heart turned away from the Lord he met with disasters, 1 Ki. 11: 14. *Rod of man*—punishment, not to destroy but to reclaim. V. 16. In the Messiah the throne of David was and is thus established, Ps. 45: 6. The covenant made with David is renewed in the case of every believer, Jn. 14: 1-2; 2 Pet. 3: 9.

**Kindness to Jonathan's Son.**

JULY 27.

2 SAMUEL IX: 1-13.

*Golden Text, Proverbs 27: 10.*

HERE was nothing in this incident particularly meritorious. David just did the right thing, but such is human nature, in matters of this kind, the right thing is so often left undone, it has become a common saying,—“out of sight out of mind.” It is thus a rare instance of disinterested kindness. David had nothing to fear from the descendants of Saul, and no application had been made on Mephibosheth's behalf. The renewal of God's covenant to David, ch. 7: 8-12, probably reminded him of the covenant he made with Jonathan 20 years before, 1 Sam. 20: 13-16. V. 1. David knew nothing about Mephibosheth, who was only five years old when his father and grandfather fell in Gilboa, ch. 4: 4, and he had been so occupied with state affairs he had no time to think of such matters until now that he had been seven or eight years reigning in Jerusalem. Jonathan had not only befriended him when he was in imminent danger, he had declared himself willing to give up his claim to the crown for David's sake. Certainly David owed the house of Jonathan a debt of gratitude. Vs. 2-4. *Ziba*—once a slave in Saul's employ, now a freedman with a large family and himself a slaveholder, V. 10. He informs David that there is a son of Jonathan living with one Machir at Lodobar, a place in the tribe of Dan not far from Mahanaim, east of Jordan. How he became lame, ch. 4: 4. Machir was well to do. Later on he shewed kindness to David, ch. 17: 27-29. Vs. 5-7. *David sent for him*—Greatly to the astonishment, doubtless, of Mephibosheth if not to his disquietude. What could the king want of him, a poor lame boy? But David's benignant look and his kindly “fear not” soon dispelled his misgivings. More than that, he announced his intention to give him Saul's family estate which had fallen to David by his marriage with Saul's daughter, Num. 27: 8, or which had been forfeited. Vs. 9, 10. Ziba is appointed steward to manage this estate, and till the land on the shares for the support of Mephibosheth's family—a fine thing for Ziba, whose character is not above suspicion, for he conveyed the impression to David that his *protégé* was aspiring to the throne, ch. 16: 1-4. The charge was not substantiated, yet we see it resulted in the forfeiture of the estate. As for Mephibosheth, he continued to be the king's guest, and by kindness to his cripple son David fulfilled his promise to Jonathan. What David did “for Jonathan's sake” God is willing to do for us, and much more abundantly, “for Christ's sake.” The true spirit of Christianity is that which seeks to do good to our fellowmen “hoping for nothing again,” Luke 6: 36. In Jesus we have a friend who will never forsake us, who deserves our love, our gratitude, and our faithful service.

**David's Repentance.**

AUGUST 3.

PSALM LI: 1-19.

*Golden Text, Psalm 51: 3.*

THIS Psalm expresses David's repentance for the two greatest sins of his life—adultery and murder, fully described in chs. 11 and 12 of 2 Sam. This record shows the impartiality of Scripture history, and is a warning to all, that he who thinks he stands may take heed lest he fall. David was 50 years old at this time and could not plead youth in extenuation of his crime. Nor did it palliate his offence to say that others might have done the same without causing remark. His previous history and the favour God had shown towards him made his guilt all the deeper. “The man after God's own Heart” to do this: incredible! But, had he not been in the main a good man he would have continued in his sin, whereas this psalm indicates true repentance. There is here conviction, confession, penitence, prayer for mercy, and purpose of amendment. His sin was a public scandal: his confession is equally public. Himself composed the psalm, heard it sung in public, sang it himself in the tabernacle, all eyes gazing upon him, and the words of Nathan still ringing in his ears—“*Thou art the man!*” V. 1. *Mercy*—not merit, must ever be the sinner's plea. *Thy loving kindness*—not my rank, station, services. *Blot out*—as from a book of accounts. Vs. 2, 3. *Thoroughly*—wash me many times. *Cleanse me*—for I am ingrained with sin. *I acknowledge*.—It is always wise to confess our sins to God, I Jn. 1: 8, 9, and salutary to remember them. V. 4. *Against thee*. The prodigal's confession, Luke 15: 18; *Thee only*—his crime against Uriah was not forgotten, but that against God was immeasurably greater. *This evil*.—It is right to make particular confession of particular sins. *Justified*.—The penitent thief admitted that he was justly punished, Luke 23: 41. V. 5. David is now convinced of his essentially corrupt nature and moral frailty. Every true penitent becomes conscious of this. Vs. 6, 7. *Truth*—up to this time David had perhaps quieted his conscience by a daily routine of public and private worship; what a mockery are outward observances when the testing time comes! God desires TRUTH, in the inward parts, John 4: 24; Ps. 139: 33. *Hyssop*—emblem of cleansing, Exo. 12: 22. *Wash me*—see Isa. 1: 16-19. Vs. 10, 11. *Create*.—Conversion is so great a change, the sinner becomes a “new man,” Eph. 4: 24; is born again, John 3: 5. *Renew*—implies that he had known the grace of God from which he had fallen. Vs. 12: 13. *Restore*—he had lost the joy in believing. *Then*—The first impulse of a converted soul is to bring others to the Saviour. John 1: 41, 45; 4: 28. V. 15. *Show forth*—as an unrepentant sinner he must be dumb, but out of a full heart he will proclaim the goodness and mercy of God as exemplified in his own experience, and thus “teach transgressors,” v. 13. The chief of sinners may become by the grace of God the prince of preachers. Eph. 3: 8.



## A Page for the Young.

### BE THANKFUL.

SOME murmur when their sky is clear  
And wholly bright to view,  
If but one little cloud appear  
In their great heaven of blue.

And some with thankful joy are filled,  
If but one ray of light,  
One gleam of God's own glory, gild  
The darkness of the night.

### THE DRUMMER BOY.

It was on the morning of September 21, 1863. Few rising suns ever shone upon a more terrible scene than that presented this morning on the battle-field of Chickamauga. The forms of hundreds of brave men lay cold and silent in death, remaining as they had fallen in the heat of the conflict, while bravely fighting. The silence of death brooded over the field, and death indeed was there in all its terror—silence rendered doubly so by the closing echoes of the terrible carnage of the past two days. The wounded had all been cared for as far as possible, and now was consigned to the survivors the solemn duty of laying to rest the last remains of their beloved comrades. There lay husbands, fathers, brothers, with no one to shed a parting tear except their sturdy companions in many a weary day of toil and bloodshed.

Suddenly there rang out upon the scene of stillness the sound of a drum, long and loud, rolled out the morning reveille, startling both men and officers, coming as it did, from the midst of where all was thought to be silent in death. The surgeon was sent to investigate. Far out among the dead he found a little drummer boy. Pale as the silent bodies around him, he lay resting wearily upon his drum. The surgeon saw at a glance that all would soon be over. Both legs had been broken by a shell, and from the mangled limbs the current of life was fast ebbing away. Strong man that he was, and used to death in all its various forms, he could not tell the boy that his sufferings would shortly end, and he turned away. Going back he requested an officer to go and break the news. The officer went to the boy, and, placing his hand softly upon his shoulder, said, "My boy, you are badly wounded, but you will be better soon." "I know it," answered the boy; "all night long I have lain, and God only knows my sufferings through the long, weary hours; but I prayed that he would let me live to see the morning sun, that I might once more

beat the reveille to summon the men to duty as I have so often done before, and He has answered my prayer."

"God is very merciful;" kindly answered the officer.

"He is always good," said the boy; "but I know what you mean by my being better soon. I am going to die, but I am not afraid of death."

"You are a brave boy," said the officer; "but why are you not afraid to die?"

The boy placed his little trembling hand in his bosom and drew forth a small pocket Bible. "My mother gave me this when I left home," he answered. "She told me to read it every day, and I have done so. I know that Jesus is waiting with open arms to receive me. That is why I am not afraid to die. I want you to carry it to her, and tell her that I have obeyed her, and that I die without fear, only sorry that I could not once more see her dear face, and hear her kind, loving voice."

O the Bible! precious book divine! Would to God that all mankind from it would learn Thy holy will, and enjoy Thy blessed promises!

### A HERO.

His name should be passed around. Charles Salter, steward of the English ship "Jupiter," was a witness of a wreck off the Point Louis Rocks on the coast of Mexico. The sea and wind were too great to allow boats to approach the wreck, and several shots had been fired across the vessel, but the line would not hold on to the shot, and fell into the water. Against the advice of his captain, who told him the feat was impossible, Salter swam out to the wreck with a coil of small line upon his shoulder. Twice he was beaten back by the waves on to the beach; but a third time he plunged in, and, after forty minutes' battle with the breakers, the brave fellow reached the ship and clambered on board. The small rope enabled him to haul a cable from the shore which was made fast, and by means of what sailors call "a buoy and breeches," a boy and three ladies were successfully sent ashore. The other passengers and crew quickly followed—thirty-two souls in all, and last of all came the brave sailor to whom they owed their lives, who fainted as soon as he reached the beach. The work of rescue occupied three hours, and only an hour afterwards the wreck completely broke up.

Little by little the good in men  
Blossoms to beauty for human ken;  
Little by little the angels see  
Prophecies, better, of good to be;  
Little by little the God of all  
Lifts the world nearer the pleading call.

## The General Assembly.

THE TENTH ANNUAL SESSION of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met in St. James' Square Church, Toronto, on the 4th of June at 7.30 p.m. The spacious building was filled to its utmost capacity. Though a number of the Eastern Commissioners had not arrived, there was a large representation from the Western section of the Church. In the absence of Principal King, of Winnipeg, who is at present in Britain, in the interests of the Manitoba College, the opening sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. William Cochrane, Dr. King's predecessor in the Moderator's chair, who took for his text: Jeremiah 3:33, with Ezekiel 34:26, from which he preached a very able and practical discourse, dwelling upon the need of increased activity and efficiency in the work of evangelization, and the encouragements presented in the word of God for entering upon the work. At the close of the service the General Assembly was constituted in the usual manner, after which the roll was called. A letter was then read from the Moderator, Dr. King, explaining the cause of his absence, and requesting Dr. Cochrane to act for him in the opening services.

Dr. REID read the nominations of the Presbyteries for the Moderatorship—seven in all, the largest numbers being in favour of Rev. Professor Maclaren, Toronto, and Rev. Principal McKnight, of Halifax, who were nominated respectively by Hon. Alex. Morris and Dr. Macrae, of St. John. On a show of hands being taken, it was found that 81 voted for Dr. MacKnight and 92 for Dr. Maclaren. Before leaving the chair, Dr. Cochrane paid a fitting tribute to the memory of the brethren who had been removed by death during the year, and briefly reviewed the work of the Church since last Assembly.

