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The Assemblies.

THE "ecclesiastical parliaments" have met and parted; the year's work has been completed and reviewed, and a programme has been mapped out for the year on which we have entered. In Scotland, England, Ireland, in the Northern and Southern States, in far off Australia, in China and Japan, Presbyterian Assemblies have taken counsel together, reviewing the past and arranging hopefully for the future. To a very large extent, the same grand themes have been discussed, the same truths held forth, the same noble Christian aspirations cherished. The substantial and virtual unity of the Presbyterian family has thus anew been demonstrated. Perhaps the most hopeful feature in connection with all the Assemblies, in the old world and in the new, and newer, is the aggressive evangelism which finds expression in missionary organization and effort. We are not able at this moment to name a Presbyterian Church of any visibility that has not its share in mission work in heathen countries, as well as in the more destitute localities at home. The horizon of the Churches is widened. The strong are feeling more and more the claims of the weak; and all acknowledge the binding obligation and supreme importance of the Master's commis-

sion, "Go ye into all the world." As the Christlike missionary spirit increases, the spirit of narrow, deadly sectarianism dies. The tendency is to forget the things that are behind and to press forward to loftier attainments. Of course there are potent forces working in the opposite direction—forces never more active or dangerous than now. The Church of God must never cease to watch and work and pray. Her arms and armour must never be unready, or rust disused. The reports on Christian life and work, on the state of religion and morals, on the progress of missions, laid before all the Assemblies, prove clearly enough that our Churches are neither sleeping nor idly indifferent.

The Assembly at Hamilton was the TWELFTH since that memorable 15th of June, 1875, when, in Montreal, in the presence of many witnesses, the Presbyterian Churches of British America became one. For the second time, the Assembly met in the fair and hospitable city of Hamilton. All who have watched the history of the Church since the Union, will gladly testify that the progress made does not disappoint our most sanguine hopes. How happily the alienations and animosities of a few years ago have vanished! How the bonds of brotherly Christian love have been strengthened! Our Home Missionary progress has been rapid beyond precedent;

and the extension of our operations among the heathen has been very marked. Our colleges are greatly improved in equipment. Our ministers are more adequately supported. Our funds for aged and infirm ministers and widows and orphans are stronger. Indeed, every department of the work of the Church shows steady and healthy growth. As regards the spiritual work of the Church, the progress of vital religion in our congregations, we think we are justified, by the Assembly's report and by the tidings reaching us almost daily, in rendering thanks to the God of all grace for more than usual prosperity.

Our people may well rejoice that the Church is thus fulfilling her glorious mission. She testifies for Christ; she does Christ's work in a world once trodden by His sacred feet and purchased by His blood. And now that we have fairly entered on a new "Assembly year," we may well bear in mind that there is to be no slackening of effort, no slumbering at our post, but rather an increase of zeal, of love, of liberality, of self-sacrifice—a patient continuance in well-doing "till He cometh."

Missionary Cabinet.

FRANCIS XAVIER.

IF, in the meantime, we pass over a number of centuries, it is not because there was a dearth of missionaries in the interval. God has never left Himself without a witness on this earth. From the time of the Apostles until now, in every, even the darkest ages of the Church, there have never been wanting faithful and fearless missionaries who were not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, nor afraid to die for it—men like Adelbert, the first missionary martyr of Prussia, who fell on the 23rd of April, 997, praying for his murderers; and, a hundred years later, the saintly Otto, the apostle of Pomerania; and Francis of Assisi, who converted an army of monks into missionaries, reserving for himself the evangelization of Moslem hosts, and who finished his magnificent course in 1226; and Raymond Lull, the philosopher and philanthropist *par excellence* of his day, who in 1315 was stoned to death by the Moors of Africa in the 80th year of his age. These, and many others that might be named, all witnessed a good

confession, but we cannot speak particularly of them just now.

FRANCIS XAVIER, "the Apostle of the Indies," as he has, though not with strict propriety, been called, was one of the noblest and most gifted missionaries of the sixteenth century. Roman Catholic though he was, we might say, without fear of contradiction, that a more devoted missionary of the Cross never lived. Born of a noble Spanish family at the ancestral castle of Xavière, in Navarre, on the 7th of April, 1506, he was reared in the lap of luxury. His elder brothers were trained to arms, but Francis, the youngest of a large family, was destined for higher service. He early evinced a taste for study, and was sent to the University of Paris at the age of seventeen. He was a brilliant scholar, and it was not long before he made his mark as a distinguished professor of philosophy, whose lectures attracted not only the *élite* of Parisian society but admiring crowds from all parts of the country. While residing in Paris, he made the acquaintance of Ignatius Loyola, the founder of "the Society of Jesus," commonly called the *Jesuits*, a society originally devoted "to the education of youth, the renovation of the Catholic Church, and the conversion of the heathen." Xavier soon came under the spell of Loyola's influence and became fired with his missionary zeal. He joined him in Rome, and assisted him in his enterprise of organizing a band of devoted men for the service of the Church. While thus employed, the King of Portugal made application to the Pope for missionaries to go and preach the Gospel to his distant colonies in India. Xavier had intended going to Palestine, to establish a mission there, but he readily fell in with this new proposal and threw himself into it with all the enthusiasm of his ardent nature. To the remonstrance of his friends, who warned him that he would certainly lose his life if he went to heathen lands, Xavier replied with true magnanimity, "That is an honour to which such a sinner as I am may not aspire; but this I will say, that whatever form of torture or death awaits me, I am ready to suffer it ten thousand times for the salvation of a single soul." In 1541, with solemn consecration to the cause he had espoused, he sailed from Lisbon for Goa, on the west coast of India, in company with the King's

Viceroy, with a fleet of six splendid ships and invested with every honour that could be conferred upon him. A special cabin was by royal orders appropriated to the missionary, but he preferred to sleep on the deck, with a coil of ropes for his pillow, and to live on the coarse mess of the common sailors, that he might win some of them to Christ.

At the age of thirty-six, in May, 1542, he arrived at Goa. He found there a nominal Christian community with upwards of a hundred churches, who, under the name of the "Syro-Christians" of Malabar, traced their origin back to the Apostle St. Thomas. But the ungodly lives of these nominal Christians seemed to Xavier infinitely worse than heathen idolatry. Before attempting to convert the heathen, he must try to reform those who were a disgrace to the name they bore. For five months he addressed himself to them, preaching, teaching the young, and visiting the sick. His zeal and piety won their admiration and accomplished a manifest improvement in the community. But he yearned to commence the work to which he had devoted his life—to rescue the perishing heathen. He was sent by the Government, no doubt for political and commercial reasons, to exercise his influence upon the pearl-fishers of the Comorin coast. He began by translating the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the Ave Maria into the vernacular, then, with bell in hand, he went through the towns and villages and by the temples and bazaars, gathering around him large congregations. Children were especially attracted by his kind words and gentle looks. Though he never mastered any of the languages of the people among whom he laboured, he found his way to their hearts by the loving touch of sympathy. "He could smooth the hard pillow, and make the fevered bed, and soak the sleeve of his surplice in water, and squeeze out a few drops to baptize the dying." A very imperfect missionary work Xavier's was, it must be confessed, but all along he claimed to be only a pioneer, preparing the way for more competent instructors; and it is admitted that, by whatever means he worked, many of his converts shewed signs of genuine conversion, endured persecution and affliction with Christian resignation, and died in the faith of the Gospel. After residing a short time among the fishermen of Cape Comorin he proceed-

ed to Travancore, where he is said to have baptized 10,000 heathen in a single month. Xavier did not claim to work on the lines of baptismal regeneration, indeed he seems to have made too light of the sacred symbol, and was so thoroughly disheartened by the apparent impossibility of making real converts he left that part of the country in despair. He spent some time in Ceylon, where he found 20,000 Syro-Christians and baptized 40,000 natives. Then he went to Malacca and the Chinese Archipelago, where he spent two years and a half preaching as best he could through interpreters and relieving the destitute that came in his way. The letters which he wrote to his friends in Europe at this time shewed how deeply he was grieved by the scenes which he witnessed. But he never lost faith in his mission. Failure at any given point only roused him to renewed efforts in another quarter. When he could do no more in Malacca his attention was turned to Japan through one of his converts, an exile from that country named Anger. Taking him with him, he reached Japan in 1549. At first he met with little encouragement. It did not accord with the genius of the Japanese to pay much attention to one who came to them in the garb of a mendicant. Xavier, however, on seeing the difficulty, proved himself equal to the occasion. Having obtained permission from the Emperor to preach, he arrayed himself in a rich suit, and, attended by an imposing escort, commenced a new crusade, the result being that in a short time he baptized 3000 in Miaco, the capital of the empire. Leaving others to carry on the work which he had begun, he returned to Goa and settled down for a short time as superintendent of the Jesuit missions in India. But he could not rest long. He became possessed with a desire to make known the Gospel to the teeming millions of China. He set out on a voyage of exploration to the Chinese seas. But the project ended disastrously. After vainly attempting to gain footing on the mainland, he was prostrated by fever, and died on the island of Sancian on the 2nd of December, 1552, just ten years after his arrival in India. His body was taken to Goa and buried with great honours. He was only forty-six years old, but his hair was white with constant toil and suffering. His last words were: "In te, Domine, speravi; non confunda, in eternum."

Jesus the Good Shepherd.

JULY 11.

JOHN x: 1-18.

Golden Text, John 10: 11.

THE blind man in the last lesson was ex-communicated because he maintained that Christ in healing him had given evidence of His divine power and authority, ch. 9: 34. This allegory is plainly a continuation of the narrative, its design being to show the difference betwixt a true teacher and a false one, leaving the bigoted Pharisees to decide for themselves to which class they belonged. Vs. 1-3. To appreciate the imagery it must be remembered that a sheepfold in the East was a large enclosure surrounded by a stone wall, with thorn bushes on the top as a protection against wolves and robbers. The sheep, it might be several different flocks, were brought into it in the evening and left in care of the watchman who stood by the entrance all night, while the shepherds retired to their homes. In the morning they returned to the fold, the porter opened the door, and each shepherd separating his own flock, by calling them, lead them out to their several pastures. V. 4. *Putteth forth his own*—in the R. V. *all his own*, intimating the care which the shepherd has for every one of his sheep, John 18: 9. *The sheep follow*—They are not driven, but led out. The proof of discipleship is that we recognize the master's voice and follow in his footsteps, Matt. 7: 24; 1 Pet. 2: 21. V. 5. It is well-known that the sheep would not follow a stranger but instinctively recognized the familiar voice of their own shepherd. V. 6. The Pharisees must have understood the homely imagery, though they did not apply it to themselves. V. 7. *I am the door*—the only way through which both sheep and shepherd must pass into the fold, the church of God, Acts 4: 12. V. 8. *All that came before*—false prophets and teachers who rejected the Messiah and held out some other way of access to God than through Christ. V. 9. *Shall be saved*—the great object of the pastoral office is that men may be saved from their sins. V. 11. The good shepherd feeds his sheep, provides shelter for them, loves them collectively and individually, and will defend them at the risk even of his own life. None knew better than David the qualities of a good shepherd, 1 Sam. 17: 34. *Giveth his life*—Emphasize the *voluntariness* of Christ's atoning death, Matt. 20: 28. For this purpose he came into our world, Matt. 1: 21; 1 Pet. 2: 21. V. 12. *The hireling*—one who serves only for gain; who has no real interest in the welfare of those committed to his care. *The wolf*—the enemy of souls in whatever disguise he assails the Christian, Matt. 7: 15. V. 16. *Other sheep*—the Gentiles, who were also to share in the redemptive work of Christ, Ephes. 2: 14; Rom. 10: 12-13. V. 18. Christ's life was his own. He died on the cross because he *chose* to do his Father's will. There are many "folds," but Christ's people are only one "flock," under one SHEPHERD.

The Death of Lazarus.

JULY 18.

JOHN xi: 1-16.

Golden Text, John 11: 11.

THE time is about three months after our last lesson, and three months before the crucifixion. Christ had made his final departure from Galilee, Luke 9: 51. He had sent out "the seventy," Luke 10: 1, and had returned to Jerusalem, but on account of the repeated attempts of the Jews to kill Him, knowing that His time had not yet come, He had retired to Bethabara beyond Jordan, ch. 10: 40. It is remarkable that John is the only one of the four Evangelists who records the raising of Lazarus, and Luke the only one who records the raising of the widow of Nain's son, ch. 7: 11-15. The raising of Lazarus was our Lord's greatest miracle—always excepting that of his own resurrection. V. 1. *Bethany*—A village on the eastern slope of Mount Olivet, about two miles from Jerusalem; its chief interest for us is its connection with this lesson and as the place from which our Lord ascended up into heaven, Luke 24: 50. It would seem from the incident in Luke 10: 38-42, that Martha was the oldest of the family and head of the household. V. 2. John is careful to distinguish this Mary from the three other Marys mentioned in the Gospels. The anointing which he speaks of is that recorded in Ch. 12: 3—two days before the crucifixion and which was quite distinct from the anointing mentioned in Luke 7: 57, by the "woman which was a sinner." V. 3. *He whom thou lovest is sick*—Those whom Christ loves are not on that account exempted from the trials and troubles of this life; indeed they are taught to expect their full share of them, Heb. 12: 6. V. 4. *Not unto death*—Christ foresaw both the death and the restoration to life, which gave his words a meaning that friends could not understand. *The glory of God*—by this most convincing manifestation of the divine power of Christ, leading many to believe on him as the Messiah. V. 6. *He abode two days*—to test the faith of the sisters and his disciples and also that the miracle might be such as could not be disputed. Vs. 7-8. *Let us go*—from Bethabara to Judea—to certain death as the disciples thought, V. 16. Vs. 9-10. The fear of death did not prevent Christ doing his appointed work, at the proper time. *If a man walk in the night*—without the light of duty shining on his path. *He stumbleth*—makes many mistakes. V. 11. *Steepesth*—death does not end our existence. The awakening out of natural sleep is an emblem of the resurrection, 1 Cor. 15: 20. V. 15. *I am glad*—explained by what follows—to the intent ye may believe. Had he come while Lazarus was living, he might have cured him, or, immediately after his death, he might have recalled him to life. But in neither case would the Saviour's purpose have been accomplished. "God moves in a mysterious way."

The Resurrection of Lazarus.

JULY 25.

JOHN xi: 20-27; 39-44.

Golden Text, John 11: 25.

HOW anxiously the bereaved family at Bethany must have looked for the return of their "Friend" and Master? They could not understand the delay. Leaving Bethabara early in the morning, Jesus might have reached Bethany that evening: it was only some 25 miles. It is clear that the disciples feared violence, vs. 8, 16, but though it was obviously desirable to act with caution, our Lord had other reasons, known only to Himself, for not proceeding so rapidly as the sisters at Bethany expected him to do. Beyond all doubt it was in order to the better display of His glory. At length his coming is announced. The more impulsive Martha goes out to meet Him, while Mary, true to her calmer disposition, betrays no excitement. *If thou hadst been here*—This they had probably said often during these four days. Vs. 22-24. *Even now*—did Martha really believe he would bring back her brother from the dead? It is not likely. But in any case he would comfort them in their sorrow as none other could. *Thy brother shall rise again*—"I believe that," says Martha, who shared in the vague belief of the orthodox Jews in the general resurrection "at the last day"—a doctrine denied by the Sadducees, Acts 23: 8. V. 25. *I am the resurrection and the life*—See ch. 1: 4; 5: 21. Christ claims the sole power to impart, restore, and maintain life, natural and spiritual. V. 26. *Who-soever believeth in me*—Here is the explanation of the otherwise incomprehensible enigma, ch. 6: 40. Eternal life is a present possession, ch. 3: 36. To him that believes there is no death, sh. Catechism 37. *Believest thou?* Matt. 17: 20; Mark 2: 5; Acts 8: 37. Believers in Christ have implicit confidence in his power and resign their wills to his. V. 39. *Take away the stone*—there is something for man to do in the great transaction of imparting spiritual life. He must open the door of his heart. V. 41-42. Jesus did not pray for power to perform this stupendous miracle. He thanked his Father that *all power* was already given him, Matt. 28: 18, and that what he was now about to do was in accordance with his will and that the glory of the Messiah was to be manifested in the presence of unbelieving Jews who might thus be led to recognize his relationship to God. V. 43. *Come forth*—The raising of this man from the dead is all the evidence we need to lead us to believe that at the voice of "the Son of Man," at the last great day, all that are in the graves shall likewise hear his voice and come forth, ch. 5: 28. 1 Thess. 4: 16. Doubts and difficulties we may have, trials and temptations, but faith in Christ will ultimately remove them all. We may not understand *how*, but WE CAN BELIEVE, Mark 9: 23.

