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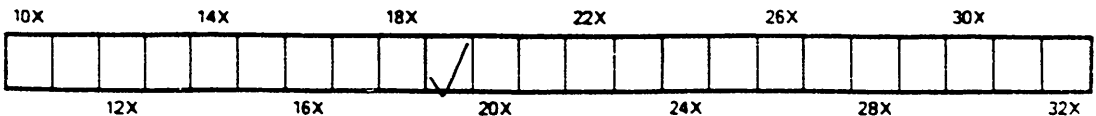
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THE LATE MEETING OF ASSEMBLY.

We do not intend to enlarge on the proceedings of the General Assembly lately held in the City of Ottawa. An account of the principal items of business transacted will be found elsewhere. Many went to the meeting of Assembly with gloomy forebodings. It was anticipated that there might be bitter discussions, and that even division was possible. But, in the great goodness of God, all such fears were dissipated, and light was shed upon the path of the Church. The thought occurred to the mind of the convener of the Union Committee a few days before the meeting of the Assembly—no doubt he was led in this by the Spirit of God—that while there would be a difficulty in obtaining a new article in the basis of union on the subject of the Headship of Christ, the object might be gained by a preamble in which that doctrine was distinctly set forth. The proposal was agreeable to all parties in our own Assembly, and having been communicated to the Synod of the other Church, meeting at the same time in Ottawa, met with favour in that body likewise. Thus one great difficulty was at once removed, and the way opened for harmonious action. Some other modifications were also sought and obtained, and the result was that with almost entire unanimity—a few dissents were entered, but chiefly on one point in one of the appended resolutions—the Assembly accepted the basis of union. It is again sent down to Presbyteries for their consideration. We presume it will be generally accepted, and that before this time next year the union will be an accomplished fact. We are called upon to give God thanks for the way in which we have been led. May He still lead and guide us, and make the union, which now appears to be so near a means of imparting fresh energy and life and strength to the Church.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Fifth General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church met, according to appointment, in Knox Church, Ottawa, on Tuesday, June 2nd, at 7.30 p.m. The Moderator for the past year—the Rev. W. Reid, M.A., of Toronto—preached from Philipians i. 18: "What then? Notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached ;

and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice." The Rev. T. McPherson, of Stratford, was then unanimously elected Moderator, and, on taking the chair, addressed the Assembly in suitable terms, offering thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and asking the consideration and aid of the Assembly in the discharge of his duties.

On motion made and seconded, the thanks of the Assembly were tendered to the retiring Moderator for the manner in which the duties of his office had been discharged, and for the suitable sermon delivered by him at the opening of the Assembly.

CHANGES IN THE ROLL.

There was submitted a statement of the changes in the rolls of the several Synods, and of the Presbytery of Manitoba, which had occurred since the meeting of the Assembly last year. Among these changes may be mentioned the removal by death of four Ministers, viz., Messrs. P. Glassford, of Vaughan and Albion; J. Harris, Toronto; D. G. McKay, of Port Elgin and Dumblane; and J. Barron, M.A., formerly of Gananoque. It appeared further that, whilst there had been twenty demissions, there had been twenty-two ordinations and ten inductions of Ministers previously ordained, and eighteen translations, four of these being translations to charges beyond the bounds of the Canada Presbyterian Church. Thirteen Ministers had been received into the Church, and twenty-one Students of Theology had been licensed. Twenty-five congregations were organized as distinct charges, and eighteen mission stations were erected during the year.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICES.

In accordance with the usual very proper practice, the first hour of the second day's proceedings was spent in devotional services, the Moderator, with Dr. Topp, Dr. Burns, and Professor McLaren engaging in prayer, with praise, and the reading of portions of Scripture in the intervals.

BUSINESS OF THE ASSEMBLY.

At the close of the devotional exercises the Assembly proceeded to business. The more important parts of business we now present to our readers, giving the result in the various cases, but without following the exact order of the various sederunts, as it often happened that the consideration of one particular subject extended over a number of sederunts, while in the meantime various other subjects had been disposed of.

STATISTICS.

The Report on Statistics was presented and read in the evening of the second day of the Assembly's sittings by the Rev. R. Torrance, who had been appointed by the committee convener, in room of Dr. Waters, who had been translated to St. John, New Brunswick. The following is a synopsis of the report:—

"Ministers on the rolls of Presbyteries 329, against 315 last year; number of regular charges 650, an increase of 12 with 48 stations, a decrease of 2; vacancies 78, mission stations, 37; number of families connected with the Church was reported to be 28,270; and estimating each family to contain five persons, it must be affirmed that upwards of 140,000 persons were under the pastoral oversight of a stated ministry, or enjoy such occasional means of grace as Presbyteries were able to afford. Single persons, not connected with congregations, numbered 4,176. The number of communicants had increased to 50,702; 5,847 had been added to the Church during

the year, and the diminution had been 3,533, leaving a gain of 2,314, or 141 more than last year. The baptisms had numbered 4,703, including those of 123 adults. The number in the Sabbath schools was 35,020, and in Bible classes 9,269; the elders were reported at 1,987; other office-bearers at 3,891; and Sabbath school teachers at 4,094. Of 103,707 volumes in libraries, no less than 86,658 belonged to Sabbath schools. Sittings in church numbered 143,575, and missionary Associations 165; while 40 churches and 20 mansees had been built or repaired during the year; the total number of mansees being 193. The stipend promised was \$229,885, and that actually paid \$237,901.25, an increase over the amount paid last year of 16,619.51. The average per minister was \$700, against \$702 last year. Arrears of stipend amounted to \$4,301, the only Presbyteries in which there were no arrears being Kingston, Hamilton, Paris, Chatham and Huron. The amount raised for building churches and mansees had been \$155,876. These sums, with \$89,540 expended in other ways, made a total of \$477,981 raised for strictly congregational purposes, being an increase of \$14,591 over that obtained last year. The total amount contributed for the schemes of the Church was \$55,993.124, a considerable falling off from last year. The sum returned as raised for College buildings was \$28,645, and for various benevolent objects, \$24,448. The total contributions for all purposes amounted to \$619,359.30, or an increase over the sum reported last year of \$34,998. The report pointed out several evident errors in the Presbyterian returns, and concluded with the following recommendations: 1st. That Presbyteries be enjoined to procure from congregations and forward to the Convener of the Committee on Statistics their annual returns at the dates specified in the blanks furnished. 2nd. That vacant congregations and mission stations be required to forward full and accurate reports, as well as those having settled pastors, and that Presbyteries see to it that these be sent in. 3rd. That Presbyteries be enjoined to take the earliest opportunity of dealing with those congregations that are in arrears for stipend."

The Assembly received the report and adopted the recommendations. The thanks of the Assembly were given to the committee, especially to the convener for the diligence manifested in this matter.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

The Home Mission Report was presented on the evening of Wednesday, 3rd. It was read by Rev. W. Cochrane, the chairman, and was a carefully prepared and interesting document. It stated that the amount contributed by the several Presbyteries had been \$20,581 against \$19,022 last year, showing an increase of \$1,558. The receipts mentioned included \$844 from Sabbath Schools, \$272 in donations, \$486 for Manitoba, from the Free Church of Scotland, and \$206 from Manitoba College. Besides this, \$2,385 had been received from Knox College Missionary Society; \$1,009 from the Montreal College Missionary Society, and \$445 from mission stations in Manitoba. The total sum received was \$24,430, as against \$21,242 for 1872-3. The Presbyteries which contributed the largest amounts were, Toronto, \$2,801; Montreal, \$2,723; Hamilton, \$1,996; London, \$1,333; and Paris, \$1,277. The report contained statements of considerable length and interest in reference to the working of the various missions. The British Columbia mission asked the General Assembly to raise its grant towards the minister's salary from \$1,000 to \$1,200, and to make good the deficit of \$137 in the amount of \$600 promised to be raised for that purpose by the congregation. The report from Manitoba was most encouraging. The committee, in reference to this Province, recommended that the salaries of missionaries

be \$900 per annum for married men, and \$700 for unmarried men, and that the Home Mission Committee be hereafter relieved of the support of the Manitoba College. Messrs. McKellar and Currie, students of the third year, of Knox College, had been sent to labor in the Province by the Students' Missionary Society during the present summer. The committee announced that \$3,122 had been promised towards church building in Muskoka. They concluded as follows:—"The scheme proposed by the Committee, and adopted by the last General Assembly, with a view to the more effective working of supplemented congregations, has met with gratifying success during the past year. In the majority of cases the congregations have come up to the standard demanded, thus ensuring a continuance of the home mission grant, and adding to the greater comfort of the Minister. In the case of a few where, for different reasons, measures had not been taken to bring the matter before the congregation, or where the congregations promised to come up to the requirements of the committee before next meeting, the grants have been continued. The committee, at its meeting in April, agreed to recommend to the Assembly, first, that the allowance to students for summer work be increased to six dollars per Sabbath, together with board and travelling expenses to their fields of labour; second, that the remuneration to probationers supplying vacancies be in no case less than seven dollars with board, and that this amount be increased gradually in proportion to the stipend paid by the respective congregations before they become vacant. The committee have to notice with deep regret the loss sustained by the removal of the Rev. Dr. Waters to St. John, N.B. For many years Dr. Waters most efficiently performed the duties of clerk to the committee, and in every way possible co-operated for the extension of our Home Mission work."