THE MODERATOR then addressed the Court, thanking the "Fathers and brethren" for the high honour conferred upon him, and asking their indulgence and their hearty co-operation. He was glad to say that there were no "storm-signals" visible—no burning questions to disturb their equanimity or give rise to party strife. At the same time the business to come before this Assembly was by no means unimportant. We have

only to look for a single moment at the great work given us to do in this land, and in other lands, to see how great is the responsibility resting upon the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Referring to the scheme for the augmentation of stipends inaugurated by last General Assembly, he noticed that this had been successful beyond our most sanguine expectations. Speaking of our Theological Colleges, he remarked that "some people will consider that they are perhaps *sufficiently numerous*, but all will admit that they are vitally connected with the training of the men who are to carry on our missionary work in home and foreign fields." Looking at the Home Missions of the Church, now stretching across the Continent from Newfoundland to New Westminster, it must be admitted that we have work which will tax the energies and resources of the Church to the very utmost. In the great North-West the Church has almost an unlimited field presented to it in the future. There is in that region a home for future millions, whose welfare for time and for eternity will be in some degree, at least, influenced by the decisions of this Assembly. "And, then, our work is not limited to the home field, vast as that is. We know that *the field is the World*. We find doors opening in every direction; that the millions of China and India are waiting to receive the Gospel; that the dark continent of Africa has been penetrated; and, indeed, the whole world is now open and accessible to missionary agency. We live under the dispensation of the Spirit, and just in proportion as the Christian Church feels that it is living with a right to expect and to realize the outpouring of the Divine Spirit, to render effective every agency which we employ, shall we be able to do the work which God has set before us."

## Second Day.

THE Assembly met at 11. a.m., and spent one hour in devotional exercises. There was a very large attendance, no fewer than 320 out of 360 commissioners being present. A proposal by Mr. Morris, that the Assembly should express its interest in the recent union of the Methodist Church was referred to the committee on Bills and

Overtures. The following were appointed alternate delegates to the General Presbyterian Council as elders.—Messrs. M. J. Kirkland, Dr. W. B. Geikie, R. Kilgour, W. Kerr and Revs. James Fleck and L. H. Jordan.

#### THE PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL.

Dr. Jenkins submitted the report of the Hymnal committee, stating that during the year 31,700 copies of the various editions of the hymnal had been sold, the number sold altogether up to this time being 142,240. The Committee had received from the publishers \$805 as a royalty on the books sold during the year. After deducting all expenses there remained a balance in the treasurer's hand of \$431. This the committee purposed devoting to the publication of an edition of the hymnal in the tonic-sol-fa notation, but as this would entail much expense they would not feel justified in proceeding with this work until two thousand copies at 80c a copy be subscribed for by responsible parties. Dr. Gregg, in moving the adoption of the report, had much pleasure in announcing the approaching completion of the Sunday-school hymnal which would be ready in the beginning of July. He recommended it for general adoption in the schools of the Church. He strongly advocated the tonic-sol-fa system. The only reason why an edition of this kind had not been published was the expense of getting it up. It would cost about \$1,800 or \$2,000 to publish the first 2,000 copies.

Mr. F. B. STEWART stated that he would guarantee the disposal of 1,000 to begin with, whereupon Dr. Jenkins replied "that settles the matter."

#### RECEPTION OF MINISTERS.

Application was received through Presbyteries to receive into the Church the following ministers,—Messrs. John Fraser, Congregational; Alex. McTavish, Presbyterian Church of the United States, Walter Reid, of the Methodist Church, A. K. Caswell, of the American Presbyterian Church, Hugh Rose, late of Manchester, England, and John H. Dunstan of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

MINISTERS RETIRING.—Application was made on behalf of the following for leave to retire from the active duties of the min-

istry,—Messrs. R. Lewis Jack, of Springfield N. B.; W. A. Lang, of Roxborough, Glengarry; William White, formerly of Warsaw, Ont.; Robert Jamieson, of New Westminster B. C.; Duncan Morrison, of Owen Sound; J. Irvine, in the Presbytery of Hamilton; William Cleland, formerly of Niagara; Thomas Alexander, of Mount Pleasant, *Paris* and W. E. Mackay, of Orangeville, Ont. These applications as well as those asking to be received were referred to committees to examine the relative papers in each case and report.

A JUDICIAL COMMITTEE.—MR. SEDGWICK, of Tatamagouche, took strong exception to a proposal that the moderator should be empowered to appoint a judicial committee for the hearing of important cases that might come before the Assembly. He held that this mode of disposing of cases was unconstitutional. The General Assembly being a delegated body to dispense justice, it could not delegate its power to another body. Moreover he held it to be very inexpedient that such cases should be dealt with by committees. Decisions given in that way would not have the same weight as decisions of the Assembly. Dr. Reid supported the motion in favour of a judicial committee. He said there was a case which might come on, the reading of all the papers in which would occupy a whole day. Upon the general principle, he agreed that it was better that such cases should be dealt with by a committee than that they should go before the Assembly which got into heated debates sometimes.

#### HOME MISSIONS.

The evening sederunt was occupied with the reports of the conveners on Home Missions, East and West, including the Augmentation of Stipends, the Church and Manse Building Fund for Manitoba and the North West, the Mission to the Lumbermen, the report of the Committee on Supplements in the Maritime Provinces, &c. These reports being all printed and put into the hands of members, were held as read, attention being called by the speakers to the more salient points. A glance at these fifty closely printed pages is sufficient to impress any one with the magnitude and importance of the missionary work carried on under the supervision of the Presbyteries in every

part of the country, and also of the care and labour expended by the conveners, secretaries and treasurers of the various committees, some of whom are ministers of large congregations, and most of whom receive no remuneration for their services beyond a vote of thanks from the General Assembly, and the approval of their own consciences. There is more or less mission work done in all the Presbyteries. The principal fields in the Western section, however, are the Muskoka and Parry Sound districts, north of Toronto; the islands in the Georgian Bay, Lake Huron; stations on Lake Superior separated by hundreds of miles from each other, and lastly, Manitoba and the great North-West. It would seem that some of our hardest mission fields have proved to be good schools for missionaries. During the past year Rev. Hugh Mackay, who had laboured long and faithfully in Manitoulin Island, was transferred to the North-West to take part in the work among the Indians, while Rev. John Jamieson, two years missionary at Magnetawan, was removed, at the call of the Foreign Mission Committee, to take part in the work at Formosa. A \$10,000 church is in course of erection at Port Arthur, head of Lake Superior, where Mr. Herald continues his acceptable labours. Mr. McWilliam gives an excellent account of his work at Prince Albert, on the Saskatchewan, to which place he has been unanimously called as pastor. Mr. Baird is making steady and encouraging progress at Edmonton, near the foot of the Rocky Mountains. Rev. James Robertson continues his arduous and valuable labours as Superintendent of missions in Manitoba and the North-West. His report is full of interesting details. Seventeen new fields, with 80 preaching stations were organized during the year. Eighteen new churches were built and a number of others enlarged, at a cost of some \$40,000; more than two-thirds being contributed by the people and the balance being advanced on loan by the Church and Manse Building Fund. Six or seven missionaries of last year have been, in the meantime, inducted as pastors of settled charges. During the year, in this part of the mission field, there were employed *forty-nine* ordained ministers, *twenty-two* students, and *four* catechists. Nine of the fields supplied by students in the summer were

occupied by elders during the winter. Adding the two ministers in Winnipeg, those at Kildonan, Portage La Prairie and Brandon, and the three professors in the College, the staff maintained by the church last year numbered *ninety-two*. 45,000 immigrants are said to have settled in Manitoba and the North-West last year; the number expected this year is still greater. The report reminds us that the next few years will largely determine the religious future of the country. "Half a continent is now thrown open for settlement, and the pressing work of our church is to give the new settlers the gospel." The receipts for the year are, for Home Missions, \$45,287.12, and for Augmentation of stipends, \$21,505.64. The whole amount subscribed for the Church and Manse Building Fund is \$95,319.26, of which is paid, \$32,645.80. The total advances from the fund on buildings for the year was \$12,290. The efforts of the sub-committee on Augmentation, Rev. D.J. Macdonnell, convener, were crowned with success. Not only has the minimum stipend of \$750 and manse to every minister in the Western section of the Church been secured, the committee have in hand a reserve fund of \$17,000 wherewith to commence operations next year.

PROFESSOR FORREST and Mr. J. K. Blair spoke for the Eastern section. Thirteen ordained ministers and ten licentiates had been employed in Home Mission work under the direction of the Committee. Besides these, thirty-eight students were employed during the summer months, in all 65 labourers, who conducted religious services at 140 stations, nearly one-half of which are situated in the Presbytery of St. John, N.B.—the Muskoka of the East. Financially and otherwise the past year had been the most successful mission year they ever had in the East. They had added 25 per cent. to the communicants in the mission stations, and nearly doubled the number of scholars in the Sunday-School. The receipts for Home Missions were \$4,233.60, and for Supplements \$5,166.10. Hitherto the General Assembly has usually heard of debt. During the preceding year, by a special effort, the debt on the supplementing fund was paid; last year commenced with a balance of \$628, and closed with a balance of \$2,159.66 in the treasury. When both

parts of the work are combined they make the following exhibit:—Ordinary receipts, \$10,200.17; bequest of Alex. Macleod, \$2,000; total, \$12,200.17. Expenditure, \$7,959.21; balance, \$4,240.96. The greatest hindrance experienced in connection with the Home Mission work in the Maritime Provinces is the want of preachers—a want felt even in summer; but especially felt when some forty student missionaries retire in the fall to continue their studies. “Instead of seven or eight ministers being added annually, twice the number are required to supply the removals by death and demissions among the 170 Home pastors and Foreign missionaries. In truth, no subject at the present time demands more careful thought in the family and among the ministry than the means to be taken to make this Church independent of every other for a succession of faithful pastors, and a living power in furnishing preachers of a missionary spirit to carry the good news far hence to the destitute.” As respects augmentation of stipends, although the Maritime portion of the Church has moved slowly, yet good and substantial progress in that direction has already been made and the lines clearly marked out for a further advance. “The inspiring example of the West has begun to be felt and will have its influence on all classes. We cannot be one Church and have two rates of payment for men doing the same work in like circumstances. The great Christian principle of the strong helping the weak is being discussed, understood and applied. When this principle is carried out in all its legitimate applications, Presbyterian Union and Unity will become great and glorious realities.” In connection with these reports it was agreed that the salary of Mr. Robertson, the Superintendent of Missions, be increased to \$2,000 per annum, and that Mr. Warden receive \$400 as Secretary to the Home Mission Board, in view of the increase of work involved in the Augmentation Scheme. The Assembly’s formal “deliverance” on the Home Mission reports will come in later, when there has been time to consider and discuss the recommendations attached to them, some of them involving important issues, such as the proposal to have three Presbyteries in Manitoba and the North-West, instead of one as at present.