Jesus Honoured.

AUGUST 1.

JOHN xii: 1-16.

Golden Text, John 12: 13.

AFTER the raising of Lazarus, Jesus returned to Bethabara where he continued his ministrations; received and blessed little children, Mark 10: 13, and interviewed the rich young ruler, Luke 18: 18-30. Coming to Jericho he cured two blind men and spent a night in the house of Zaccheus, Luke 18: 35; 19: 1-10. V. 2. The supper was in the house of "Simon, the leper," Mark 14: 3—probably a near relative of Lazarus, whom Jesus had cleansed; and this reception might be a joint expression of gratitude to their friend and benefactor. *Martha served*—true to her character, Luke 10: 38-42. Lazarus sat at the table—a distinguished guest. V. 3. *Spikenard*—a refreshing aromatic perfume, especially grateful in that crowded room. Compare Matt. 26: 6-7; Mark 14: 1-11. This anointing was distinct from that in Luke 7: 37. V. 4. Matthew says it was "the disciples" who were indignant at this seeming "waste," 26: 8. John fastens the charge on Judas. He probably suggested the parsimonious idea and the others inconsiderately chimed in with him. Vs. 5, 6. *Three hundred pence*—nominally about \$45, but equal in our day to \$300 or \$400. That would go a long way to relieve the poor! It may be assumed that Mary, who was in good circumstances, was not unmindful of the poor, for those who love Christ the most usually do most for his poor. Mark says that some "murmured." In every church there are some grumblers. Vs. 7, 8. *Let her alone*—The woman had a right to do with her own property what she chose. This was no ordinary occasion; her act had special significance, it was all the anointing his body received, as he had risen when the women went to perform that office for the dead, Mark 16: 1. Vs. 9-11. *Much people*—Many were passing through Bethany on their way to the Passover and would be curious to see both Jesus and Lazarus; some of them, with such evidence before them of Christ's wonderful miracle-working power, would believe and accept Him as the Messiah. V. 12. *The next day*—Sunday, the day after the Jewish Sabbath, on which the paschal lamb was set apart, Exo. 12: 3-6. V. 13. The palm was the emblem of triumph, Lev. 23: 40; Rev. 7: 9. Vs. 14-16. There was no indignity in riding upon an ass. The enthusiasm of the people was short-lived. In a few hours some of them were crying out "Crucify him!" ch. 19: 15. But Jesus attached a deeper meaning to the ovation. He had resolved to enter Jerusalem thus in fulfillment of prophesy, Zech. 9: 9, and because He no longer desired to conceal from the authorities whom He really was and felt Himself to be.

Our Own Church.

The congregation of Orwell Head, Prince Edward Island, has applied to the Presbytery to be received under its care. Hitherto this fine congregation has stood aloof from the United Church.

WOMAN'S WORK.—The Pictou Presbyterian Society has made rapid progress within the year and is still extending its influence. It has eighteen auxiliaries, two branches, and one mission band,—with a membership of over 800.

Arrangements were made by the Presbytery of Truro to celebrate its Centenary on the 2nd August. A narrative is to be prepared, engrossed in the minutes and read in all the pulpits, August 1, and a sermon on the Doctrine and Polity of the Church will be preached. A collection for Home Missions will be taken. Arrangements were made for the ordination and designation of Mr. Macrae, missionary to Trinidad, on Tuesday, July 6, 7.30 p.m.

The Mission Schooner, "Dayspring," left Sydney, N. S. W., on the 3rd April, for the New Hebrides. The Rev. Messrs. Paton and Michelsen were on board, returning to the islands. Besides the usual cargo of stores and mails for the missionaries, the vessel took the materials for a new church to be erected at Erakor for the Rev. J. W. Mackenzie; two Gospels (St. Matthew and St. Mark), in Eromangan, lately printed at Toronto and bound in Sydney; the Gospel of St. Mark in the Baki language for Epi, and a Hymn book. Many friends of the mission were present and accompanied the vessel to the Heads.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of Toronto, and the Rev. Dr. Smellie, Mrs. and Miss Smellie, of Fergus, sailed by the *Sardinian* from Quebec on 11th June.

The Rev. J. David Bowlen of the Church of Scotland, Dresden, is on a visit to Canada, and passed through Montreal a few days ago.

ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

ORDINATIONS.—Mr. J. H. Simpson, 1st June,

and inducted same date to Union Church, Brucefield, *Huron*.

Mr. H. McLean, 1st June, and inducted same date to Calvin Church, *Laguette, Montreal*.

Mr. A. H. Drumm, 25th May, as Missionary to Port Carling, *Barrie*.

Mr. A. Givan, 12th May, as Missionary to L'Amable and York River, *Kingston*.

INDUCTIONS.—Mr. M. McKenzie, 6th May, *Morden, Rock Lake*. Rev. A. B. Macleod, 20th May, *Mount Stewart, P.E.I.*

CALL.—Mr. Robert McIntyre to Nelson and Dundas St., *Hamilton*.

DEMISSIONS.—Mr. R. Rodgers, *Collingwood, Barrie*.

Mr. J. Ferguson, *Vankleek Hill, Glengarry*.

Mr. A. B. Dobson, *Ballinafad, Toronto*.

D. Thomson, *Drummondville, Hamilton*.

LICENSEES.—Messrs. A. H. Drumm and T. Wilson of Presbytery of Barrie; W. Patterson, G. Ballantyne and S. S. Craig of Presbytery of Toronto; Messrs. A. Patterson, A. Givan, R. Gow, A. McAulay, J. A. Grant, N. Campbell, W. Allan, J. McLeod, and R. McKay of Presbytery of Kingston; John McLaren of Presbytery of Ottawa.

NEW CHURCH.

A handsome and commodious new church was dedicated at Lockeport, N. S., on the 30th May. It seats over 300. It cost about \$3,300.

MANITOBA.

The event of the month has been the meeting of the Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. It was a fine gathering; the good people of Winnipeg hospitably entertained the members; the C. P. Railway gave every facility for attendance, and the visibility of Presbyterianism in the Northwest was demonstrated. Rev. J. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions, preached the sermon—a good one—on mission work, especially that among "the Indians." The Synod next delighted to honor, as Moderator for the year, Rev. C. B. Pitblado, the preacher who draws the largest audience of any denomination in the City of Winnipeg. The work of the Synod lasted upwards of three days, and it was hard work at that. Two overtures on Home Mission work, aiming at simplifying the administration and saving expense were forwarded to the General Assembly, as also

an overture on Indian mission work. The State of Religion report introduced by Principal King was an able and useful document. One of the chief features of the Synod was the presence of the veteran Rev. George Flett, Rev. Solomon Tunkasaiyce and his son, elder, Rev. Hugh McKay and his Indian interpreter—all of whom addressed the Synod and sang Indian hymns. They returned especial thanks to the good ladies throughout the Church, who had sent comfortable clothing to the members of their tribes. Rev. D. M. Gordon introduced the report of the Committee on the support of the Theological Chair in Manitoba College. The report was very encouraging though showing the necessity for renewed effort throughout the Synod. The reports of Manitoba College for the year were read and were very encouraging. The Synod is becoming every year more firmly attached to Manitoba College. Much of the time of the Synod was taken up with a request from the 1st Presbyterian Church of Brandon asking for interference to have the site of the 2nd Church fixed at a reasonable distance from the 1st Church. Considerable difficulty arises from the 2nd Church having already purchased its new building. One of the melancholy duties of the Synod was the obituary notice of Rev. M. Livingstone of Broadview, whose sad death was mentioned in the RECORD. Rev. C. B. Pitblado leaves for the old country this month. The enlarged building of Selkirk Hall was opened lately. Port Arthur has called Rev. J. Pringle of Kildonan.

Ecclesiastical News.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States met at Minneapolis on the 20th May. Rev. D. C. Marquis, D. D., Professor in Chicago, was elected Moderator, in succession to Dr. Craven of Newark. The Assembly represents 6,093 churches, 5,474 ministers and 644,025 communicants. Taking it that each communicant represents five adherents, the spiritual interests of not fewer than 3,000,000 of people are under this Assembly's oversight.

The entire receipts of all the Boards for 1885-6 were \$1,931,811—an increase of \$202,173 over last year. The Boards have still an aggregate debt of \$134,074, although it is less than at the same period in 1885.

The most interesting matter that came before the Court, perhaps, was the arrangement

for the Centennial of the meeting of the first General Assembly in the United States. It is to take place in Philadelphia in 1888,—the second Thursday of its meeting to be set apart as a day of thanksgiving and rejoicing. Reports of the different operations of the Church covering the century are to be prepared, and it is proposed to raise a thanksgiving fund of \$5,000,000 to be distributed among the several funds of the Church.

It is proposed to establish a Synod of New England, composed of the seventy-two Presbyterian ministers who inhabit that region. There have been Synods in New England before. One met in Cambridge, Mass., in 1643, at the same time that the Westminster Assembly was in Session. The Presbyterian Church, South, met also on May 20th in its annual Assembly. It embraces 1,993 churches, 1,079 ministers, and 131,258 communicants and, say, about 630,000 adherents. It is asked to join with the Northern Assembly in observing the Centennial.

The United Presbyterian Church assembled at Hamilton, Ohio, on May 26th. It has 868 churches, 737 ministers and 88,871 communicants—a number which represents about 490,000 souls. After a long debate, the long vexed question, as to the introduction of instrumental music into the services of the sanctuary, was settled. Organs are to be allowed. A pure Psalmody—no hymns, and no instruments,—has been the leading characteristic of the Church up till now.

The Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church has been in negotiation on union with the Methodist Protestant Church. A joint committee reported very favourably, the Methodist section expressing readiness to accept the whole Confession of the Presbyterian body with the exception of the paragraph, "On the Preservation of the Saints," which would need to be omitted or explained. As no decisive action by the Methodist Church can be taken before their General Conference, two years hence, the Assembly resolved to leave the question for further discussion next year.

A Congress of Churches has been held at Cleveland, Ohio. It was not largely attended.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England continued its Committee on the relation of the Church to the Confession of Faith and directed it to continue the preparation of Compendium of Doctrine. Its Foreign Missions are prospering and the work at home is making very healthy progress.

Women's Board of Foreign Missions in connection with the Presbyterian Church (North), raised last year \$224,000. This shows how well it is to draw out the liberality and active efforts of the women of the Church.

The Australian Assembly and the Australian communities are agitating against the proposed protectorate of the New Hebrides by the French. The leading branches of the

Presbyterian Church in Australia have formed a Federal Union. They are to celebrate their Jubilee next year.

SCOTLAND: *The Assemblies.*—The Established Assembly opened with its usual *éclat*, save for the weather, which, being unfavourable, affected the fine appearance of the equipages. Lord Thurlow, Deputy Lieutenant of the Counties of Elgin, Nairn, Stirling and Suffolk, acted as Lord High Commissioner. Prof. Mitchell preached an excellent and carefully composed discourse, and having opened the Assembly, nominated Dr. Cunningham, of Crieff, as Moderator for the year. One objection was raised by the Rev. Mr. Cooper, of Aberdeen, but no counter motion was proposed. In the Free Church Assembly, the sermon was delivered by Principal Brown, who proposed the Rev. and Venerable Dr. A. N. Somerville, as his successor—a name connected with Evangelistic work of the most valuable kind ever since the days of McCheyne, whose fellow labourer he was. His subject was the Evangelization of the world, concerning whose religious condition he presented most valuable and reliable statistics, advising co-operation and the appointment of deputations to stimulate and cheer missionaries in their fields of labour. The principal subject of discussion in the Free Assembly this year has been the question of Disestablishment. On this point there were several overtures from Synods and Presbyteries, and on Tuesday, when the discussion began, there were no fewer than eight motions: those opposing Disestablishment being very much divided as to their methods, while Dr. Rainy's party was one. This was the business for the day. The Hall was well filled but not crowded to overflowing, as on many other occasions, the public being content with the "threshing out" to which the question has already been subjected, and feeling assured, no doubt, as to the probable issue of debate. Principal Rainy's motion signified objection to Mr. Findlay's Bill as a final settlement of the difficulty, and contentment with the decisions of previous Assemblies, that "Disestablishment is the only cure." This motion was carried by 450 to 99, giving the Principal a majority of 351 votes. The Report of the Home Mission in the Established Assembly is exceedingly encouraging, and the Endowment Committee report the erection of 100 parishes within ten years. Since the commencement of this undertaking by the late Principal Robertson, there have been in all 350 parishes erected, being at the rate of nine each year. A legacy of \$150,000 has been left by Miss Paton, for the support of aged and infirm ministers, as well as to give a year's rest to ministers in infirm health. The assembly received it thankfully. The Assembly regards this year as "restful." Even Dr. Story, being called to the clerk's chair, has become a man of peace, fraternizing with Dr. Phinn, his ancient antagonist. Professor Charteris submitted an

excellent report on "Christian Life and Work," in which the subject of "free seats" in churches, obtained chief prominence. In this matter, it is no disparagement to say that the churches in the United States and in Canada, are a very long way ahead. The child has outrun the parent. In the discussion on the state of religion in the Free Assembly, mention is made of frequent revivals in many places, and as has been already mentioned, in the west end of Glasgow, where 180 young women and 120 young men have formed themselves into a Christian Union for Evangelistic purposes. We hail this as a happy omen. The U. P. Synod was opened by Dr. Hutton, of Paisley, in room of Dr. Aikman, deceased. The theme of the discourse, from John 18: 37, and ch. 6. 15. was the Headship of Christ over the Church, one point strongly insisted on, that the "Union of Church and State is inimical to the whole genius of the New Testament." Professor Duff was duly elected Moderator. He also touched the Church question, maintaining that the present Establishment "is a violation of civil and religious rights." \$50,000 have been bequeathed by the late Mr. Arres, Huntly Hall, Nairn, for the general purposes of the U. P. Church, while the refusal of the Duke of Hamilton, to grant a site to that body for a church in the Isle of Arran, is causing a great deal of comment. From the Free Church Reports, we rejoice to know that the income for Foreign Missions this year amounts to £97,000 or \$485,000, the largest contribution received in any one year for that object, whilst the Sustentation Fund has had a slight increase of \$635, and that notwithstanding the very great depression in trade. Over the whole schemes of the Church there is a deficit of \$10,000. The receipts of the U. P. Church for Foreign Missions during the past year amounted to £39,673 or about \$195,365, placing her, according to Dr. Andrew Thomson's statement, in the front of the other churches in this respect. The Established Church mourns the death of Principals Tulloch and Pirrie, Dr. Smith of Kirknewton—the U. P. Church of its Moderator, Dr. Aikman, and the Free of Drs. McLauchlan, Kennedy, and several other notables. In St. Giles' Cathedral, Dr. Cumming, Rio Janeiro, has caused a tablet to be erected to the memory of honest Jenny Geddes, just where such a tablet was very much needed. The inscription reads as follows: "Constant oral tradition affirms that near this spot, a brave Scotch-woman, Janet Geddes, on the 23rd July, 1637, struck the first blow in the great struggle for freedom of conscience, which, after the conflict of half a century, ended in the establishment of civil and religious liberty." We were delighted to have a surprise visit from the Rev. Mr. McCaul, late of Stanley Street Church, Montreal. There is no fear of the interests of the French Evangelization suffering at the hands of this active and most indefatigable agent; a worthy successor to Mr. McGillivray. Mr. Quarries

sends to-day 100 girls to Canada. The farewell service was most interesting and impressive. The Lord has been sending great blessings upon these homes.
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Obituary.

JOHN GRAY, father of the Rev. James M. Gray, Stirling, Ont., died of pneumonia, at Kingston, on the 18th of May, aged 81 years. Deceased, with his wife who survives him, came to this country in 1840, from Co. Armagh, and settled in Kingston, where his pure and blameless life of nearly half a century gained for him the love and respect of many friends, not only in Old St. Andrew's, but among the citizens generally.

On the 27th of April last, Mrs. Wilson died at the home of her son in the 8th con. of Camden. She was a native of Armagh, Ireland, and was born in the year 1783, and at the time of her death was 102 years and 6 months old. She was a strict Presbyterian. Her husband who died some 35 years ago was the founder of Presbyterianism in Camden, and was the first elder ordained in the eighth con. Church. There are seven children alive, forty-two grandchildren and seven great grand children. Six of her great grandsons were her pall-bearers. Mrs. Wilson maintained all her faculties to the last, only that latterly she was quite deaf. Thoroughly prepared for her end, she went down into the grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in his season.

The remarkable statement is made that the converts last year in Japan equalled the total number of converts during the first 20 years' missionary work in that empire.

