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### HYMN OF ST. CLEMENT.

In previous numbers of the RECORD we have given translations of three famous hymns of the Latin church, composed by Ambrose, Augustine, and Gregory, the earliest of which, that of Ambrose, was written at the close of the fourth century, or about the year 385. The great hymn of Clement of Alexandria, bearing the above title, is the earliest uninspired composition in any language used in the service of praise of the early Christian church, which has come down to our day. Dr. Killen, of Belfast, in his valuable text-book on the Ancient Church, thus speaks of the psalmody of the age immediately succeeding that of the apostles, and of the relation in which this hymn stands towards it. "In the earliest notice of the Christians of the second century which occurs in any pagan writer, their psalmody with which they commenced their religious services is particularly mentioned; for, in his celebrated letter to the Emperor Trajan, Pliny states that they met together before the rising of the sun to 'sing hymns to Christ as to a god.' It is probable that the hymns here spoken of were the Psalms of the Old Testament. Many of these inspired effusions celebrate the glories of Immanuel, and as for obvious reasons the Messianic Psalms would be used more frequently than any others, it is not strange that the disciples are represented as assembling to sing praise to Christ. But the Church at this time was not confined to the ancient Psalter. Hymns of human composition were

occasionally employed ; and one of these, to be found in the writings of *Clement of Alexandria* was perhaps sung in the early part of the third century by the Christians of the Egyptian capital. Influential bishops sometimes introduced them by their own authority, but the practice awakened suspicion and was considered irregular. Hence Paul of Samosata in the Council of Antioch, held A. D. 269, was blamed for discontinuing the Psalms formerly used, and for establishing a new and very exceptionable hymnology."

It is matter of regret that we cannot speak so highly of Clement as of the Latin fathers whose hymns have been before us. He was the first to introduce Heathen philosophy into the teachings of Christianity, which he converted into a mere philosophical system ; although there is no valid reason for believing that he denied the divinity of our Saviour or rejected the doctrines of Grace. The Christian morality which he teaches is cold and heartless, dealing with externals, and, at times, quite inconsistent with the statements and injunctions of the Scriptures. "An allegorizing perversion of Scripture," says Cunningham, "had been practised before this time by Christian writers ; but to Clement attaches the responsibility of not only practising it, but of laying it down formally and explicitly as a right and proper rule for the interpretation of Scripture." The same writer says, "It is not surprising, and indeed, rather creditable to the Church of Rome, that it has been made a matter of discussion among some of her writers whether Clement was ever canonized, *i. e.* whether he be legally entitled to the designation of a Saint, and should in consequence be invocated and supplicated to intercede with God on our behalf. It is rather creditable that doubts should have been entertained upon this point ; though after all there are many much worse men and more heretical writers in the Romish calendar of the saints than Clement of Alexandria." The date of Clement's birth is unknown, but his death took place in the year 220. As he had surpassed in learning his teacher Pantænus, so his fame was eclipsed by his pupil and successor in the school of Alexandria, Origen. Clement of Alexandria is to be distinguished from Clement of Rome, the disciple of the Apostle Paul, and one of the Apostolic Fathers, who wrote an epistle to the Corinthians near the close of the first century, which is extant. The following translation of the greater part of Clement's hymn (the whole of which appears in the translation of the Ante-Nicene Library) is by Dr. W. Lindsay Alexander, the well-known Independent minister in Edinburgh. It certainly contains no heresy, whatever may be said of the father's prose writings.

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## TO THE SAVIOUR.

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### *A Hymn of St Clement.*

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Bridle of Colts untamed,  
 Over our wills presiding ;  
 Wing of unwavering birds,  
 Our flight securely guiding ;  
 Rudder of youth unbending,  
 Firm against adverse shock ;  
 Shepherd with wisdom tending  
 Lambs of the royal flock :  
 Thy simple children bring  
 In one, that they may sing  
     In solemn lays  
     Their hymns of praise  
 . With guileless lips to Christ their King.

King of Saints, Almighty Word  
 Of the Father, highest Lord ;  
 Wisdom's head and chief,  
*As-ugoment of all grief ;*  
 Lord of all time and space,  
 Jesus, Saviour of our race ;  
 Shepherd, who do'st us keep ;  
 Husbandman who tillest ;  
 Bit to restrain us ; Rudder  
 To guide us as Thou willest ;  
 Of the all-holy flock Celestial Wing ;  
 Fisher of men, whom thou to life dost bring,  
 From out sea of sin  
 And from the billowy strife,  
 Gathering pure fishes in,  
 Caught with sweet bait of life :  
 Lead us, Shepherd of the sheep,  
 Reason-gifted, Holy One ;  
 King of youth whom Thou dost keep,  
 So that they pollution shun :  
 Steps to Heaven, Celestial way,  
 Word eternal, age unending,  
 Life that never can decay,  
 Fount of mercy, virtue-sending,  
 Life august of them who raise  
 Unto God their hyron of praise,  
 Jesus Christ !

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Let us, with hearts undefiled,  
 Celebrate the mighty child.  
 We, Christ-born, the choir of peace,  
 We, the people of His love,  
 Let us sing, nor ever cease,  
 To the God of peace above.

### COLLECTION FOR THE ASSEMBLY FUND.

By appointment of the General Assembly, the collection for this fund will be made on the 3rd Sabbath of July. By instructions of the Assembly, a few words may be said for the purpose of showing the necessity of a liberal contribution from every congregation. Last year the receipts for the fund were \$2101.58, and the expenditure \$2517.20, the expenses being larger than usual, in consequence of two meetings of Assembly, and a greater than ordinary amount of printing. The fund has thus a debt of \$415.00. For the present year there will be a still larger demand upon it, as the Assembly ordered the payment of the salary of the agent who was engaged for the College Endowment Scheme to be made from the fund. For this purpose alone \$800 more will be required. In all \$3000 will be required for all purposes during the current year. But if every congregation were to send even a moderate collection, the amount would easily be made up. The objects of this fund are connected with our organization as a church, and should have an interest for every congregation. Assembly minutes are sent for every session, and yet a large number of congregations every year fail in remitting for the fund. Indeed some systematically neglect it, or send amounts quite inadequate. We trust that every minister will see that this object is duly attended to, and the amount sent to the Treasurer at once, as the Assembly expenses fall to be paid at the very beginning of our financial year.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Assembly, according to appointment, met in Knox Church, Hamilton, on the evening of Tuesday, 4th June, the opening sermon being preached by the Rev. John Scott, of London, the Moderator for the last year. Mr. Scott chose for his text part of the 15th verse of the 3rd chapter of the 1st Epistle to Timothy—"that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of the living God." The sermon was felt to be seasonable and suitable. Mr. Scott received the thanks of the Assembly for the manner in which he had discharged the various duties of the Moderatorship, and for the suitable and impressive sermon with which he opened the Assembly.

The Assembly was constituted, the roll called, and the attendance marked. We may state that there was a very full attendance of the Ministers commissioned by the several Presbyteries, only four of the whole number being absent. Of the Elders there was a fair attendance, although the number of those absent was greater than that of Ministers. Mr. W. Fraser, of Bond Head, one of the Clerks of the General Assembly, was unanimously elected Moderator, and on taking the chair addressed the Assembly, giving in the course of his address, a brief statement of the progress and growth of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Mr. Wm. Cochrane, of Brantford, was appointed Recording Clerk of the Assembly *pro tempore*.

## CHANGE IN THE ROLL.

The Recording Clerk read a summary statement of the changes in the rolls of the several Synods. We shall not give all the particulars, but we may state that two ministers were reported as having been removed by death during the past year, viz., Dr. R. Boyd, of Prescott, and Mr. Francis Duncan, of Markham. Since the date of the report another Minister has been removed, viz., Rev. W. Lundy, of Strathroy. Fifteen had been ordained, viz., thirteen to the pastoral work, one for the Foreign Mission field, and one as Professor in Manitoba College. Eight ministers were received from other churches, and twelve young men received license to preach the Gospel.

## COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

On the first evening, various Committees were appointed, viz., on Commissions—on the Records of the General Assembly and of the several Synods—on returns of Presbyteries to remits of last year, and on correspondence with other churches.

## DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Besides the devotional exercises at the beginning of each diet, the first hour of the forenoon diet of the second day of the Assembly's sessions was spent in such exercises, the Moderator, and Messrs. Baird, Cochrane, and McKinnon taking part.