### Third Day.

**M**ANITOBA.—After a long discussion it was agreed that the Presbytery of Manitoba be divided into three, to be known as the Presbyteries of Rock Lake, Winnipeg, and Portage la Prairie or Brandon, and that these constitute a new Synod, to be called the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West. It was further agreed that Mr. Robertson’s salary as Superintendent of missions within the bounds of the new Synod be increased to \$2,000 per annum.

MR. ARMSTRONG endeavoured to get a hearing for the overture from the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa anent the evils resulting from “party politics.” The moderator noted that the overture in question must come before the house in the order in which it had been placed on the docket by the business committee. A very interesting discussion then followed on the report of the committee on SABBATH-OBSERVANCE submitted by Rev. W. T. Macmullen, convener. The report mentioned that a large number of petitions had been presented in the Dominion Parliament and introduced by Mr. John Charlton, M. P. The Ontario Government had promised to introduce an amendment to the Lord’s Day Act. Notwithstanding all their efforts, the Sabbath is still very much desecrated throughout the Dominion by excursions, volunteer and other parades with bands of music, unnecessary Sabbath funerals, making up mails, and the running of passenger and other trains. The lengthened debate which took place on this subject shews how thoroughly the Church is in earnest on the question and how determined to make its power felt in resisting the encroachments which business and pleasure are making on the sacred day of rest.

### OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The evening session was held in Knox Church and was devoted to hearing reports on Foreign Missions and listening to speeches from some of our missionaries. There was a very large attendance of the public and the proceedings were unusually interesting. Rev. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph, presented the report of the Foreign Mission committee, West, in a short speech. The receipts during the year were

\$47,965.30; expenditures \$42,814.73; balance with balance on hand from last year, \$23,009.22. Among the receipts last year was the legacy of the late Edward McKay of Montreal \$10,000. Dr. McGregor presented the report of the eastern section, which showed a steady expansion, but the expenditure exceed the receipts by over \$600. The reports from both sections were very full and satisfactory. Being printed and in the hands of members, they were held as read. That for the western section deals with:—

(1) *Missions to the Indians in the North-West*, among whom there are labouring at present four ordained ministers and four teachers. The whole number of communicants in all the Reserves is now 130. "The work among the Indians is, in many respects, more hopeful than it ever was before, and the committee are confident that they will be sustained by the Church in every effort to prosecute it more vigorously. Let these poor Aborigines see that it is their happiness and welfare that we seek in telling them of the way of salvation through Jesus Christ."

(2) *The Mission to China* is one of absorbing interest and attended with remarkable success. "Soon after the Assembly of last year, a communication was received from Dr. Mackay, letting us know that upwards of two thousand people on the east Coast of Formosa had 'cast away their idols, and expressed a desire to follow the Lord of Hosts.' Thousands of our people were intensely interested in this statement. Thousands of hearts beat responsive to his appeal in which he said to the Presbyterian Church in Canada, 'Give us especially for the erection of ten new chapels two thousand five hundred dollars. For God's sake don't refuse, and don't delay.' Scarcely had the letter reached our shores ere Dr. Mackay had the telegram in reply, 'The money will be sent.' And it was sent accordingly. Without any special solicitation, contributions came in from individual donors, from Women's Societies, and from Sabbath-Schools, sufficient for the erection of eleven chapels, with a liberal surplus to be applied to the support of native preachers." There are now 34 Stations in North Formosa. There are 25 students in Oxford College and 30 in the Girls' School. Dr. Mackay is now assisted in the work by Rev.

John Jamieson and his wife, from Canada, whose first impressions of the work seem to have exceeded their most sanguine expectations. There are in all 1,128 communicants, of whom 662 were baptized last year. A large, handsome and substantial new church has been opened in Bang-Kah, the town which manifested the most determined opposition to the missionary when he commenced his work there a few years ago, and where, on this occasion, he preached four times "to a jammed house."

(3) *The Mission to Central India* has had many difficulties to contend with, not the least being the pronounced opposition of the local government to missionary work in any and every form. The mission staff consists of three ordained ministers and twenty-seven assistants—teachers, Bible-readers, colporteurs, Zenana visitors, &c. "Notwithstanding all the annoyances to which they have been subjected," the report says, "it is most gratifying to find that our missionaries are not dejected nor downcast. In regard to the struggle for liberty in which they are engaged, they have the sympathy and moral support of the most influential and experienced missionaries in India, who thoroughly understand the situation and recognize the vital importance of the interests involved." The total number of communicants at the two Stations, Indore and Mhow, is 59, including the European members of the staff. There are 250 children in the schools.

The missions of the Eastern Section are two in number, namely, *The New Hebrides and Trinidad*. Both of these have been carried on with great prudence and with most gratifying success for many years. There is nothing calling for special remark in regard to either of them, unless it be that in both cases the missionaries of our Church are co-operating in the most cordial manner with the missionaries of other churches. The Synod of the New Hebrides being composed of ministers of diverse churches, between whom there exists the most brotherly accord. Our mission to the New Hebrides began 36 years ago. The group consists of 30 islands. There are at present connected with the mission 13 ordained missionaries and about 100 native teachers, with 1,000 communicants, 40 elders and 4,000 church-going people. The

mission to the Coolies of Trinidad employs six ordained ministers and a large staff of native teachers. One of the ministers belongs to the U. P. Church of Scotland, but has a seat in the Presbytery and Mission Council. Another is a converted Hindoo; four are from Canada. There are some forty stations at which schools are conducted and where the Gospel is preached. The number of scholars on the roll is 1,791. There were 106 baptisms and 19 marriages last year. The number of communicants, though not stated in the report, is considerably over 200. Financially, the mission year of the Eastern Section has been exceptionally prosperous. The whole receipts for the year were \$19,266, an increase of \$3,000 over any former year. Grateful acknowledgment is made of a bequest of \$2,000 from the late Alexander Macleod, of Halifax. Both the Eastern and Western Committees have received valuable assistance and a good deal of money from the Women's Foreign Mission Societies in the respective sections. In the West, no less than \$8,518 were furnished by the ladies, and in the East upwards of \$1,000.

REV. HUGH A. ROBERTSON, of Erromanga, told the story, that cannot be too often repeated, of the glorious triumphs of the Gospel in the South Seas. In no part of the world had Christian missions been more successful, and the promise of the future was most encouraging. There was not now an island closed against the Gospel between the New Hebrides and China. They wanted money; they wanted the British Government to assume the control of the New Hebrides and to establish a civilized government, as had already been done in the Sandwich Islands, in the Fiji Islands and elsewhere; they wanted a steamer to take the place of the "Dayspring" mission vessel, which was found entirely too small and too slow in her movements to do the work required of her; and they want, more than all, the practical sympathy and prayers of all God's people. He had returned here for rest and for the benefit of his health, and throughout all the Provinces he had met with the greatest kindness. He was going back to the work that lay so near his heart, and though he disliked to say farewell, he would bid them "good bye."

REV. K. J. GRANT, from Trinidad, was

the next speaker. As Scotchmen emigrating to new lands, he said, became more liberal in their views, so Hindoos who removed to Trinidad became liberalized. In India it was wonderful that any natives could come out and embrace Christianity. The ties of caste were very strong even in Trinidad, of which he gave an amusing example of a parent who travelled over the country to find a husband of the right caste for his daughter. All Presbyterians were working together. They had a kind of Presbytery, a nondescript body made up of members of all the Presbyterian churches. He made special reference to Rev. John Knox Wright, the missionary sent out from Western Canada. He had come there vigorous in mind and body, and had taken hold of the work with a will. When the work was first entered upon the missionaries were received coldly. Now the landed proprietors there gave \$4,590; the native members of the Church gave \$2,145. In the principal church the people gave \$1,638 or \$12.60 per communicant. One family gave no less than \$120 of their hard earnings. They had their discouragements, which he did not care to dwell upon. What was needed was to give the people the Gospel, for they were glad to receive it. He spoke of a young Chinaman for whose education he had sought help, and at the earnest solicitation of a lady he had taken the young Chinaman to Galt, to Knox Church, and the friends there agreed to provide for his education. They kept him two years in the Galt Institute and then he came back to Trinidad, where he had been of the greatest use as a teacher. Since then he had received contributions of about eight hundred or a thousand dollars. All this from the first effort of one person. That lady was with them to-night. In closing he stated that the great need of the mission was such a college as they had in Formosa for the higher education of teachers.

The Assembly at this point in the proceedings joined heartily in singing the "Missionary Hymn,"

"From Greenland's icy mountains,"

REV. J. FRASER CAMPBELL, of Mhow, Central India, at present in this country on furlough, gave a deeply interesting account of the work in which he has been engaged for the past eight years. His field of labour

was about 400 miles N. E. of Bombay. The missions in that part of the country, besides their own, were carried on by the American Presbyterian Church. They had to work among 4,000,000 of people and to contend against the persistent opposition of Holkar's Government. Things had at length come to this that they were obliged to ask the interference of the British Government; and the speaker was glad to hear that the Governor-General of Canada was interesting himself in their behalf and would do all he could to gain the end they had in view—the securing of such a measure, at least, of liberty to proclaim the Gospel as would be practically sufficient for their work. Mr. Builder and his wife were making good progress in acquiring the language, and were already very serviceable in many ways to the mission.

### Fourth Day.

Mr. ARMSTRONG introduced the motion of which he had given notice, respecting the overture on the evils of party politics. The object of the motion was to obtain for the overture an early hearing. He was afraid that if the consideration of this question was left where the committee had placed it on the docket, it would share in the "slaughter of the innocents," or, as a member had expressed it, it would come after the benediction. Mr. Armstrong's earnest pleadings, however, were unavailing, and the overture in question was left to come up in its appointed turn. At this stage a motion was carried empowering the Moderator to appoint a Judicial Committee. The names of the Committee are as follows:—Revs. Principal Grant (*Covener*), Dr. McKnight, Dr. Proudfoot, J. Sommerville, Prof. Scinger, Jos. White, E. A. McCurdy, R. Torrance, G. Bruce, E. D. Miller, J. B. Duncan, Geo. Cuthbertson, W. A. MacKay, T. Macpherson; Messrs. James MacLennan, Q.C., A. P. Cockburn, M.P., H. Cassels, W. B. McMurrich, J. L. Blaikie, J. G. Forbes, and Judge James.

DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.—The report of the Committee on Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister was put into the hands of members in printed form. After viewing the arguments *pro* and *con*, the Committee arrived at the following finding:—

(1) That the Mosaic law of incest is of permanent obligation, and that marriage ought not to be within the degrees of consanguinity or affinity forbidden in the Word.