If it is never too late to repent of evil, it is also never too early to guard against it: One evil temptation withstood gives far greater power over the tempter, than ten confessed and sorrowed over.—

It is from the "many littles" of the whole membership of the Church that her permanent revenue must be expected. This is the experience of all the churches. Large donations and bequests are of very great value; but their comparative fewness makes it unwise and unsafe for the Church to count upon them. Giving is a means of grace and an act of worship, and all should have an opportunity of serving the Lord with their gifts, however small.

The Twelfth General Assembly.

FIRST DAY.

THE Twelfth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church met in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, on Wednesday, June 9, at 7.30 p. m. The opening services were conducted by the retiring Moderator, Rev. Principal MacKnight, Halifax. Dr. MacKnight preached an eloquent and appropriate discourse from Matthew 13:52: "Things new and old." After the Assembly was constituted Dr. MacKnight referred briefly to the removal by death of Dr. MacGregor, Dr. Ross, Rev. J. W. Macleod of Trinidad, and others who had been called away during the year, and drew from the facts an appropriate lesson. He called for the election of his successor in the Moderator's Chair. Rev. Robert Campbell moved and Rev. S. Lyle seconded Rev. JAMES K. SMITH. Mr. Smith was elected by acclamation, and on taking the Moderator's chair briefly addressed the Assembly. After thanking the Assembly for the honour conferred on him, he said:— I think in entering upon the work of this Assembly we may feel greatly encouraged. Other churches in this land and other lands have been holding their annual convocations. They have had their difficulties. They have had troubles; have found cause for discouragement and difficulty; but so far as I have read in the newspapers accounts of these conferences and convocations the general tone prevailing in them has been one of hope and great courage. They have found their borders enlarging, they have found that God has blessed them in their churches and they have felt inspired to go forward because of the encouragement given them; and we ought to take encouragement from that, for the Churches are really one and there are brethren of ours not only in our own denomination but in other denominations as well. I am sure we really feel encouraged if we look back to the past and think of the way God has led us from the earliest days onward until the separate Presbyterian bodies, one after another, came happily together, forming our present united and prosperous Church: until we who have followed the lines of this movement and have been privileged to take some helpful part therein now find scarcely a trace of difference. We have reason to feel encouraged when we see our work go on with beautiful harmony. When we look at the various works in which our church is engaged, our colleges growing stronger, and doing noble work, our missions at home and abroad so greatly prospering, and efforts made to deal with difficulties so near us, we may well lift our hearts to God at the very beginning of our service in thanks to that great Head of the Church, who has brought us hitherto in our labours, and who will not fail us in the time that is to come. We all like work, and we are all set by our Master

some work of our own, and we have, I believe, as noble a field of Christian work as any Church ever had. In all our mission fields there is work yet to be done, and there are other fields yet to be entered. Our colleges having done such good work, can go forward, and I trust they will be brought forward, to do even better work than ever before. Looking about us at home, there are some things that loudly call for earnest work. I am a little afraid our family life is not just as full of fine feeling as existed in times past, and as we might wish; and it is to be earnestly coveted that the religion of our families may become more deep, and religious feeling more pervade the homes; for the home, the family, is the foundation of the Church and of society. If the family loses its hold of the truth and of Christ, I am afraid for our Churches; I am afraid for our land; we want deep-toned piety and warm-hearted Christian sympathy in our homes. I would speak also of our young men. I have found the greatest difficulty in connection with young men of my own congregation; a difficulty of gathering them round the church and getting them interested in the work of the church. I believe that difficulty is a general one, and we ought to look into it and take the very best means we can to assist in bringing our young men within the means of consecration, and to secure their interest in all church work and in all Christian labour in our land. And, moreover, you will pardon me if I say it, the churches themselves need a little more of the earnest life and high Christian tone that makes a church so powerful for good, first, because it is so full of life, because brethren in it are so full of interest in their work that they draw others. I think we have something to do in the direction of deepening and strengthening the church life of our home congregations. There is now a church-going population in our cities and towns, and in rural parts as well, whom we have not yet reached and for whom there is much yet to be done. While I have nothing to say about those who have gone on separate lines from our churches, and are working in particular ways among what they call "the neglected masses" in cities and towns; while I pronounce no judgment upon them—certainly not one of condemnation—I am sure of this, the Church of Christ is Christ's own institution for this work, and if we take up the work as we ought, and go down into the lanes and by-ways, and into the lowest haunts of our cities and towns with our Christian righteousness to do these people good, we shall succeed. I am fully persuaded that there has been somewhat of a tendency on the part of the churches to rise above this work and to lose their hold of it, and I believe that one of the things to our hand at this moment in the providence of God is, as best we can, in practical ways, to urge upon our congregations to take up the cause of those who have been neglected, to bring them to the house of God, to carry their

children to our Sabbath Schools, and to find places for them in the hearts of God's people. There is a great work in this direction even in our own Canada, and I have no faith in any other power than that Gospel we heard of in the sermon to-night, no faith in anything but the Gospel of the living and merciful Christ.

Answers to the Loyal Addresses to the Queen and Governor General were read. Dr. MacKnight laid on the table correspondence between Rev. Dr. McKay, Formosa, and the Chinese Government, relative to destruction by mobs. The result of the correspondence, he explained, was that Mr. McKay succeeded in securing \$10,000 as reparation for the damage done. The correspondence showed on the part of Mr. McKay a great deal of painstaking and sagacity, and great diplomatic skill. It was already known that Mr. McKay had made good use of money, having already rebuilt better churches than before, but fewer. Of course he did not mean to say Mr. McKay got more than he was entitled to.

The thanks of the Assembly were tendered to Dr. MacKnight for his admirable sermon and for his conduct as Moderator.

HOURS OF MEETING.

The Assembly agreed to meet as follows: from 10 to 12; from 2 to 6, and from 7.30 to 10.

Second Day.

THE Assembly met at 11 o'clock and devoted the morning session to praise, prayer and reading of the Scriptures. The Moderator was authorised to take all necessary steps relative to the bequest of the late Andrew Morrison.

RETIREMENT OF MINISTERS.

Application for leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry was made on behalf of Dr. McCulloch, Duncan Anderson, Wm. M. Christie, Geo. Jamieson, Dr. Bain, Samuel Porter, Robert Stevenson, John McNabb and Peter Currie.

APPLYING FOR RECEPTION.

The following applications from Presbyteries for the reception of ministers was read:—From Halifax, respecting Rev. W. E. Archibald, B. D., of the United States, with a favourable recommendation; from Prince Edward Island, respecting Rev. A. A. Mackenzie, A. B., B. S., a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland, with a favourable recommendation; also respecting Rev. G. L. Howie, whose application was before the Assembly last year, and who was given work in the Home Mission field, it being understood that his application might be renewed, with a favourable recommendation; from Quebec, respecting Rev. Geo. Maxwell, of the Evangelical Union of Scotland, with a favourable recommendation; also respecting Rev. D.

Mackay, with a favourable recommendation; from Ottawa, respecting Rev. J. H. George, B. A., of the Methodist Church of Canada, with a favourable recommendation; from Toronto, respecting Rev. Joseph Wall, a graduate of Nottingham College, England, hitherto connected with Congregational Churches, with a favourable recommendation; also respecting Rev. Wm. Whitfield, M. A., a minister of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, with a favourable recommendation; also respecting Rev. Herbert C. Ross, minister of the Canada Methodist Church, with a favourable recommendation; from Saugceer Presbytery, respecting Rev. Wm. E. D'Argent, of the American Presbyterian Church, with a favourable recommendation; from Hamilton, respecting Rev. J. A. Bloodsworth, of the Methodist Church, with a favourable recommendation; from Chatham, respecting Rev. Thos. Patchell, of the Methodist Church, with a favourable recommendation; from Huron Presbytery, respecting Rev. Thos. E. Calvert, of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

Presbyteries also applied for leave to license students, etc.

INVITATION.

The ladies of McNabb Street Church invited the members of Assembly to a garden concert at Highfield.

TERM SERVICE IN THE ELDERSHIP.

An overture on this subject transmitted by the Synod of Hamilton and London was supported by Rev. S. Lyle, Hamilton. He advocates the advisability of establishing a term service of not more than five years. A number of elders took part in the discussion, after which the overture was dismissed.

MARRIAGE QUESTION.

This question, left over from last Assembly, was taken up, and on motion, of Principal Caven it was resolved: "That a committee be appointed to prepare a report in accordance with the views expressed on this subject by the majority of the Presbyteries of the Church, to be submitted to the Assembly at an early sederunt." A committee consisting of Principals McKnight and Caven, Professors Scrimger and Campbell was appointed to report on Saturday.

THE HYMNAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. W. B. McMURRICH presented the report of the Hymnal Committee. The report showed that a tonic-solfa of the Church Hymnal had been published at 70 cents a copy, which was a price a good deal lower than expected, but the sale was low, consequently there was little encouragement to publish a tonic-solfa edition of the Sunday School hymnal. The committee had made a contract with Mr. C. Blackett Robinson to publish the hymnal, the plates being the property of the committee. The committee had a balance from last year of

\$1,199.63; receipts for the year, \$5,172.19. There was a balance this year over expenditure of \$439.70.

The report was, on motion, received and adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

REV. G. BRUCE, St. John, on behalf of the Eastern Section, presented the report of the year's work, and briefly summarized the report. During the year seventy-five labourers were employed by the Committee, of these, twenty-seven were regular preachers, seventeen being ordained ministers and ten licentiates. Forty-eight were catechists; of whom thirty-eight were theological students, eight arts students, and two young men recommended by Presbyteries as possessing gifts and graces, which qualified them for successful Mission work. This is the largest number ever engaged in work under the direction of the Committee.

The Presbytery of St. John has eleven ordained Missionaries in Mission fields, doing very good work in organizing and consolidating numerous Stations. The Stations guarantee \$500 salary, the Women's Home Missionary Society, St. John, \$50 additional, and the balance is promised by the Committee. The report speaks highly of the labours of Catechists. Dr. McRae, till lately the energetic convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee writes:—"The Presbytery of St. John may be roughly compared, territorially, to a huge letter L, extending some two hundred miles from the Grand Falls on the north to the Bay of Fundy on the south, and from the River St. Croix, separating the Province from the United States on the west to the Straits of Northumberland on the east. At more than one point, it stretches out a helping hand to groups of people who reside beyond the border-line in the State of Maine. Over this vast territory, at some ninety stations, preaching and pastoral work was done during the summer of 1885 by nineteen young men, for periods varying from four to six months. During the past year, five churches were erected averaging about three hundred sittings each.

In Newfoundland little can be done outside St. John's city and Harbor Grace:

FINANCES.

Balance on hand May 1st, 1885.....	\$ 400 00
Receipts for the year.....	4,350 54
	4,750 54
Expenditure.....	4,718 49

Balance on hand May, 1886..... \$ 32 05

In 1884-5 the receipts were \$5,055.93, or \$705.39 more than last year. This decrease may be accounted for by the special effort made on behalf of the Augmentation Fund. As the expenditure for 1886-7 will necessarily be greater than in the past, the Committee hope that the contributions will be more liberal.

AUGMENTATION.

Rev. E. D. Millar presented the report of the Supplementing or Augmentation Committee. The supplemented charges had increased their contributions by \$836. The congregations in the Synod of the Maritime Provinces had given response to the special appeal of the committee, and the sum of \$8,859 had been collected from the eleven presbyteries, being almost the amount called for, several congregations contributing even more than asked of them. The total receipts for the year, including balance over from last year, was \$13,595; the total payments for the year, including small sums for expenses, were \$8,855. The total of the supplemented congregations is 45. The work done would not have been accomplished but for hearty co-operation of the Synod, presbyteries, and the Board. There was every prospect that this, instead of being the result of mere spasmodic effort, was the ground that had been permanently taken. A second question they had asked was, Would they be able, from year to year, to keep up contributions? Their experience had shown that they would. In some cases it was found that an increased sum voted for one fund caused other funds to suffer, but he was happy to say that in the majority of cases the increased effort of the augmentation fund had not injured any of the other funds. In regard to the future he wanted to say a few words. It should be the care of the Augmentation Committee to elevate those congregations, which could not raise \$750 per year, and a manse up to that amount. He would say a word in respect to the real practical results. The effort had greatly increased ministerial comfort. This should be a cause of great thankfulness to God. In that connection he believed that the effort which had been made had resulted in greatly strengthening the permanency of the pastoral office, and this had brought about a greater increased ministerial efficiency, followed by great spiritual blessing. Those who had given had been blessed, as well as those congregations which had received. He believed that this Church owed a special debt to the Con- vener. Rev. Mr. McCurdy of New Glasgow, for the skill and patience which had characterised his work. He also added his simple word of regret at their loss of the Rev. Dr. McGregor.

WESTERN SECTION.

Rev. Dr. Cochrane presented the Report of the Western Section. The Committee have cause to regret that the Augmentation Fund has again come short of the demands made upon it, and of the expectations indulged in at the last Assembly. Instead of the deficit of last year being cancelled, there is a deficit for the present year of \$5,651.98.

While the contributions to Home Missions have been more than sufficient to meet the expenditure of the year, it is worthy of notice that but for the generous aid rendered by the

Church of Scotland, the Free Church of Scotland, the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, and the Divinity students of the United Presbyterian Church, the receipts would have been far less than what they are. The Committee, on entering upon the new field of missions in British Columbia, will require increased liberality on the part of the friends of Home Missions, if they are to occupy the many fields that are calling upon them for Gospel ordinances.

NORTH-WEST MISSION WORK.

The report of the mission work in the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories stated that when the report of 1884-5 was written, the whole country was excited over the rebellion. Among the volunteers were a large number of Presbyterians, and a number of Presbyterian ministers accompanied the different regiments to the front. The congregations and missionaries in a number of places suffered a good deal, but are now recovering from the effects of war and siege. The rebellion interfered a good deal with immigration.

THE CENSUS RETURNS.

The census returns for the North-West Territories have been recently issued, and every person has been disappointed in the result. They are for the three provisional districts of Assiniboia, Alberta and Saskatchewan, or, in other words, that part of the North-West Territories lying south of the North Saskatchewan. As to their religion, the inhabitants are classified:—Baptists, 778; Roman Catholics, 9,301; Anglicans, 9,976; Congregationalists, 145; Lutherans, 209; Methodists, 6,910; Presbyterians, 7,712. There are said to be 641 without any religion, and 7,893 Pagans. The religious belief of 4,464 is not given. In origin there are said to be:—Indians, 20,170; Halfbreeds, 4,848 (of whom 3,387 are French Halfbreeds); English, 8,397; French, 1,520; Germans, 427; Irish, 5,285; and Scotch, 6,788. Subtracting the Indian population, 20,170, from the total population, 48,362, we get 28,192 as the white and halfbreed population. Subtracting still further the 4,848 halfbreeds, we have 33,344 as the white population. The Presbyterians numbering 7,812, and having not more than 275 Indians connected with our missions in the Territories, it will be seen that about 32 per cent of the white population are connected with our Church, although nothing is said about the 4,464 whose religion is not reported. Our calculations for years were about one-third for the Territories and 40 per cent. for Manitoba, and the census reveals the fact that the estimate was very close for the Territories. There are said to be sixty-six churches in all, and of these fifteen belong to the Roman Catholics, nineteen to the Anglicans, eleven to the Methodists, eighteen to the Presbyterians, and three are not classified. The enumeration in the case of our churches is not accurate. When the census was taken we had at least twenty-three

churches, and now we have thirty-three and eight manse, including the two manse of Indian missionaries. Considering the short time since our work began in the Territories our position is full of promise.

GRANTS FOR NEXT YEAR'S WORK.

At the last meeting of the Home Mission Committee, an estimate of the amounts required for the several fields was submitted, and after careful consideration the following resolutions were adopted:—

1. That the liability of the Committee for mission work in the Synod of Manitoba and the North-west for the year beginning 1st April, 1886, be limited to a sum not exceeding \$21,000, viz., \$19,000 for services of missionaries and \$2,000 for travelling and all other expenses.

2. That the amounts asked for the respective fields be granted, the rate per annum to be calculated at so much per Sabbath.

3. That the Home Mission money to be paid for services in mission fields shall not exceed the grant per Sabbath now made to the field where the service is rendered.