## COURTESIES TO THE ASSEMBLY.

Letters were read from the Secretaries of the Young Mens' Christian Association, and the Mechanics' Institute of the city tendering to the members of the Assembly the free use of their rooms and libraries during the sessions of Assembly; also a letter with a book of telegrams, stamped as free, from the Dominion Telegraph Company, for the use of the members. Thanks were tendered to these Bodies respectively.

## REFERENCE FROM PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO ANENT STANDING OF DR. WILLIS.

On a reference from the Presbytery of Toronto, and the position of Dr. Willis, who has removed beyond the bounds of the church, a Committee was appointed to consider the matter and report. A reference from the Presbytery of London was committed to the same Committee, and it was remitted to them to bring up a rule for the consideration of the Assembly which should apply to similar cases. In due time the Committee reported with reference to the special cases remitted to them, that the name of Dr. Willis should be retained in the roll of the Presbytery of Toronto, and that of Rev. Donald McKenzie in the roll of the Presbytery of London. The concluding clause in the report with reference to the position of retired members, &c., generally, was sent down for the consideration and judgment of Presbyteries.

## RESIGNATION OF PROFESSOR YOUNG.

A communication was read from Professor G. P. Young intimating his appointment to the chair of Metaphysics and Ethics in University College, Toronto, and resigning his Professorship in Knox College. A Committee was appointed to consider the matter and report at a future sederunt. The Committee subsequently presented a report, and, in accordance therewith, it was agreed that the Assembly accept with regret the resignation of Prof. Young, and express their sense of the great value of the services rendered by him in connection with Knox College, and of the loss sustained by his withdrawal from it. The Assembly, at the same time, are glad to know that in consequence of his appointment to the chair of Metaphysics and Ethics, in University College, the students of the church, who prosecute their studies in Toronto will still have the opportunity of availing themselves of Prof. Young's inspections. Further, the Assembly direct the Board of Knox College to enter into communication with Professor Young, with the view of ascertaining whether his new duties may consist with continued connection to any extent with the work of Knox College, and, if so, the Board is hereby authorized to learn whatever services Professor Young may be able to offer.

## REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

On the evening of Wednesday 5th the Report on the State of Religion was called for, and the same was given in and read by Mr. John McTavish, Convener. After reading the report, Mr. McTavish intimated his desire to be relieved of the Conventership. The Assembly agreed that the Report be received, the thanks of the Assembly tendered to the Committee and especially to the Convener, and that the Report be remitted to a Committee to consider the recommendations contained therein, and report to the Assembly. At a subsequent diet the Committee appointed in this matter reported the following deliverance, which was adopted by the Assembly.

The Committee appointed to frame a deliverance for the General Assembly with reference to the Report on the State of Religion, reported, through Dr. Burns, Convener, as follows:—

1. The General Assembly rejoice in the evidences presented in the Report of an increasing interest in spiritual things throughout many portions of the church, and record their sense of devout gratitude to God for every hopeful symptom of His presence and blessing, at the same time, they find cause for deep humiliation in the review of past sins and short-comings, and abundant reason to labour and pray for a general revival of the Lord's work in the midst of us.

2. The General Assembly regret that Sessions have not more generally returned answers to the questions issued by the Committee, and instruct them, in future, to take order that information be regularly communicated on this important subject whether in the form of direct replies to questions proposed, or, in such other way as they deem most suitable.

3. In view of the evidence which the Report presents of the growing tendency to worldliness and worldly conformity, and, in some quarters, of the indulgence, on the part of church members, in practices inconsistent with their Christian profession, the General Assembly would earnestly counsel all under their care, who have named the name of Christ, to depart from iniquity, to come out from the world and to be separate, and to touch not the unclean thing, to avoid the very appearance of evil, to walk in wisdom toward them that are without, and, in the temper of their words, the tone of their conversation, and the tenor of their deportment, to give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

4. The General Assembly would direct special attention to the repeated allusions of the Report to the prevailing sin of intemperance as the fruitful source of misery in the world, and of evils manifold and disastrous in the church; they would also rejoice in the testimony borne of a growing interest throughout the church in the progress of temperance, and would affectionately counsel all our office-bearers to have special regard to the causes of intemperance within their respective bounds, and to do what in them lies, by earnest precept and consistent practice to have these removed.

5. The General Assembly feel gratified by the proofs which the Report supplies of increasing attention throughout the church to Christian liberality, and personal effort for the good of others. In view, however, of the fact also brought out that the faithful and godly up-bringing of our children, and especially the duty of family worship, are not attended to as generally as the Word of God and the Covenant engagements of church members demand, the General Assembly would direct special attention to these vital duties as most intimately associated with the progress of a healthful piety in our church.

6. The General Assembly would recommend to Synods and Presbyteries to continue the conferences on the state of Religion, which are now happily becoming general, and to have the devotional element increasingly pervading their ordinary meetings.

7. The General Assembly instruct Sessions to hold periodical meetings for prayerful deliberation respecting the spiritual state of their respective congregations, and for considering the best means of promoting a more faithful discharge of the duties entrusted to them.

8. The General Assembly would also recommend the revival of the goodly practice of Presbyterial visitations, and also the sending forth of deputations to engage in Evangelistic work throughout different districts of the Church.

9. The General Assembly resolve hereafter, in connection with the presentation of the Report on the state of Religion, to hold a conference on the subject, and that it be remitted to the Committee to arrange for this conference as they see fit.

#### MARRIAGE WITH A DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.

The Report of the Committee appointed by last General Assembly to revise the report then submitted on the subject of Marriage with a de-

ceased wife's sister, was read by Mr. Gregg the Convener. The thanks of the Assembly were tendered to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, for their diligence. It was further moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the Report, as now submitted, be printed in Tract form, and circulated, as an excellent exposition of the grounds on which the standards of the church are based on this subject.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

The Sabbath School Report was given in by Mr. Cochrane, of Brantford, Convener. There was also read a report on the selection of Sabbath School books; also an overture from the Presbytery of Guelph recommending the preparation of a uniform scheme of lessons for the Sabbath Schools of the church.

The Reports were received, and the thanks of the Assembly tendered to the Committees, especially to the Conveners, for their diligence. The reports, with the overture, were referred to a special Committee to consider the several points connected with the subjects, and report to an early diet of the Assembly.

At a subsequent diet the Committee on the Sabbath School Report and other papers presented a report, in accordance with the recommendations of which the Assembly ordered the Report to be printed in the appendix to the minutes of Synod; the Assembly recommended the Synodical and Presbyterian Conferences on Sabbath School work. The Committee on Sabbath School books was continued with certain instructions; and a Committee was appointed to consider the propriety of preparing a uniform series of lessons. It was recommended too, that so far as may be practicable, Presbyteries make arrangements for holding Sabbath School Institutes or training classes for teachers within their bounds.

#### DAY OF THANKSGIVING.

The Assembly appointed a Committee to arrange for a day of thanksgiving, and to correspond with other Evangelical churches now holding their annual meetings, that the same day may be observed as generally as possible throughout the land. The Committee subsequently reported, through Dr. Burns, Convener, that the 14th November appeared to be the most suitable day, and it was appointed accordingly.

#### RECEPTION OF MINISTERS AND LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

Applications were made by various Presbyteries for leave to receive several ministers applying for admission, and also for leave to admit to public probationary trials several students of Divinity who had finished the prescribed curriculum. The Assembly appointed a Committee to consider maturely the several cases and report. In accordance with the report of the Committee the Assembly granted leave to the Presbytery of Montreal to receive Rev. L. Dionne, of the French Evangelical church; to the Presbytery of Ottawa to receive Mr. Turnbull, formerly a minister of the Church of England; to the Presbytery of Hamilton to receive Rev. Mr. J. R. McKeehon, from the United Presbyterian Church of North America. The Assembly also agreed to receive into the Church, Messrs. D. Taylor, D. McIntosh, J. Smith, and J. Galloway, who had not had an opportunity of applying to any Presbytery of the Church.

The Assembly granted leave to the several Presbyteries applying to admit to public probationary trials and license, the following students:—Messrs M. Danby, J. Stewart, R. Whillins, W. Kay, E. Cockburn, R. Pettigrew, W. Armstrong, J. Macalister, D. D. McLennan, H. Sinclair.



The Assembly also granted leave to Presbyteries to receive as students of theology Mr. A. G. Hartley, formerly a minister of the New Connection Methodist Church; Mr. B. Lyman, formerly a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and Mr. J. Campbell, formerly a minister of the Primitive Methodist Church.