(2) That the proposition contained in clause third, viz., "a man may not marry any of his wife's kindred nearer in blood than he may of his own," is, in the opinion of the Committee, not sufficiently sustained by the authority of Scripture.

The Committee being also instructed to "recommend what action should be taken in reference to marriage within the forbidden degrees," respectfully submit the following recommendation as following from the judgment stated above:—

That  
CHURCH DISCIPLINE SHALL NOT BE EXERCISED in regard to marriage with a wife's sister, wife's aunt and wife's niece.

The Committee having regard to the importance of the subject and the desirableness of the matter being fully considered by the Church before a final decision is given by the Supreme Court, further ask leave to recommend:—

That the foregoing report be sent down to Presbyteries for their careful consideration, and that they be asked to report to next General Assembly their opinion regarding the judgment at which the committee has arrived, and the action which the committee recommends.

And, also, that the Established, Free and United Presbyterian Churches in Scotland, the Presbyterian Church of England, and the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, be informed by the General Assembly of what is being done by this Church, so that, if possible, harmonious action on this important matter may be secured, and difficulties which may arise from want of unity of discipline may be obviated.

COLLEGES AND CHAIRS.—An overture from the Synod of Hamilton and London anent the powers of the General Assembly as to instituting new colleges and the appointment of theological professors gave rise to an animated and very interesting debate. Rev. W. T. MacMullen made an able speech in support of the overture. He said this was a constitutional question, not aimed at any of the existing colleges in particular, but which had a bearing upon all. The Assembly was made up of delegates whose authority was therefore delegated. While the Assembly was supreme, it was surrounded by constitutional checks, such as "the Barrier Act," and in his judgment it was *ultra vires* for the Assembly to constitute new colleges, without in the first place obtaining the consent of the majority of the Presbyteries. Presbyteries had powers which the Assembly did not possess. Re-



ferring to other churches he cited the action of the Free Church of Scotland when the new chair of Evangelistic Theology was instituted. No great harm had as yet been done in the Canadian Church, but the time might come when the importance of such constitutional restraint as was suggested by the overture would be more generally conceded, but when it might be too late to apply the remedy. This being Saturday, the Assembly adjourned at one o'clock, and the discussion of the question was postponed until Monday. In the meantime a large number of "fathers and brethren," accompanied by their friends, availed themselves of a special excursion to Oakville and vicinity, by the steamer *Chicora*, and had a delightful sail on Lake Ontario—the Queen of Canadian Lakes.

### Fifth Day.

The discussion on the overture and new colleges occupied the greater part of the morning *sederunt*. Mr. MacMullen moved that the overture be sent down to Presbyteries for their consideration. Principal Grant moved that "While approving of the overture, so far as new Theological Colleges is concerned, it is deemed inexpedient to pronounce on other points referred to in the overture." Principal Caven seconded the amendment, which ultimately prevailed by a majority of two—85 voting for Mr. MacMullen's motion and 87 for Principal Grant's.

**UNION IN FOREIGN MISSION WORK.**—THE MODERATOR addressed the Assembly. He said that the question of the unification of the two Committees had been before the Assembly. They arrived at the conclusion that it was desirable that the foreign mission work should be conducted by one committee. The proposal of the Joint Committee was that the work should go on by the two committees, Eastern and Western, for the present year, but that for the future one committee should do the work.

DR. MCGREGOR, convener of the Eastern Section, said that he had never needed to be converted to the idea of union, for he had never doubted from the first it was the intention to ultimately unite the Boards. They must have felt the anomaly of having two reports to adopt every year. The

Church was in this respect a body with two heads. The convener of the Western Section when called upon for information by journalists and others, found it impossible to give full answers to the questions asked. He was sure that the foreign missionaries themselves, however they may differ in mind, were of one heart, and he was sure none would hail such a union more enthusiastically than the foreign missionaries themselves. The people, too, he was sure would favour this step, for in the East, he knew, the most liberal-minded men and those who took the greatest interest in the missions often asked whether this system of a divided board was to continue. This was a safe motion, for it was simply to refer to a committee the arrangement of these details, and no doubt it would yet come before the Presbyteries in some shape. The motion was carried unanimously, and the announcement of the result was received with loud applause. On motion by Principal Grant, it was unanimously agreed that the Western Committee be instructed to pay over to Treasurer of the Eastern section the sum of \$2,500 to build a house for Rev. K. J. Grant, one of our missionaries in Trinidad.

**METHODIST UNION.**—It was moved by Hon. Alexander Morris, and adopted unanimously and cordially, "That a committee to be named by the Moderator be appointed to prepare a congratulatory resolution expressing the great satisfaction with which the Church regards the union of the Methodist Churches of the Dominion, such resolution to be presented to the Methodist Church in such a manner as may be most fitting."

**DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER** question was again brought into Court in connection with the protest and appeal of Rev. T. S. Chambers against the decision of the Presbytery of Kingston. Mr. Chambers had been asked to marry a certain person to his deceased wife's sister, but refused to do so on the ground that it was against the laws of the Church. Another minister, Mr. Gallagher, was applied to and he married the couple in question. The Presbytery of Kingston, when appealed to, had failed to express its disapproval of Mr. Gallagher's act, on the ground that the whole question was before the General Assembly at present. On motion of Rev. R. Campbell, Montreal, it was agreed to remit the matter to the Pres-

bytery of Kingston to deal with it "according to the laws of the Church." Dr. Laing held with Mr. Campbell and others that the law of the Church was perfectly plain, and that the Presbytery could not stay procedure in dealing with an offender because there was an agitation in favour of a change of law.

#### FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

The evening sederunt was entirely occupied with the consideration of the report on French Evangelization which was presented by Principal Macvicar, convener. As in former years, the work of the Board has been carried on by means of three agencies, namely:—colportage, mission schools, and preaching stations. During the past year eleven colporteurs were employed. This is a part of the work requiring great prudence and unflinching zeal and it has been found difficult to procure the services of a sufficient number of suitable agents. The number of Bibles and portions of the Bible distributed during the year was 1,962, and of tracts and other religious publications, about 22,000. The Board attaches special importance to the schools. They are increasingly alive to the necessity of getting hold of the young, and are most anxious to plant a mission school in every district where a sufficient number of children can be found whose parents are willing to have them attend. During the past year mission day-schools were maintained at seventeen different places, with twenty-two teachers, and 537 pupils. The Pointe-aux-Trembles schools still occupy a chief place in the educational department. Ninety-eight pupils were in attendance last year. Thirty-four of these belonged to Roman Catholic parents; sixty-three were the children of converts, and one of Protestant parents. The constant aim of the teachers in this institution is not only to give a good education to the young people, but also, and chiefly, to bring them under the influence of the Bible, and to teach them the only way of salvation, through the merits of our Saviour. About forty of last year's pupils are members of the Church. The preaching stations of the Board are chiefly in the Province of Quebec, but they are to be found also in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and Manitoba, and even in the United States. In all, the Gospel is preached at seventy-eight stations. Twenty-one

of the missionaries are ordained ministers. Mr. Chiniquy reports that about 400 converted families from Rome are in the different stations visited by him, and among the converts of the year are two priests and a monk. A commodious and handsome new church is in the course of erection for Mr. Ami in Ottawa. The French weekly newspaper *L'Aurore*, under the able management of Messrs. Duclos and Cruchet, has attained a circulation of 1,500 subscribers and is of great value as an evangelizing agency. Arrangements are being made to publish an edition in French of the Shorter Catechism. Mr. Coté of Lowell, Massachusetts, has been released from his charge and appointed Superintendent of French Canadian missions for that State, while Mr. Amaron, of Three Rivers, has accepted a call to Lowell as Mr. Coté's successor.

**FINANCES.**—The report states that \$24,990.37 were received during the year for the ordinary work of the Board, and \$5,485.01 on behalf of the Pointe aux Trembles Schools, making a total of \$30,475.38 for the year. Among the receipts is a sum of \$1,451.10 from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland. To this church and the convener of its Colonial committee, Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Limerick, as also to all the friends of the mission in Canada, Britain, and the United States, the Board return heartfelt thanks for their generous contributions.

The following summary of the work of the year will doubtless prove interesting:—11 Colporteurs,—1962 Bibles, Testaments and Gospels, and about 22,000 tracts &c., distributed; seventeen mission day schools, with twenty-two teachers and 537 pupils; forty-two mission fields, with seventy-eight preaching stations, 965 families and 934 communicants; a Sabbath attendance of about 2,200, and 973, Sabbath-school scholars; twelve young men studying for the ministry; and an addition of about 200 members during the year, nearly all of whom were on profession of faith, and chiefly gathered in from the Church of Rome.

"Contrasted with ten years ago,—'What has God wrought?' What cause for devout, heartfelt thanksgiving, and what encouragement to more vigorous self-sacrificing effort, and to earnest prayer! In answer to fervent supplication, the humble colporteur, the

## Sixth Day.

faithful teacher, the self-denying missionary may do a mightier work for God than any annual report can chronicle. The voice of intercession may bring down a rich blessing on every Bible or tract distributed, on every lesson taught, and on every word for Christ spoken. It is by the weak things of this world that God confounds the things which are mighty. The regeneration of the world is to be brought about, not by the strength of armaments or through the resources of man unsanctified by Divine grace, but through the truth of God. 'Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts.'

REV. THOS. CUMMING moved the adoption of the report, and made an excellent speech. He regarded this work as a most important part of our Home Mission work. He believed that a large class of the French-Canadians were in a transition state, and now was the time for plying vigorous efforts.

MR. AMARON, of Three Rivers, gave good evidence of his interest in the work in announcing his intention of leaving an English-speaking congregation here in order to prosecute the work of French evangelization in the United States.

MR. ARMSTRONG, of Ottawa, referred to his pleasant experience in awakening interest in this work in Britain.

MR. C. A. TANNER, after dwelling on the work being done in the Province of Quebec, urged the appointment of a General Superintendent who should devote his whole time to the furtherance of the work.

FATHER CHINIQUEY was then called upon and was greeted with loud applause. Though now far advanced in life, this veteran apostle of French evangelization retains much of the vivacity and enthusiasm of his younger days, and certainly is still entitled to be called "the old man eloquent." Few men compare with Mr. Chiniquy in his power of holding an audience spell-bound. Even when he is most egotistical—as in the nature of things he must be—he always manages to screen himself behind his work and so to divert attention from himself to the theme ever uppermost in his mind—the emancipation of his countrymen from the trammels of Roman Catholicism.

The report was adopted, the Committee thanked, and the scheme recommended to the whole Church.

**THE JUVENILE MISSION.**—Miss Machar, of Kingston, received the thanks of the Assembly for her management and faithful administration of the Juvenile Fund ever since the union; and it was agreed that in future this branch of missionary service be placed under the charge of the Sabbath-school committee.

**NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.**—Halifax and Montreal were proposed, and it was agreed by a large majority that the meeting be held in Crescent street Church, Montreal, on the second Wednesday of June, 1885.

**THE COLLEGES.**—Professor Hart presented the report on Manitoba College, which shewed that new life had been infused into the institution by the appointment of Dr. King as Principal. The number of students resident in the college has ranged from twenty-six to thirty-two. Light theological students have attended the classes and three of these have been taken on trial for license by the Presbytery of Manitoba. The income for the year was \$20,616. The thanks of the Board were recorded to the Church of Scotland, the Free Church of Scotland, and the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for their generous contributions—amounting to \$1,214 and also to the executors of the late Edward Macakay of Montreal for a legacy of \$1,000.

**KNOX COLLEGE** report was given in by Mr. Morimer Clarke. The total amount subscribed towards the Endowment Fund is \$160,000, and paid, \$49,172. Seventy-six students occupied rooms in the college last session. The institution is evidently in a flourishing condition. It was agreed to increase Principal Caven's salary to \$3,000 per annum.

**QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.**—The report submitted by Principal Grant was very satisfactory. The whole number of students registered in Arts last year was 216; in medicine, 108; in Theology twenty-five. Rev. Donald Ross had been appointed to the third chair in Theology, and Dr. Goodwin as Professor of Chemistry and Mineralogy. The ordinary revenue for the year was \$29,860. The deficit, for four years was only *twelve dollars*. The total assets

are placed at \$340,970, including the college premises, valued at \$101,697.

**PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.**—Mr. Warden, the treasurer, presented this report. The number of students in actual attendance was 67. Seven completed their theological curriculum and are now prepared to enter upon the work of the ministry. The bequest of \$10,000 by the late Mr. Edward Mackay had been received and invested, and a further gift of \$40,000 had been announced by Messrs. Hugh, James, and Robert Mackay to endow a chair in memory of their late uncle, to be known as "The Edward Mackay Chair."

**MORRIN COLLEGE.**—The report presented by Rev. J. R. Macleod makes mention of 18 students in Arts, and a fair measure of prosperity.

**PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, HALIFAX.**—Principal MacKnight gave in the report. Fifteen students were in attendance last session. The payments towards the new Endowment Fund have reached \$71,702. Ordinary revenue for the year, \$8,910; expenditure, \$9,692.

The reports of all were severally adopted, and the satisfaction of the Assembly expressed at the increasing usefulness of these institutions. The last Sabbath but one in January was appointed to be set apart as a day of special prayer for the colleges and theological schools of the Church. The College Fund for Ontario and Quebec had produced \$12,636 for the year, of which there was paid to Knox College, \$6,615; to Queen's, \$2,646, and to the Montreal College \$3,307.

#### STATE OF RELIGION.

The evening session was devoted to the consideration of the reports on the state of religion, temperance, and Sabbath-schools.

Rev. D. D. McLeod presented the report on the State of Religion. It set forth that there was abundant reason for thankfulness to the great Head of the Church for work done and progress made during the past year; also for grace and strength supplied so largely to ministers, missionaries, elders, and office-bearers, who had maintained the cause with increasing fidelity. Attendance on public worship was reported satisfactory. Pastors and sessions were contending against

Sabbath profanation and intemperance. The report recommends continued watchfulness on the part of sessions and presbyteries, and that, in the services of the church, as well as in the homes of the people, earnest prayer be offered for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the members of the church.

Rev. W. A. Mackay presented the report on Temperance, which was one of a most encouraging nature. The answers to questions show that many of the members practice total abstinence, and that the sentiment in favor of prohibition is growing apace. The following recommendations were, in substance, adopted by the Assembly:

1. That we regard the traffic in strong drink as one of the greatest hindrances to the progress of the cause and Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. That in view of the evils wrought by this scourge of our race, this Assembly would hail with gladness the utter extermination of the traffic in intoxicating liquor as a beverage by the power of example, public opinion, and the strong arm of the law.

3. That we rejoice at the wonderful advancement of temperance and prohibition sentiment throughout the world, and especially in our own land; and would recommend our people by voice, vote, and example, and by all peaceful and righteous means, to work for the abolition of this great evil.

4. That we re-assert our approval of the principle of the Canada Temperance Act of 1873, and recommend the adoption of said Act as the best available means for the legal suppression of the traffic.

5. That the Assembly make thankful recognition of the good work accomplished by the women of our land, whether in their organized or individual capacity, and would express the hope that their self-denying efforts may be in the future more abundantly fruitful.

Mr. Fraser, of Mount Forest, moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Mr. Mackay of Summerside, P. E. I., who spoke enthusiastically of the working of the Scott Act in the Maritime Provinces.

**SABBATH SCHOOLS.**—The report was presented by Rev. H. H. Macpherson, of Halifax. There was an improvement in the number of returns this year as compared with last. The total number of scholars reported is 89,679, but there is reason to believe that the actual number is much greater. The amount given to Missions, \$17,024, shews that the children are being trained to take an interest in the Lord's cause. Some schools gave as much as \$600.

When all shall give in like proportion to their ability, a very much larger sum will be obtained from our young people. The report directs attention to the importance of having the scholars instructed as to their duty in reference to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and recommends the publishing of a periodical for the children of the church, under the direction of the committee.

### Seventh Day.

A motion was proposed by Mr. MacLennan, Q. C., to appoint a committee to consider a rearrangement of the proportion to be paid from the Common Fund to Knox, Queen's, and Montreal Colleges respectively. Mr. Mortimer Clark moved in favour of continuing the existing arrangement. The following motion was carried by a large majority:—

“That the matter of the distribution of the common fund for the support of Montreal, Kingston, and Toronto colleges be entrusted to a committee representing the whole Church, with instructions to report to the next General Assembly.”

The following committee was appointed on the subject:—Mr. Jas. MacLennan, Q. C., convener; Principals Caven, McVicar, Grant, McKnight, and King, Drs. Reid, Jardine, Professor Forrest, and Moore, Revs. D. J. Macdonnell, R. H. Warden, W. D. Armstrong, and Messrs. Mortimer Clark, D. Morrice J. Charlton, Hon. A. Morris, Dr. Thorburn, Dr. McDonald, W. Drysdale, W. B. McMurrich, John Stirling.

**RECEPTION OF MINISTERS.**—Presbyteries were authorized to receive the following ministers: A. K. Caswell, late of Presbyterian Church of United States; J. Frazer, late Congregationalist; W. Reid, late Primitive Methodist; Hy. Rose, late of Presbyterian Church of England, as soon as he obtains from the Presbytery of Manchester the ordinary certificate of good standing in the Presbyterian Church in England; J. McLeod, Presbyterian Church of New Zealand; B. Dustan, A. McTavish; P. S. Vernier, French missionary. The application to have R. H. Craig, Baptist, received as a catechist, was referred back to the Presbytery from which

the application emanated, the Presbytery having the necessary power.

**RETIRING.**—The following ministers are allowed to retire from the active duties of the ministry: W. White, Peterboro' Presbytery; Jno. Irwin, Saugeen; D. Morrison, Owen Sound; W. E. McKay, Toronto; R. Jamieson, Toronto; W. Cleland, Hamilton; W. A. Laing, Glengarry; Lewis Jack, St. John, N. B.; J. Alexander, Paris, and S. Hutchinson, Barrie.

**PUBLISHING HOUSE, &c.**—Dr. Jardine supported an overture from the Presbytery of Brockville on the subject, and Rev. P. M. Macleod supported a memorial on the same subject. A motion was made by Mr. Mortimer Clark in favor of steps being taken to organize a company for publishing purposes. The whole subject was referred to a committee to report to next Assembly. The committee is as follows: P. McF. McLeod, convener; Messrs. George Bruce, J. K. Smith, Dr. Jardine, Dr. Proudfoot, J. M. Cameron, W. W. Clarke, D. W. Armstrong, W. D. Russell, D. MacGregor, W. Drysdale, and A. Mac L. Sinclair.

### Eighth Day.

**ON** THE discussion of marriage with deceased wife's sister was resumed. The Assembly agreed to send the Report of the Committee down to Presbyteries, it being understood that the Assembly was not committing itself to the conclusions of the report. The proposal to inform the parent churches of what was being done with respect to this subject was negatived. Presbyteries are to report to next General Assembly.

**METIS.**—The appeal from the decision of the Presbytery of Quebec was dismissed.

**PRINCE ALBERT SCHOOL.**—Upon recommendation of the Foreign Mission Committee the Assembly approved of the establishment of a High School at Prince Albert in connection with the Mission, the committee to give \$600 per annum for three years, the inhabitants to erect a building costing at least \$3,000. Some land in the place belonging to the church will in part be devoted to this work.

**SYNOD OF MANITOBA AND N. W. TERRITORY.**—The bounds of the three Presbyte-

ries were agreed upon. The duties of the Superintendent of Missions were defined. Rev. A. B. Baird, minister at Edmonton, the extreme outpost of our church in that region, briefly addressed the Assembly on the progress of the work.

**AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.**—The Report of the Western Section was presented by Rev. J. Middlemiss, showing that there were 38 on the fund. For the year now current there will be, say, 45 on the fund. Expenditure, \$7,756. In consequence of Mr. Edward MacKay's bequest of \$4,000 the income exceeded expenditure by \$5,055. There was also a donation of \$1,000 from Rev. John Dunbar. Were it not for these two sums the receipts would have been \$250 short of actual expenditures. The report was approved, and its recommendations were either adopted or ordered to be sent down to Presbyteries.

**STATISTICS.**—Rev. R. TORRANCE submitted the report on this subject. We glean a few facts: Pastoral charges, 753; ministers, 683; vacant charges, 113; mission stations, 117; churches, 1,436. Increase last year, 50. Families reported, 65,165; communicants, 114,602. Added during the year, 11,395. The total amount promised as stipend, \$586,266, and of this Manitoba Presbytery shows \$13,302. The total amount paid by congregations alone was \$577,844. The total amount of salaries received from all sources was \$566,934, being an average of nearly \$800 to each pastor, but an average of between \$300 and \$400 to each church or station supplied. Total for all Congregational purposes, \$1,170,095. Total to all schemes of the church, \$185,695. Total for all purposes reported, \$1,453,534.

### Closing (Ninth) Day.

THE Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, Eastern Section, was reported by Mr. Sinclair. The fund is prosperous, its capital being increased by \$20,000 through the bequest of the late Mr. Macleod. The Widows' and Orphan's Fund also are in a satisfactory condition. There are 52 annuitants on the Western Fund and 35 on

the Church of Scotland Fund. The Eastern Report was presented by Mr. McCurdy. \$20,000 bequest had been received from the estate of Mr. Macleod. The report of the Presbyterian *Record* showed a circulation of 36,000. The Assembly expressed its desire that a copy should be in every family in the church. Mr. Pitblado reported for the Church and Manse Building Fund. Subscriptions, \$95,000. Paid in, \$32,000. 25 buildings had been aided during the year. Very great good had been accomplished already by the fund, and its early completion is earnestly desired. The fund was commended to the liberality of the church.