4. That of the \$19,000 above referred to, the amount to be drawn by the Synod for services in the respective Presbyteries will not exceed the following:—Winnipeg, \$2,500; Rock Lake, \$2,350; Brandon, \$5,750; Regina, \$8,400—\$19,000.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A letter from Victoria, B.C., stated that the ministers of the Presbytery of British Columbia in connection with the Church of Scotland were unable to meet as a Presbytery, and several ministers of the Church met with a delegate from the Presbytery Church in Canada in March. They agreed that the general interests of Presbyterianism would be advanced by the union of all their congregations with the Canadian Church. They were, however, not yet prepared as a Presbytery to enter into union, but recommended those congregations desirous of union to connect themselves with the Presbytery that may be erected in the Canadian Church.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The financial statement of the Home Mission Fund for 1885-6 showed that the year was commenced with a balance on hand of \$7,260. There was a balance of \$2,706 at the end of the year. Sabbath School contributions for the year amount to \$1,973. Since the above financial statement for the year ending 31st March was made up, the sum of \$5,739.65 has been received from the Divinity Students' Missionary Association of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

STIPEND AUGMENTATION FUND.

The financial statement of the Stipend Augmentation Fund for 1885-86 showed that there was a balance of \$738 at the beginning of the year. At the end of the year there was a balance of \$348 on hand.

Sabbath School contributions for the year amount to \$141.65.

SUMMARY.

Total contributions for Home Missions and Augmentation for the year 1885-86:—

For Home Missions.....	\$32,266 69
For Augmentation.....	23,961 71
From Missionary Associations, Montreal, Queen's, Knox, Manitoba, and Montreal Woman's Association.....	5,641 00
From Lumbermen's Mission.....	579 33

\$62,448 73

Dr. Cochrane explained the salient points of the Report. The financial position of the Augmentation Fund is not satisfactory. Some congregations give nothing to the Fund who are well able to give largely.

Rev. W. S. Ball moved the reception of the report in an earnest and stirring speech. In reply to Dr. Caven, Dr. Cochrane expressed dubiety as to the wisdom of having a separate Fund.

On motion of Dr. McKnight seconded by Dr. Bryce it was resolved to refer to the H. M. Boards the question of increasing the payments made to Home Missions. On motion of the Rev. D. M. Gordon it was resolved to erect the "Presbytery of Columbia" to include our Ministers and Congregations in British Columbia and be connected with the Synod of Manitoba.

Third Day.

AFTER the usual preliminaries, the Assembly took up the overtures from Manitoba with regard to the administration of Home Mission work there. After discussion, the whole matter was referred to the Home Mission Committee (Western Section) with the addition of six members named by the Moderator.

The COLLEGES were reported upon in the afternoon, beginning with the

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, Halifax, Dr. Burns, Chairman of the Board of Management, reported 19 students, 7 of whom graduated, 6 have gone into Home Mission work, and 1 has been accepted for the *Foreign field*. The Senate of Dalhousie College, following the example set by McGill College, Montreal, and University College, Toronto, have arranged for the admission of some of our classes as options for the students of the third and fourth years in Arts. The subjects thus admitted are, for the third year, Hebrew and New Testament Greek; and for the fourth year, Hebrew, New Testament Greek, and Christian Evidences. The advantage of this arrangement is to make it practicable for a student to graduate in Arts, and yet complete his course for the ministry, in six years in place of seven. Half of the work of the junior year in Theology can be combined with work of the third year in Arts, and the other half of the work of the junior year with the work of the fourth year in Arts. This interlacing of the two departments of college work has been tested by the experience of many years elsewhere, and has yielded satis-

factory results. It is hoped that similar benefit will arise from the adoption of it here." Respecting finances the report states:—"The entire receipts from all sources for the year have been \$9,050, as against \$8,843; the disbursements have reached \$10,861, as against \$9,987 the previous year. Some extra outlays on the building, etc., have increased our debit account. The shortcoming is mainly owing to a diminution in the congregational collections, the difficulty felt in making reliable and remunerative investments, and the decreased rate of interest yielded. Congregations to the number of 109 contributed during the past year \$1,987, being \$200 less than the year before, which in turn was \$80 behind 1884, and that again \$215 behind 1883, from which latter year the congregations contributing have decreased by seventeen, and the contributions by \$495. The falling off may, in part, perhaps, be accounted for by the financial stringency and the prominence given of late to other important schemes. It is not right, however, that so large a proportion of the 170 congregations in the Maritime Synod should not contribute anything to the College Fund. It is to be remembered that our able and accomplished theological professors receive but \$5,250 therefrom, and that we have been responsible besides for three arts professors in Dalhousie. Our responsibility for one of the latter ceases with the present year. This will decrease the outlay by \$1,500 a year, so that if all our congregations and mission stations make even a moderate collection, we shall be able henceforward not only to make our receipts meet our expenditure, but with a little extra effort, wipe out our present indebtedness. A gymnasium has been established with advantage to the students. The report was received and approved. The Board of Examiners was combined with the Senate.

MORRIS COLLEGE.

Rev. Mr. Dewey, of Quebec, presented the report. In the theological classes were two students ready to enter the ministry, in the arts 20 students, 7 of whom professed to have the ministry in view. A new feature of the arts classes was the presence of several young women. Hitherto very slight facilities had been given in Quebec for the higher education of Protestant women within their own church, so that the importance of this work could hardly be overstated. The financial statement showed receipts of \$3,959 including the Government grant. The expenditures were kept within that sum, there being a balance of \$151. It was found difficult to get men to go from the West to take part in the work in Quebec Presbytery where there was great need of workers and great good to be done. He moved that the report be adopted, and the Assembly recommend the congregations of Quebec Presbytery to contribute to the support of the college. This resolution was carried.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

Rev. R. H. Warden reported that notwithstanding the drawback of small-pox in the city the attendance was larger than ever before. It was interesting to know that one-third of the ministers in the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa were graduates of this College, besides which they had many other representatives in the North-west and one in British Columbia. The receipts of the year were about \$200 short of the amount of the ordinary fund, being the last of a serious of deficits which amounted at the end of the year to over \$1,300. At a meeting of the Board a few weeks ago a committee was appointed to visit the friends to raise money to pay off this deficit, and up to last Monday about \$750 had been collected. In view of the probable lack of funds under ordinary circumstances, the Board had made special arrangements through which, it was hoped, more than enough money would be collected to meet the current expenses of the present year. He referred to the establishment of the new scholarship, and said that the board had established a rule and adhered rigidly to it, positively refusing to give a dollar of college funds to any student, except in the shape of scholarships regularly competed for and won. He trusted this would meet with the approval and sympathy of the Assembly. Nine students completed their course and were now ready to enter upon the work of the ministry. There is a balance of \$131,898 on the Endowment Fund.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

Principal Grant presented a report of the trustees of Queen's College of which the following is a summary:—The number of students attending classes last session was:—In arts 264, in medicine 165, in theology 30. A majority of the medical students attend one or more arts classes. Deducting these from one of the faculties concerned, the total number of students at present is 347, the largest number ever enrolled in any one year in the history of the University.

The last report showed a deficit of \$1,251. Received from the common fund \$2,770. Dr. Grant pointed to the steady increase, for the last 17 years, as regards the staff, number of students, library, museum, laboratories and everything that results in the increased efficiency of a university. Last year there were 347 students; of these 72 were in Theology, 30 of these having taken their degrees in Arts. But attendance was only one test of the efficiency of a university. The confederation movement would have been a source of financial embarrassment if they had gone into it. Dr. Burwash had said lately that it would have cost Victoria \$450,000, so that Queen's had been acting not only wisely but economically in remaining out of confederation. The Baptist Church was going to give more than a quarter of a million to Woodstock, one man having promised that amount if an equal amount was

raised, and the Baptist Church was very small as compared with the Presbyterian in this Dominion. The method of raising the endowment was by forming endowment associations of alumni and friends after the method of the Edinburgh University. The deficit was only some six or seven hundred dollars, but it would have been \$1,200 had not they drawn more from the Arts course than usually. But he had confidence that the Church would remember its historic position, and that any sum which was necessary to have an educated ministry would cheerfully be given. Mr. James McLennan, moved, seconded by Dr. Burns, "that the General Assembly receive and adopt the report, express satisfaction at the increasing prosperity of Queen's University as shown therein, and trust that the most sanguine anticipations of the Board of Trustees with regard to increased revenue, endowment, and efficiency may be realized." Agreed.

KNOX COLLEGE.

Mr. W. Mortimer Clarke presented the report of this college. Total endowment, \$125,705; amount subscribed, \$190,000. The total receipts applicable to the ordinary expenses have been \$15,652.51. Of this amount the sum of \$5,343.73 was derived from the Common Fund, \$8,877.69 from the interest arising from investments, and \$1,132.56 from special contributions. The residue, \$298.63, consists of a small balance from the previous year and of other miscellaneous incidental items.

The closest economy has been exercised. Repairs to the building must now appear as a charge against ordinary revenue, and an outlay of about \$1,000 for changes in the sanitary arrangements of the College will be absolutely necessary during the next season. The Board would therefore urge on the Church the necessity of continuing to assist with increasing liberality the subscriptions to the Endowment Fund. They would also press on the Assembly the urgent necessity of increasing the teaching staff of the College.

The Board disapprove of the "Common Fund," and desire it should be done away with. The College has been affiliated with the University of Toronto. As affiliation entitles the College to representation on the Senate, the Board have appointed their chairman to be for the meantime their representative. The Board are pleased to be able to report that students of the University are already availing themselves of the teaching of the College. As about 40 per cent. of the students attending University College are Presbyterians, the Board believe that the results of affiliation will be very beneficial to our students.

The Senate reported that the graduating class numbered 17. Fifty students had given full attendance on the classes in Theology, while nine had passed subjects in options at Toronto University College. The report was adopted.

MANITOBA COLLEGE.

Rev. D. M. Gordon presented the report, which shows receipts of \$19,975. Some of this belongs to endowments. Ordinary income, \$13,584—sufficient to meet expenses. While contributions from many congregations in the Eastern Provinces are acknowledged with gratitude, regret is expressed that there are others who do not contribute, without whose assistance it would probably be impossible to reduce the indebtedness to the central fund, the interest on which alone is almost \$500. Cordial acknowledgment is made of the assistance of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, the Church of Scotland, and the Free Church of Scotland, without whose assistance it would probably be found impossible to maintain the institution. The report of the Senate shows 67 students in attendance last session of 1885-86, being seven more than the previous session, besides which several students with the ministry in view attended some of the theological classes. The Senate asks power to secure the services of a lecturer for three months to give assistance in either the theological or arts course, should the requirements of the College next session seem to demand it and the state of the finances admit. The statement of the treasurers shows that on the third instalment on account of Building Fund due the Building & Loan Association of Toronto, \$4,800 was met and \$1,000 had been deposited towards the next payment. The Endowment Fund (new) shows a balance of \$8,514, and the Endowment Fund (old) a balance of \$7,080. On account of ordinary fund the receipts were \$13,584, the expenses being within \$47 of that amount.

Mr. Gordon moved, seconded by Mr. Charlton, "That the Assembly receive and adopt the report, express satisfaction at the continued prosperity of the College, grant confirmation to the Board to secure the services of another lecturer, as proposed, and that the Assembly recommend the College to the earnest sympathy and support of the Church." Agreed.

COLLEGE CONSOLIDATION.

Mr. Charlton presented a majority and minority report from this committee, as follows:—

Your Committee beg to recommend to the General Assembly, 1. That the Presbyteries of the Church be asked to consider and report to the next General Assembly upon the desirability and feasibility of the following proposal, to wit:—That the Theological Faculty of Queen's University be united with the Faculty of Knox College, Toronto; that Knox College be henceforth made the theological faculty or branch of Queen's University; that the Professors of Knox College be appointed by the General Assembly, or in a manner to be determined by the General Assembly, and that Queen's University be brought into closer relation with the Church. 2nd. That when the Synod of the Maritime Provinces gains general

consent, Pine Hill Seminary, Halifax, be consolidated with Montreal College at Montreal, or with any other theological school in the Dominion that may be preferred by the said Synod.

JOHN CHARLTON, *Chairman.*

MINORITY REPORT.

The minority report is as follows:—

The committee having carefully considered the whole subject of college consolidation and the various proposals submitted for that purpose, are of opinion that it is impossible to devise any practicable scheme for accomplishing any measure for consolidation. They also believe that the interests of the Church will be best preserved by the various colleges being maintained by the Church in increased efficiency, and respectfully suggest to the Assembly the propriety of continuing to recommend these institutions to the generous support and liberality of the Church. The discussion of these reports continued till the close of the sederunt.

On Friday evening, the subject of

FOREIGN MISSIONS

was taken up. The Report of the Committee (Western Section), was presented by Dr. Wardrope, Convener. There are, 1. Missions to Indians in Manitoba and the N. W.; 2. Mission to China; 3. Mission to Central India. Our agents in these Missions are 25, not including native assistants. Reference was made to the troubles of war in the North-west and in Formosa. God has turned these troubles and trials into a means of blessing. Here are a few samples of the work among the Indians: Mistawasis Reserve, where there are 204 Indians, has been under charge of Rev. John McKay. This band is making progress in material comfort. The Rebellion prevented farm work from being carried on to the usual extent last year. In 1884, however, they had 183 acres under cultivation. Mr. Mackay reports great destitution and consequent suffering during the past winter. The Reports of the Indian Department speak in high terms of the loyalty of the chief during the Rebellion. Mr. Mackay writes hopefully about the spiritual progress of his flock. At the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper lately dispensed there were thirty-seven communicants. The number on the roll is forty-two. Mr. Mackay says it was "a day of rejoicing for poor penitent sinners." The Sabbath School is well attended. It is conducted by Mrs. Mackay and her two daughters. There is no church on the Reserve. The services are held in the school or the Missionary's house. The chief is at present enthusiastically engaged in preparations for church building. He has received two subscriptions of \$50 each from gentlemen connected with the Hudson Bay Company; and he is anxious to receive aid from eastern friends. The Committee recommended a grant of \$150 to finish the church. Mr. Mackay speaks very thankfully of the great benefit received by his people during the past

winter from the supplies of clothing so thoughtfully sent to them by the Women's Foreign Missionary Societies.

This report shows that we have thirteen reserves under our care, with a population of about 3,200 souls. We have in our seven schools about 125 pupils. The whole Indian population of Manitoba and the North-West Territories is 31,954. There is, therefore, less than *one-tenth* of the Indians of this part of the Dominion under the care of our Church. This record is far from being creditable to either our patriotism or Christianity. Our labours should at once be increased two-fold. Men and money are both urgently required—the former more than the latter. The field is white to the harvest. Our earnest prayer is that the Lord of the harvest will speedily send forth labourers into His Harvest. Two of the stations have made such progress that it is proposed to hand them over to the care of the Home Mission Board. With regard to

FORMOSA

the Report is most cheering and heart-stirring.

During the war, some of the chapels were totally destroyed, and others so injured as to require repairs almost equal to a rebuilding. On behalf of the mission, Dr. Mackay presented a claim for damages. The justice of the claim was at once acknowledged by the Chinese authorities. Dr. Mackay says: "General Loo, influenced by my old mandarin friend, has never once doubted my word about the value of chapels destroyed; and gave me \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) as damages. Having received the money, Dr. Mackay thought long and anxiously as to the best course to be pursued in reference to the re-building of the chapels: whether to "build two dozen fragile churches, one dozen ordinary ones, or half-a-dozen strong, and at the same time artistic churches." "I decided," says he, "on the last, set to work, and in less than three months, finished three splendid churches of solid stone, with a stone wall around each. These are at Bang-kah, Sek-hau, and Sin-tiam." "Other two," says Mr. Jamieson in a letter received last month, "should be built at once. But Dr. Mackay says he cannot do it. Shall I tell you why? He says the money is all done; and he will not ask for more, for he sees your funds are low." Your Committee cherish the hope that many friends of the Formosa Mission will come forward with contributions in aid of that work, and thus cheer the hearts of those who are labouring with such perseverance and self-denial in that most interesting field.

Let Dr. Mackay speak a word about his own emotions in reviewing the past: "Fourteen years ago yesterday (March 9th, 1872) at 3 p.m. I landed here. All was dark around. Idolatry was rampant. The people were bitter toward any foreigner. There were no churches, no hospitals, no preachers, no students, no friends, I knew neither European nor Chinese. Year after year passed away rapidly. But of the persecutions, trials and woes; of the sleepless

nights; of the weeping hours and bitter sorrows; of the travelling barefoot, drenched with wet; of the nights in ox-stables, damp huts and filthy, small, dark rooms; of the days with students in wet grass, on the mountain top, and by the sea-side; of the weeks in savage country, seeing bleeding heads brought in to dance around; of the narrow escapes from death by sea, by savages, by mobs, by sickness and by the French, you will never fully know. Fourteen years of toil of which you will never fully know, have passed away. . . ."