Mr. Cochrane said the committee had hoped that the increase for the year would have been considerably larger than it had been. He pointed out that the towns and cities took by far the largest share of the work of contributions, while the whole sum was only 40 cents per communicant. There were now 116 mission stations, against 111 last year; 67 supplemented congregations, against 70 last year, three having become self-sustaining; and 47 probationers on the roll for distribution, against 36 last year. He explained the several statements and recommendations of the report, returned his thanks to all the members of the committee, and especially to Mr. Torrance, the convener of the sub-committee, and Mr. Warden, who had given great assistance during the year, and concluded by expressing his desire to be relieved from the duties of convener of the committee.

Principal Cavan, who referred in appropriate terms to the labours of the committee, especially of the convener, moved that the Assembly receive the report, tender its thanks to the committee and especially to the convener, and remit the report to a committee to consider the same and report a deliverance to the Assembly. The motion was agreed to, and a committee appointed. At a subsequent diet the committee reported a deliverance on the Home Mission Report, and on several subjects of a kindred nature referred to them by the Assembly. The deliverance embraced the following recommendations, which were adopted by the Assembly:—

1. That the arrears of stipend (\$137) due by the congregations in British Columbia to the Rev. R. Jamieson for the past year, be paid out of the Home Mission Fund, and that the request of these congregations for an increase of supplement from \$1000 to \$1200 for two years be granted for one year.

2. That the increase to the salaries of missionaries in Manitoba, as stated in the report, be agreed to.

3. That the Assembly approve of the action of the Home Mission Committee in passing a resolution, "requiring the Presbytery of Manitoba hereafter to refuse the resignation of any minister until the committee have been corresponded with and time allowed to supply his place," since under the circumstances the Committee could not have acted otherwise as guardians of the Home Mission Fund, and as having due regard to the proper working of the Manitoba Mission.

4. That in view of the large grants for the Presbytery of Manitoba from the Home Mission Fund, the committee be authorized to secure compliance with the regulations conditional upon the obtaining of these grants, and to procure the necessary information before the next meeting of the committee.

5. That the Assembly approve of the efforts of the Presbytery of Manitoba to raise certain of their congregations to the status of supplemented congregation, with power to call ministers; but that the Presbytery be required, before sustaining a call to a Minister in any of these congregations, to communicate with the Convener of the Home Mission Committee, so that the amount of supplement may be decided on.

6. That the Assembly approve of the several sums voted to Prof. Hart of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, for his valuable services in Manitoba College and in the mission field of the Province, and that the thanks of the Assembly be conveyed to him and to the Rev. Dr. Clark, through the Home Mission Committee, for their efficient help in various necessitous districts of the Province of Manitoba.

7. That the action of the Students' Missionary Society of Knox College, in sending two of their number who have completed their theological course to labour during the summer in the mission field of Manitoba, be approved of and commended by the Assembly.

8. That the Assembly are unable to set forth as they desire their appreciation of the valuable services rendered to our home mission work by the convener of the committee, Rev. W. Cochrane, M.A., whose zeal and efforts in behalf of the scheme have been unusually great; and, with the view of enabling him to employ such assistance as may be indispensable, he be authorized to draw on the funds of the Church at the rate of \$200 per annum, and that this amount be handed him to meet his expenses for assistance during the past year.

9. That the attention of the Assembly having been called to the delicate and difficult duties performed during the year by the Rev. R. Torrance, Convener of the Committee for the Distribution of Probationers, the Assembly order that the grant of \$50, voted to him last year, be continued for this year.

10. That after careful examination of the regulations of the Home Mission Committee in connexion with the overture from the Presbytery of Cobourg, the only alteration which is deemed advisable at present is the deleting of the latter half of No. 2 of these regulations, which will then stand as follows:—

"Ministers and Probationers, who have retired from the ministry and entered on some other calling for the time, shall not have their names put on the list of distribution without the permission of the General Assembly." The words following are to be struck out: "And Ministers resigning their charges oftener than twice shall have their names put on the list only with the permission of the General Assembly to that effect."

11. That with respect to the overture from the Presbytery of Montreal, the Assembly adopt the resolution of the Home Mission Committee, that all student missionaries be paid at the minimum rate of \$6 per week during the summer, along with their board and travelling expenses to their fields of labour; and all Probationers at the minimum rate of \$7 per Sabbath, along with their board, and that this amount be increased gradually in proportion to the stipend paid by the respective congregations; and that this regulation come into operation on the 1st of October next.

ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

An address to His Excellency the Governor-General was adopted, and the Assembly appointed the Moderator and Clerks of Assembly with other members to present the same. The deputation, introduced by the Hon. A. Mackenzie, presented the address to His Excellency in his apartments in the Parliament Buildings. His Excellency received the deputation very courteously, and replied to the address in very suitable and gracious terms. The following was the address of the Assembly:—

“The Moderator and members of the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church, now in session in this city, beg leave to approach Your Excellency with this declaration of their loyal and devoted attachment to the person and Government of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, and to assure Your Excellency that they consider it an evidence of the wisdom by which the public acts of Her Majesty are distinguished, and of the deep interest which she takes in her Canadian subjects, that she made choice of a nobleman of Your Excellency’s high character and abilities to be her representative in this Dominion. They recognize the difficulties necessarily connected with the position which Your Excellency has been called to occupy as the ruler over so wide a territory, comprehending such a diversity of national origin and religious belief; and they beg to assure Your Excellency of the cordial support of the people to whom they minister in all your endeavours to uphold the authority of our beloved Queen in this part of her empire, and to sustain the institutions of the country and advance the interests of the people. It gives them special pleasure to acknowledge Your Excellency as a patron of learning and a supporter of the literary institutions of the country; and they humbly thank Your Excellency for your generous gift to one of the colleges of this Church, which they have no doubt will prove an incentive to the young men in the prosecution of their studies. It is our prayer that He ‘by whom kings reign and princes decree justice’ may ever guide you in the difficult and responsible duties of your high station, and that His blessing may descend on Your Excellency’s person and family.

Done at Ottawa this 4th day of June, A. D. 1874, in the name of the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

(Signed)

T. McPHERSON, Moderator.

WM. REID, M.A., }
WM. FRASER, } Joint Clerks.”

SUNDRY APPLICATIONS OF PRESBYTERIES.

In accordance with applications duly made, the Assembly granted leave to the Presbytery of Toronto to continue on the roll of that Presbytery Rev. Dr. Jennings, who had recently demitted his charge, and to the Presbytery of Hamilton to continue on its roll the name of the Rev. G. Cheyne; also to the Presbytery of Brockville to retain on the roll the name of Rev. W. Loccaud, Sen. The transference of North Gower from the Presbytery of Brockville to that of Ottawa, was sanctioned, and the transference of Chesley

from the Presbytery of Durham to that of Bruce, to be connected with Salem. An application of the Presbytery of Hamilton with reference to Mr. Henderson, a student under their inspection, was favourably received, and the Sentate of the College authorized to admit Mr. Henderson as a student of the second year. On application by the Presbytery of Brockville, leave was granted to place the name of Rev. E. D. McLaren, M.A., B.D., on the roll of the Presbytery; the names of Messrs. D. J. Caswell, D. McKeracher, and W. Kay were ordered to be placed on the rolls of the Presbytery of Bruce.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS AND LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

Applications were made by several Presbyteries for leave to receive ministers from other churches. On the report of a committee on the subject, the Assembly granted leave to the Presbyteries, applying to receive Messrs. Black, McLeod, F. W. Smith, Benson, Sinclair, Martin and McKechnie. Leave was also granted to Presbyteries to take on trial for license several students who had completed their theological course,

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

The Report of this Committee was called for on the evening of Monday, 8th. The report was read by one of the clerks in absence of the convener of the committee, the Rev. W. McLaren, who had been called away in consequence of the death of a brother. Detailed accounts were given as to the different departments of the work among the Indians of the North-West, and in Formosa, where the Rev. G. L. McKay has been labouring with great devotedness and no little success. Reference was made to the sending out of two female missionaries to India, where they were labouring in the meantime in connection with the missionaries of the American Presbyterian Church, and to the appointment of Dr. J. B. Fraser, son of the Rev. W. Fraser, of Bond Head, one of the Clerks of Assembly, as a medical missionary to labour in Formosa in connection with Mr. McKay. The report referred also to the prosperous state of the Foreign Mission Fund, the receipts from all sources being \$12,085, which, with a balance from last year of \$5,150, made a total of \$17,235. The expenditure amounted to \$8,814, leaving a balance of \$8,421.