#### HYMN BOOK.

There were presented overtures from the Synod of Montreal and of Hamilton in reference to the preparation of a Hymn Book for the use of the congregations of the church. Several motions were proposed, but it was agreed that, in view of negotiations going on for union with other Presbyterian churches, no action be taken in regard to a Hymn Book in the meantime.

#### DENOMINATIONAL ORGAN.

The Assembly had under its consideration an overture from the Synod of London in reference to a denominational organ, in which ample information may be given in reference to the schemes of the church, and in which questions affecting the welfare of the church may be presented and discussed. It was agreed that the overture be received and that, in view of the fact that a weekly newspaper in the interests of the church has been recently started in Toronto, the prayer of the overture be not granted, but that the Assembly recommend that all due encouragement be given to the paper referred to—"The British American Presbyterian."

#### DELEGATES FROM AMERICAN CHURCHES.

On the evening of Thursday 6th, in accordance with a resolution formerly come to, the Assembly heard the delegates from the American churches. There were Rev. J. P. Scott, of the Presbytery of Detroit, representing the United Presbyterian church of North America; Rev. Dr. Hogarth, of Detroit; and Rev. Arthur J. Pierson, of the same city; and Hon. J. S. Farland, representing the Presbyterian church of the United States. The Moderator extended to the delegates the welcome of the Assembly and thereafter called upon them in succession to address the Assembly. This they did, communicating much valuable and interesting information with reference to the work of the churches represented by them, and conveying the fraternal greetings of their respective churches. Thereafter the Moderator responded, warmly reciprocating the messages of Christian regard to which the delegates had given expression.

At a subsequent diet Dr. Charles E. Waldron appeared as a deputy from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America. Dr. Waldron addressed the Assembly, giving an interesting sketch of the history of the Reformed Church, its doctrine, discipline, and progress. The Moderator replied in suitable terms, and asked him to convey to the Synod of his church the fraternal greetings of this Assembly.

Before the close of the Assembly Rev. J. B. Muir, B.A., of Galt, appeared as a Deputy from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland. His address was well received, and was, in suitable terms, responded to by the Moderator. Principal Campbell, of Aberdeen, Scotland, being present, was called to address the Assembly which he did briefly and appropriately. A suitable acknowledgment was made by the Assembly.

#### COLLEGE REPORTS.

On the forenoon of Friday 7th the Assembly called for the reports of

Knox College, and of the Montreal College, with other papers before the Assembly bearing on College matters.

Dr. Topp gave in and read the report of Knox College with the report of the Senate and of the Board of Examiners.

Mr. A. Young gave in and read the report of the Montreal College with the report of the Senate and that of the Board of Examiners.

The reports in both cases were of a very favourable nature, both financially, and in regard to the students in attendance, and the work of the session.

The reports were referred to a Committee with all other papers, including overtures for the appointment of another Professor in Knox College.

#### DELIVERANCE ON COLLEGE REPORTS, ETC.

The report of this Committee was presented on the afternoon of the 13th. The report recommended that, during the ensuing year, the question of an additional Professor in Knox College be considered by Presbyteries, and that they nominate such minister as they may deem suitable for the chair. The Assembly, however, decided to proceed, in accordance with overtures which had been submitted, to the election of a Professor, when Mr. W. Gregg, of Cooke's church, Toronto, was unanimously elected to the chair of apologetics. The Assembly also appointed Dr. Proudfoot lecturer for next session in Homiletics. The Assembly adopted the recommendations of the report authorizing the Senate to make additions to the Library of Knox College. A recommendation was also adopted with reference to the number of times that students shall be called to preach while the work of the classes is going on limiting the number of times to six, and that it be the same for each Theological year. The Bursary scheme was commended to the liberality of the church; and the Senate in connection with the Board, was authorized to make provision for the teaching of elocution.

With reference to Montreal College, the Assembly, in accordance with the recommendations of the report, applauded Mr. J. M. Gibson, Lecturer in Exegetics.

The collection for the training of French students and French Evangelization was ordered to be taken up in all the congregations of the church.

With reference to the addition of the Presbytery of Kingston be added to the three Presbyteries now connected with the College, it was agreed that the matter be remitted to the consideration of the Presbytery of Kingston with the instruction that they report to next Assembly their views thereon, the Assembly granting leave to the congregations within its bounds to send their college contributions to the Treasurer of Montreal College during the current ecclesiastical year.

A recommendation that an additional Professor be appointed as soon as possible was laid on the table until next meeting of Assembly.

The Assembly appointed two Lecturers for three months each, during next session, viz., Messrs. W. McLaren, of Ottawa, and John Campbell of Toronto.

The Assembly recommended that the first Sabbath of October be observed as a day of special prayer for the Colleges.

With reference to the Manitoba College—

1. The Assembly appointed a Committee to draft an act of incorporation, and, in connexion with the Presbytery of Manitoba, to take steps for having it sanctioned by the Legislature of the Province of Manitoba.
2. The Assembly appointed a Board of Trustees for the College ;
3. And also a Board of Management.
4. It was referred to the Senate and Board of Examiners of Knox College to consider to what extent the course of study in Manitoba College can be regarded as equivalent to the preparatory course in Knox College and Montreal, and to report to next Assembly.
5. It was agreed that the collections for College purposes in the Presbytery of Manitoba be appropriated to the support of the College there.

#### ERECTION OF A NEW PRESBYTERY.

Overtures were presented to the Assembly in favour of the erection of a new Presbytery, to be called the Presbytery of Bruce. After hearing those appointed to support the overtures, and full consideration of the subject, the Assembly agreed to the overture, and constituted a new Presbytery to be called the Presbytery of Bruce, comprising the whole county of Bruce, with the exception of the congregations in that county at present connected with the Presbytery of Durham, and the congregation of Allenford in the Presbytery of Owen Sound. The new Presbytery was appointed to hold its first meeting in Kincardine on the 1st Tuesday of August, Mr. John Fraser to be its first moderator.

#### PETITION OF MR. W. C. WINDEL.

A Petition from Mr. W. C. Windel was laid before the Assembly praying to be restored to his former status as a member of this Church, and that he may be connected with the Presbytery of Cobourg. There was also a petition from the congregations of Carbourg and Ballyduff, asking that these congregations be also received into the Church and connected with the Presbytery of Cobourg. After consideration of these petitions it was agreed to appoint a special commission with full powers to call for parties and settle the case.

#### LOYAL ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

The Assembly unanimously agreed to draw up a loyal and dutiful address to Her Majesty the Queen. A Committee was appointed to draft the same. On being reported the draft was adopted and ordered to be transmitted in the usual way.

#### REPORT OF HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Report of the Home Mission Committee was presented on the evening of Friday, 7th, by Mr. J. Laing, Convener. The Report set forth the operations of the Home Mission scheme for the year, the receipts being \$14,992.46, and the expenditure \$15,202.12, leaving a deficiency of \$209.66. There are in all 122 mission fields reported, being an increase of 26. Nine congregations have been organized from mission stations, and a pleasing growth is reported in many others. The supplemented congregations are in number less by two than last year. The report referred to the great inequality in regard to the rate of contributing among the Presbyteries of the Church, and concluded by stating that the Convener now resigned the position which he had for some years held.

The Report was referred to a Committee to consider the various matters embraced in the report. To the same Committee the Assembly referred several special applications from Presbyteries with reference to the employment and standing of ordained Missionaries, and with same committee in connection with the Committee on College matters, was referred an overture for the Presbytery of Manitoba with reference to the Manitoba College.

At a subsequent diet the Assembly adopted the following deliverance :

The Assembly expresses its satisfaction and its gratitude for the decided progress which has been made in the cause of Home Missions during the past year, as shown in the amount of work accomplished, in the increase of contributions to the fund which exceed those of last year by the sum of \$2,744, and in the circumstance of nine mission stations having been advanced into organized congregations, and the same number of supplemented congregations having become self-sustaining ; and also notices, with approbation, the interest and zeal manifested in the cause of missions by the students of both Knox College and the College of Montreal, and the large amount of work accomplished by these respective Societies, and further regards, as of great importance, the city mission work conducted at considerable expense by several congregations, exclusive of their liberal contributions to the general schemes of the Church.

The Assembly observes, with regret, that while the advance in the income of the Home Mission is considerable, it does not equal the increase of expenditure ; that there is great inequality of liberality in different Presbyteries ; and that, in the case of several, there is an actual decrease in the aggregate amount for the last year ; and in the view of these circumstances again urgently enjoins on Presbyteries to take a greater interest in the cause of missions, and to employ all proper means for inciting defaulting congregations to a performance of their duty.