Then, referring to the wonderful contrast presented by the great and joyous celebration of March 9th, he says: "I will tell you what I told the great multitude in and about the College, that, being shut out from my beloved Formosa, was the hardest thing I had to bear during all the fourteen years. I care nothing for presents, etc. I do care to see 1,273 converts in Tamsui, all assembled together. There is no sham, no romance, no excitement, no sentimentalism here. No: but stubborn fact. When I landed, there was not one. Yesterday, 1,273 rejoiced in singing praises to the Lord God Almighty. There is no use for sham modesty. I have toiled here, and done my best. At the same time, to God, to God, to God alone be all the praise, honor, and glory.

There are thirty-eight (38) preaching stations with chapels. They all have, or have had, chapels. In some of them, chapels have yet to be re-built, and in some to be repaired.

In all, two thousand three hundred and twenty (2,320) have been baptized. Of these, seventy-three (73) have been removed by death; leaving two thousand two hundred and forty-seven (2,247) baptized members on the roll.

There are thirty-eight preachers; two natives, teachers in Oxford College. One of them is ordained; another ordained pastor is at Sintiam. There are fifty-three elders and forty-two deacons; also, students preparing for the glorious work.

CENTRAL INDIA.

This mission has made rapid strides. We have now nine of our own Canadian agents there—five ministers and four ladies. There is quite a number of native assistants.

After the return of Rev. J. Fraser Campbell to India, and the accession of Rev. R. C. Murray to the mission staff, some new arrangements were made in the distribution of our missionaries. It was decided by the Mission Council that Mr. Wilkie should remain in Indore, that Mr. Builder should take up the work in Mhow, and that Mr. Campbell should occupy Rutlam, and Mr. Wilson Neemuch, as centres of operation. Mr. Murray, in the meantime, remains in Mhow, where he is engaged in such study of the Indian tongues as may be necessary to fit him for his future work.

All the stations are progressing. Miss Beatty, M. D., says:

All Canadians will be glad to hear of the kindly and intelligent interest that Lady Duf-

ferin is taking in this work. "Lady Dufferin," says Miss Beatty, "authorized me to offer a small fee per month if they would come and be taught; but after four months, I have failed to find one native woman who has had any practice in sick-nursing willing to learn any more than she knows now. I have therefore, organized a class of these, one of whom is my Bible-woman, who have no prejudices to conquer and no false theories to forget, and am training them for work in connection with Lady Dufferin's scheme. . . . I have frequently patients brought from a distance for treatment. Oojein and Dhar send most. During last hot season a high official of Dhar sent his wife and their family doctor down for consultation, and since then I have scarcely been without one or more patients from Dhar staying in Indore for treatment. Perhaps it is not vain to hope that an impression is being made which may be of use in the future. During the last three months I have treated over three hundred people. Mountains of gratitude have been piled at my feet. More definite, but, not so deep, has been the amount paid for missionaries and attendance, viz., Rs. 260. The most interesting and satisfactory part of the work is in the homes of the women. It takes more time to visit a woman in her own house than it would to see her at the dispensary, but there treatment is more successful. I get better acquainted with her and have more influence over her: and once entered, the house is always opened to me, and, I trust, will stand open till the light that dispels all darkness shines there?"

Attention was called to the gratifying progress of Women's Societies since 1877. Last year the receipts were, \$13,453,—sent in by 16 Presbyterian Societies; 50 Mission Bands; and 191 Auxiliaries.

EASTERN SECTION.

Rev. Alex. Maclean presented this Report. The death of Dr. MacGregor, of Revs. Thomas Christie and J. W. Macleod was touchingly referred to. Mr. W. L. Macrae, a recent graduate of the Halifax College, has offered, and has been accepted, to fill the place vacant by the death of Mr. Macleod. Mr. Annand's visit home has been utilized in bringing the claims of the New Hebrides before the Church.

During the year, reports were on two or three occasions received, that caused a measure of anxiety as to the movements of the French in regard to the New Hebrides, but, as on the previous year, your committee had memorialized the British Government with regard to the matter, and had, in reply, an assurance that Her Majesty's Government will bear in mind the considerations presented, it was deemed prudent to take no further action, beyond informal correspondence with the F. M. Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, assuring them of our readiness to co-operate in any way that they might deem most in the interests of the mission. It is pleasing to report that thus far the missionaries have been

able to prosecute their work in peace and safety.

The Free Church now accept full charge of Aneityum. It is proposed that Mr. Annand go to Santo. The property of this church on Aneityum will be paid for as decided by the Mission Synod.

'EFATE,' MR. MACKENZIE'S FIELD.

The progress of the work during the past year, has been on the whole very cheering. A very severe type of influenza, brought from a neighbouring island, Noumea, swept over several villages, but with little fatal result. The mission family were prostrated with it, but recovered in safety. One difficulty in the way of the work hitherto, has been that heathen villages scattered through the interior of the island were largely inaccessible to the Gospel. Latterly a village has been built, not far from the mission premises, and to this, the people from the mountains, that wish instruction, are removing. It now numbers about fifty natives, and more are joining them. They have built a little church, which is already too small. The missionary's statements may be summed up as follows:—"Years ago, had you filled their huts with gold, you could not have persuaded them to move away from their own villages, and renounce the customs of their forefathers. But the Gospel has silently influenced their hearts, and now of their own accord they have come to trust under the shadow of the Lord God of Israel. I cannot tell you how thankful I feel to a kind Heavenly Father for permitting us to return to our field. We laboured many years with apparently very little success, but now we are greatly rejoiced in seeing many turned from darkness to light. A few years ago our prospects for extending the work among the natives in the mountains seemed dark, they were so scattered, perhaps eight or ten in a village, and so inaccessible. Now we have the happiness of seeing them gathering into one village. I believe that before many years the scattered villages among the mountains will all have moved down. We have an accession every few weeks. The same is true of Mr. McDonald's side of the island. Twenty-nine have thus been gathered in from heathenism at this station during the past two months. At Fila the work is hopeful. I believe we shall have a large ingathering there very soon. I was there last Sunday, and as we went from house to house the natives were waiting for us. They are just finishing their feast. You are aware that part of the village, one fourth, is Christian. When the rest of them join us, we will attack Meli (the greatest stronghold of the enemy on the island) in true earnest.

Mr. Robertson is making excellent progress. Converts are multiplying; schools are spreading, and the Gospel is taking a firm hold on the people. With regard to

TRINIDAD.

the Report says: Reviewing their whole field for 1885 the Mission Council say:—"This year will long be remembered as one of great anxiety and trial to every interest in Trinidad. As citizens and as missionaries we have sympathized deeply with those upon whom the trials have fallen, and we close the year sincerely trusting that improved markets and favourable seasons may mark the coming year. Some of our subscribers have not been able to continue the amount of their former contributions, and there is also a decrease in the contributions of the Native Church. The attendance at school has somewhat increased. There have been admitted to the Christian Church by baptism during the year seventy-one adults and sixty-two children, in all 133, while eighteen couples have been united in Christian marriage. There have been in operation thirty-nine schools, at which 1,965 pupils were enrolled, with an average daily attendance of 1,369."

Tunapuna, San Fernando, Princetown, Couva, are the chief stations, Demarara is now added. As regards finance, we learn that for several years our expenditure has steadily exceeded, by a little, our income. One year since, we reported a debt of \$1,985.73. This amount has been increased during the year by the very small sum of \$44.50, so that practically, the year's income has done the year's work. This is a state of matters which your committee report with profound gratitude, and they feel sure that the Assembly will rejoice with them in their joy. The present position of affairs was not anticipated a few days before the close of the year, nor would it have been realized but for the generous donation of \$600 from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Western Section, \$518 from individuals and congregations in the West, making over \$1,100 received from the West, just before the closing of the accounts. For this the Committee gave hearty thanks.

The whole receipts for the year have been.....	\$20,604 72
The Expenditure.....	20,649 22
Less on the year.....	44 50
Former indebtedness.....	1,985 73
Total debt at date....	\$ 2,030 23

This amount represents, in addition to the work of the Eastern Section, the sum of \$971.11, half the salary of Rev. J. Gibson of Demarara, which passes through the accounts of the Eastern Section and is remitted from their Agency, as also \$259.51, contributed in the East for the work of the Western Section in India, and remitted to Dr. Reid for that purpose. Your Committee report with thankfulness the aid received from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Eastern Section, and also from the various Woman's Congrega-

tional Missionary Societies, throughout the bounds of the Synod.

Addresses were delivered by Rev. H. McKay of the North West Indian Mission, and Rev. Joseph Annand, New Hebrides. The following resolutions were adopted by acclamation; moved by Dr. Burns, seconded by Dr. Forrest: "The General Assembly rejoices in the blessed work accomplished among our Indians in the North West, as vividly presented by our beloved brother Mr. McKay, and would supplicate a yet richer blessing on him and other true yoke fellows associated with him, amid the perils of the wilderness in the far North West."

(2.) "The General Assembly has listened with intense interest to the story of the trials and triumphs of the Cross on a field consecrated by the apostolic labours of the sainted Geddie, and by the tears and blood of our faithful martyrs. The Assembly cordially commends Mr. and Mrs. Annand to the providential care of Him who has hitherto so signally blessed them, and earnestly prays that on the expiration of their present furlough they may be permitted to resume work on the new and yet more extended field, which with singular magnanimity they have expressed their anxiety to enter. The Assembly would further express its conviction as to the exceeding desirableness of another missionary being sent to assist in the establishment and working of this new mission, and remits this subject to the early and favourable consideration of the Committee."

(3.) "The General Assembly would gratefully recognize the efforts of our Christian women in the advancement of the Missionary cause. The Women's Foreign Mission Societies have made most substantial and seasonable additions to our F. M. Treasury, and exerted a blessed reflex influence on our Christian sisters themselves; on this the tenth anniversary year of the existence of these most helpful organizations, the General Assembly desires to endorse and emphasize the appreciative estimate of the Committee and thus help those women who labour with us in the Gospel and to herald the fulfilment of the promise, 'God gave the word, the women who publish it shall be a great host.'"

The Assembly closed with the benediction.

Fourth Day.

THE Assembly met at 10 o'clock, and after the usual preliminaries, proceeded to discuss the subject of College consolidation. The vote being taken, the Minority Report was carried, and the Assembly adjourned shortly after 1 o'clock.

SABBATH SERVICES.

Rev. Dr. Jardine preached before the Assembly in the forenoon and Rev. James Robertson, Superintendent of Missions in the North-west,

in the evening. Many members addressed Sabbath School meetings in the churches. All services were largely attended.

Fifth Day.

THE Assembly met at 10 o'clock. A committee was appointed to prepare loyal addresses.

The Home Mission Board, Western section, asked, in view of the state of the fund for augmentation, that the committee be allowed to pay a smaller sum to participants in the fund in the ensuing year. After very full discussion the following resolution was adopted:

"The Assembly regrets to hear that the contributions to the Augmentation Fund—Western section—have fallen short \$7,000, empower the committee to make what arrangements may be necessary for the present year, and again earnestly appeal to the congregations for increased liberality to this scheme."

Dr. CAVEN moved, "That the Moderator of the General Assembly be requested to prepare an address to the members of the Church on the duty of heartily supporting this most important fund, and that presbyteries and sessions shall see to it that the address be fully circulated amongst our people." Speaking to the resolution, he said that if there was one fund about which there should be no diversity of opinion it was the augmentation fund. It would be dishonourable to have any diversity about it. If there was one fund that could be advocated in the presence of all their congregations and all the community, it was that before them. He believed that the ungenerous and unenlightened portion of the Church was very small as compared with the generous and enlightened portion.

This resolution was adopted unanimously.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

Rev. Dr. Hunter, representing the Methodist Association of Hamilton, was introduced and conveyed to the Assembly the greetings of the Methodists of Hamilton, to which the Moderator made a suitable response.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST.

The following resolutions were submitted by the Committee which considered the overtures, &c., from the west:

1. That for the present the Home Mission work in Manitoba and the North-west be conducted as now, under the supervision of a Synodical Home Mission Committee.

2. That it is inadvisable at present to effect any change in the regulation affecting the duties of the superintendent or his relationship to the synod or to presbyteries within its bounds.

3. That in view of the prayer of the overtures and representations of members from Manitoba looking towards placing the presbyteries in the North-west in the same relationship to the Assembly's Home Mission Com-

mittee as that now occupied by presbyteries in the older Provinces, the General Assembly remits to the Synod of Manitoba and the North-west and to the presbyteries within its bounds to consider the question of such change of relationship and to report to next Assembly.

4. That the Assembly place on record their appreciation of the services rendered by the Home Mission Committee of the Synod, the convener of the Home Mission committees of the several Presbyteries in the North-west, and especially by the superintendent of missions, whose labours have resulted so beneficially in the furtherance of the work of the Church in the North-west.

5. That the Assembly approve of the resolutions adopted by the Assembly's Home Mission Committee in March last affecting the distribution of mission moneys in the bounds of the Synod of Manitoba and the North-west.

After full discussion the resolutions were passed.

OVERTURE FROM HALIFAX PRESBYTERY.

An overture from the Presbytery of Halifax, in regard to the augmentation regulations, was brought up. The overture asked that instead of a contribution of \$4.50 per communicant being required as the minimum under which congregations can share in the dividends of the committees, a certain sum per family should be fixed. The overture was referred to the Augmentation Committee, eastern section, for consideration and report.

HOME MISSIONS, EASTERN SECTION.

Mr. Bruce moved the adoption of the report of the Home Mission and the Augmentation Committee, eastern section, an expression of gratitude to God for past success, thanks to the committees, and especially to the conveners; thankfulness for promised permanent success of the scheme, and recommendation of the fund to the favourable consideration of the Church. Mr. Miller seconded the motion, which was adopted.

WINTER SUPPLY OF MISSION FIELDS.

The Presbytery of Owen Sound overruled the Assembly in favour of exacting a year's service in the mission fields from graduates of our colleges and ministers coming in from other churches. The overture was supported by Mr. Somerville, and spoken to by others. The following resolution was adopted:—That the aim of the overture from Owen Sound is not conducive to the interests of the Church or of the vacant congregations or students, and therefore it be not entertained, and remit the subject of supply for outlying mission fields to the Home Mission Committee to report upon at next Assembly.

An overture from Kingston Presbytery in favour of abolishing the six months' term for graduates, in the mission field, was supported by a number of members. A case from Victoria and Richmond Presbytery which would be covered by the overture was presented.

The prayer of the overture was granted, and students are at liberty to accept calls as soon as licensed.

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

In the evening Principal MacVicar presented the report of the Board of French Evangelization for the past year. There are in Canada a million and a quarter of French Canadians. Eight hundred thousand of the race are in the United States. Twenty of the young French Canadian ministers have gone to the United States and are engaged in evangelistic work there. Total labourers on the staff, 76. From the large number of young Frenchmen studying at the Point-aux-Trembles schools, there is reason to hope for a considerable increase in the number of missionaries in future years. It is, however, most desirable that some of our English-speaking students should consecrate themselves to the work of French-Canadian evangelization. The English population is so rapidly diminishing in many parts of the Province of Quebec that there is not sufficient scope for ministers able only to conduct service in English; and the French population is so rapidly increasing in Eastern Ontario and in some parts of New Brunswick that it would be of immense advantage to the cause of truth were the ministers of our Church in these districts able and willing to spend a portion of their time in ministering to the spiritual wants of the French-Canadians around them, and this they could most effectually do were they able to address them in their own language.

The work of the Board is carried on by means of colportage, mission schools and mission stations. During the year, 2,652 copies of the Word of God, in whole or in part, 500 French pamphlets and about 22,700 tracts were distributed by the colporteurs and other missionaries of the Board. In the past month alone, the colporteurs visited 6,223 families, of whom 6,039 were French Roman Catholics, and distributed 272 copies of the Scriptures, and 2,450 tracts.

The Board have met all liabilities, largely increased their staff and closed the year with a balance of \$858.50 on hand for the ordinary fund, and of \$1,421.61 for the Pointe-aux-Trembles schools. The income from congregations and Sabbath schools of the Church was fully \$1,000 in excess of the year preceding, and from all sources about \$3,500 greater. The usual grant of £200 stg. from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland was received, as also a grant of £25 stg. from the Free Church of Scotland and £17 13s. 6d. from the National Society of Scotland. Mr. G. D. Ferguson, of Fergus, Ontario, who last year contributed \$640, has agreed to contribute \$200 quarterly on behalf of the work. The present liability of the Board is about \$3,000 per month, and as most of the salaries are paid monthly, congregations and friends are respectfully asked to forward their contributions at as early a date as possible, so as to warrant the Board in con-

tinuing and even increasing their present staff of labourers.

The total receipts during the year for the ordinary fund amounted to \$25,097. For the Pointe-aux-Trembles schools, the endowment receipts amounted to \$5,190 and the ordinary receipts to \$7,708.63.