The most interesting incident of the closing day was the reception of a large deputation from the Church of England Synod of the Diocese of Toronto. Archdeacon Body was at the head of the deputation, and conveyed to the Assembly the cordial fraternal greetings of the Synod. Hon. Edward Blake addressed the Assembly, asking its coöperation in securing the religious instruction of the young. The deputation was most cordially received and a suitable resolution was adopted. The Assembly appointed a deputation to the Synod, Principal Grant, convener. The Assembly passed a resolution in favor of religious instruction in public schools. A small edition of the Book of Forms is authorized. Dr. Laing was appointed convener of the Revising Committee. A resolution was adopted approving of a more judicial, patriotic and charitable spirit in dealing with the politics and government of the country. The question of consolidating the colleges was referred to the committee appointed on the College fund. Reports on ladies' colleges—Brantford and Ottawa—were received and approved. Loyal addresses to the Queen and the Governor General were adopted. The nomination of next Moderator of Assembly was committed to the previous moderators, Dr. Maclaren convener. Mr. Charlton's bill making seduction criminal was endorsed. A deputation was appointed to press upon the Government the duty of legislating to prevent Sabbath desecration. The usual votes of thanks were passed. The annual collections were appointed. After praise and prayer the Assembly was dissolved at 6 o'clock p. m.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

Rev. R. H. Warden, Convener of the Committee to nominate Standing Committees for the year, presented a report which, after a few changes in names, was adopted as follows:—

## I.—KNOX COLLEGE.

## (1) BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

Mr. W. M. Clark, *Chairman*; Principal Caven, Professor McLaren, Dr. Reid, Dr. Proudfoot, Dr. Scott. Messrs. A. Young, E. F. Torrance, Alex. Ross, J. Abraham, R. N. Grant, R. D. Fraser, S. Young, John Davidson, D. H. Fletcher, G. Munro, W. S. Ball, J. R. Battisby, J. Thompson, (Sarnia), W. A. Wilson, Colin Fletcher, H. McQuarrie, H. M. Parsons, J. C. Smith, Alex. Stewart, John Smith, Hugh Currie, and Messrs. Wm. Jeffrey, T. Yellowlees, Jos. Henderson, D. D. Wilson, Hon. G. W. Ross, George Rutherford, Hamilton Cassels, R. Lawrie.

## (2) SENATE.

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## JULY MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Maitland, Kincardine, 8th July, 1:30 p.m.  
 Guelph, W. Andrew's Ch., 15th July, 10 a.m.  
 Peterborough, St. Andrew's Ch., 1st July, 2 p.m.  
 Chatham, Ridgetown, 8th July, 11 a.m.  
 Glengarry, Lancaster, 8th July, 2 p.m.  
 Saugeen, Durham, 8th July, 10 a.m.  
 Bruce, Southampton, 8th July, 2 p.m.  
 Kingston, Belleville, 7th July, 7:30 p.m.  
 Whitby, Bowmanville, 5th July.  
 London, First Pre. Ch., 8th July, 11 a.m.  
 Owen Sound, Division St. Ch., 1st July, 1:30 p.m.  
 Stratford, St. Mary's, 8th July, 10:30 p.m.  
 Lindsay, Woodville, 26th August, 11 a.m.  
 Huron, Goderich, 8th July, 11 a.m.  
 Manitoba, Winnipeg, 15th July, 7:30 p.m.  
 Toronto, Knox Church, 8th July, 11 a.m.  
 St. John's, St. David's Church, 1st July.  
 Quebec, Richmond, 1st July, 2 p.m.  
 Montreal, David Morrice Hall, 8th July.  
 Hamilton, 15th July.

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THE Tenth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church met in Toronto on Wednesday, the 4th of June, and was dissolved on Friday, the 13th. A more delightful meeting could not be desired. The attendance was large, and the public interest in the proceedings was unabated to the close. The Assembly was happy in its Moderator and officers, and indeed in all its members. No long and dreary speeches were delivered; no painful scenes had to be witnessed; brotherly love, forbearance, kindness, prevailed from first to last. It was largely a Missionary Assembly. We were favored with the presence of one missionary from the New Hebrides, one from Trinidad, one from Central India, and one from Formosa. Each had to tell of the wonderful work of the Lord in heathen lands; each had to tell of difficulties surmounted, hopes realized, and doors wide open for larger effort. Home Missions also received much attention. Our prosperity as a church depends upon the vigor and vigilance with which we occupy the fields within our own limits. The "Synod of Manitoba and Northwest Territory" was erected by the Assembly and three Presbyteries were placed under its charge. One minister addressed the Assembly whose station, Edmonton, is as far west of Toronto as Newfoundland is east. One of the new Presbyteries, that of Brandon, covers whole provinces. There is not a Synod or Presbytery but has home mission work to do within its own bounds; but the principal field is in the vast Northwest. The scheme for the augmentation of the stipends of ministers received due attention. The Assembly found that in all the Synods except that of the Maritime Provinces, the minimum of \$750 had been reached, and that in the Maritime

Provinces there has been progress in the right direction. All the colleges were able to report favorably both as regards support and the attendance of students. The contributions to the schemes of the church showed a satisfactory increase, the difference between the second year after the Union and the tenth year being nearly half a million dollars. The religious life of the church, as judged by the usual tests and indications, is in a vigorous condition. There is growth, there is movement in the right direction, reported all along the line.

The Assembly uttered its testimony in favor of reformation in morals and against prevailing forms of evil. Fraternal greetings and a request for coöperation were received from the Church of England Synod, and were cordially reciprocated. Well may all who attended the late Assembly or who have studied its proceedings, thank God for the past and look to the future with faith and hope.

It is a favorable "sign of the times" that Christians are drawing more closely together. Friendly greetings and messages of cordial congratulation have succeeded the sneers, the taunts, the fervid denunciations which at one time were not unusual. Our own union has been so manifestly owned and blessed of God that it has encouraged others to tread in the same pathway. The Methodist union bids fair to be an assured success. And now our respected and beloved brethren of the Church of England are becoming prominent in their willingness to coöperate in measures for the promotion of pure and undefiled religion. From the temper of our own Assembly it may be very confidently asserted that no movement towards the closer union of Christ's family will be without the ardent coöperation of the Presbyterian Church. Our Church is still favored with the friendly and very valuable aid of our parent churches in Scotland and Ireland. They all regard ours as a younger sister, or a daughter, and they never fail to lend such help as is in their power to render.

Our Foreign Missionaries will be with us for a few months, and many of our congregations will have an opportunity of hearing

from their own lips the story of Gospel triumphs among the heathen. Zeal for missions will thus be quickened; and the conviction will be deepened that the Gospel which we send to India, to Formosa, to the New Hebrides, to the coolies of Trinidad, is all worthy of being cherished, preached and practiced at home.

**FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.**—The annual collection for this scheme of the Church will be made in all our congregations and preaching stations on the **THIRD SABBATH** of July. This important department of the Church's work needs the financial aid and the prayers of all our people. It is hoped that the July collection will be a liberal one. Copies of the report have been mailed to all ministers and missionaries, who will thus be in a position to explain the nature and extent of the work. Collections will be sent to Rev. R. H. Warden, 198 St. James street, Montreal, or Dr. MacGregor, Halifax.

**MISSION GOODS FOR THE NEW HEBRIDES.**—Congregations, Sunday-schools or societies desiring to send boxes or parcels containing made-up clothing or calicoe for the schools, and the work generally of our Canadian missionaries in the New Hebrides, should forward all such goods not later than 31st August to Mr. Isaac A. Grant, merchant, Pictou, Nova Scotia, who has undertaken to ship what may be sent in to Sydney, Australia, in time for the "Dayspring" leaving that port on the 1st of April, 1885, for the New Hebrides. Each box or parcel ought to be carefully addressed to the missionary for whom it is intended, accompanied by a note or card to Mr. Grant, that he may acknowledge the receipt of the goods to the proper party. Full address of each missionary:

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" J. Annand, Aneityum.

" H. A. Robertson, Erromanga.  
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Longford & North Mara.	3.50
Wick	4.20
Leaskdale	2.00
Beaverton	9.55
Cambray	2.00
Bolsover	11.20
Woodville	10.00
Lindsay	6.10
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Greenbank	3.75
Zephyr	4.00
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Bobcaygeon	2.60
North Carradoc	1.57
New Lowell	4.00
Carlton, N B.	12.25
St Johns, St Stephen's Ch.	5.00
Sydney, St Andrew's	2.00
Prince William, N B.	4.00
Inislow	5.00
Jb'town, St James Ch.	
	\$3,424.88

**CORRECTION.**

**Augmentation of Stipend Fund.**

Harriston, Guthrie Church \$20.00, omitted in the June Record.

1884, 1885.

**ASSEMBLY FUND.**

West Port	3.00
Elora, Knox Church	94
Holstein	76
Port Hope, 1st Church	6.67
English River & Howick	7.00
Cumberland	5.00
Woodbridge	2.75
Pinkerton	4.00
Picton, St Andrew's	5.00
Lucknow	2.90
Wick	5.00
Campbellford	6.00
Percy	5.00
Thornhill	4.34
Oxford	4.60
Wardsville	2.00
Fairbairn	1.42
Middle Normanby	3.00
Orchardville	2.00
Mitchell, Knox Church	7.85
	\$78.31

**HOME MISSIONS.**

Alton	\$ 5.00
North Carradoc	5.00
Delaware	3.00
Mattawan	14.85
Price's Corners, Bethel Ch.	8.00
Queensville	6.10
Paisley, Knox Church	37.33
Craigvale, &c.	20.00
Richmond, Q. Miss Assoc'n	2.50
Stayer S School	20.00
Exeter, Caven Church	2.00
Port Albert & augmentation	
Anonymous, J. A. N. Scotia, for North West	6.00
Anon, N Scotia, for N West	4.00
North Pelham	15.00
Oro, Knox Church	3.00
Mrs R Nicholls, Peterboro.	1,000.00

Miss Tena McTavish, Van-camp's Mills	5.00
Woodbridge	10.00
Enniskillen and Cartwright	18.00
Moosemin	4.20
Edmonton	20.00
Picton, St Andrew's	18.41
Lancaster, Knox Ch S S	20.00
Bathurst Mission Station	4.20
Thornhill	25.00
Martintown, St And, &c.	30.00
Normanby Head Station	9.00
Friend, Hullett	5.00
Watford	10.50
Dunbarton	9.00
Woodstock, St Andrew's	30.00
A Friend, Wick	1.00
Alliston S School	3.50
Elora, Chalmers Church	50.00
Executors late D J Green-shields, Montreal, interest on legacy	200.00
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**AGGREGATION OF STIPEND FUND.**