The circumstance of 113 ministers of the Church having stipends less than the minimum of \$600, and there being little prospect from the present rate of contributions, of the number being diminished, is deeply regretted, and the attention of Presbyteries and congregations called to this, as a reason for increased efforts to secure greater liberality.

The Assembly instructs the Clerk to acknowledge receipt of the grants of £100 Sterling respectively for the Free Church of Scotland, and the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, and tender the cordial thanks of the Assembly for the same, and also to express the thanks of the Assembly to the Presbyterian Church of Ireland for appointing a Missionary to labour in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church, in the Province of Manitoba, with an allowance of £50 yearly in part payment of his stipend.

With reference to the application of the Presbytery of Manitoba for assistance for Prof. Bryce, the Committee having received an unofficial intimation of the appointment by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, of Mr. Hart an ordained Missionary to labour in Manitoba, and the strong desire expressed by the Synod for co-operation with this Church in the work in Manitoba, the Assembly expresses its satisfaction at the proposed co-operation on the part of a sister Church, and instructs the Presbytery of Manitoba to act in this matter as to its wisdom may seem fit.

The Assembly resolved that the Presbytery of Manitoba have leave to employ another labourer for such fields as they may deem necessary ; also that

when Mr. Donaldson, the ordained Missionary of the Irish Presbyterian Church, is received as a minister of this Church, by the Presbytery of Manitoba, the Home Mission Committee be authorized to make his salary equal to those of the other Missionaries, and to pay his expenses from Toronto to the field.

The Assembly agreed that a definite understanding be sought with the Presbytery of Manitoba, respecting the salary, to be raised for the Missionaries in the respective districts, to which their labours are devoted, and that for the present year also, an additional sum of \$100 be given to each of the Missionaries, whereby their claims are raised to \$700.

The Assembly, in accepting the resignation of Mr. Laing, Convener, whose services are no longer available to the Church in that capacity, expresses its cordial thanks to him for the important service he has rendered, at no small sacrifice on his part, to the cause of Home Missions during the seven years that he held the office of Convener, regarding, as it does, the extension of the Home Mission operations, and the efficiency with which these have been conducted, as largely attributable to his ability and diligence. The Assembly would take this occasion also to express its high respect for his character, and his ability and devotedness as a Minister of the Gospel, and, as he has accepted another position of importance and usefulness, prays that the blessing of the Lord may rest on him and his family, and that he may be favored with comfort and success in his work.

In compliance with petitions from the Presbyteries of Simcoe and Ottawa, the Assembly authorizes the former Presbytery to appoint Rev. James Barron, B.A., to take charge of the Muskoka Missions at a salary of \$600 per annum, and the latter Presbytery to call and ordain a Missionary to labor at the Mattawan and other points in the Upper Ottawa, at the salary which may be deemed necessary; both these ordained Missionaries having a seat in their respective Presbyteries.

#### LETTER FROM REV. W. AITKEN.

The Assembly took up a letter from the Rev. W. Aitken, formerly of Smith's Falls, and was recently a missionary in British Columbia. In accordance with the request therein contained the Assembly agreed to grant W. Aitken a certificate of ministerial standing.

#### SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance presented a report, and Mr. McMullen, Convener of the Committee, addressed the Assembly in support of the recommendations of the Report. The Assembly agreed to receive the Report, and instruct the Committee to take such steps as in their wisdom they might deem proper, in the way of petitions to Parliament, and remonstrances to the Directors and employees of Railroad Companies, and in other ways, as may tend to abate the evils of Sabbath desecration.

#### MODE OF ELECTING THE MODERATOR.

An overture transmitted through the synod of London, with reference to the mode of electing the moderator of Assembly was read. The object of the overture was to do away with the nomination by Presbyteries. The Assembly, after hearing Dr. Waters in support of the overture, agreed that there was no reason for changing the present law and practice of the Church

#### UNION OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.

At the afternoon diet of Monday 10th, the Assembly proceeded to con-

consider the subject of union with other Presbyterian Churches. The Clerk read the returns from Presbyteries to the papers in union sent down by the last Assembly, embracing basis of Union and accompanying Resolutions. It appeared that 16 Presbyteries had reported as follows:—Six approved *simpliciter*, viz., Brockville, Kingston, Ontario, Hamilton, Chatham, and Manitoba; Ottawa approved generally with slight modifications on the 2nd article; three Presbyteries—Cobourg, Toronto, and Paris approved generally with slight modifications of the 2nd article; Durham approved generally with slight modifications of the 2nd article, and would add an article on the Headship of Christ; Huron approved generally, with modifications of the 1st article: Simcoe approved generally with modification of 2nd article,—would add an article on Headship, and would separate endowment from union question: Montreal recommended an article on the Headship of Christ, and modification of the resolution anent Colleges; Guelph disapproved, on the ground that the basis does not condemn Erastianism; and Stratford considered that the Assembly should take no further steps till the other negotiating Churches have considered the basis.

The Assembly then proceeded to consider the articles *seriatim*. Each article was considered separately. Several amendments were proposed, but the articles in their original form were successively carried. It was then moved by Dr. Topp, seconded by Dr. Taylor, that the four articles, which hence has been adopted separately, form the basis of union for the united Church. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Paterson, "that, in order to a right and harmonious union, it is deemed essential, by the General Assembly, that the basis of union should contain a recognition of the Lord Jesus Christ as the only King and Head of his Church, and also as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords."

Mr. Scott moved an amendment, seconded by Mr. Tolmie, "that the Assembly delay its final decision on the basis until the committee on union had ascertained the views of the negotiating Churches, or the Headship of Christ over the Church as making her independent, in all her proceedings, of the interference of any other authority, and has also ascertained the probability of these Churches, agreeing to the insertion, in the basis, of an article on the subject, and instruct the Committee accordingly."

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Wardrope, "that the four articles which have now been adopted separately form the basis of union for the United Church; but in view of the fact that many esteemed members of the Assembly desire a recognition of the Headship of Christ over His Church, it be an instruction to the Union Committee to endeavour to secure, in some way, such a deliverance, as shall meet the views of all parties in this Church, and report to next Assembly."

Before taking the vote, Dr. Taylor, at the request of the moderator, led the Assembly in prayer. The vote was then taken, when the amendment of Mr. Cochrane was carried successfully over the amendments of Mr. Scott and Mr. Ross, and over the motion of Dr. Topp. The yeas and nays being called for, 80 voted yea, and 31 nay. The Assembly accordingly decided on terms of Mr. Cochrane's amendment. Several members of the Assembly recorded their dissent.

A motion was now made by Mr. Ure, seconded by Mr. Lowry, to defer further discussion of all other matters connected with the union negotiations, until next Assembly. The motion was, however, lost, and the Assembly then proceeded to consider the resolutions on Collegiate Education and other subjects.

Dr. Proudfoot then, seconded by Mr. Ure, moved the adoption of the first clause of the resolution on Collegiate Education, to the effect that the negotiating Churches should enter into union with the Theological and Literary Institutions which they now have, and that application be made to Parliament for such legislation as shall bring them into relations with the United Church, similar to those which they now hold to their respective Churches, and to preserve their corporate existence, government, and functions on terms and conditions like to those under which they now exist.

An amendment was proposed by Dr. Waters, seconded by Mr. J. W. Mitchell, to the effect that inasmuch as a large number of the office-bearers and members of the Church are opposed in the present circumstances of the country to undertaking any general classical philosophical teaching, as a part of the Church's work, it would, therefore, be greatly preferable that the faculties in arts of Queen's College and Union College should be placed on such a basis as, while preserving them in all their efficiency, would, at the same time, remove them from the direct control of the church.

It was moved in further amendment to Dr. Proudfoot's motion by Mr. Cochrane, seconded by Dr. McVicar—"that the Assembly delay further consideration of the College question in the meantime." The amendment by Dr. Waters having been withdrawn, the vote was taken between Dr. Proudfoot's motion and Mr. Cochrane's amendment. The motion was carried, and the yeas and nays being called for, 64 voted yea and 27 nay.

Several members dissented from the finding come to.

The second clause of the resolution on collegiate education, having reference to endowment, was deferred until the report on the endowment movement was presented. Subsequently the matter of endowment having been referred to the respective Boards of the Colleges, the clause was omitted.

The third clause it was agreed to leave out.

Dr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Scott, of Napanee, moved that the fourth clause be adopted to read as follows:—The Assembly instruct their Committee in union, in bringing this resolution under the notice of the Committees of the negotiating churches, and seeking their approval thereof to inform them that this church still adheres to its repeatedly expressed opposition to state grants for denominational colleges in these provinces, and further instruct their Committee to ascertain whether there is a definite prospect of leaving union action in the United Church in this matter.