Dr. Fraser, at the request of the Assembly, gave a brief address referring to the peculiar responsibility of his position, and to the encouragement derived from the promises of God. He asked the sympathy and prayers of the Church.

Several members of Assembly spoke with reference to the report, and specially as to the suitability and eminent fitness of Dr. Fraser for the work on which he was entering. The thanks of the Assembly were tendered to the committee and especially the convener, and the report was referred to a committee. The following deliverance was subsequently adopted:—

1. The Assembly record its gratitude to Almighty God for the report on the subject of missions to the heathen; for the safe arrival at their destination of the missionaries sent to India; for the care taken of the life and health of the Missionaries in different fields, and for any success vouchsafed; and especially for the preservation of the life and health of our missionary to Formosa amid the peculiar dangers and trials which have surrounded him, and for success, the reality of which has in some respects been too sadly yet gloriously proved in the joyful endurance of persecution, and in the death of some of the converts graciously given to him; and they pray that the number of missionaries may be greatly increased, and that the power of Christ may rest on them and on their labours.

2. The Assembly accept with thankfulness the services of Dr. J. B. Fraser as medical missionary for Formosa, and they cordially approve of the resolution of the committee to send another missionary to that field as soon as possible, and they authorize any Presbytery to which application shall be made to ordain Dr. Fraser and any other missionary who may be selected.

3. The Assembly rejoices that the congregations of the Church appear to be awakening to a sense of their duty and privilege in being fellow-workers with God in making His glory known, as shown in the increased contributions to the Foreign Mission Fund.

4. The Assembly leave it in the hands of the Foreign Mission Committee to provide for the Saskatchewan Mission as they may deem best in the circumstances.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Report on Sabbath Schools was given in by Mr. Thompson, of Sarnia, the convener. The work of the past year was detailed, especially with reference to conventions held in several of the Presbyteries, in relation to Sabbath school work. The report stated that the International Series of Lessons had been generally adopted, and the committee recommended all sessions and Sabbath schools to use the series. It was recommended, too, that the Sabbath schools be urged to support two missionaries, one in the home and the other in the foreign field. The hope was also expressed that in all the courts increasing interest would be taken in Sabbath school work, and more time given to the consideration of it. The thanks of the Assembly were moved to the committee and especially to the convener, and the report was referred to a committee to draw up a deliverance. A deliverance was reported at a subsequent sederunt, which, however, was reserved for consideration in November.

FRENCH CANADIAN EVANGELIZATION.

The Report on French Evangelization was presented on Monday, the 8th. The report referred to the success of the enterprise, and especially to the successful labours of the French students. The report was received, and referred to a committee.

KANKAKEE MISSION.

The Report of the Kankakee Mission was read by Rev. R. Hamilton in the absence of Rev. A. Drummond, convener of the committee. The report referred to a visit paid to Kankakee by the convener of the committee and Rev. T. McPherson, and to their careful examination of the mission in all its departments. It referred to Rev. C. Chiniquy, who had been lecturing in Britain for some months, and for whose return very earnest applications were made. The report was referred to the same committee to which the Report of the Committee on French Evangelization had been referred.

CONSOLIDATION OF FRENCH EVANGELIZATION WORK.

A report was given in by Rev. John King, convener of the Committee on the Consolidation of the Different Schemes of French Evangelization. The report was received, and referred to the same committee to which were referred the two previous reports. The committee subsequently reported the following recommendations which, on being considered by the Assembly, were adopted:—

1. That the congregation and school at St. Ann be hereafter placed under the supervision of the Presbytery of Chatham, and that said Presby-

tery be instructed to draw upon the French Evangelization Committee for a sum not exceeding \$1,800 per annum to carry on the work there.

2. That Mr. Chiniquy's connection with the mission at St. Ann's be severed by the Presbytery of Chatham as early as is found expedient, with the view of his being employed in evangelistic work among the French Canadian population of the Dominion; and that in the conduct of this work and the collecting of funds in connection therewith Mr. Chiniquy act under the authority of the Committee on French Evangelization.

3. That the Presbytery of Chatham be instructed to take legal advice as to the law difficulties at present pending in connection with Church property at St. Ann, with a view, if deemed advisable by said Presbytery, of defending in name of the Church any suits that are now pending, or may be yet brought against the St. Ann congregation anent said property.

4. That the collections for St. Ann and French Evangelistic work be hereafter united, and the special attention of sessions and congregations be directed to the fact that the mission of St. Ann is hereafter to be supported from the funds of the French Evangelization Committee, thus necessitating largely increased contributions to the funds of the committee.

5. That the Presbytery of Chatham be instructed to put the name of Rev. A. Lafontaine on the roll of that Presbytery.

SUBJECT OF UNION.

The question of union was, of course, the great question of the Assembly of 1874. Fears were entertained by many as to the result, but through the goodness of God all such fears were dispelled. The subject of union was brought up first on the evening of Thursday, when the Report of the Committee on the Returns of Presbyteries on the Remit on Union was called for and presented; at the same time a verbal report was made by the Rev. Dr. Topp, convener of the Committee on Union. It is not necessary to detail all the steps taken in the course of the consideration of this important subject. The Assembly went into committee of the whole during several sittings. A conference with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland was requested, and the request cordially acceded to. That conference, and another held with the Assembly at the request of the Synod, had a most beneficial result, so that ultimately, with but few dissentients on either side, the basis and resolutions were agreed to. It should be observed that at the very beginning of the discussion on the subject in the Assembly, the convener of the committee, Rev. Dr. Topp, proposed a preamble to the articles of the basis embodying the doctrine of the Headship of the Lord Jesus Christ, which was accepted. It was agreed further to seek a renewal or modification of the 4th article of the basis, and the omission or modification of certain of the resolutions. The preamble, basis and resolutions, as they are now sent down to Presbyteries and Sessions and Congregations, to be reported on to an adjourned meeting of Assembly at Toronto, on the 1st Tuesday of November, are as follows:—

REMIT ON UNION,

Sent down by the General Assembly, in terms of the Barrier Act, to Presbyteries: as also to Kirk Sessions and Congregations of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

PREAMBLE TO BASIS.

The Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, the Canada Presbyterian Church, the Church of the Maritime Pro-

vinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, and the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, holding the same doctrine, government and discipline, believing that it would be for the glory of God and the advancement of the cause of Christ, that they should unite and thus form one Presbyterian Church in the Dominion, independent of all other Churches in its jurisdiction, and under authority to Christ alone, the head of His Church, and head over all things to the Church, agrees to unite on the following basis, to be subscribed by the Moderators of the respective Churches in their name and on their behalf.

BASIS.

1. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, being the Word of God, are the only infallible rule of faith and manners.

2. The Westminster Confession of Faith shall form the subordinate standard of this Church; the Larger and Shorter Catechisms shall be adopted by the Church, and appointed to be used for the instruction of the people: it being distinctly understood that nothing contained in the aforesaid confession or catechisms, regarding the power and duty of the Civil Magistrate, shall be held to sanction any principles or views inconsistent with full liberty of conscience in matters of religion.

3. The government and worship of this Church shall be in accordance with the recognized principles and practice of Presbyterian Churches, as laid down generally in the "Form of Presbyterian Church Government," and in "The Directory for the Public Worship of God."

The aforesaid Churches further agree to the following resolutions:—

RELATIONS TO OTHER CHURCHES.

1. This Church cherishes Christian affection towards the whole Church of God, and desires to hold fraternal intercourse with it in its several branches, as opportunity offers.

2. This Church shall, under such terms and regulations as may from time to time be agreed on, receive ministers and probationers from other Churches, and especially from Churches holding the same doctrine, government, and discipline with itself.

MODE OF WORSHIP.

With regard to modes of worship, the practice presently followed by congregations shall be allowed, and further action in connection therewith shall be left to the legislation of the United Church.

FUND FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF MINISTERS.

Steps shall be taken at the first meeting of the General Assembly of the United Church, for the equitable establishment and administration of an efficient fund for the benefit of the widows and orphans of Ministers.

COLLEGIATE INSTITUTIONS.

The aforesaid Churches shall enter into union with the theological and literary institutions which they now have; and application shall be made to Parliament for such legislation as shall bring Queen's University and College, Knox College, the Presbyterian College, Montreal, Morrin College, and the Theological Hall at Halifax, into relations to the United Church similar to those which they now hold to their respective Churches, and to preserve their corporate existence, government and functions, on terms and conditions like to those under which they now exist; but the United Church shall not be required to elect trustees for an arts department in any of the colleges above named.

LEGISLATION WITH REGARD TO RIGHTS OF PROPERTY.