Palmerston, omitted in 1884	2.00
Toronto, Old St Andrew's	100.00
Ayr, Knox Church	75.50
Pres'by of Saugoe, ret'd "Chatham,"	48.00
South Lather	50.00
Durham, Knox Ch.	2.00
Stratroy, St Andrew's	7.50
Rev Walter Amos, returned	24.50
Wardsville	50.00
Amos	2.00
	6.00
	\$367.00

**FOREIGN MISSIONS.**

Juvenile Mission Scheme Schools, and Bible women at Indore	\$ 18.00
North Carradoc	21.25
Delaware	18.00
Mattawan	9.60
Port Hope	8.00
Price's Corners, Bethel Ch.	7.00
Queensville	6.10
Paisley, Knox Ch	34.17
Craigvale, &c	15.00
Richmond, Q. Miss Assoc'n	16.00
Stayer S School	2.50
Exeter, Caven Ch.	10.00
W J McMahon, Moscow, U.S, for Formosa	5.00
Rock Lake	10.28
Lion's Head S S, Mrs Mc-Lennan's Class, Girl's School at Formosa	5.00
Buckingham	5.50
Juvenile Mission School, Orphans at Indore	25.00
Miss Tena McTavish, Van-camp's Mills	5.00
Woodbridge	4.00
Bear Creek	1.50
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D Sutherland, Toronto, Ch in Formosa	25.00
A Friend, Uxbridge	1.00
Thornhill	5.00
Ashburn	2.75
Friend, Hullett	5.00
Watford	10.50
Mitchell, Knox Ch.	30.30
Lanark and Renfrew S S.	240.31
Glenarry S Schools	10.00
"Alma," for convert at Indore	9.50
Rev K F Janor, for Hospital at Tamsui	75.92
	\$687.18

**COLLEGES ORDINARY FUND.**

Mattawan	\$ 5.55
Price's Corners, Bethel Ch.	5.00
Craigvale, &c.	10.00
New Lowell	4.00
Cumberland	5.00
Woodbridge	5.00
Picton, St Andrew's	8.00
Thornhill	9.00
West Port	4.00
Mitchell, Knox Ch	10.40
	\$64.95

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M C Cameron, M.P, Goderich	\$ 60.00
Exirs of Alexander Estate.	262.00
	\$322.00

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Omitted in account of 1884.	63.57
Robt Strachan, Port Elgin.	3.00
	\$66.57

**KNOX COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.**

Hamilton	\$ 263.34
John Denton, Pt Dalhousie	15.00
Kintyre	32.34
Jas Stewart & Co, Hml'ton	133.34
Jas Penicton, Guelph	2.00
F D Hamilton, Stratford	5.00
Jas Gibson, Ottawa	23.34
R McLaren, St Catharines	33.34
Wilton, Duff's Church	22.00
Wyoming	13.34
Peter Stewart, N Easthope	10.00
Elma Centre	22.00
C McCallum, London	25.00
Thomas Turner, Dumblane	2.00
Thamesford	43.00
Mrs McMahon, Woodstock	1.13
Brussels, Melville Ch.	49.00
Knox	33.00
Winterbourne	21.00
James Donaldson, N Bruce	2.00
Alex Jardine, Toronto	66.67
Watford	13.00
Jno McClive, Dr'm'd'ville	14.00
Wm McCrac, Trowbridge	4.00
Bowmanville	30.00
Jas McEwan, Bluevale	5.00
John Jackson, Manchester	3.00
Lucknow	18.00
W P Gresham, Dungannon	2.00
Wroxeter	51.00
Saint Helens	10.00
Wingham	31.00
Kingston	10.00
	\$1,110.00

**MANITOBA COLLEGE ORDINARY FUND.**

West Port	\$ 2.00
Niagara Falls	6.00
Woodbridge	4.00
Oxford	3.00
Ramsay	5.00
	\$20.00

**WIDOW'S FUND.**

West Port	\$4.00
Price's Corners, Bethel Ch.	3.00
Hill-burgh	3.00
Holstein	2.15
Craigvale, &c.	15.00
Richmond, Q. Miss Society	6.00
Mrs R Nicholls, Peterboro.	1,000.00
Woodbridge	4.00
Picton, St Andrew's	5.00
Campbellford	12.00
Percy	6.00
Thornhill	5.00
Ashburn	9.00
Fairbairn	2.00
Quebec, Chalmers Ch.	40.00

Mitchell, Knox Ch..... 18.90  
 Elora, Chalmers Ch..... 5.00

\$1,139.24

With rates from Revds W Scott, P E I; J Abraham, Dr McVicar, Jno Anderson, J Duff, J R Scott \$16.00, 3 years), D & Beattie.

**AGED AND INFIRM MINISTER'S FUND.**  
 West Port..... \$ 4.00  
 Price's Corners, Bethel Ch. 2.00  
 Hillsburgh..... 4.00  
 Holstein..... 2.15  
 Craigvale, &c..... 15.00  
 Richmond, Q Mis Society.. 6.00  
 North Pelham..... 5.00  
 Deseronto..... 4.25  
 Rev J Dunbar, Dunbarton, Annuity returned..... 100.00  
 Rev Wm Forrest, Durham, Annuity returned..... 120.00  
 Cumberland..... 5.00  
 Woodbridge..... 4.00  
 Eniskillen and Cartwright Picton, St Andrew's..... 3.00  
 Campbellford..... 6.00  
 Percy..... 10.00  
 Thornhill..... 6.00  
 Ashburn..... 9.00  
 Oxford..... 1.00  
 Fairbairn..... 2.69  
 Mitchell, Knox Ch..... 12.00  
 Elora, Chalmers Ch..... 11.00

\$337.09

With rates from Revds J Abraham \$5.00; Jno Anderson, 4.00; D M Beattie, 4.00; J A Murray, 10.00. Total, \$23.00.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH.**

*Unappropriated.*

Brussels, Melville Ch..... \$ 55.00  
 Cardingford..... 22.00  
 Strathroy, St Andrew's..... 26.00  
 Fergus, Melville Ch..... 128.00  
 Gaelph, St Andrew's..... 100.00

\$331.00

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

Scarborough, St Andrew's..... \$120.00  
 J L Brodie, Toronto..... 100.00

\$220.00

**FOREIGN MISSION, EASTERN SEC.**

Jno Edwards and family, Sherbrooke, Que..... \$107.00

**CORRECTION.**

*Knox College Endowment Fund.*

North Bruce, in April No. of Record, M B Smith, Malcolm McTavish, H D McCallum, Wm Finlayson, it should have been North Bruce, and St Andrew's, Sargeant. Burrows Smith, Duncan McTavish, H D McCallum, Mrs Finlayson and Wm Finlayson being entered twice.

RECEIVED BY REV. DR. MACGREGOR, AGENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE MARITIME PROVINCE, TO 2ND JUNE, 1884.

**FOREIGN MISSIONS.**

Already acknowledged..... \$10,166 94  
 John McKeen, Amherst..... 25.00  
 Casard..... 16.00  
 Poplar Grove, M S, Halifax 50.00

St Matthew's, Halifax..... 217.85  
 Scotsburn..... 51.00  
 Bequest of Alex McLeod, Halifax..... 2,000.00  
 Y P J, New Glasgow..... 500.00  
 St Paul's, Fredericton, ad'l Clifton..... 5.00  
 35.00  
 St Andrew's Ch, St John..... 12.00  
 St James Ch, Charlottetown Newport and St Croix..... 20.00  
 15.05  
 Lady, Halifax, for Zenana. Mrs Prof Currie for Mrs Morton's wk..... 10.00  
 3.00  
 Geddie Memorial Fund..... 220.70  
 From Widows' Fund, for Mrs Geddie..... 150.00  
 From Widows' Fund, for the Morrison children... 123.00  
 St Stephen's, N B..... 5.00  
 United Con. West River... 64.00  
 Rev Dr Pollok..... 10.00

Collected for proposed steamer, in Ontario, by Rev H A Robertson..... 110.00  
 "Busy Bees," Sydney, for H A Robertson..... 17.00  
 "Busy Bees," Sydney, for Mrs Morton..... 17.00  
 Received for Trinidad Mission Buildings as acknowledged in Records..... 1,358.72

Total receipts for the year \$15,177.26

*Received since closing Accounts.*

A C Thompson, New Glasgow..... \$25.00  
 Baddeck, both sections..... 14.00  
 Friend of Poplar Grove Ch, Halifax..... 20.00  
 Rev J D McGillivray..... 10.00  
 Falls Ch, Tatamagouche... 8.51  
 Village Ch..... 21.49  
 Friend of Mission, Windsor 7.00

\$106.00

**PRINCETOWN AND TUNAPUNA BUILDINGS, TRINIDAD.**

Acknowledged already... \$1,308.72  
 Friend, Chatham..... 5.00  
 Stellarton Aux W F M S... 2.00  
 A McKenzie, River John... 20.00

\$1,358.72

**DAYSRING AND MISSION SCHOOLS.**

Acknowledged already... \$3,918.37  
 Juvenile Miss Scheme, per Miss Machar..... 147.00  
 Newport and St Croix..... 23.95

Total for the year..... \$4,089.32

*Received since closing Accounts.*

United Ch SS, New Glasgow \$27.06  
 St Stephen's S S, St John... 9.00  
 Truro Mission Band..... 10.00

\$46.06

**HOME MISSION.**

Already acknowledged..... \$4,137.72  
 St Matthew's Halifax..... 100.00  
 St Paul's, Fredericton, ad'l St Andrew's Ch, St John... 5.00  
 10.00  
 Belfast, P E I..... 103.10  
 St James Ch, Charlottetown Newport and St Croix..... 10.00  
 St Stephen's, N B..... 10.00  
 Rev Dr Pollok..... 5.00

Total for the year..... \$4,405.72

*Received since closing of Accounts.*

Bal on hand May 1, 1884... \$81.30  
 Friend of Poplar Grove Ch, Halifax..... 10.00

Tignish and Montrose..... 10.46  
 Friend of Miss, Windsor... 7.00

\$108.75

**SUPPLEMENTING FUND.**

Acknowledged already..... \$5,141.95  
 St Matthew's, Halifax..... 239.25  
 Noel..... 17.00  
 St Paul's, Fredericton, ad'l Beq Anon, per Dr McCulloch, 2nd payment..... 10.00  
 14.40  
 Yarmouth, special coll..... 184.10  
 Fort Massey, Hfx, spe coll. St And Ch, St John..... 5.00  
 Newport and St Croix..... 35.00  
 Kentville..... 37.00  
 St And, Halifax, special... 85.00  
 Gay's River and Milford... 17.75