Professor Campbell moved the adoption of of the report giving earnest and powerful support to the mission. Dr. Moore, Ottawa, seconded the motion and gave a vivid narrative of the work of the mission in the Ottawa Presbytery. Rev. Mr. Ball and Father Chiniquy addressed the Assembly.

The Board was authorized to engage in mission work among other nationalities than the French as opportunity may offer. The case was referred to of a young man now studying for the ministry who was converted at Rimouski in connection with a detention of the railway train at the place in 1882. Mr. Chiniquy was on board the train, and attention was attracted to him. He spoke to such as were willing to hear, and this student, then in the Roman Catholic Seminary, preparing for the priesthood, was subsequently converted.—Churches 26; Stations 78; Sabbath attendance 2,550; families, 1,106; Church members, 1,198; members received this year, 222; attendance on Sabbath-schools, 906; amount raised in the various fields, \$3,985.—All the figures give ground for encouragement.

Sixth Day.

THE Assembly met at ten o'clock, and after devotional exercises, reports of Synod records were given in.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

Dr. Middlemiss presented the report of the Western Section, showing that there were 49 annuitants on the fund, who had during the year received \$8,649. Six had died. Balance against the fund last year \$334. This was paid off, and a total income realized of \$13,002, being \$190 in advance of any previous year. Capital invested reaches \$15,000. The report, with proposed regulations and relative papers, was referred to a special committee to report at a subsequent diet.

RECONSIDERATION.

A motion to reconsider the place of next meeting of Assembly was lost, several speakers expressing the hope that a great deal of good would result from a meeting at Winnipeg.

COMMON COLLEGE FUND.

Mr. M. Clark presented the report of this fund. Contributions for the year had been \$10,380, which had been distributed as follows:—Knox College, \$5,343; Montreal College, \$2,226; Queen's College, \$2,740; expenses, \$69; total, \$10,380. This showed a deficiency of \$4,669 from the estimate of last year. The

estimate for next year's requirements was as follows:—Knox College, \$9,400; Montreal, \$3,300; Queen's, \$4,000; total, \$16,700. Provided that a new professor be not obtained for Knox College its expenses would be reduced to \$6,900, which would make a total of \$14,200. The report was approved. Mr. Clark moved, seconded by Dr. Macdonald: "That it be optional with congregations whether they should contribute to the Common College Fund, or to it and such one or more of the colleges as they may desire specially to benefit by their liberality." It was not proposed that the common fund should be abolished, but simply to leave the matter in the hands of the congregations themselves, and he expected that the liberality of the people would be greatly increased. This resolution passed without any discussion.

FOREIGN MISSION BUSINESS.

Power was given to the committee to grant to the Dominion Government the land in Prince Albert known as Victoria Square, for \$20,000, on certain conditions as to the building to be erected thereon by the Government.

PRESBYTERY OF INDORE.

The following resolution was adopted: "The Assembly authorizes and instructs the missionaries of this Church in Central India to form themselves into a Presbytery to be known as the Presbytery of Indore, and order that the names of the missionaries aforesaid, after the formation of the Presbytery of Indore, shall be no longer on the rolls of the Presbyteries in Canada. Also that the membership of this Presbytery shall consist of ordained missionaries, pastors of congregations, and one elder for each charge within the bounds. Also that the missionaries are hereby instructed to meet at Indore on the 26th of October to constitute as a Presbytery. Rev. J. Fraser Campbell is hereby appointed to preach the opening sermon, and preside till a moderator be appointed. Also that the Presbytery have synodical powers."

EASTERN SECTION.

The Assembly resolved: "That the Assembly having received the report of the Foreign Mission Committee, Eastern Section, expresses its gratitude to God for the success of the work. That they express their appreciation of the efforts of Mr. McLeod, their thankfulness that a man of such promise had been secured to take up the work in Princetown, and that Mr. and Mrs. Annand had received such a hearty welcome, and that they commend the work to the sympathy of the Church."

The return to remit on Unification of the Foreign Missions showed that out of 33 Presbyteries 26 approved and 6 disapproved. The remit and other matters were handed to the joint Committee to consider and report.

CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING FUND.

Rev. D. M. Gordon submitted the report which showed 75 buildings erected during the four years in which this Fund has been in operation—being 61 Churches, 10 Manses, and 4 Church-Manses. Total value of buildings \$91,710. Assistance from the Fund, \$33,393. Total repaid by Congregations to date, \$2,704. Total subscribed to the Fund to date, \$110,150. Paid in, \$44,208. On motion it was resolved:

"That the Assembly receive and adopt the report, express its appreciation of the labours of the Board, especially those of the Superintendent of Missions and of the Treasurer of the Fund, J. B. McKilligan, Esq., and its great satisfaction at the work of church erection in Manitoba and the North-west Territories, and commend the Fund to the sympathy and liberality of the Church."

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.
(EASTERN SECTION.)

Rev. A. McL. Sinclair reported receipts, \$2,999, of which \$1,078 was from collections, \$1,005 from interest on investments, and \$468 from ministers' rates. The total expenses were only \$113, the sum of \$2,200 being divided among thirteen annuitants. The largest annuity paid is \$200 and the smallest \$50. The capital invested is \$26,324.

Approved.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Western Section report showed receipts \$22,313. Annuities paid, \$9,944. Expenses about \$1,000. Added to capital \$15,000. Total invested, \$110,316. The Church of Scotland Fund showed the addition of four widows to the list of annuitants. The Eastern Section Fund receipts, \$5,277; disbursements, \$3,051. Added to capital, \$2,225. Total capital, \$63,350.

—Report approved.

Rev. R. Campbell submitted the *Record* report which showed an increasing circulation. Knox Church, Toronto, takes 500 copies monthly; the *Record* with local supplements was recommended.

The Board of Knox College was authorized to appoint an additional lecturer.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following are the Standing Committees for the year:—

I. KNOX COLLEGE.

Board of Management.—Mr. W. M. Clark, Chairman; Principal Cayen, Prof. McLaren, D. D., Dr. Proudfoot, Dr. Reid, Messrs. A. Young, R. D. Fraser, E. F. Torrance, S. Young, Alex. Ross, John Davidson, J. Abraham, D. H. Fletcher, R. N. Grant, J. C. Smith, John Smith (Toronto), Alex. Stewart, H. M. Parsons, Colin Fletcher, H. McQuarrie, John Thompson, D. D., G. Munro, W. S. Ball, Donald Currie, James F. McLaren, A. Henderson, and Messrs. Andrew Jeffrey, D. Ormiston, Joseph Henderson, Colin McDougall, J. A. Mather, Geo. Rutherford, Hon. G. W. Ross, D. J. Wilson, Robert Kilgour.

Senate.—Principal Cayen, Chairman, the professors and lecturers of the College, Dr. Reid, Dr. Laing, H. M. Parsons, D. J. Macdonnell, J. M. Cameron, E. D. McLaren, S. Lyle, G. M. Milligan, R. P. MacKay, P. McF. McLeod, J. Carmichael, (King), and Messrs. T. Kirkland, A. McMurphy, W. M. Clark.

Board of Examiners.—Dr. Laing, Chairman; the Members of the College Senate, Dr. Wardrop, Dr. Torrance, Dr. Gray, P. Wright, F. R. Beattie, Hugh Rose, W. G. Wallace, George Dickson, D. C. McIntyre, D. M. McIntosh.

II. QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON.

Bursary and Scholarship Committee.—Rev. S. Houston, Convener; Principal Grant, Dr. Williamson, J. Ross (Perth), H. Gracey, Messrs. G. M. Macdonnell, Q. C., A. McAllister, John Mackie.

III. PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

Board of Management.—Mr. D. Morrice, Chairman; Principal MacVicar, Prof. Campbell, Prof. Scrimger, Prof. Coussirat, Sir W. Dawson, Messrs. A. B. McKay, James Barclay, G. C. Heine, Jas. Hastie, J. R. McLeod, R. H. Warden, E. F. Torrance, W. Ferguson, J. A. F. McBain, A. Rowat, J. Fleck, James Robertson (Waddington), M. D. M. Blakely, M. H. Scott, W. T. Herdridge, and Messrs. Justice Torrance, Warden King, A. C. Hutchison, W. Darling, W. Yuile, James Slessor, A. S. Ewing, J. Murray Smith, John Stirling, A. McPherson, Hugh McKay, Robert Anderson, Jonathan Hodgson, Jas. Robertson, W. Paul, Jas. Tasker.

Senate.—Principal MacVicar, Chairman. The professors and lecturers of the College, Messrs. L. H. Jordan, Geo. Burnfield, D. Paterson, James Barclay, A. B. Cruchet, James Watson, John Matheson, C. A. Doudiet, W. R. Cruikshank, R. Campbell, J. B. Muir and Sir W. Dawson, Justice Torrance, Professor Murray, Dr. Kelly, A. B. Mackay, J. Cormack, D. Morrice, R. H. Warden, T. Bennett, G. Dunlop Bayne, D. Currie.

IV. PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, HALIFAX.

Board of Management.—Dr. Burns, Chairman; Principal McKnight, Dr. McCulloch, Prof. Pollok, Prof. Currie, Principal Forrest, Dr. McRae, A. McLean Sinclair, Allan Simpson, E. D. Millar, T. Sedgewick, J. McMillan, E. Scott, J. S. Carruthers, R. Laing, James McLean, L. G. MacNeill, D. McMillan, M. G. Henry, George Bruce, Neil McKay, J. C. Cattannach, Messrs. D. C. Fraser, R. Murray, R. Baxter, J. K. Blair, J. Scott Hutton, Dr. James Walker, J. C. Mackintosh.

Senate.—Principal McKnight, Chairman; the professor of the College, Principal Forrest, Dr. Burns, Dr. McRae, P. M. Morrison, R. Murray, T. Cumming, Prof. Lyall, Prof. McDonald, A. Simpson, H. H. McPherson.

V. MANITOBA COLLEGE.

Board of Management.—Hon. A. G. B. Bannatyne, Chairman; Principal King, Prof. Hart, Dr. Bryce, D. M. Gordon, C. B. Pitblado, J. Pringle, D. Stalker, A. Bell, Jas. Robertson, Jas. Farquharson, A. Urquhart, Hon. G. McMecken, Sir D. A. Smith, Hon. Justice Taylor, Hon. C. E. Hamilton, Duncan McArthur, John Sutherland, A. Dawson, James Fisher, W. B. Searth, Alex. McDonald, Geo. R. Crowe, W. D. Russell, J. B. McKilligan.

VI. FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

Principal MacVicar, Chairman; Prof. Coussirat, Prof. Scrimger, Dr. Moore, R. H. Warden, R. P. Duches, J. G. Pritchard, C. A. Tanner, Prof. Campbell, Kenneth McKay, Jas. Patterson, A. A. Scott, W. M. Martin, P. Wright, J. Fleck, W. D. Armstrong, C. A. Doudiet, R. Campbell, A. McGillivray, J. McAlpine, G. C. Heine, W. R. Cruikshank, G. Burrfield, A. B. McKay, L. H. Jordan, Dr. Smyth, W. Aitchison, and Messrs. James Tasker, Warden King, D. Morrice, A. C. Hutchison, W. D. McLaren, H. Morton, James Walker, (Hamilton).

VII. STATE OF RELIGION.

Dr. McNish, Convener. The Conveners of the Committees on the State of Religion of the several Synods, and J. S. MacLean, Geo. Gillies, John M. Gill, Geo. Rutherford, Dr. Agnew.

VIII. SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Dr. Jardine, Convener. The Conveners of the Committees on Sabbath Schools of the several Synods, P. R. Ross, Geo. Bruce, J. F. Fotheringham, John McEwan, Henry Gracey, and John Stewart, James Croil, W. B. McMurrich, W. N. Hossie, W. W. Miller, S. Waddell, D. Y. Ross, W. D. Ballantyne, Dr. McTavish, B. W. Beadle.

IX. SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Mr. W. T. McMullen, Convener. The Conveners of Committees on Sabbath Observance of the several Synods, and R. Laird, J. W. McLeod, Dr. Christie, A. McAllister, John Charlton, M. P., R. McKnight, J. Willet, John Duff, (Kingston), R. Bell, James Mitchell, John Grierson, A. T. Coulthard, Geo. Hay, Alex. Urquhart, J. C. Herdman, James Gourlay.

X. TEMPERANCE.

Mr. P. Wright, convener. The Conveners of the Committees on Temperance of the several Synods, Messrs. R. Cumming, A. F. Carr, Malcolm McGillivray, W. D. Armstrong, John Thompson, D. D., W. Robertson, A. F. Tully, A. McDemid, A. Campbell, E. Smith, Wm. Ross, L. G. MacNeill, J. C. Herdman, A. J. Mowat, R. J. Beatty, J. K. McLeod, A. Hamilton, J. C. Quinn, D. McGregor, Dr. G. Christie, Hon. Geo. W. Ross, Hon. Alexander Vidal, W. D. Russell, W. Laird.

XI.—WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Late Canada Presbyterian Church.—Messrs. J. Osborne and J. L. Blaikie, Joint Conveners. Dr. Reid, Jas. A. R. Dickson, John Neil, J. Abraham, J. Harvie, T. Kirkland, W. Gordon, Jas. Brown, Andrew Rutherford, E. H. Bronson.

Eastern Section.—Mr. R. Laing, Convener. Dr. Paterson, A. Maclean, Jas. Maclean, M. G. Henry, A. B. Dickie, President Forrest, T. Sedgwick, D. Blackwood, J. Scott Hutton, and R. Baxter.

XII.—AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

Western Section.—Dr. Middlemiss and J. K. McDonald, Joint Conveners. Dr. Reid, Messrs. Joseph McCoy, W. Caven (Buckingham), J. D. Paterson, J. A. Murray, R. Leask, H. McQuarrie, J. Little (Princeton), J. McMechan, Stuart Acheson, A. Bell, J. C. Smith, D. H. Fletcher, R. J. Laidlaw, W. Triggett, Dr. McDonald, Colin Macdonnell, J. A. Paterson, A. McAllister, John Charlton, M.P., James Ross (Toronto), David McLellan, D. Metcfe, Robt. Laurie, Donald McKay, Peter Nichol, Wm. Adamson, Jos. Stephens, A. Currie, Geo. E. Dalby.

Eastern Section.—Mr. A. McLean Sinclair, Convener. Principal McKnight, Prof. Pollok, H. B. McKay, T. G. Johnstone, R. Cumming, J. D. McGillivray, J. H. Chase, J. S. Carruthers, Dr. I. Murray, D. S. Fraser, E. Roberts, Ed. Grant, Anderson Rogers, E. Scott, Joseph Hogg, G. W. Underwood, J. D. McGregor, J. G. Forbes, Hon. D. Laird, A. I. Trueman.

XIII.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Dr. Wardrope and Mr. Alex. McLean, Joint Conveners.

For the Western Section.—Dr. Wardrope, Professor McLaren, Principal Grant, Dr. Moore, G. M. Milligan, S. Lyle, A. D. McDonald, Dr. Jardine, Dr. J. B. Fraser, D. D. McLeod, John Grey (Windsor), J. A. Murray, Professor Hart, James Barclay, J. M. Cameron, Hamilton Cassels, Dr. McDonald, Chas. Davidson, Hon. A. Morris, and W. I. Forbes.

For the Eastern Section.—Mr. A. McLean, Dr. McCulloch, Dr. Burns, A. McLean Sinclair, E. A. McCurdy, E. Scott, E. Smith, Joseph Hogg, Hon. David Laird, and L. W. Johnston.

XIV. HOME MISSIONS.

Western Section.—Dr. Cochran, convener. Dr. Torrance, Dr. Laing, Dr. Campbell, Messrs. D. J. Macdonnell, F. M. Dewey, R. H. Warden, W. A. Hunter, F. W. Faries, D. Kellock, M. W. McLean, J. Cleland, J. A. Carmichael, E. Cockburn, A. Findlay, D. M. Gordon, A. Gilray, R. Moodie, J. Somerville, P. Straith, J. H. Ratcliff, W. T. McMullen, J. Rennie, W. Walker, Hector Currie, R. Hamilton, P. Musgrave, (Brussels), A. Tolmie, A. B. McKay, C. B. Pitblado, Jas. Robertson (Supt.), J. S. Burnett, D. J. McLean, and Messrs. D. Mackenzie, Thos. McCrae, R. Kilgour, W. Mitchell, P. McF. McLeod.

Eastern Section.—Mr. J. McMillan, convener. Dr. P. M. Morrison, A. B. Dickie, E. Grant, W. P. Archibald, J. R. Muuro, Alex. Russell, A. Farquharson, Principal Forrest, A. Simpson, D. McDonald, Jas. Forrest, J. K. Blair, J. K. Munnis, R. Baxter.