Such legislation shall be sought as shall preserve undisturbed all rights of property now belonging to congregations and corporate bodies, and at the same time not interfere with freedom of action on the part of congregations in the same locality desirous of uniting, or on the part of corporate bodies which may find it to be expedient to discontinue, wholly or partially, their separate existence.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY OPERATIONS.

The United Church will heartily take up and prosecute the home and foreign missionary and benevolent operations of the several Churches, according to their respective claims; and with regard to the practical work of the Church and the promotion of its schemes, whilst the General Assembly shall have the supervision and control of all the work of the Church, yet the United Church shall have due regard to such arrangements, through synods and local committees, as shall tend most effectually to unite in Christian love and sympathy the different sections of the Church, and at the same time draw forth the resources and energies of the people in behalf of the work of Christ in the Dominion, and throughout the world.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS TO DENOMINATIONAL COLLEGES.

In the United Church the fullest forbearance shall be allowed as to any difference of opinion which may exist respecting the question of State grants to educational establishments of a denominational character.

The Assembly also appointed Rev. Dr. Topp and Rev. J. McTavish as a deputation to proceed to the Lower Provinces, to attend the meetings of the Synod of the Church of the Lower Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, and of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, to lay before those bodies the changes which have been made in the basis of union, and accompanying resolutions, and respectfully to ask their concurrence in the same.

It was also agreed, with reference to the name of the United Church, that the most appropriate designation would be "The Presbyterian Church in Canada," and that the Synods in the Maritime Provinces should be respectfully asked to concur in the change.

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES.

On the afternoon of Saturday the 6th, the reports of the Theological Colleges, viz. Knox College and the Presbyterian College of Montreal, were read, as was also the report of the Manitoba College. These were referred to a committee to consider and report on the same. This committee subsequently reported to the following effect:

KNOX COLLEGE.

1. That the Assembly express its satisfaction with the state of the Bursary Fund, and strongly recommend it to the increasing liberality of the Church.

2. With regard to the Building Fund, the Assembly express its high appreciation of the services of the Professors of the College, and its deep sense of the liberality of the Church for the large sums reported, and recommend that, so far as convenient, the Professors prosecute the canvass during the current summer, and obtain the co-operation of such as may be able to lend valuable aid.

3. That on account of special circumstances Mr. Goldie, a student of the second preparatory year, be permitted to enter Theology, on his passing such examination as the College Senate may prescribe.

4. That the recommendation of the Board of Management with reference to the Lectureship on Homiletics be adopted, namely, that the lectureship be continued until some permanent arrangement be made for teaching these branches.

5. That the recommendation of the Board for the increase of Professors' salaries be adopted.

6. That the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund be relieved of the amount of \$400, ordered by last Assembly to be paid to Principal Willis as part of his retiring allowance, and that this sum be charged to the fund of Knox College.

7. That Dr. Proudfoot be, and he hereby is, appointed Lecturer on Homiletics in Knox College.

8. That the Board of Management of Knox College be, and they are hereby empowered, if they deem it expedient, to borrow on mortgage on the new property in Spadina Avenue, Toronto, such an amount as may be necessary for completing the College Building.

MONTREAL COLLEGE.

1. That the recommendation for the appointment of the Rev. J. Scrimger, M.A., as Lecturer in Exegesis, be adopted.

2. That in reference to the retiring allowance to Dr. Willis, the proportion of this allowance now charged to the College Funds be paid for the current year out of the Assembly Fund, and that a small committee be appointed to take into consideration the whole subject of retiring allowances of Professors in the theological institutions of the Church, to report to next Assembly.

MANITOBA COLLEGE.

1. That the Assembly approve of the removal of the College from Kildonan to Winnipeg, and that teaching in connection with the College be conducted wholly in Winnipeg so soon as equitable arrangements can be made in reference to the present buildings; that the debt on the building to the extent of \$1,500 be assumed by the Board of Management of Manitoba College, and that the said building be given to the Kildonan congregation.

2. That the Assembly does not see its way clear to the amalgamation of the two funds referred to in the recommendation of the Board, but would encourage the Board of Management to put forth its efforts for the increase of the Building Fund.

3. That the Assembly permit the Board of Management to borrow for six months from the Endowment Fund of the College, to be repaid with interest, the sum of \$1,500, to meet the debt at present resting on the Building Fund.

4. That no change be made in the meantime in the relations of Rev. T. Hart with the College.

5. That the request for the appointment of a Board of Management be granted, with the following modification, viz.: that the Presbytery of Manitoba be authorized to nominate five instead of two members of the Board.

6. That the recommendation with regard to the investment of the funds in the manner stated in the report be agreed to, subject to the approval of the securities by the Board of Management.

7. That the recommendations contained in the report concerning the purchase of a building for college purposes in the town of Winnipeg be agreed to.

8. In the near prospect of changes incident to the approaching union, the present method of maintaining the Manitoba College be continued in the meantime.

9. In reference to the application of the Presbytery of Manitoba to take three young men as students for the ministry under their care, to receive instruction in Manitoba College, the Assembly resolve that, whilst in no way sanctioning the establishment of a theological seminary at Manitoba, yet, in view of all the circumstances, agree to instruct the Presbytery of Manitoba to direct the studies of these young men in the meantime.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

The Report of the Committee on this fund was presented by Mr. McTavish, on the afternoon of Monday, 8th. The report stated that there were now thirteen annuitants, to whom had been paid during the year \$2,496.67, that the income had been \$4,281.03, and that the balance of \$1,584.36 was still on hand.

The report was received, and it was agreed by the Assembly that the collection hitherto divided between the Widows' Fund and the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers be wholly devoted to the latter object for the present year.

It was agreed also that Mrs. Malcolm should be placed on the Widows' Fund, and that the amount paid to her on account of Rev. J. Malcolm from this fund be repaid and charged to the Widows' Fund; also, that the committee be empowered to provide for Mrs. Malcolm from this fund.

The name of Rev. C. Fletcher, of Goderich, was placed on the list of annuitants, and the case of Rev. J. Donaldson was left for further consideration of the committee.

A proposal for raising, in aid of Rev. J. G. Carruthers, the sum of \$2,000,—the interest to be for Mr. Carruthers' benefit while he lives, and at his death the capital to be transferred to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund,—was left in the committee's hands.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Report of the Widows and Orphans' Fund was presented. It stated that the fund amounted at present to \$77,089.56 in Municipal Debentures, Mortgages, and cash in hand; that the receipts from all sources for the past year had been \$16,234.66; and the expenditure, including amount invested, to \$14,830.42, leaving a balance of \$1,404.24; that there were now on the fund 26 widows and families, while last year there were 23. The report also referred to an application from Dr. Waters, of St. John, to retain on certain conditions his interest in the fund, which was granted, subject to the action of the Assembly. The report was received, and the Assembly agreed to sanction the action of the committee in regard to the application of Dr. Waters.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES.

An overture from the Presbytery of Ottawa, transmitted by the Synod of Montreal, on the subject of Evangelistic Services, was considered by the Assembly. The overture set forth the desirableness that such services should be systematically held throughout the Church in Canada, and prayed the Assembly to take the whole subject into consideration, and mature and set in operation such a scheme of Evangelistic Services as may tend to the glory of God and the good of the Church. The overture was supported by Mr. W. McKenzie, of Almonte, and Rev. A. Melville. The Assembly received the overture, approved of its object, and directed the Committee on the

State of Religion to mature and set in operation, as soon as possible, a scheme for special Evangelic Services.

STATE OF RELIGION.

The Report on the State of Religion was given in and read by the Rev. T. Wardrope, convener of the committee. The report referred to the hopeful and encouraging movements in several quarters of the Church, while there was still reason to deplore the prevalence of intemperance, neglecting family worship, and Sabbath desecration. The report was received and adopted, and the thanks of the Assembly conveyed to the committee, and especially to the convener.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Report of the Finance Committee was presented with statement of the receipts for the various objects of the Church, and a statement from Messrs. McMurrich and Blaikie, auditors. The report also referred to the Assembly fund, and the result of the new mode adopted by last Assembly for raising the amount required for the Assembly's purposes. The report was referred to a committee, who subsequently reported:—

1. That the Report on Finance be adopted, and the diligence of the committee be approved.
2. That the new mode of assessment for the Assembly Fund, by dividing the Presbyteries into three classes, be approved and continued.
3. That before the assessment for the fund has been apportioned among the several Presbyteries their rolls of membership be equalized, so as to include the members of non-reporting congregations.
4. That there be appended to the Annual Report a statement containing the name of each Presbytery assessed, the rate per member and the amount of assessment for each Presbytery, and the membership on which the assessment has been based.
5. That the Committee report any Presbytery that may not have paid in whole, or in part, the amount assessed thereon.
6. That Presbyteries be enjoined to deal with defaulting congregations, and to take order that the amount apportioned to them be paid.

BUXTON FINANCE REPORT.