Ms. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Ball, moved that this clause be left out.

Dr. Proudfoot's motion was carried by a vote of 73 to 4. Messrs. Wilson and Burdon dissented.

On proceeding to re-appoint the Union Committee it was found that those of them who were present declined to act. A Committee was then appointed to nominate the members of the Committee in union. Ultimately, however, the former Committee was re-appointed.

#### REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE.

The Report of the Foreign Missions Committee was presented on the evening of Tuesday 11th by Mr. McLaren, Convener. The report referred to the operations carried on during the year in British Columbia, the Saskatchewan, and mission in China undertaken by the Rev. G. L. McKay. It referred to the selection of another missionary for the Saskatchewan, Mr. Edward Vincent, who had been ordained by the Presbytery at Ottawa. It mentioned the gratifying fact that there had been such an increase in the

amount of contributions for Foreign Mission purposes, that not only had the deficiency of past years been wiped out, but a balance of nearly \$2,000 was on hand at the end of the year.

The Assembly received the report, tendered thanks to the Committee and especially to the Convener, and referred the report to a Committee to consider the recommendations and report at an early sederunt; the Assembly instructed the Committee to meet with the Committee on the Home Mission Report to confer on the recommendations anent British Columbia; further the Assembly rendered its sense of gratitude to the Great Head of the church for the auspicious opening up of a Foreign Mission work such as is presented in the report, and for the large increase of contributions to the funds of the Mission. At the invitation of the assembly, Mr. Vincent, addressed them. His address was listened to with attention, and approbation.

At a subsequent sederunt the Committee reported, and in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report the General Assembly agreed to transfer the mission in British Columbia from the Foreign Mission Committee to the Home Mission Committee but that for the first year one half of the liabilities be borne by the Foreign Mission Fund. The other recommendations in the report of the Foreign Mission Committee were adopted with the exception of the Fifth. It was agreed to transfer the name of Mr. Edward Vincent from the roll of the Presbytery of Ottawa to that of the Presbytery of Manitoba; also that the Foreign Mission Committee have power to send a deputy to visit the Prince Albert Mission, encourage the Missionaries in their work, enquire into the method of its operations and make any suggestions which may be deemed advisable.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

The report of the Committee on Statistics was called for on the evening of Tuesday 11th, and was presented by Dr. Waters, Convener. The reports which had been drawn up with great labour and care prescribed many encouraging features, showing very marked progress during the year.

The report was received, and the thanks of the Assembly tendered to the Committee, and very especially to the Convener for the great pains taken in the preparation of the report; the Assembly further adopted the recommendation of the Committee, and ordered the report to be published in the appendix to the minutes. The Assembly also granted to the Convener the sum of \$75, as a recognition of his services involving a great amount of labour.

#### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.

The Assembly proceeded to consider the answers of Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions to the remit of last year on the subject of Instrumental Music. It was found that eleven Presbyteries approved *simpliciter* of the Interim Act, one approved generally, one while disapproving of the terms would grant liberty, four disapproved; of Kirk Sessions twenty-three approved, and forty-two disapproved.

It was then moved by Dr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. R. Rodger,—That as the interim act in reference to the use of instrumental music in public worship has been approved by a large majority of Presbyteries, it be now enacted as the law of the church in this matter.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Monteath, seconded by Mr. James Brown,—That in view of the conflicting opinions brought out in the returns on instrumental music in the worship of God, and in view also of the evils



that might arise if the interim act were adopted, the Assembly resolves to refrain from legislation on said question, and agrees to re commend to all parties who may differ as to the mode of divine praise, to exercise mutual forbearance and charity.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. J. M. King, seconded by Mr. Cochrane,—The General Assembly declines to enact any law on the subject of the use of instrumental music in the worship of God, but judges that the matter is not one in which uniformity of usage should be enforced in this Church, especially in view of the general expression of the Church's mind in favour of extending liberty to congregations therein; nevertheless, in agreeing to this deliverance, the General Assembly deems it seasonable to enjoin due regard to simplicity of worship, and the peace of congregations, in connexion with any changes which may be introduced.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Green,—

Whereas, it is a doctrine held by this Church as founded upon and agreeable to the Word of God, to which all its ministers and office-bearers are pledged, viz., "That the true God is not to be worshipped in any way not prescribed in the Holy Scriptures, (Conf. of Faith, chap. xxi, sec. 1st.)

Whereas, it cannot be shown that the use of instruments of music in His worship, under this new and more spiritual dispensation, is so prescribed:

Whereas, to sanction the use of such instruments in worship, would be a violation of the basis of the union so happily effected in 1861, which provides "That the ordinances of worship shall be administered in this Church as they have heretofore been by the respective bodies of which it is composed:"

Whereas, to authorize their introduction, or grant leave to Kirk Sessions and congregations to introduce them, would virtually, if not actually, cause division in the Church, and produce many evils with respect to the service of praise:

Whereas, it is un-Presbyterian and unwise to commit so important a matter as that of the regulation of the mode of worship to Kirk Sessions and congregations, and to do so, would tend to disturb the harmony and peace of congregations, and destroy that uniformity of worship that should prevail in a Presbyterian Church:

Resolved, that the whole subject be laid on the table.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. J. Scott, London, seconded by Mr. Lowry, as follows.—The report of the returns on the subject of instrumental music in connexion with the public worship of God having been read, the Assembly agrees not to pass the interim act on the subject into a law of the Church, nor in any direct way to legislate on the question, and, while laying no prohibition on the use of an instrument, where congregations agree in desiring it, at the same time declare a preference for expression of praise in vocal music alone, as more in keeping with the simplicity of the New Testament dispensation, and more fitted to secure the ends of spiritual worship; and recommend that congregations confine themselves to this mode of praise, both in the Sabbath School and in the Church.

Dr. Proudfoot craved leave to withdraw his motion in favor of the amendment of Mr. King.

Mr. Monteath craved leave to withdraw his amendment in favor of that of Mr. Scott. Leave was, in both cases, granted. Votes having been taken on the remaining motions, Mr. Scott's amendment was carried over that of Mr. Wilson, and Mr. King's motion over that of Mr. Scott. The yeas and nays were called for, when 59 voted yea, and 32 nay. The roll was called for, when 60 voted yea, and 37 nay. Mr. King's motion was then declared to be carried. From this finding Mr. Ross, in his own name and in that of others who might adhere, entered his dissent for reasons to be given in.

#### REPORTS OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

At the last two seditments of Assembly various reports of Committees, which had been ready, but in consequence of the pressure of business, had not been reached.

#### ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE.

Rev. Dr. Topp presented the report of the Endowment Committee, explaining the causes which had led to the endowment movement not being prosecuted. The Assembly received the Report, thanked the Committee, and remitted the matter of endowment to the College Boards, respectively, to take such action as they may deem expedient to secure endowments for the Colleges.

#### AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

A Report from this Committee was laid before the Assembly at an early period of its sessions. Said report was received and referred to a Committee. On the report of the Committee the Assembly remitted it to the Committee to bring up a well matured plan for the future working of the scheme.

#### MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The report of this Committee was presented and received. The fund continues to be in a highly prosperous state, the accumulated fund being upwards of \$69,000, and the number of annuitants 21. It was remitted to the Committee to revise the rules, and especially to consider whether the position of the fund may not warrant now an increase in the amount of the annuities.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Report of the Finance Committee was read, setting forth the amount of receipts and expenditures for the various church schemes. From the report it appeared that there is a large increase in the aggregate of the receipts for the schemes. The report of the auditors was also submitted, certifying that they had examined the books and vouchers of the General Agent and found them correct.

In accordance with an overture for the Presbytery of Paris the salary of the General Agent was increased to \$2000 per annum. The salary of the recording Clerk was increased to \$150.00.

#### HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD.

The report on the Home and Foreign Record was read by Mr. Reid. It stated the receipts and expenditure for the year, and proposed some modification with a view to the more general circulation of the Record. The Report was received and the recommendations left in the hands of the Committee.

#### CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER CHURCHES.

The Rev. A. B. Simpson reported diligence as a deputy last year to the general Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, and to the Synod of the

United Presbyterian Church. The Assembly received his Reports and tendered thanks for the efficient way in which he had discharged his duties. The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly with Mr. Scott of London, were appointed a Committee on correspondence with Foreign Churches for the ensuing year.

#### STATED COLLECTIONS.

The stated collections for the several schemes of the Church were appointed as last year.