XV. SUPPLEMENTS.

Eastern Section.—Mr. E. A. McCurdy, convener. J. F. Forbes, R. Laing, Jas. Sinclair, Geo. McMillan, J. M. Robinson, J. H. Chase, E. Smith, G. Bruce, E. D. Miller, W. Grant, E. Wallace Waits, T. C. Jack, K. McKenzie, and Messrs. J. D. McGregor, J. Y. Loughead.

XVI. FINANCE.

Toronto Section.—Mr. J. L. Blaikie, convener. Dr. Reid, A. Jardine, J. Y. Reid, R. J. Hunter, R. Kilgour, J. Kay, A. Jeffrey, C. Davidson, A. McMurchy.

Montreal Section.—Mr. R. H. Warden, convener. Messrs. D. Morrice, W. D. MacLaren, W. Yuile, J. Murray Smith, J. Stirling.

Halifax Section.—Mr. John S. Maclean, convener. Messrs. J. W. Carmichael, James Forrest, James Macintosh, Dr. James Walker, George Cunningham.

XVII. STATISTICS.

Dr. Torrance, convener. Dr. Gray, Dr. Bryce, J. C. Smith, S. Houston, J. Layton, D. S. Fraser, J. C. Tibb, T. F. Fotheringham.

PROTECTION OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Mr. J. MacLennan, Q. C., convener. Dr. Bell, Dr. Reid, Dr. Pollok, Alex. Young, J. L. Morris, Q. C., G. Macdonnell, Q. C., Hon. C. E. Hamilton, Q. C., R. Sedgwick, Q. C., Hamilton Cassels, D. C. Fraser, J. G. Forbes.

XVIII. CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING FUND.

Mr. C. B. Pitblado, convener. Dr. Cochran, R. H. Warden, D. M. Gordon, James Farquharson, James Robertson, and Messrs. D. Macarthur, G. D. McVicar, J. B. McKiligan.

XIX. HYMNAL COMMITTEE.

Dr. Gregg, convener. P. McF. McLeod, D. J. Macdonnell, W. B. McMurrich, Jas. MacLennan, Q. C., A. McMurohy, T. Kirkland, R. Kilgour.

XX. PRESBYTERIAN RECORD.

Mr. Robert Campbell, convener. The Editors of the Record, W. R. Cruikshank, Professor Campbell, and R. H. Warden.

STATE OF RELIGION.

Rev. L. H. Jordan submitted the report which was in every respect most encouraging. Fuller returns are desiderated for the future. The report was followed by a deeply interesting discussion in which a number of members took part. Presbyteries were recommended to arrange special services for evangelistic purposes.

TEMPERANCE.

The report and discussion on the State of Religion was followed by the Report on Temperance presented by Rev. P. Wright. This report also was on the whole cheering. There has been progress all along the line. A deliverance was adopted expressing gratitude for what had been obtained during the year,—reaffirming the conviction that intemperance is a sin and crime,—approving the Canada Temperance Act and urging its rigid enforcement as a step towards total prohibition,—expressing gratification with the improved means of enforcing the law in some Provinces, asking the appointment of officers in sympathy with the law, and the election of sound Temperance men as our representatives. The discussion of the subject continued till 10½ P.M. when the Assembly adjourned.

Seventh Day.

THE first business was the adoption of a resolution appointing a committee to devise a plan for the payment of travelling expenses of Commissioners to the Assembly, to report next year, and in the meantime requesting Presbyteries to make arrangements to pay their own commissioners.

STATISTICS.

Dr. Torrance submitted a very full and elaborate report, which was received with much gratification. Communicants on the roll (reported) 127,611, an increase of 4,167 over the previous year. The additions exceeded 15,000. Number of Presbyteries, 39; pastoral charges reported, 773. There are 113 vacant charges, 748 ministers on the roll, 68 within the bounds

whose names are not on the roll. Stipend paid shows an increase of \$24,902 on last year. The amount raised for church building is much smaller this year than on several previous years. This explains the fact that though there has been progress in all the great schemes of the Church, the sum total of contributions for all purposes is a little short of last year. In the ten years since the Union we have raised \$13,907,482, or an average of \$1,390,748. (We must revert to this report in the next issue of the *Record*.)

FINANCE REPORT.

Dr. Reid submitted this report from the two sections, east and west, showing that the amounts received by the treasurers were in excess of previous years. It was agreed to make no change in the manner of printing and circulating the Assembly minutes.

UNIFICATION.

The committees, east and west, agreed unanimously to submit the following motion, which was unanimously adopted by the Assembly:—

"The Foreign Mission Committee of the eastern and western sections having considered the answers to remits from the Presbyteries on the subject of the unification of the foreign mission work of the Church submitted to them by the General Assembly, and having found that a large majority of the Presbyteries have reported in favour of the scheme sent down, and having agreed unanimously to recommend the adoption by the Church of the scheme of unification, the General Assembly resolves that the union of the Committees as set forth in the scheme submitted to the Assembly, be and is hereby declared, with the exception of clause 7 in the scheme of unification, to be amended by the addition of the following words: 'Or at such other place as in the judgment of the conveners may be deemed most expedient,' to take effect on and after the 16th of June, 1886, and the foreign mission work heretofore carried on by the separate committees of the eastern and western sections respectively shall be under the care of the foreign mission thus constituted, and be the work of the whole Church, and the General Assembly instructs the Foreign Mission Committee so united to meet on the call of the conveners who may be appointed by the General Assembly."

Dr. Burns led in prayer of thanksgiving for the success of unification.

FIRE.

News reached the Assembly of the destruction by fire of Vancouver. One of our churches, costing \$4,000, was burnt. The Moderator was authorized to telegraph to Mr. Thompson, our Missionary there, expressing deep sympathy with himself and the congregation. The case is commended to the generosity of the church.

THE INDIANS.

On motion of Dr. Caven seconded by Rev. R. Hamilton, the following resolution was adopted. Principal Grant proposed to give emphasis to the deliverance by a standing vote, which was carried out:—

"That the General Assembly, whilst disclaiming all political party aims, feels bound to give expression to its convictions regarding the treatment of the Indians in the Northwest by the Dominion of Canada. No judgment is here expressed on our general policy towards the Indians, and the meritorious character and services of many servants of the Government in the Indian Department are gladly recognized; but it seems to be established by irresistible evidence that in too many instances a people who are wards of the Government are being wronged and defrauded by those who are specially appointed to care for them and promote their interests, whilst flagrant immorality is too often chargeable upon public servants, as well as upon traders and other whites who come much in contact with the Indian population. Thus the missionary efforts of the Churches are counteracted and hindered, many sufferings brought upon the Indians, and a state of disaffection towards the Dominion is even to some extent engendered. The General Assembly would earnestly recommend to the Government of Canada the imperative necessity of at once cancelling all appointments of agents and instructors who are known to be tyrannical, unjust, or immoral, and of filling their places with men of integrity, sobriety and purity. Further, the Presbyterian Church pledges itself, as far as may be in its power, to co-operate with the public authorities in promoting the social improvement and the temporal well-being of the Indians, whilst, in common with other Churches, seeking to bring them under the holy influence of the Christian religion."

The applications of Presbyteries on behalf of students were reported upon and generally granted. A scheme for the supply of vacancies and the employment of preachers was submitted by Rev. M. Laidlaw and was adopted. The following committee was appointed for the purposes of the plan; Rev. R. J. Laidlaw, convener, Dr. Reid, Dr. Torrance, Dr. Laing, Dr. Cochrane, Mr. Gilray, Mr. George Rutherford.

On report of Committee, leave was granted to Presbyteries to receive the following ministers from other churches:—W. E. Archibald, A. A. McKenzie, G. I. Howie, D. McKay, J. H. George, Wm. Whitesfield, H. C. Ross, J. A. Bloodsworth, Thos. A. Patchell and A. Dunn. Mr. Joseph Watt was received as a missionary, and the application on behalf of Mr. Dargent was referred to the Presbytery of Orangeville.

Loyal addresses to Her Majesty the Queen and His Excellency the Governor General were adopted.

SABBATH SCHOOLS AND SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Dr. Jardine presented the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools. About 10,000 teachers are engaged from week to week instructing nearly 90,000 pupils. Returns are very imperfect. Attention was called to the registers and records prepared by the Committee. It is hoped that fuller reports will be received next year. An interesting discussion followed and the report was adopted.

The Sabbath Observance report, presented by Rev. W. T. McMullen, referred to the gigantic proportions assumed by Railway traffic and travel on the Lord's Day. Correspondence with other Churches is proposed for the purpose of abating this evil and others. The Presbytery of Toronto presented an overture with respect to church members employed in secular callings on the Lord's Day—asking how such are to be dealt with? The Assembly referred the Presbytery to the law of God as given in our Supreme Standards. A resolution was passed strongly urging the discontinuance of parades and processions with bands and music on the Lord's Day.

East Day.

The Assembly met at 9.30 a.m. The Special Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund reported through Dr. Grant, relative to regulations, and recommendations, all of which were adopted. The administration of the Funds East and West will be brought into unison.

A certificate of standing was granted to Rev. Dr. Junor.

The Presbytery of Barrie applied to have Mr. Bryant recognised as an evangelist. The request was not granted, but a committee on the subject of evangelists was appointed.

Dr. Laing reported progress on the Book of Forms. It is likely that two years will pass before the revision is completed. The committee was reappointed, with Rev. T. Sedgwick in place of the late Dr. McGregor.

Twelve ministers were allowed to retire from the active work of the ministry, viz., Revs. Dr. McCulloch, W. M. Christie, Geo. Jamieson, Dr. Bain, John McNab, Robert Stevenson, Peter Currie, Alex. Mackay, John B. Logan, Thomas Nicholson. The committee of Aged Ministers' Fund was authorised to deal with the case of Rev. D. Anderson.

The Assembly resolved to petition Parliament in favour of amending the law for the protection of female virtue.

The subject of the Bible in schools was briefly discussed, and a fuller discussion is expected next year. It is asked that the Bible in its completeness, not mere extracts, shall be used in schools.

Professor Scrimger reported on the effort to secure co-operation with other Churches in home mission work. The Methodist Conference, Montreal, had appointed a committee on

the subject, and a plan of co-operation had been drawn up. The whole matter was sent down to Presbyteries.

The Assembly declined to make any change in the mode of electing Moderator.

A special committee was appointed with a view to secure better legislation against lotteries.

A special committee was appointed to prepare a short statement of the faith and polity of the Church, for popular use.

Dr. Maclaren, from the Foreign Mission Committee, submitted the following estimate for the ensuing year:—

Trinidad and Demerara	\$11,000
New Hebrides	7,000
Central India	21,000
Northwest	10,000
Formosa	18,000
Unforeseen expenses	4,000

\$71,000

Jewish Missions are now recognised as part of the Church's work, for which contributions may be sent to the treasurers; the F. M. Committee to determine the particular mission to which contributions shall be sent. Father Chiniquy's name was placed on the roll of the Chatham Presbytery as an ordained missionary, Rev. W. Burns' name to be added to Toronto Presbytery, and Rev. J. McCaul's to that of Montreal. \$255 were voted to the Presbyterian Alliance. Reports of ladies' colleges, Brantford and Ottawa, were received with much satisfaction, and the colleges commended to the Church.

ANNUAL COLLECTIONS.

The Assembly appointed the following dates for Collections to be taken in Congregations and Missions Stations where there are no Associations for collecting for these purposes; 1. French Evangelization, *second Sabbath in July*; 2. Home Missions, *third Sabbath in August*; 3. College Fund, *third Sabbath in September*; 4. Widows and Orphans Fund, *third Sabbath in October*; 5. Assembly Fund, *third Sabbath in November*; 6. Manitoba College, *third Sabbath in December*; 7. Augmentation, *third Sabbath in January*; 8. Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, *third Sabbath in February*; 9. Foreign Missions, *third Sabbath in March*.

The Assembly expressed its thanks to the people of Hamilton for their hospitality, to the minister, elders and ladies of St. Paul's Church where the Assembly sat, and to others who had helped to facilitate the work and increase the comfort of the Assembly.

CLOSE.

Before dissolving the Assembly the Moderator spoke briefly of the progress made since the Union, of the admirable spirit manifested during this Assembly, and of the fuller consecration which should characterize us in future. The Assembly was then dissolved. The next Assembly to meet at Winnipeg on the second Thursday of June, 1887.

The Presbyterian Record.

MONTREAL: JULY, 1886.

JAMES CROILL.
ROBERT MURRAY. } Editors.

UNTIL further notice, remittances and correspondence of every kind should be addressed to "THE PRESBYTERIAN RECORD," Box 415 Post Office, Montreal.

The General Assembly which completed its work at Hamilton on Thursday the 17th June was throughout a most delightful one. There was no "case," or "appeal" of any sort to take up time. Business of an important practical character engrossed attention from first to last. The Assembly was fortunate in its Moderator, Rev. JAMES K. SMITH, of Galt, who conducted the business with singular discretion, tact and ability. Mr. Smith is a successful pastor of many years' standing, and he has now proved himself a successful Moderator of the Supreme Court of our Church.

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

It will be seen in our report of the General Assembly's proceedings, that the annual Collection for French Evangelization will take place on the SECOND SABBATH in July. The Collection should be made in every Congregation and Mission Station where there is no Association collecting for all the Schemes of the Church. It is the earnest desire of the Assembly that all should have an opportunity of aiding the work among our French fellow-countrymen, Liberal aid at this time, will enable the Board to mature their plans for the year, and to engage in the work on a larger scale. Reports will be forwarded at once to Ministers and Catechists, and it is hoped that they will kindly bring before the people the leading facts of the Board's operations. The number of Agents at present employed is unusually large, and it is the earnest desire of the Board to retain all, and if possible to increase their number.

Rev. Dr. REID requests us to intimate that the Assembly Minutes will be printed as soon as possible, and distributed as heretofore. Congregations that have not contributed to the Assembly Fund should do so at once, as the order of the Assembly is that

no copies of Minutes are to be sent to congregations neglecting the Assembly Fund.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Hamilton, Central Church, July 20, 10 a. m.
Rock Lake, Boissebain, July 14, 10 a. m.
Guelph, Chalmers Ch., July 20, 10 a. m.
Whitby, July 20, 10.30 a.m.
Ottawa, Bank St. Church, August 3, 10 a. m.
Miramichi, Chatham, July 13, 11 a. m.
Barrie, Barrie, July 27, 11 a. m.
Brandon, Brandon, July 13.
Chatham, 1st Presb. Church, July 13, 10 a. m.
Bruce, Paisley, July 12, 2 p. m.
Maitland, Kincardine, July 13, 2 p. m.
London, 1st Presb. Ch., July 13, 2.30 p.m.
Paris, Dumfries St. Ch., July 13, 11 a. m.
Lindsay, Woodville, August 31, 11 a. m.
Quebec, Sherbrooke, July 6, 10 a. m.
Montreal, David Morrice Hall, July 6. 10 a. m.
Glengarry, Alexandria, July 6, 11 a. m.
Sarnia, St. And's Ch., June 29, 9 a. m.
Kingston, Bolleville, July 5, 7.30 p. m.
Toronto, Toronto, July 6, 10 a. m.
Stratford, July 2, 10.30 a.m.

HYMNAL COMMITTEE.

M. R. C. Blackett Robinson of Toronto has been appointed Publisher to the Hymnal Committee, and by agreement, dated 11th December, 1885, contracts that he will for a period of seven years, from the first day of January, 1886, print, publish and sell the Hymnal Books prepared by the Committee at the following rates per copy:—

1. Hymnal Demy 16 mo, Brevier Type, Cloth.....	\$ 25
Cap Morocco.....	60
2. Same with Psalter, Cloth.....	65
Morocco.....	1.10
3. Hymnal Foolscap 16 mo.....	07
4. " " with Psalter.....	13
5. " " 8 vo Pica Type, Cloth.....	60
Morocco.....	1.10
6. Hymnal with music, Cloth.....	70
Morocco.....	1.15
7. Psalter and Hymnal with Tunes, Cloth.....	1.30
Morocco.....	1.75
8. Children's Hymnal.....	05
9. " " Harmonized.....	80
10. Hymnal with Music Tonic Sol Fa Notation.....	70
Morocco.....	1.15

This information is published by the instruction of the Committee for the information of the Church.

W. B. McMURRICH,
Toronto, 23th May, 1886. Secretary-Treasurer.

MCGILL UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL.