This Report was given in and read by Rev. R. H. Warden. It stated that the accounts of the fund had been audited and that the assets of the fund amounted to \$2,342; the liabilities were \$94. The committee acknowledged the services for fourteen years of the late Mr. W. Clarke, of London, and recommended the continued payment of \$250 from the fund towards the support of the Buxton congregation. The report was adopted.

"BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN."

An overture from the Presbytery of Simcoe anent the *British American Presbyterian* newspaper, recommending that the printing of the Church should be given in whole or in part to the office of that paper, was read. In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, the Assembly agreed to appoint a Standing Committee on Printing, to which the overture should be remitted.

"HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD."

The Report on the *Home and Foreign Record* was given in by Rev. D. H. Fletcher, convener of the committee. It referred to the increase in the circulation during the year from 8,000 to 12,600. There had been received \$3,061.28, and paid \$3,049.10. The committee recommended:

1. That Sessions and Boards of Management be strongly recommended

to supply every family in the respective congregations with a copy of the *Record*.

2. That the conveners of the various mission committees be instructed to furnish the editor from time to time with such communications as may tend to enlarge the sympathy of our people with the different departments of work in which the Church is engaged.

3. That the editor, as formerly, be instructed to abridge as he may deem necessary the reports of the proceedings of Presbyteries, in order that more space may be devoted to missionary intelligence.

The report was received and adopted.

GENERAL PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL.

In accordance with overtures presented, and a communication received from the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the Assembly, approving of the object proposed, appointed a Committee to correspond with other Churches, on the matter of a general Presbyterian Council.

DEPUTATIONS.

In the course of the Assembly's sittings several deputations from other Churches addressed the Assembly, conveying the fraternal greetings of the several Churches. The first delegate who addressed the Assembly was the Rev. H. Gordon, delegate from the United Presbyterian Church of North America, who spoke on the evening of Thursday, the 4th. The Rev. Dr. Van Neste, delegate from the Reformed (Dutch) Church in North America, addressed the Assembly on Friday evening; and on the evening of Tuesday, 9th, the Assembly had the pleasure of listening to delegates from the Free Church of Scotland and the Presbyterian Church of Ireland. The former were the Rev. J. C. Burns, of Kirkliston, a nephew of the late Dr. Burns, and the Rev. J. H. Wilson, of Barclay Church, Edinburgh; and the latter deputation consisted of the Rev. H. M. Williamson, Belfast, successor to the late Rev. Dr. Morgan, and the Rev. H. McMeekin, who formerly laboured in Canada. The deputies from Scotland, especially Mr. Wilson, gave much interesting information with reference to the religious revival in Edinburgh and other places, in connection with which he has himself been very much engaged, and both expressed the very warmest feelings of Christian interest on the part of the Free Church of Scotland. The deputies from Ireland gave most interesting and encouraging particulars as to the progress of the Church in Ireland, and of the greatly increased spirit of liberality manifested throughout the Church since the withdrawal of the *Regium Donum*. Mr. McMeekin also brought before the Assembly many interesting facts with reference to education in Ireland. To all the deputies the Moderator replied in very appropriate and happy terms.

DELAYED BUSINESS.

Several reports and other matters not of pressing importance were left over till the adjourned meeting of the Assembly, to take place in Toronto in November.

CONCLUSION.

After the usual votes of thanks to the Accommodation Committee, the friends in Ottawa, the Trustees of Knox Church, the several railway companies, the Dominion Telegraph Company and the press, the Assembly broke up with the usual formalities at a late hour on the evening of Wednesday, 10th.

The office-bearers of the churches in Ottawa and the friends in the city deserve all praise for the very efficient and admirable way in which all the arrangements were made and carried out.

Missionary Intelligence.

LETTER FROM REV. G. L. MCKAY.

FORMOSA, TAMSUI, April 3rd, 1874.

MY DEAR MR. REID,—Again I draw on Mr. Matheson, London, for £103 3s. 6d., i. e. £51 11s. 9d. for salary, and the same for mission expenses. I do not use one cent unless I consider it absolutely necessary. Still I confess I feel backward in drawing thus this year, because I know there will be a large demand made on the committee, for Dr. Fraser's outfit, passage, &c. But what can I do? I cannot sit down here and see the Lord's work standing still for the want of a few dollars. I cannot, and if I am compelled so to do, it will be with a bleeding heart. I do not write thus because anything has been refused me. On the contrary, I bless God for the liberty given me by the Church to go where the Lord would direct and do what the Lord would command. I write thus simply because I long to see the Church of Christ firmly established in Northern Formosa. I have just returned after visiting all the chapels opened. I went first to the one at San-teng-po, which was erected entirely through native effort, and stands on the bank of the Ke-lung river, and near the main road leading from Bang-kah to the east side of the Island. During my stay it was filled every day from morning until evening. The regular hearers, many travellers, and not a few of the literati attended. I had a very pleasant and, I trust, profitable season, discussing Confucianism, healing the sick, and preaching the everlasting gospel.

From there I proceeded to Chin-nih, where I met several of the literati and had many friendly discussions with them. Every evening we had numerous hearers, and on Sabbath a crowded house. One day, about noon, a Buddhist priest was performing idolatrous rites not far from the chapel in order to earn a few cash. I sent him an invitation, which he accepted, and walked in, followed by an immense crowd. He was not disposed, however, to discuss Buddhism; still I asked him many questions about his religion, which he failed to answer. After standing silent a few minutes he confessed his ignorance both of Buddhism and Christianity in the presence of converts and idolaters. On that account I enjoyed a very favorable opportunity for preaching Jesus and the resurrection. He left quite friendly, and said he must go and make a few more cash before dark. But his confession in presence of so many did not help him in making the so much loved cash, for he was pushed out of every house on the street near the chapel. I inquired of one man the reason for treating his priest in such an insulting manner, and he replied, "I was ashamed of him in the chapel, and I am thinking of worshipping the God you worship." In the afternoon I went to a neighbouring village to preach, and when there the old priest made his way back again to the chapel, which was soon filled. He told the people whatever other priests could do, he did not understand the way to break into hell and get souls out for a few cash. I arrived about dark, and was greatly surprised to see the old man with the shaved head walk in. He scarcely had time to sit down until the place was crowded with amazed spectators. You may fancy their astonishment whilst he sat near me throughout the entire service. I do not suppose he is already a true believer in Jesus, nor do I believe that those who were displeased with him are ready to forsake their ways and follow the Lord Immanuel, but of this I am confident, his confession will, with Jehovah's blessing, tend to establish His kingdom in the midst of gross darkness and ignorance.

The following Sabbath I preached at Goko-khi, the first chapel opened, and had good attendance on Sabbath, although it was raining in torrents. The only chapel in the midst of the Sek-hoan (civilized aborigines), was visited last week. There those who moved into the wood had to abandon a beautiful valley on account of the savages. Still I found matters in a better state than I anticipated. A few old men seemed really anxious about their souls. Many of the young people, however, are still as I found them, proud and ignorant—two characteristics not very agreeable, whether found in people of eastern or western lands. The time *will come* when their proud hearts will be brought to the dust: then they will see what vile creeping worms of the dust they are.

On going to Sin-kang I invariably pass the night in the city—a day's walk on this side, and dispense medicines. On my return this time the house in which I remained was crowded with blind, lame, feeble and suffering ones, and in the morning at daybreak many were waiting at the door. This work is exceedingly important, as it will pave the way for the entrance of the Gospel. The Chinese are prejudiced against all other nations, and do not distinguish between them, as they are ignorant of the world beyond the eighteen Provinces. All who have not tails are called "Western Barbarians." About the first question asked is, "Why do your people bring opium into our country." Now we have to meet these prejudices at every step, and any just means that will tend to remove them will continue to be of vast importance in carrying on mission work amongst them. If we can remove prejudices by removing pain, and thus save souls, it is not only our privilege but our bounden duty to do so.

I have now six young men of this place labouring as helpers amongst the natives. They have been with me nearly two years studying daily, and are still earnest, faithful and devoted.