#### THANKS.

The cordial thanks of the Assembly were tendered to the minister of Knox Church, the Trustees of the Church, the Christian friends in Hamilton who had so hospitably entertained the members of Assembly, and also to the Railroad and Steamboat Companies for reduction of fare to the members.

It should be stated that the Minister and Trustees of Knox Church were most attentive in anything that could tend to the comfort of the Assembly. Their conduct in this respect was entitled to all praise.

The business of the Assembly being ended the Moderator in appropriate terms addressed the Assembly, thanking them again for the honour conferred upon him in electing him to the office, and the kind forbearance exercised toward him during the Session of Assembly. He then gave out Psalm 122, Verses 6-9, which having been sung, Mr. Ure at the request of the Moderator, led the Assembly in prayer. He then announced that the Assembly was dissolved, and appointed another General Assembly to meet in the City of Toronto, and within Cooke's Church there, on the first Tuesday of June, 1873, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

### MEETINGS OF OTHER PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLIES AND SYNODS.

#### FREE CHURCH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Assembly met in Edinburgh on the 23rd of May. Dr. C. J. Brown was called to the moderator's chair. After hearing reports, the vacant professorships in the Glasgow College were assigned to the Rev. J. S. Candlish, and Mr. Lindsay, a licentiate. The subject of union occupied much of the discussions of the Assembly. The motion of Dr. Adam, of Glasgow, to the effect that ministers of the United Presbyterian Church should be eligible to calls from Free Church congregations, was carried by a vote of 369 to 172. Dr. Rainy's motion for a committee of Assembly to watch over movements in the Established Church and without, tending towards a change in the Establishment, or its overthrow, was carried by a vote of 322 to 84. The School Bill occupied the attention of the Assembly, and was approved of provisionally, the proviso being that no limitation should be imposed on the kind of religious instruction conveyed at set times, or the extent to which it should be imparted. The reports presented to the Assembly were full of interest and encouragement. The sustentation fund showed an increase; College endowments were progressing, and other funds kept well up to the mark, or went beyond it. Some interesting deputations were heard, and stirring speeches on missions were delivered by Dr. Duff and others.

#### UNITED PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL SYNOD.

This Synod commenced its sittings in Queen-street Hall, Edinburgh, on the evening of the 13th of May. The Rev. Dr. Cairns, of Berwick-on-Tweed, was chosen moderator. In regard to the Education Bill, the Synod

carried the motion of Dr. Wm. Johnstone, containing resolutions to the effect that it is not within the province of the civil government to provide for the religious instruction of the subject, and that this departure of the education of the young belongs exclusively to the parent and the Church; that the Synod disapproves of the attempt which has been made to enforce, by law, the teaching of religion in the Scottish National Schools, regrets that provision should be made in the bill for the continuance, under certain restrictions, of grants to denominational schools, and earnestly desires that the bill should contain an enactment that the school rates shall not be applied in respect of any instruction on religious subjects. Otherwise the motion approved of the bill. It was agreed to petition Parliament in accordance with the resolutions. The recommendation of the Union Committee, in regard to the mutual eligibility of ministers for receiving calls in the negotiating churches was carried on motion by a vote of 380 to 64. In regard to the organ question the Synod left it to each congregation to please itself, regard being had to the harmony of the congregation. It was also agreed to further the union of the English congregations of the United Presbyterian church with the English Presbyterian church. The substance of the Foreign Mission Report has already been given. The other reports were equally favourable.

#### ESTABLISHED CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

This Assembly met in Edinburgh on the 23rd of May, and Dr. Jamieson of Glasgow was appointed Moderator. The Education question came under consideration and a motion was carried in favour of the continuance of religious instruction in the schools, and provision for its continuance by legislative enactment. Principal Tulloch moved the re-appointment of the Committee on union with other Presbyterian bodies. The question of disestablishment excited some discussion. The Mission Report showed an increase in the contributions of members, and the Endowment Committee reported that sixteen churches had been endowed during the year. One of the most interesting announcements made was that the Bairds of Glasgow had founded a lectureship similar to the Cunningham lectureship of the Free Church, having in view the defence of the cardinal doctrines of the Gospel as these are exhibited in the standards of the church. The small representation of the eldership attracted attention and led to discussion. Many deputations enlivened the proceedings.

#### REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Scotland met in the Rev. W. Symington's Church, in Glasgow, on the 6th of May. The Rev. John Hamilton, of Renton, was chosen moderator. In order to the better representation of the eldership in the Synod, it was agreed that sessions should be at liberty to select an elder to represent them from any part of the Church. Overtures, craving the Synod to revise the terms of communion and formula for admission to the Church, were referred to a Committee, which reported a form that contained none of the objectionable terms based upon ancient Covenanting documents. The motion to make minister of the negotiating Presbyterian Churches equally eligible to calls, was carried. A letter from the American General Reformed Synod reopened a correspondence lately dropped; but it was agreed that, in resuming correspondence, the Scotch Synod was to be in no respect understood as homologating the action of the American Church in the suspension of the well-known philanthropist, G. H. Stewart. No vote was taken on the Education question,

although all the motions favoured religious instruction in the public schools. The various reports on the New Hebrides Mission which is carried on in harmony with our sister Churches in the Lower Provinces and others, on Theological Education, &c., were interesting, and denoted progress.

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

The Synod of this sister Church met in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on the 5th of June. The Rev. Dr. Hogg, of Guelph, occupied the moderator's chair. The Report of the Temporalities Fund showed that the revenue last year was over thirty thousand dollars, nine thousand of which was raised by the Church. Other reports were satisfactory, especially that of Morrin College, which has recently been presented with the late Judge Aylwin's library, and looks forward to a government grant arising from marriage license fees. The great subject of interest to the Synod was that of Union. The Union Committee was re-appointed with instructions to the members to order themselves by the decisions of the Synod in their deliberations and recommendations. Thus they are not to allow any formal recognition of the Headship of Christ to be pressed upon them, nor to repudiate the principle of accepting state grants for denominational purposes, while they are to allow the United Church to dispense with the management of the Arts Department of Queen's College, and to arrange as best they may for the election of professors by the governing boards of the Colleges or by the Church Courts. A deputation from the parent church and others from the United States and Canada, contributed to the interest of the sessions. Mr. Hart was appointed as missionary to Manitoba, and to take part in the work of the Presbyterian College there under Professor Bryce.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND.

The General Assembly of the Irish Presbyterian Church met in Belfast on 8th June, and continued in session about the usual time. The Rev. W. Johnston, of Belfast was called to the Moderator's chair. Mr. T. Sinclair moved the adoption of the Sustentation Fund Report. The total amount subscribed this year was £24,665, being an increase on amount of last year of £433. All the ministers who were in receipt of the *Regium Donum* have commuted, except about thirty, who are also expected to commute. The missionary and other reports were interesting. A keen discussion took place on the question of instrumental music. The Assembly were equally divided on the question. Several deputations were received. A letter was received from Lord Farnham offering £25 per annum to each of six congregations on his estate in the County Cavan. The Assembly ordered the letter to be recorded.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SPANISH CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

This court, at which seventeen churches were represented, met in the first week of April at Madrid. Mr. Moore the missionary of the Irish Presbyterian Church gives the following account of its proceedings:

"The commission charged with preparing a Confession of Faith presented the result of their labours to the assembly, the examination of which occupied ten days; and, although there were many points that gave rise to vigorous discussions, each one contending for his peculiar views of truth, yet the reigning spirit in the Assembly was that of mutual respect and warm, fraternal affection. A commission was also appointed, during the sittings of the As-

sembly, to examine and report on the qualifications of candidates for ordination. Of these there were five, all of whom have been preaching for a considerable time, and some have large congregations. The result of the examination was satisfactory in the case of two or three, but with regard to the others, the commission felt bound to report to the Assembly that in *ordinary circumstances* they would not recommend them as fit for the pastoral charge of a congregation, but taking into account the *great need* there is of labourers in this country, and on the condition that these would apply themselves with special diligence to reading and prayer, they advised the Assembly to proceed to their ordination. On the following day (Sabbath), after the morning service in the church of the Madera Baja, the ordination took place, in the presence of an immense congregation. Senor Cabrera preached an appropriate sermon, and conducted the ordination services in an admirable style. The service was a very imposing and affecting one; many were moved to tears, and both the ordainers and the ordained seemed to have a lively sense of the responsibility of such a solemn office. In the evening of the same day a farewell service was held in Senor Ruet's church, where the members of the Assembly, before separating each to his respective field of labor, met around the communion table, to celebrate the dying love of our common Lord and King. Thus ended the second Assembly of *La Iglesia Cristiana Española*. Three gentlemen were licensed to preach the Gospel, and the rest of the business, such as the Catechism, Hymn-book, etc., was postponed till the next meeting of Assembly, which is to be held in this city in the first week of April, 1873.

#### GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Third general assembly of this Church since the union met in Detroit on the 16th of May. Dr. Nicolls of St. Louis, was elected to the moderator's chair, as successor to Dr. Humphreys. The meeting lasted till the 29th and was characterized by much harmony and good feeling. An important subject before the Assembly was that to which we have adverted in noticing the last number of the *Princeton Review*, the placing on a good, economical and satisfactory basis, the benevolent work of the Church. The various reports told of increasing prosperity and progress. Several deputations were received, including one from the Established Church of Scotland, a somewhat unusual event. The Elders' meetings were an important feature in the interest of session. The next meeting is appointed to be held in Baltimore.

A prize essay on "The Government of the Kingdom of Christ," by the Rev. J. Moir Porteous, gives detailed statistics of the Presbyterian Church throughout the world. The table on Great Britain and Ireland states that there are at present—48 synods, 276 presbyteries, 4546 churches, 4514 ministers, 23,536 elders, 15,411 deacons, 1,095,148 communicants, 67,606 teachers, and 648,624 scholars in Sabbath Schools connected with British Presbyterian Churches.

The table of "General Statistics of the Presbyterian Church" is a more interesting and surprising document. It reckons Presbyterian details throughout its various branches thus:—146 synods, 1180 Presbyteries, 20,133 churches, 18,774 ministers, 25,528 elders, 21,009 deacons, 26,735,396 members, and 34,351,857 of a population. In addition to this, it mentions 9932 churches, 8038 ministers, and 20,579,768 of a population belonging to

the Lutheran persuasion. Blanks in the tables indicate that this is rather an under than an over statement. Few will be prepared for this detail—namely, that there are upwards of Thirty-four Millions, three hundred thousand of a Presbyterian population; and if any choose to add the Lutherans, then they form an army of nearly Fifty-five Millions. The generally estimated Protestant population of the world, as here stated, is 107,000,000. Whether, then, Presbyterians and Lutherans are taken together, or the former alone be considered, Presbyterians must constitute by far the largest Protestant denomination in the world. Certainly, "if numbers are to be looked at, Presbytery deserves some consideration."

#### DEATH OF MINISTERS

Dr. Islay Burns, once of St. Peter's Free Church, Dundee, and latterly professor in the Free Church College, Glasgow, died on the 20th of May. He was a nephew of the late Dr. Burns, of Toronto, and brother of the late Rev. W. C. Burns, the missionary to China. Dr. Burns was a pleasant writer as well as a good scholar and earnest Christian, and has left behind him works of no little interest. Among them may be mentioned "The Pastor of Kilsyth," and his works on Church History. This death makes the second vacancy in the Glasgow College within a short time, that of Dr. Gibson being the first.

Dr. Norman McLeod, of the Barony Church, Glasgow, also died still more recently. His death will be a great loss to the Established Church of Scotland, and to the work of religious literature which he did so much to advance in connection with Good Words and other publications. Dr. McLeod stood high in royal favour, being one of Her Majesty's Chaplains for Scotland. He was also deservedly popular for many excellent qualities, although somewhat inclined to take the broad side of a subject, as in the case of the Sabbath Question. He was expected to visit Canada towards the end of the season, and some who had met with him in stormy disruption times when on his first visit to this land, looked forward to a pleasanter reunion.

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## Home Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

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#### CALLS, ETC.

The Rev. J. McGlaughlan, recently from Ireland, has been called by the congregation in *Chicago*.

The Rev. W. Matheson was inducted as pastor of the Gaelic congregation at Arthur, on the 22nd May. Rev. W. Blain, of Carrick, preached and presided, Rev. J. McMillan, of Mount Forest, addressed the minister, and Rev. J. Morrison, of Proton, the people. The congregation was, until lately, in connection with Mount Forest under the care of the Rev. J. McMillan. Formerly the entire charge was a weak one, and barely able to sustain a minister. Now, there are two congregations and two ministers. The new congregation, although not large, is compact and vigorous, and has good promise of growth.

**KNOX COLLEGE.**—The Rev. W. Gregg has intimated his acceptance of the chair of apologetics in Knox College, and will immediately resign his charge. There will be now three Professors besides Dr. Proudfoot as lecturer in Homiletics and classical tutors. There is every prospect of the classes being full and the work being carried on with vigor.

**PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.**—The attention of students and others is directed to the annual Calendar of this institution, which is enclosed in the present number of the RECORD. It contains full information regarding scholarships, medals, examinations, &c., and is fitted to promote the Collegiate work of the church. The staff of instructors for the next season are Rev. Professor McVicar, L. L. D., Rev. Prof. Cousirat, B. D., Rev. J. M. Gibson, M. A., Lecturer in Exegetics, Rev. Wm. MacLaren, Ottawa, Lecturer on Apologetics, Rev. John Campbell, Toronto, Lecturer on Church History, Rev. A. de Sola, L. L. D., Lecturer in Hebrew and Oriental Literature, Goodwin Gibson, M. A., Classical and Mathematical Tutor. Messrs. MacLaren and Campbell were appointed by the late General Assembly, and have accepted office since the issuing of the Calendar.

**MINUTES OF ASSEMBLY.**—The minutes of Assembly will be printed with as little delay as possible, and forwarded in the usual way.

**MANITOBA.**—The Rev. Professor Bryce is about to set out on his return to his duties in Manitoba College. He will be accompanied by Rev. E. Vincent, who goes to take a place on the staff of the Mission at Prince Albert on the Saskatchewan. The Rev. W. More, of Ottawa, is likely to proceed to the Saskatchewan Mission, to consult with the missionaries, and report on the operations as there carried.

**PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.**—This Presbytery met at Guelph on the 7th of May. Eleven Ministers and twelve Ruling Elders were present. The Records of the Kirk Sessions of Knox Church, Elora, of Doon and Hespeler, of Everton and Minosa, and of the First Congregation of Eramosa, were laid on the table, and Committees appointed to examine the same. These Committees duly reported before the close of the sederunt, and the Records were attested in terms of the report in each instance.

The Clerk reported that he had received Statistical Reports, with Financial Statements, more or less complete, from all the congregations within the bounds, with the exception of Erin and Caledon West, from which no Financial Statement had come to hand; and Berlin, and Arthur, from neither of which there had been any return.

Mr. William Kay, A. M., a student who had completed his third year in the Theological Classes of Knox College, was present and requested to be taken on trial for License, and having produced satisfactory testimonials that he had completed his theological curriculum, and performed the work prescribed to him in the course of his studies, and that his character and conduct during his attendance at College, had been suitable to his views of life, it was agreed that a Committee, consisting of Dr. William Barrie, Convener, Messrs. George Smellie and W. S. Ball, be appointed, with leave to retire, to examine Mr. Kay on the subjects prescribed, viz., Latin, Greek, Philosophy, Theology and Practical Religion, with instructions to report as soon as convenient. At a subsequent stage of the proceedings, this Committee reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and were fully satisfied by the examination they had conducted. On motion it was agreed that the report be received, and that application be made to the General Assembly, at their first meeting, for leave to take Mr. Kay on Trial for License.

It was unanimously agreed to recommend Mr. A. A. Drummond as Moderator of the approaching General Assembly.

The Committee appointed to consider various schemes of S. S. Lessons, with a view to the recommendation of one for general adoption throughout the bounds, reported that they had met, and agreed that, in their opinion, the Edinburgh scheme was the one which, in the meantime, had the best claim to their recommendation for general use, and to ask the Presbytery to consider whether it



might not be of advantage to the S. S. generally, connected with the Church, if a scheme of Lessons were prepared under the sanction of the General Assembly, and if they thought that it would, that they memorialize the Assembly on the subject. It was agreed, after due deliberation, that the recommendation be adopted, and a Committee was appointed to prepare a memorial in terms thereof to be submitted to the Supreme Court, and supported before the same by Messrs. Wardrope and A. D. McDonald.

In accordance with the request of Knox Church, Elora, it was agreed that the clause in Art. XII. of the Constitution of said congregation which reads "that the managers shall visit the members and seat-holders half-yearly," be changed so as to read, "may visit" the members and seat-holders quarterly.