The Calendar for the Session of 1886-87 contains information respecting conditions of Entrance, Course of Study, Degrees, etc., in the several Faculties and Departments of the University, as follows:—

FACULTY OF ARTS—Opening September 16th, 1886.
DONALD SPECIAL COURSE FOR WOMEN—Sept. 16th.
FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE—Civil Engineering,
Mechanical Engineering, Mining Engineering and
Practical Chemistry—September 16th.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE—October 1st.

FACULTY OF LAW—October 1st.

MCGILL NORMAL SCHOOL—September 1st.

Copies of the Calendar may be obtained on application to the undersigned.

The complete Calendar, with University Lists, Examination papers, etc., will shortly appear and may also be had of the undersigned.

W. C. BAYNES, B. A., SECRETARY,
Address, McGill College.

Acknowledgments.

Received by Rev. Wm. Reid, D.D., Agent of the Church at Toronto, to 5th of June, 1886. Office, 50 Church Street; Post Office Drawer 2607.

ASSEMBLY FUND.

Nelson.....	\$ 2.00
Durham.....	8.40
Almonte, St Andrew's Ch.....	8.00
Shediac.....	6.00
New Annan.....	3.00
Halifax, Park-st Ch.....	10.00
New Edinburgh.....	4.00
Markham, St Andrew's and Cedar Grove.....	5.00
Owen Sound, Division-st.....	13.00
Westport and Newboro'.....	3.00
Hillsburg.....	2.80
Uptergrove.....	3.00
Chater.....	7.65
Hampstead.....	1.80
Toronto, East Ch.....	17.80
Markham, Melville Ch.....	4.00
Pictou.....	5.00
Unionville.....	2.40

\$106.85

HOME MISSION FUND.

Rock Lake.....	\$ 4.00
Hamilton, St John's.....	10.00
Lancaster, Knox Ch.....	18.00
Markham, Melville Ch.....	0.25
Nelson.....	15.00
Pembroke.....	11.30
Winslow.....	7.00
W F, Ancaster.....	10.00
Bequest of the late D Barr Chesley.....	65.00
Nassagaweya.....	2.00
Proof Line.....	17.00
Almonte, St Andrew's English Settlement.....	38.00
Markham, St Andrew's and Cedar Grove.....	65.00
Markham, St Andrew's S.S.....	30.00
Owen Sound, Division-st.....	10.00
Bequest of late W R Clark, London.....	55.00
Listowel.....	50.00
Osgoode.....	30.00
J L, West Williams.....	7.00
Vankleek Hill.....	1.00
Muir Settlement.....	28.25
Pictou.....	6.00
Exeter.....	19.34
	22.00

\$551.14

STIPEND AUGMENTATION FUND.

North Derby.....	\$ 2.00
Lintrathen.....	2.50
Rock Lake.....	6.00
Pembroke.....	40.00
Roseland.....	10.50
Nassagaweya.....	8.00
Antlers.....	9.00
Almonte, St Andrew's.....	100.00
Queensville.....	10.00
Markham, St Andrew's and Cedar Grove.....	10.00
Owen Sound, Division st.....	26.60
Morton.....	45.00
Millbrook.....	1.50
Centreville.....	7.50
Bequest of late W R Clark, London.....	1.00
St Vincent.....	50.00
Sydenham.....	12.00
	10.00

\$341.60

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

Hamilton, St John's.....	\$ 10.00
Markham, Melville Ch.....	0.50
Nelson.....	10.00

W F M S, St John's Aux Nfld-Zemana, India.....	180.00
Winslow.....	7.00
A Friend, Kingston (Miss McGregor's sch'l, Indore).....	25.00
Miss Machar, Kingston (memorial chapel, Formosa).....	5.00
W F, Ancaster.....	10.00
Anonymous, per Rev J Barclay, Montreal.....	5.00
A Friend, Fergus (Formosa).....	50.00
A Friend, Fergus (India).....	59.00
Esqueing, Union Ch.....	31.85
Ashburn.....	20.00
John Smith, Oneida.....	30.00
Chesley.....	10.00
Nassagaweya.....	20.00
A Friend, Teeswater (Formosa).....	10.00
Hollin, Mrs Potter's class, S.S.....	4.00
Belgrave S S (Formosa).....	4.00
Almonte, St Andrew's.....	30.00
Caritas, Ottawa (Formosa).....	100.00
Markham, St Andrew's and Cedar Grove.....	27.00
Markham, St Andrew's S.S.....	43.00
Owen Sound, Division-st.....	70.00
Westport and Newboro'.....	8.00
Brandon Hills.....	1.00
Bequest of late W R Clark, London.....	50.00
Listowel.....	10.00
Norval.....	10.85
John Richardson, Valetta (Formosa).....	5.00
Miss Kinloch, Montreal (Formosa).....	5.00
David Sutherland, Toronto (Formosa).....	25.00
Osgoode.....	6.00
A Friend, Vernon (Formosa).....	5.00
Oakville S S (building in Formosa).....	10.00
Muir Settlement.....	6.00
Pictou.....	12.00
George Marshall, sr. London (Dr Mackay, Formosa).....	20.00
Mrs M A McMillan, Mis-couche, P E I (Dr Mackay, Formosa).....	2.00

\$ 936.20

KNOX COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.

English Settlement.....	\$ 78.00
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COLLEGES ORDINARY FUND.

Nelson.....	\$ 6.00
Nassagaweya.....	8.00
Endie's.....	5.60
Markham, St Andrew's and Cedar Grove.....	10.00
Owen Sound, Division-st.....	30.00
Westport and Newboro'.....	3.00
Bequest of late W R Clark, London.....	50.00
Bluevale.....	5.70
Listowel.....	25.00
Muir Settlement.....	6.00
Pictou.....	8.00

\$157.30

MANITOBA COLLEGE FUND.

Nelson.....	\$ 2.00
Rev S Fenton, Harley.....	1.00
Owen Sound, Division-st.....	10.00
Westport and Newboro'.....	2.00
Muir Settlement.....	1.00
Beachburg and Westmeath.....	8.00

\$24.00

KNOX COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

Galt, Knox Ch.....	\$ 70.00
Galt, Central Ch.....	25.00
Thomas Martin, Mount Forest (old debt, with int'ct).....	36.30
John McKay, Knox College.....	5.00

Thomas Laidlaw, Guelph.....	20.00
Peter Dewar, Plympton.....	4.00
James Little, Guelph.....	5.00
Peterborough.....	192.00
Chingacousy, 2nd.....	11.50
Adula.....	12.00
A M Burgess, Ottawa.....	33.33
R M Hay, Paisley.....	5.00
S McIntyre, Campbell's Cross.....	5.00
William Kay, Guelph.....	50.00
James Kay, Guelph.....	50.00
Strabane.....	14.00
Winterbourne.....	22.00
Ashburn.....	8.32
Woodbridge.....	22.00
Robert Dack.....	20.00
Lucknow, St Andrew's.....	10.00
St Helen's.....	14.00
East Ashfield.....	8.00

\$62.45

CORRECTION—Omitted in previous Record—"Rev Dr James, Paris, in memorandum Wm P James, \$50."

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Nelson.....	\$ 2.00
Esqueing, Union Ch.....	5.20
Ashburn.....	5.75
Owen Sound, Division-st.....	3.00
Westport and Newboro'.....	3.00
Listowel.....	3.55
Norval.....	4.50
Pictou.....	5.00

\$ 59.00

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Ministers' Rates.

Rev J S Black.....	\$ 20.00
" A Henderson.....	40.15
" Wm Coulthard.....	10.00
" Donald Currie.....	48.00
" Dr McVicar.....	8.00
" Dr Caven.....	8.00

\$ 134.15

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

Hamilton, St John's.....	\$ 4.00
Nelson.....	3.00
Winslow.....	5.00
Ashburn.....	3.25
Nassagaweya.....	3.60
Almonte, St Andrew's.....	20.00
Owen Sound, Division-st.....	25.00
Westport and Newboro'.....	4.00
Listowel.....	5.00
Pictou.....	6.00

\$ 78.25

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

Ministers' Rates.

Rev A Sutherland.....	\$ 3.75
" Dr Caven.....	11.00
" Robert Stevenson.....	1.00
" Donald Currie.....	36.60
" James Pullar.....	37.50

\$ 89.25

REV. C. CHINIQUY.
Mrs A Robertson, Strabane. \$ 2.00

Received by Helen M. McGregor, Acting Agent of the Church in the Maritime Provinces, to June 4th, 1886.

FOREIGN MISSION.

Acknowledged already.....	\$1421 65
St John's Ch, Halifax, add'l.....	25 00
First Presbyterian Ch, Truro.....	17 00
Chalmer's Ch, Halifax.....	28 50
St John's, Chatham, anon.....	11 00
" Nellie Leishman.....	0 82
" Jeannie Leishman.....	0 48
" Sandy Leishman.....	0 72

St John's, Miss Gordon's class	3.35
Erskine S S, Tor, Erromanga	15.00
St Andrew's S S, Ottawa, "	20.00
St Paul's S S, Montreal, "	10.00
C McLennaghan, Balderson, for Trinidad	50.00
St And S S, Toronto, Trin	30.00
Knox Ch, Toronto, for Trin	13 18
Ersk S S, Tor, for Mr Grant	40.00
Sarnia S S, for N Hebrides	30.00
Blyth "Hopeful Gleaners," for New Hebrides	23.00
Mrs A McRae, Galt, for Santo missionary	150.00
Yarmouth	27.00
Sydney Mines, C B	15.00
W F M S, Durham, Wt Riv'r	21 50
W F M S, Cross R'ds, Fergus Hill	9.00
Few Friends, Gore and Kennebecook	16.00
West River and Green Hill	25.00
Buctouche	5.25
Rev J D Murray	1.00
Summerside, P E I	20.00
Bethel Ch, Scotsburn	53.70
St John's, Nfld, Aux W F M S (Zenana)	180.00
Mrs T McKeen, Gays River	1.00
Friend of Miss's, Stellarton	4.00
St And SS, Springhill—Er T Sherbrooke	30.00
Quoddy	10.71
Sheet Harbour	11.00
Carmel Ch, Westville	2.00
W F M S, West Sec, for Trin, N. Heb.	300.00
Kincardine	300.00
A Friend of the Cause	16.63
Ebenezer Ch, Saltsprings, ad	4.00
Woodville Sec, P E I, addl	1.00
Little Harbour, addl	9.20
Cardigan, P E I	2.00
Friend, Onslow (New Heb.)	6.00
Boston	3.00
Ladies "Penny-a-Week" Society, Churchville	2.00
Inval'd girl, Durham, per Mr A	6.00
Col Union Missionary Meeting, New Glasgow	1.00
Bass River, N B	32.35
Mahone Bay	12.00
Mrs Fraser (Santo)	7.00
Bedford and Waverley	2.00
St Matthew's, Halifax	7 25
New Annan	170 25
Prince-st, Pictou, addl	20.00
Pine Grove S S, Galt, for Mr Robertson	13.20
Mrs J McG McKay, Port Elgin (Santo)	25.00
Total	1.00
Total	\$16,008.24

Received since accounts closed.

Newport	10.09
Sharon Ch, Stellarton	19.55
St James Ch, Charlottetown	51.40
Scotch Settlement	2.00
A Paterson, Kennetcook	6.00
Jos McLearn,	5 09
Harvey, N B	15.35
Acadia Mines, additional	2.56
Ausquodoboit Harbour	7.00
Friend, Milford	0.40
Miss M Longworth's M Bk, Truro, for Tunapuna Ch.	5.00
Eddie McLeod's Mis Bank, Nant's Harbor, C B, for do	1.30
Middle R. r, per Mr Annand	33.00
Westville	19.50
Little Harbour, " "	5.14
Sutherland's R, " "	C.14
Little Girl, Hopewell, " "	0.50
Richmond, Halifax	9.60
Nine-Mile River, " "	1.00
"Light Bearers," M B, Truro	30.00

"Light Bearers," for Tunapuna church debt	25.00
"Light Bearers," for Santo Fd	40.00
Economy Auxiliary, for Annapoe's salary	28.00
Valo Colliery, for Mr. Annand's mission	27.00
St Luke's Ch, Bathurst	15.00
Antonish	90.00
Dufferin Mine	6.00
Harrigan Cove	1.00
Sheet Harbour	1.00
Moser River	0.25
Mrs H B McKay, Wallace (Santo)	5.00
Mrs _____, Acadia Mines, Londonderry	1.00
Total	\$ 463.55

DAYSPRING AND MISSION SCHOOLS.

Acknowledged already	\$4364.31
St John's, Chatham	16.15
Misses Cleland, Young, McMartin and Smyth	4.00
St Andrew's S S, Toronto	50.00
Knox Ch, Toronto	30.00
Dumbarton S S	6.00
St Andrew's S S, Beachburg	10.00
Sarnia S S	35.00
Knox S S, Woodstock	10.00
Forest S S	5.00
Port Elgin S S	2.00
River Charlo S S	3.00
Shubenacadie	10.00
St Stephen (N B) S S	6.62
Cand C Sutherland, Gabarus	5.00
Knox S S, Shediac	14.40
James' Ch, Dartmouth	25.00
Total	\$4590.48

Received since accounts closed.

Newport	\$ 10.00
Alberton S S, additional	1.70
Musquodoboit Harbour	10.70
St Luke's, Bathurst	10.00
Amherst S S	20.00
Total	\$52.40

HOME MISSIONS.

Acknowledged already	\$4540.77
Chalmers' Ch, Halifax	32.37
Sydney Mines	15.00
L Stovacko	12.00
St Stephen, N B	9.23
Kincardine	21.17
New Annan	30.00
St Matthew's, Halifax	100.00
Total	\$4750.54

Received since accounts closed.

Balance on hand May 1, 1886	\$2.65
Prince-st Ch, Pictou	1.00
Newport	10.00
Dunfee Set'em't, Dalhousie	2.00
Harvey, N B	12.00
Travelling expenses returned	18.00
W K, Gay's River	0.50
Nine-Mile River	14.00
St Luke's, Bathurst	21.00
Total	\$110.55

AUGMENTATION FUND.

Acknowledged already	\$13,176.86
Interest from F M Fund	40.00
" " Dayspring F'd	39.08
" " College Fund	62.11
St Andrew's, Halifax, add't 1	5.50
Mabou, C B	40.00
Barney's River	17.00
Garden of Eden	5.40
West River and Green Hill	15.00

St Stephens', N B	60.00
St Andrew's Ch, St John, NB	100.00
Long River and Summerf'd	35.00
Total	\$13,595.87

Received since accounts closed.

Balance on hand May 1, '85	\$470.79
Newport	45.00
Mrs Carlyle, Molus Riv, NB	2.50
St Andrew's Ch, St John's, Nfld. 1st instalment	100.00
Total	\$488.29

COLLEGE FUND.

Acknowledged already	\$8435.74
Coupons	179.55
St Stephen, N B	6.00
Interest	75.00
"	9.21
"	99.28
New Annan	6.00
Interest	50.00
St Matthew's, Halifax	61.05
Park-street	64.20
Hamilton, Bermuda	25.00
Prince-street, Pictou	39.62
Total	\$9059.65

Correction. — "In June Record" for College Fund, New Richmond \$3.00 should be \$8.00.

Received since accounts closed.

Acadia Mines	\$ 5.00
St Luke's, Bathurst	2.00
Dividend Bank of Montreal	150.00
Total	\$ 163.00

College Bursary.

Acadia Mines	\$ 5.00
Milford	4.00
Total	\$ 9.00

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS FUND.

Acknowledged already	\$239.09
New Annan	5.00
Interest	54.00
Park-street, Halifax	12.50
Total	\$299.59

Received since accounts closed.

Balance on hand May 1, '85	\$ 713.62
Mrs Carlyle, Molus R'er, NB	2.50
Acadia Mines	5.00
St Luke's, Bathurst	8.60
Ministers' Percentage:—	
Rev P Clark, 1885	2.50
Rev C W Bryden, '83-'84-'85	28.00
Total	\$ 759.62

MANITOBA COLLEGE

Acadia Mines	\$ 5.00
Milford	4.00
Prince-street, Pictou	7.75
Total	\$16.75

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. JAMES CROIL, TREASURER, MONTREAL.

Carman, Rev W R Ress	\$0 55
McGillivray, Rev J S Lochad	3.50
Parkhill, do	9.00
Deseronto, Rev R J Craig	5.00
St Andrew's, Guelph. Rev J C Smith	40.00
Almonte, St Andrew's, Rev J Bennett	20.00
Prince Albert, Rev A Campbell	5.00
Norwood, Rev J Carmichael	14 00
Norr.—St. Andrew's, Kingston, was credited in last Report with \$1.50 for Colleges. It should have been \$150.00.	