The time will come when this old empire will meekly bow before Jehovah's throne, for He has declared it. I believe it will be accomplished through the agency of her own sons. At present it is useless to open a chapel without a helper to take charge of it, and to instruct the people. Hence the necessity of devoted and well trained assistants. They cannot become efficient labourers unless trained. Here they cannot be trained unless with us. If with us they cannot drag the net, or till the soil. If without means (and nearly all are) they must be supported. If older missions have not yet succeeded in having them supported by the native Church, it is vain to expect a Church in its infancy to do so. There is therefore only one resource, and that is to look to those who are able to help for aid. I pay each helper \$3 per month, so that nine or ten could be supported a year with the ordinary salary of a labourer in Canada. I have also two young men of the literary class teaching the children of converts. It is of the utmost importance to have the children brought up under the influence of Christianity. I trust there is not a member of our Church in Canada who will say, "Dispense with these helpers and teachers at present, and wait." Wait for what? The enemy is at work night and day—is aroused to greater exertions than ever. If we would maintain our ground we must be up and doing. We must use the means at our disposal and go forth in the strength of the Lord of Hosts to conquer or die. We have no right to expect the blessing unless we labour and give toil, and pray. Let every member, from Quebec to Goderich, come forward and freely give what has been freely given. Let every member be up and pleading—be up and doing, be up and giving; then coldness and scepticism will bid the shores of our beloved Canada farewell, and the gods of wood and stone in Northern Formosa will be cast to the winds of heaven.—I am, ever yours sincerely,

G. L. MCKAY,

MISSIONS OF THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

INDIA.—Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Bombay, gives an account of the baptism of a young Parsi. His age is about 21. It is about six years since his attention was first called to Christianity by a small elementary tract which Dr. Wilson had put into his hand while he was at the Surat Irish Presbyterian School. He had subsequently been led to read the Bible, and seek conference with the Jush Missionaries. He thought of being baptized in 1871, but there were powerful obstacles. He was baptized at Puna by Dr. Wilson, in consequence of the disturbances which at the time were taking place at Bombay. Dr. Wilson gives the following account of his baptism:—

PUNA, 4th March, 1874.

“Shapurji and I got safely to Puna on the 2nd, and the ordinance of baptism was administered to him yesterday before a good congregation, called together on a short notice. The introductory devotional exercises were very appropriately conducted by Mr. Beaumont. They were followed by an extemporary discourse by myself on Christian discipleship, from Luke xii., 1-40. I then examined Shapurji about his views of divine truth, his abandonment of Zoroastrianism, his conversion, and the significance and implications of Christian baptism; when he gave most distinct and satisfactory replies, giving up, at the same time, the badges of the Zoroastrian faith,—the *cap* with two folds—the *helmet*—and the *sadra*, or shirt—the coat of mail, protecting from the assaults of Ahriman, the evil one—and the *kusti*, or cincture, supposed to be the tie binding over to the tenets and rites of Zoroastrianism, severally represented by its seventy-two interwoven threads, each of which also represents one of the seventy-two Hahs of the Yacna. A most appropriate address, founded much on his own experience as a Parsi convert, was then, in conclusion, delivered by Mr. Dhanjibhai. The congregation was most deeply and solemnly affected throughout, and impressions were left on many of its members which it is hoped will not soon pass away. Shapurji has got a most cordial welcome to the Christian communion, and many prayers are offered up on his behalf. Many who have sown the good seed in this interesting case will rejoice on their reaping together. Let friends at home strengthen us by their supplications of the God of all power and grace.”

At Puna Mr. Beaumont had on the 9th April baptized seven adults.

SANTALS.—Dr. Templeton has had the great joy of baptizing two of the aboriginal race, among whom he chiefly labours. Both the converts are young men in the boarding-school.

LOVEDALE.—The total number on the books in both departments, European and native, amount to 393. The following is an analysis of the roll:—Native boarders, students and pupils, 206; native apprentices, 35; European boarders, 32; day scholars, 33; total, 306. Girls—native boarders, pupils, 51; native boarders, work departments, 10; native boarders, infant school, 12; day scholars, native and European, 14, total, 87. Of the above there are Church members, 58, and candidates, 83.

General Religious Intelligence.

SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

This Synod met in Ottawa in St. Andrew's Church, on the same day as that on which the General Assembly met, and continued in session till the forenoon of Thursday, 11th. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. Patterson, of Hemmingford, the retiring moderator. The Rev. J. Rannie, M.A., of Chatham, succeeded him in the moderator's chair. The reports of the various committees were highly encouraging, and the business of the Synod transacted in a satisfactory way. As with ourselves, the great work of the session was the union question. Without going into all the stages of the discussion, we may state that they were brought, with a gratifying measure of unanimity—the dissents offered being comparatively few—to the same ground as that on which we stand. The remit sent down by the Synod is the same as that which our Assembly sends down; and the Synod adjourned to meet at Toronto in the beginning of November, to receive the reports of Presbyteries, Sessions and Congregations on the basis of union, with accompanying resolutions.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The General Assembly of the Free Church met at Edinburgh on the 21st May, the opening sermon being preached by Rev. Dr. Duff. He was succeeded in the Moderator's chair by Rev. Dr. R. Stewart, of Leghorn. Dr. Rainy was unanimously appointed Principal of the new College. Many supported the claims of Dr. Duff, but ultimately he withdrew his name. The Report of the Foreign Mission Committee was given in by Dr. Duff. It stated that the income was larger than it had ever been before, with the exception of one year, the total home revenue being £19,959, which, with sums contributed abroad, brought up the revenue to £40,250. A missionary from India and one from Africa addressed the Assembly. The total contributions to the Sustentation Fund were £152,112, 8s. 4d., showing an increase over the preceding year of £15,789, 8s. 6d. The patronage question engaged no small share of the attention of the Assembly. A motion by Dr. Rainy, condemning the Government measure with reference to the Established Church, was carried against one by Mr. Nixon by a large majority. A committee was appointed on the subject of union with the Reformed Presbyterian Church, their action being confined to conference simply. A motion favourable to the proposed General Presbyterian Council was adopted, and a Committee appointed to correspond with other committees.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ESTABLISHED CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

This Assembly met at Edinburgh on the 21st May. The Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn was Her Majesty's Commissioner. Rev. Dr. Traill was appointed successor to Dr. Gillan in the Moderator's chair. The question of patronage was the prominent one engaging the attention of the Assembly. The discussion was prolonged. Dr. Cook moved an amendment to Dr. Pirie's motion in favour of the Government measure, seconded by the Earl of Selkirk, but seeing the feeling of the Assembly, subsequently withdrew it.

The motion of Dr. Pirie then passed (Dr. Cook and Lord Selkirk dissenting), and a committee was appointed to consider the instructions to be given to the committee to communicate with Government. Very important modifications in the Government scheme were proposed, one being the admission of female communicants to the exercise of voting in the calling of a minister. The Home Mission Report was given in by Dr. Phin. The income had been £10,649, being an increase of £1152 over the income of the previous year. The committee had voted £3,450 to 85 mission stations. The committee had undertaken to assist in the erection of 23 churches, which would give accommodation to 11,000 people.

MEETING OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

This Synod met in Edinburgh on the 11th May. Rev. Dr. Andrew Thomson succeeded Dr. Joseph Brown in the Moderator's chair. The question of union between the English Presbyterian Church and the branch of the United Presbyterian Church in England, occupied the attention of the Synod and called forth much interest. The result was that a motion against union in the meantime was carried by a majority of 7. The matter of the reorganizing of the Theological Hall was also before the Synod. The scheme contemplated the extending the course over three years, having five Professors with salaries of not less than £500 each, to give themselves entirely to the work of their respective professorships. After discussion, the Report of the Committee was sent down for the consideration of Presbyteries and Sessions, and the Committee reappointed to bring up a matured report at next meeting of Synod. A motion in favour of the disestablishment and disendowment of the Established Churches in England and Scotland was agreed to by acclamation. There was a conference on the present religious movement. There was first a conference in private for two hours, and afterwards the subject was discussed in public. Various members of the Synod spoke, bearing very decided testimony to the genuineness of the work which had been going on in Edinburgh, Glasgow, and other places, and the Synod recommended to Presbyteries to hold daily conference on the subject, and consider the expediency of holding Evangelistic Services in connection with the various congregations. From the Report on General Statistics, it appeared that there were 615 congregations on the roll of the Synod, being an increase of 4; Sabbath School teachers, 10,963; and scholars, 84,754, there being in each case a very decided increase; Bible classes, 735, with 23,000 pupils; 184,033 members in full communion, against 182,810 the previous year; average attendance at public worship, 209,131; there were 123 students enrolled, a decrease of 13; probationers, 61; Elders, 4,952; income for congregational purposes, £244,441, giving an average of £397 to each congregation; missionary and benevolent institutions, £76,287, 0s. 4d.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland met in Belfast on the first Monday of June. The Rev. W. Johnston, who has for two years occupied the Moderator's chair, was succeeded by the Rev. W. Magill of Cork. The business, so far as the reports have reached us, has been transacted in an admirable manner, and the various departments of Church work appear to be in a prosperous and progressive state. The total income of the Church for the past year was £136,149 7s. 11d., being an increase of £10,729 upon the preceding year. The total number of families returned was 78,427; communicants, 109,395. The average

yearly contribution per family was £1 14s. 9d. The Report on the State of Religion was of a hopeful character. Attention was called to the importance of meetings for united prayer, Bible classes, and Evangelistic Services. The report as to the Sustentation Fund was highly encouraging. There are now 561 congregations, being an increase of four during the year; 544 are connected with the Sustentation Fund. The congregational subscriptions amounted to £24,484 14s. 1d., showing an increase of £568 17s. 11d. The thanks of the Assembly were tendered to Prof. Smyth, the convener of the Sustentation Committee. Thos. Sinclair, Esq., who had been previously joint convener, was appointed convener. The report was received, and the recommendations of the committee adopted. From the report of the Foreign Mission Committee, it appeared that the collection had fallen slightly below that of last year. There had, however, been an increase in the number of Christian teachers, communicants and pupils. There had been 154 baptisms in the course of the year. In connection with the report Rev. W. Wells, missionary to India, addressed the Assembly. The Rev. J. Hewitt, who had volunteered for missionary work in India, also addressed the House.