Total for the year..... \$5,794.45

*Received since closing Accounts.*

Bal on hand, May 1, 1884... \$2,159.66  
 Sherbrooke and Goldenville Amherst, St Stephen's Ch... 47.00  
 20.35  
 Friend of Poplar Grove Ch, Halifax..... 10.00  
 Hopewell, Union Ch..... 10.00

\$2,247.01

**COLLEGE FUND.**

Acknowledged already..... \$3,541.14  
 Poplar Grove M S, Halifax 20.00  
 St Matthew's Halifax..... 86.00  
 Int..... 93.44  
 St James Ch, Dartmouth, ad'l..... 1.00  
 St Paul's, Fredericton, ad'l Int half year..... 5.00  
 21.00  
 Newport and St Croix..... 8.00  
 Int..... 100.00  
 Rev Dr Pollok..... 5.00  
 Sheet Harbour..... 7.52  
 Int..... 22.45

Total receipts for the year \$3,910.55

*Received since closing Accounts.*

Friend of Poplar Grove Ch, Halifax..... \$ 5.00  
 Interest..... 48.00

\$53.00

**AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS FUND.**

Acknowledged already... \$1,973.84  
 St Paul's, Fredericton, ad'l St And Ch, St John..... 8.00  
 Belfast, P E I..... 3.50  
 Fort Massey Miss's Assoc, Halifax..... 20.00  
 Newport and St Croix..... 9.00  
 Interest..... 89.00  
 Poplar Grove, Halifax..... 10.00  
 Rev Mr Pollok..... 5.00  
 Int from "Dayspring" Fund 40.00

*Ministers' Percentage.*

Rev D Sutherland, '84, '85... 5.00  
 " Wm Stuart, '83..... 3.51  
 " John Stuart, '83..... 4.86  
 " Alex Ross, '82..... 4.00

Total receipts for the year \$2,173.70

*Received since closing Accounts.*

Interest..... \$27.00  
 Friend of Poplar Grove Ch, Halifax..... 5.00  
 Friend of Miss'n's Windsor 2.00

\$34.00

**MANITOBA COLLEGE.**

Acknowledged already..... \$564.67  
 St James' Ch, Dartmouth... 5.00

\$569.67

**WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND, MARITIME PROVINCES, REV. GEORGE PATTERSON, D.D., SECRETARY.**

Received previous to closing Accounts for 1883-84.

**Ministers' Rates**—Rev H A Robertson, \$1.00; J Carruthers, 25.00; R Laing, 6.00. Total, \$132.

**Collections and Donations**—St John's Ch, Halifax, \$8.00; Acadia Mines, 5.00; Boulogiers, 1.00; Little Narrows, 1.03; Richmond, N.B., 3.00; Grand River, 3.00; St Paul's, Truro, 4.00; Upper Musquodoboit Miss Soc, 1 gr, 1.00; St John Ch, St John, N.B., 5.43; Clifton and Glenville, PEI, 5.00; St Peter's and Brachley Pt Road, PEI, 4.00; Middle River, C.B., 4.92; Glace Bay, 4.00; West Cape, Campbelltown and Brae, 3.00; Bathurst, N.B., 5.00; Friend, North Sydney, per Rev D McMillan, 10.00. Total, \$67.98.

Received from 30th April to 31st May.

**Ministers' Rates**—Rev Alexander W Rae, \$8.00; Ths Nicholson, 16.00; A L Willie, 25.00; Alex Grant, 17.00; W M Wilson, 58.20. Total, \$63.20.

**Collections and Donations**—St And, Sydney, C.B., \$1.00; St Paul's, Fredericton, add'l, 1.00; St Andrew's, St John, N.B., 8.00; Rev Dr Pollok, 5.00. Total, \$15.00.

Omitted in May Record: Ministers' Rates—Rev E MacNab, \$104.00.

**WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.**

In connection with the Church of Scotland.

**JAMES CROIL, Treasurer, Montreal.**  
Desoronto \$4.50; Dunnville, 6.00; West Pustineh, 5.00; St James Ch, Charlottetown, PEI, 15.00; Hills-green, 3.00; Dundee, Que, 15.00; McNab and Horton, 30.00.

**QUEEN'S COLLEGE.**

Special Subscriptions to Revenue—Five Years' List.

Kingston—F J Ramford, \$20; H A Bayne, D. Sc., 25.00; Rev T W Dobbs, 10.00; John Duff, 25.00; R Carr Harris, C.E., 50.00; F C Heath, 10.00; Hon G A Kirkpatrick, \$50.00; Neil McNeil, 10.00; Thos Mills, 10.00; P M Pollock, 12.50; John Robertson, 50.00; Jno Agnew, M.D., 10.00; Rev R Mackay, 5.00; Rev W Bain, D.D., 20.00; John Carruthers, 500.00; Principal Grant, D.D., 500.00; Alex Gunn, M.P., 250.00; G M McDonnell, Q.C., 250.00; Mrs McNece, 150.00; N F Dupuis, 2.00; J Fletch-

er, 100.00; R V Rogers, 100.00; Friend, 100.00; Rev D G Ferguson, 50.00; J Watson, L.L.D., 50.00; Folger Bros, 50.00; W Nickle, 50.00; S Harper & W G Craig, 50.00; Jas Swift, 50.00; Wm Hart, 50.00; L Clements, 40.00; R W Shannon, 25.00; Geo Robertson & Son, 125.00; A Macalister, 20; G E Hague, 20.00; Rev T G Smith, D.D., 20.00; W Baillie, 15.00; J Richmond, 10.00; J McArthur, 10.00; F C Ireland, 10.00; Miss Fowler, 10.00; J L Whiting, 5.00.

Ottawa—Geo C B Fraser, \$20.00; Allan Gilmour, sr, 500.00; Allan Gilmour, jr, 100.00; H G Hopkins, 20.00; Sanford Fleming, C.M.G., 250.00; J A Grant, M.D., 100.00; J R Booth, 100.00; J Gilmour, 100.00; E H Bronson, 100.00; Rev J Moore, D.D., 10.00.

Winnipeg—T D Cumberland, \$20.00; Rev D M Gordon, 100.00.

Hamilton—A E Malloch, M.D., \$20.00; Jas Walker, 20.00; Mrs E Gibson, 10.00; M Lexratt, 100.00; Rev R J Laidlaw, 20.00.

Perth—E G Malloch, \$20.00; Rev Jas Ross, B.D., 40.00.

Bellefleur—Rev M W Maclean, \$20.00; Rev D Mitchell, 10.00.

Chatham—B W Davis, \$10.00; Geo E Ireland, 20.00; Rev J R Battisby, 10.00.

Montreal—Geo Stephen, \$1,000; D A Smith, 1,000.00; A T Drummond, 100.00; Jas Johnston, 100.00; Jonathan Hodgson, 100.00; Geo Hague, 100.00; W B Smellie, C.E., 40.00; G M Kinghorn, 25.00; J C Watson, 20.00; Rev J S Black, 20.00; Rev R Campbell, 20.00; Misses Murray, 300.00; T A Dawes, 250.00.

Toronto—Hon D L McPherson, 100.00; J Jaques, 100.00; Est Jas Michie, 2,345.00; Hon A Morris, 340.00; R Hay, M.P., 250.00; Rev D J Macdonnell, 100.00; Jas MacLennan, Q.C., 100.00; A T Fulton, 300.00; John Kay, 100.00; Hon O Mowat, 50.00; F McHardy, 150.00; W B Scarth, 100.00; Alex Jardine, 25.00; David Walker, 20.00; John Lauder, 25.00; W Gooderham, 100.00; D Coulson, 20.00; Dr D Clark, 20.00; Rev H M Parsons, 50.00; Friend, 10.00; David McTee, 50.00.

Rev Thos Wardrope, D.D., Guelfh, 10.00; A C Dunlop, Peterborough, 20.00; Jas E Burgess, Sydneyham, 20.00; Rev G Shore, Lansdowne, 25.00; P C McGregor, Almonte, 10.00; A Bell, Carillon, P.Q., 20.00; Rev K MacLennan, Charlottetown, PEI, 10.00; Rev J Ferguson, Chesley, 10.00; D B MacLennan, Corn-

wall, 100.00; Rev R J Craig, Desoronto, 10.00; Rev D P Niven, Bromore, 20.00; W G Brown, Galt, 10.00; Rev H Cameron, Gibnceo, 10.00; Wm Briden Ingersoll, 20.00; Rev H Cameron, Summerstown, 10.00; W C Caldwell, M.P.P., Lanark, 100.00; D McIntyre, Lindsay, 5.00; Rev J Carmichael, Norwood, 10.00; J C Cleaver, M.D., Montserrat, Trinidad, 100.00; Rev D Fraser, Mount Forest, 10.00; Rev Jos Andrew, Middleville, 10.00; John H Meikle, Morrisburgh, 20.00; Rev J K Thompson, Olympia, Washington Terry, 5.00; A McKillop, Pickering, 21.00; Rev J J Cameron, Pickering, 6.00; J Moore, Phillistown, 5.00; Rev D Strachan, Rookwood, 10.00; Rev J C Evans, St Paul's, N.C., 20.00; Rev Jas Cumberland, Stella, 20.00; J B Lavell, Smith Falls, 20.00; W F Coleman, MD, St John, N.B., 5.00; Rev J Carmichael Strange, 30.00; A McCulloch, Thorold, 6.00; Rev J Mordy, Walkerton, 5.00; J B Dow, Whitby, 5.00; Rev G McArthur, Finch, 10.00; Rev J Chisholm, McIntyre, 20.00; John Armour, Allan's Mills, 20.00; R Ferguson, Owen Sound, 25.00; Jno Charlton, M.P., Lynedoch, 100.00; Rev J Gandier, Fort Coulogne, P.Q., 5.00.

Total received from May 1882 to April 2nd, 1884, \$13,074.50.

**QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE.**

*Endowment Fund*

Already acknowledged, \$90,724.74

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W C Caldwell, M.P.P., 3 on 500	\$100.00
A G Dobbie, 3 on 100	30.00
T B Caldwell, 20	20.00
W Caldwell, 20	20.00
Thos Wilson, Jr, 1 & 2 on 20	8.00
Robt James, Jr, 3 on 10	2.00
Wm Thompson, bal on 5	3.00
D Breckenridge, 3 on 25	5.00
David Ward, 3 on 10	2.00
David Munro, 3 on 20	4.00
John McLean, in full	5.00
Dani Robertson, 3 on 10	2.00
Robt Robertson, 3 on 20	4.00
J P Anderson, 3 on 10	2.00
J D McInnes, 3 on 20	4.00
Ptr McLaren, Jr, bal on 15	5.00
Ptr McLaren, Sr, 5	5.00
Jas McLaren, 10	3.00
John Gemmill, 15	5.00
Robt McFarlane, 5	2.00

Total to 31st May, 1884 \$90,945.74

*BUILDING FUND*

Already acknowledged, \$29,584.53

Total to 31st May, 1884 \$9,584.53

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