Deputations from the Free Church and the English Presbyterian Church were present, the deputation from the Free Church consisting of the Rev. Prof. Blaikie, Rev. J. Wells, D. Dickson, Esq., and T. McMeeking, Esq., and that from the English Presbyterian Church consisting of Rev. Dr. D. Fraser and Charles Wilson, Esq. The Reports on Evangelization, the Irish mission, the Dublin Mission, and the Connaught Schools were all highly encouraging. We have as yet received only part of the proceedings of Assembly.

SYNOD OF ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

This Synod met this year in Regent Square Church, London. Dr. D. Fraser, of Marylebone, was unanimously chosen Moderator. A new and pleasing feature in connection with the meeting of Synod was the observance of the Lord's Supper, which was succeeded by a prayer meeting. The Report of the Home Mission Committee was highly encouraging. Nine new congregations had been formed during the year. It was proposed that Ministers should engage in Evangelistic Services in particular places for three or four months at a time.—The Report of the Foreign Mission Committee was also highly interesting and encouraging. In connection with the Report several of the missionaries of the Church in China and elsewhere addressed the Synod, giving hopeful details of their work. The report of the Sabbath School showed a very considerable increase since 1872, the increase being 361 teachers, 3,532 scholars, and 104 senior pupils in advanced classes. The College Report was not encouraging. The whole number of theological students was only 11, and at the beginning of the Session of 1873-4, no students presented themselves for examination. The Committee, however, did not see any cause for uneasiness. The Sustentation Fund Report was highly favourable. A stipend of £150 had been paid to each Minister, and it is hoped that soon it will be brought up to £200. It was hoped by many that there would be union between the English Presbyterian Church and the branch of the United Presbyterian Church in England. But this hope has been disappointed in the meantime. The Union Committee was, however, continued. A resolution was adopted with reference to the state of the Established Church, and a special committee was appointed for the purpose of co-operating with other evangelical Nonconformists, with a view to such common action as may be necessary. A most interesting and effective missionary meeting was held, in connection with the synodical meeting, in Exeter Hall.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

This Assembly met this year at St. Louis. The great subject of debate this year was that of the consolidation of a number of their Boards. Hitherto their Church work has been conducted by various Boards, each with secretaries and officers, and each looking for a contribution from the several congregations. Last year it was proposed by some to consolidate the work and to unite under the conduct of one Board several departments of work. A Committee on Consolidation was accordingly appointed. At the late Assembly both a majority and a minority Report were presented, and the subject was discussed at great length. The result was, that with the exception of uniting the Sustentation Committee with the Board of Home Missions, the Boards remain as they were, and the Committee on Benevolence and Finance appointed last year, whose object was to receive all the contributions of the Church, and appropriate them according to the necessities of each object, was discontinued. A Formula, proposed for receiving members into the Church, was considered, but finally postponed indefinitely. The shadow of Ritualism was discovered in the proposed movement, and many were unwilling to give any favour at present to new forms of any kind. There was a long and somewhat excited discussion on the question of women's right to speak and pray at prayer meetings. The Committee on Bills and Overtures recommended that the question which was submitted in an overture from a Presbytery—"Does the Assembly mean to enjoin that in the regular weekly prayer meetings of the Church no woman shall speak or lead in prayer?" should be answered, "Yes, except in emergencies to be decided by pastor or session." But the Assembly ultimately came to the conclusion—"That the Assembly express no opinion as to the Scriptural view of women's right to speak or pray at a social prayer meeting, but commits the whole subject to the discretion of the pastors and elders of the churches." The question of women's preaching was not before the Assembly. The reports of the various Boards on Home and Foreign Missions, &c., were encouraging and interesting. The subject of theological seminaries brought up a troublesome discussion, arising from a proposal not to sanction the appointment of Dr. R. W. Patterson as a Professor in the Seminary at the North-West. This proposal was in consequence of Dr. Patterson's pronounced views in favour of Prof. Swing. The right of veto in regard to the appointment was not, however, exercised by the Assembly. The subject of temperance occupied for some time the attention of the Assembly. Deputies from various Churches, including those from the Free Church of Scotland and from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, addressed the Assembly.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in North America met in Monmouth Ill., on the 27th May. Delegates were appointed to attend the next meeting of the Associate Reformed Synod (South), to confer on co-operation or organic union with that Synod. The receipts for the past year were, for Foreign Missions, \$65,653.48; Home Missions, \$41,111.25; Freedmen's Mission, \$4,032.28; Church Extension, \$22,040.50; Education, \$5,976.14; Ministerial Relief, \$2,999.85; General Assembly, \$2,593.64; total, \$144,407.14. The members of the Church were cautioned against being connected with the newly established order of Patrons of Husbandry, as being a secret society. The right of women to read, speak and pray at religious meetings was recognized. The Assembly passed a resolution in favour of the women's temperance movement.

SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

At the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (South), it was agreed to appoint a committee to confer with a committee of the Presbyterian Church (North), but with the understanding that organic union was not contemplated. The Assembly took action in favour of separate coloured Churches and Presbyteries.

The Assembly is to meet next year in St. Louis.

GENERAL SYNOD OF REFORMED (DUTCH) CHURCH.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church met at Poughkeepsie. The Synod was well attended, and the reports presented indicated general prosperity, the only drawback being that the receipts for Foreign Missions fell considerably below the receipts of former years. The most animated discussion was in reference to the new Liturgy, which has been in course of preparation for the last three years. Ultimately the Liturgy was adopted, and permission given to the churches to use the same at their pleasure, or adhere to their former modes of worship. The negotiations with a view to union with the Presbyterian Church in the United States appear to have been discontinued.

Home Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

CALLS, &c.

It is understood that a call will be given by the congregation of *Erskine Church, Montreal*, to Rev. Wm. Black, of Nashua, N.H., as colleague and successor to Rev. W. Taylor, D.D.; Rev. J. Robertson, of Norwich, is called by the congregation of *Winnipeg*.

Rev. H. D. Steele has resigned the charge of *Ramsay*.

DRESDEN.—On the 14th ult. a new church at Dresden was opened for public worship. The services were conducted by Rev. D. H. Fletcher, of McNab Street, Hamilton.

MADOC.—On the 17th ult. the foundation stone of a new Church was laid in Madoc.

TAY AND MEDONTE.—A neat church has been erected by this congregation capable of accommodating 200 hearers. It is almost ready for being opened. Rev. W. C. Windel, of Cartwright, has consented to be present. The congregation acknowledge their obligations to Mr. Windel and his congregation, as also to friends in Flos and Essa, for liberal assistance in their undertaking. Assistance from other friends will be gratefully received. Mr. Stuart Acheson, student, is labouring very successfully in Tay and Melonte this summer.

REMIT ON UNION.—Copies of the Remit on Union have been sent to every Presbytery Clerk and to every minister, so that the matter may be speedily brought before Presbyteries, sessions, and congregations. Additional copies can be obtained from Rev. W. Reid, Toronto, on application and on remitting postage. Application should be made soon.

CHICAGO.—The congregation in Chicago, under the care of Rev. J. MacLaughlan, lately decided, by a considerable majority, to seek connexion with the Presbytery of Chicago.

STATED COLLECTIONS.—1874-75.

- 1.—Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund—1st Sabbath in August.
- 2.—French Evangelization Fund—4th Sabbath in September.
- 3.—Assembly Fund—not later than 31st October.
- 4.—Colleges Fund—1st Sabbath in December.
- 5.—Home Mission Fund—4th Sabbath in January.
- 6.—Foreign Mission Fund—3rd Sabbath in March.

It will be seen from the above that the first collection for the financial year will be on 1st Sabbath of August in behalf of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers. Formerly the collection was divided equally between the Widows' Fund and the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers. For the present year the collection will be devoted entirely to the latter fund. This change has been made with a view to meet the increasing demands on the fund, and to enable the Church to give if possible a larger allowance than the small sum hitherto given. Every year it may be expected that the number of claims on the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers will be increased; and it is of the utmost importance that the committee may be in a position to meet the case brought before them. The call for a collection, it is hoped, will be promptly and liberally responded to, and the amount remitted to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

Proceedings of Presbyteries.

PRESBYTERY OF MANITOBA. — This Presbytery met at Kildonan on the 13th day of May.

Mr. Matheson reported that two elders had been ordained and inducted for the Portage field, viz: Roderick McLeod, of Portage La Prairie, and James O. Fraser, of High Bluff.

It was agreed, on the report of a deputation appointed to visit this field, to divide it, constituting Burnside and Portage La Prairie a supplemented congregation, and High Bluff, Portage Creek and Poplar Point as a mission field.

On applications made, moderations in calls to ministers were granted to Knox Church, Winnipeg, to Burnside and Portage La Prairie, and to Union Church, White Mud River.

Mr. Frazer was removed from Little Britain and stationed at High Bluff, &c.; Mr. Vincent was stationed at Pembina and Emmerson; Mr. McKillar was sent to Union Church, White Mud River; Mr. Currie to Rockwood, &c.; Mr. D. D. Fraser for July and August, to the Boyne; Little Britain and Park's Creek to be supplied from the College.

Mr. Fraser stated that, as he could not be down at the meeting of the General Assembly, his protest and appeal in the matter of the Registration Act would be viewed as fallen from; he therefore asked and obtained leave to withdraw his protest and appeal.

It was agreed to ask leave of the General Assembly to receive Messrs. Samuel Polson, William Knipe, and — Duncan, as students of theology, to prosecute their studies, under the care of the Presbytery in Manitoba College, according to the plan arranged by the Senate.

An overture signed by Messrs. Black, Robertson, and Prof. Bryce, on continued co-operation with the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, and proposing certain regulations there anent, was read and transmitted to the General Assembly. A. FRAZER, Clerk of Presbytery.

Communications.

THE LATE MR. W. FRASER.

Mr. Fraser, whose death took place at Dundee, 21st February, 1874, had been a resident of Dundee from early infancy, and an elder in the Calvin church at La Guerre for a period of fifteen years.

He was chosen and ordained to this office as a successor to his father, Mr. James Fraser, who had been a ruling elder in this pioneer church from its organization till his death. Of the father it was said, when death had called him to higher service above, the Church has lost an earnest, faithful and efficient officer—the family, the neighbourhood, and the whole community, a true Christian friend. But keen as was the sense of loss in view of his decease—sad as were many hearts at parting with so true and valuable a friend—yet is the loss and its anguish greatly intensified and much more widely felt in the present bereavement—the death of the son. The father died at a good old age; William is called suddenly, while yet in the very strength of his manhood, leaving a stricken widow and ten loving and well-beloved children; leaving also a very large circle of bereaved relatives and a host of warm-hearted friends, all of whom feel to cry out “Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth, for the faithful fail from among the children of men.”

But though dead, “he yet speaketh.” His influence in his own family, and in the Sabbath school and congregation, with which he was joined in active, earnest services, is felt more powerfully than ever now that his place is vacant, and because he was so true, and faithful and consistent in life. No man ever doubted Mr. Fraser’s sincerity or Christian integrity. He not only believed in prayer, but he prayed—not only did he pray himself, but he taught his children to pray. Every Sabbath evening was spent in social prayer and conference at his home. It was a *family prayer meeting*. The writer of this communication has himself joined in this delightful service as led by Mr. Fraser, and he remembers the scene as one of the most impressive and beautiful ever witnessed in his own Christian experience, and his prayer has often been, “Oh, for such parental faithfulness and care in all the homes of this Christian land.” So we believe the deceased was faithful in all the work to which his Lord and Master called him, and was ready therefore for the summons of death, though it came so suddenly and unexpectedly.

May his mantle fall upon his brethren who still bear office in the Church below, and may his bright example lead every member of his household to cherish the same faith and win the same blessed victory in life and in death.—*Com.*

THE LATE REV. DR. JOHNSTON OF LIMEKILNS.

The United Presbyterian Church in Scotland has sustained a serious loss by the death of the Rev. William Johnston, D.D., Limekilns, Fifeshire. He was born at Biggar in the beginning of 1800, and had been nearly 51 years minister at Limekilns, though he received at least four calls to other places. He was possessed of a remarkably clear and vigorous intellect, was highly educated, and singularly conscientious in the discharge of duty. He was one of the earliest and most consistent total abstinents in Scotland. He was attending the late meeting of Synod at Edinburgh, and on Thursday, 14th May, feeling unwell, he retired to his lodgings. In the course of the evening, a friend called and informed him that a piece of business in which he was concerned was coming on. He immediately rose from his bed, went to the Synod House, and under great suffering, delivered an able speech, and moved that the Synod petition Parliament for the abolition of ecclesiastical establishments in England and Scotland; having done so, he returned to his bed, on which he died on Sabbath, 24th May. He thus bore his dying testimony in favour of Voluntaryism, of which he had been always a decided but very moderate and temperate advocate. At his jubilee last year, Dean Stanley paid him no compliment, but spoke the strict and sober truth, when he applied to him the words of the poet:—

“His preaching much, but more his practice wrought,
A living sermon of the truths he taught.”

Notices of Publications.

THE PASTORAL EPISTLES. THE GREEK TEXT AND TRANSLATION: WITH INTRODUCTION, EXPOSITORY NOTES, AND DISSERTATION. By PATRICK FAIRBAIRN, D.D. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. Toronto: Willing & Williamson.

Principal Fairbairn's name and works are too well known to make any recommendation of a book bearing his name at all necessary. The present volume is an admirable one, specially adapted for students of theology and young pastors. By such we doubt not it will be highly valued.

INTRODUCTION TO THE PAULINE EPISTLES. By PATON J. GLOAG, D.D. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. Toronto: Willing & Williamson.

This volume is one of great merit. The introductions to the several epistles are written with great ability, containing excellent summaries of their contents, and furnishing a key to the right understanding and interpretation. For ministers, Sabbath school teachers, and, in short, all who wish to have a correct understanding of the Epistles of Paul, this introduction will prove most useful.

THE CREATION: BEING TWO LECTURES ON THE MOSAIC ACCOUNT OF THE CREATION, AS RECORDED IN GENESIS. By JACOB M. HIRSCHFELDER, Lecturer in Oriental Literature, University College, Toronto. Toronto: Rowsell & Hutchinson.

These two lectures were delivered by Mr. Hirschfelder at the special request of a large number of students, who desired further explanation of this portion of Scripture than could be given in the ordinary lectures. The theory adopted by the author, after a careful and critical examination of the text, is the *natural day* theory, which will appear to most readers most in accordance with the text. This theory is well supported by the lecturer, and we have pleasure in recommending his treatise to all who wish to study the point.

MODERN DOUBT AND CHRISTIAN BELIEF: A SERIES OF APOLOGETIC LECTURES, ADDRESSED TO EARNEST SEEKERS AFTER TRUTH. By Theodore Christlieb, D.D. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. Toronto: Willing & Williamson.

The name of the author of this volume is well known in England as well as on both continents; and it will be generally admitted that scarcely one is better fitted to discuss the subjects of Modern Doubt and Christian Belief. The volume may be regarded as an expansion of the paper read by Dr. Christlieb at the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance in New York last October; and we referred at the time to the deep impression produced by the reading of the paper. The work consists of eight Lectures, discussing such subjects as the Existing Breach between Culture and Christianity, Reason and Revelation, Modern Non-Biblical conceptions of God, Miracles, &c., The principles of Baur and the Tubingen School are reviewed, as well as Strauss and Renan; and Materialism, Pantheism, and Deism are brought to the light of God's Word. Dr. Christlieb's intellect is one of the very keenest; but the work is of a spiritual as well as of an intellectual character, and his aim is evidently to commend the truth to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

We wish the volume a very extensive circulation.

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MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

The following Presbyteries will meet at the places and times severally mentioned, viz:—

- London* At Sarnia, on 2nd Tuesday of July, at 7.30 p.m.
Brockville... At Prescott, on 8th July, at 7.30 p.m., by adjournment. Next ordinary meeting at Prescott, on 3rd Thursday of September.
Ottawa ... At Admaston, on 1st Tuesday of August, at 6 p.m.
Toronto At Toronto, on 1st Tuesday of July, at 11 a.m.
Huron..... At Goderich, on the 1st Tuesday of July, at 11 a.m.
Hamilton... At Hamilton, in Central Church, on 2nd Tuesday of July, at 11 a.m.
Guelph..... Next ordinary meeting at Guelph, in Chalmers' Church, on 2nd Tuesday of July, at 9 a.m.
Paris At Paris, Dumfries Street Church, 2nd Tuesday of July at 1 p.m.
Stratford At Stratford, on 1st Tuesday of July, at 11 a.m.
Owen Sound.. At Owen Sound, on 2nd Tuesday of July, at 10 a.m.
Durham At Durham, on first Tuesday of July, at 11 a.m.
Simcoe At Barrie, on 7th July, at 1 p.m.
Montreal..... At Montreal, in College, on 8th July.
Ontario..... At P. Albert, on 7th July, at 11 a.m.
Chatham..... At Tilbury East, on 7th July, at 11 a.m. Presbyterial visitation of congregation at 2 p.m.
Manitoba..... At Winnipeg, on 8th July, at 10 a.m.