After the transaction of some business connected with the Ordinary Fund, the Presbytery proceeded to consider the petition of the congregation at Hawksville, submitted at their meeting on 6th March last. The petition was again read, and the Clerk reported that he had notified the congregation, through Mr. Cadwell, of the action previously taken by the Presbytery. Mr. Empey was heard in support of the petition. Questions were put to him and answered. After lengthened deliberations, it was resolved that a Committee be appointed to visit Hawksville, and meet with the congregation there, to enquire into all the circumstances of the case, and to report at next ordinary meeting. It having appeared in the course of deliberation that the Church at Hawksville had not been accepting, for some time, the supply of sermon that had been appointed, and Mr. Empey having stated that this step had been taken, not out of disrespect to the Presbytery, but from their inability to meet the necessary expenses, if they were not relieved of the debt upon their Church, it was agreed that the Presbytery assume any pecuniary obligations that may be incurred through the supply of missionary services which the congregation do not feel themselves able to discharge, till the Committee meet with them. The Clerk was instructed to furnish the congregation with an extract minute of this decision.

A reference from the Kirk Session of Knox Church, Acton, led to the appointment of Assessors to sit with that Session, and aid in issuing the case.

Mr. Torrance reported that he had gone to Doon and Hespeler on the 28th March, and moderated in a call, which had come out unanimously in favor of Mr. John M. Goodwillie, A.B. Probationer. Mr. Torrance's conduct in moderating was approved. The Call, duly certified and transmitted through the Session, was laid upon the table, and Commissioners heard in support of the same. Questions were put and answered, from which it appeared that the stipend promised, and which was covered by a subscription of equal amounts on each section of the congregation, was \$600, when, on motion, it was resolved that the call be sustained as a regular Gospel call. Mr. Goodwillie being present, the call was put into his hands, when he signified his acceptance of the same. The Moderator and Clerk were authorized to prescribe to him subjects of Trials for Ordination, that he might undergo the same at next ordinary meeting, which was appointed to be held in Knox Church, Guelph, on the second Tuesday of July, at 1 o'clock, p. m.

A petition was read from the congregation at Authur, praying the Presbytery to appoint one of their number to moderate on an early day, in a call which they purpose giving to one to become their minister. The petition was accompanied with a subscription list of \$418.56, as the amount they were able to raise by way of stipend, payable 1st December, 1872. Mr. George Hunter was heard in support of the prayer of the petition, after which it was agreed that the prayer be granted that Mr. Smellie be authorized to moderate on such a day as he may be requested, and that the Clerk be instructed to apply to the Home Mission Committee for a yearly grant, for the present of such a sum by way of supplement, as the Committee may feel justified in giving.

A similar application was made by the congregation in South Lutler and

Amaranth, and similar action taken thereon. Mr. Millican being appointed to moderate on such a day as he may judge best.

Mr. Middlemiss gave notice that at next ordinary meeting he would move that the salary of the Clerk be increased by not less than \$20, to be reckoned from the beginning of the ecclesiastical year.

The Presbytery proceeded to consider the remits sent down by last general Assembly. The first was an appointing Alternates to commissioners from Presbyteries to that Court. The minutes of Assembly bearing on the case was read. It was then moved by Mr. John Davidson, seconded by Mr. Thos. McCrae, that the principle of appointing Alternates by Presbyteries as Commissioners to the General Assembly, be recommended for adoption. It was moved in amendment by Mr. James Middlemiss, seconded by Mr. James A. Thomson, to recommend that it shall be competent for Presbyteries, if they see occasion, to appoint Alternates. On being put to the vote the amendment was carried over the motion by a majority, and the Presbytery decided in terms thereof.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning with leave of at Synod, 9 o'clock, in McNab St. Church, Hamilton, and the sederunt was closed with the benediction.

With permission of the Synod, the Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment in McNab St. Church, Hamilton, at nine o'clock a. m., on the 8th of May and was duly constituted. Took up consideration of the question of Instrumental Music, remitted by the General Assembly, in terms of the Barrier Act, to Kirk Sessions and Presbyteries. The decision of the Assembly on the subject, including the granting of the prayer of the petition of a congregation for liberty to use an instrument, in the worship of God, and an *Interim* Act on the subject having been read, returns were handed in from the Kirk Session of Knox and Chalmers' Churches, Elora, Glenallan and Hollin, and read, whereupon, after due consideration, it was moved by Mr. James K. Smith, seconded by Mr. John A. Davidson, That the Presbytery approve of the Interim Act and recommend its permanent enactment by the General Assembly, moved in amendment by Mr. George Smellie, seconded by Mr. A. D. McDonald, That the Presbytery express in the fullest and plainest manner, their disapprobation of the Interim Act, and recommend that it be not re-enacted by the General Assembly. On being put to the vote the amendment was carried over the motion by a majority and the Presbytery decided in terms thereof.

The Presbytery next proceeded to consider the Basis of Union, and the Resolutions on the subject of Union as a whole, between the Presbyterian Churches in the Provinces of British North America, which had been remitted by the General Assembly to Presbyteries, Sessions and congregations for their mature consideration, and report to next Assembly. Returns upon the subject were read. Moved by Mr. Middlemiss, seconded by Mr. Smellie, That the Presbytery regard the Basis sent down as essentially defective, inasmuch as it does not contain any distinct and explicit testimony in opposition to Erastianism. Moved in amendment by Mr. J. K. Smith, seconded by Mr. J. A. Thompson, That the Presbytery express generally its approval of the contemplated Union on the Basis proposed with the addition of the following article "That the Lord Jesus Christ is the only King and Head of his Church, that he has made her free from all external or secular authority in the administration of her affairs, and that she is bound to assert and defend this liberty to the utmost, and ought not to enter into any such engagements with any party as would be prejudicial thereto." It was moved in still further amendment by Mr. A. D. McDonald, seconded by Mr. J. Davidson, That the Presbytery while approving of the proposed Basis generally, recommend the Assembly to propose to the other Churches with which negotiations are being carried on with a view to Union, the Basis upon which the Union between the Presbyterian Church of Canada and the United Presbyterian Church in Canada was consummated for their acceptance. A vote was first taken between the amendment of Mr. McDonald, and that of Mr. Smith, when the former was

carried by a majority. The amendment of Mr. McDonald was then put against the main motion when the latter was carried.

The Presbytery next took up the subject of Collegiate Education embraced on the Resolution upon Union adopted by the General Assembly and sent down, to Presbyteries Kirk Sessions and Congregations. Returns on the subject were read. It was then moved by Mr. A. D. McDonald, seconded by M. J. Little, That the arrangement of the matter of Collegiate Education allowed to stand over till after the question of Union shall have been settled. Moved in amendment by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. J. Davidson, That in the view of this Presbytery, three Theological Colleges are all that is necessary to meet the wants of the United Church, and that there is no necessity in existing circumstances to make provision for non-theological education. On being put to the vote the motion carried over the amendment.

At his own request leave of absence from his congregation for four or five months, was granted to Mr. J. A. Thompson to allow of his visiting Britain, with a view to the recovery of his health.

After the transaction of some other business, not of public interest, the sederunt was closed with the benediction.

ROBERT TORRANCE,  
Pres. Clerk.

THE BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.—We are glad to see that the exceedingly delicate question of a denominational organ, in the shape of a weekly religious newspaper devoted to the interests of the Canada Presbyterian Church, has been settled in the establishment of the British American Presbyterian by the enterprise of a private and unofficial member of the Church. Mr. Robinson is deserving of all praise for the enterprise exhibited in establishing the B. A. Presbyterian, as well as for the able manner in which his journal is conducted. Although it would be difficult so far to tell on what side of agitating questions the sympathies of the editor lie, none can, as far as these are concerned, accuse the B. A. Presbyterian of want of candour and fairness. We wish Mr. Robinson the greatest success in the important work to which he has devoted himself, and trust that his paper may ever be found worthy of the hearty support of the Church.

## Missionary Intelligence.

### FREE CHURCH MISSIONS.

Mr. Robertson of Lovedale, Caffraria, complains of the emigrations of converts from the mission stations to other fields, generally for the purpose of finding work with European employers. Notwithstanding he says "our class of candidates is very large. Our Bible Class, or Class for Bible instruction, to which the members come, is attended by about eighty. Our Sabbath Schools are also large; and with respect to the evangelistic and Day School work, we are labouring not without fruit."

The Foreign Mission income of this year has not quite come up to that of 1871, but it has been sufficient for all demands. New labourers have been sent out to take the place of some who have fallen at their posts, and of others whom ill health has laid aside for a time from active service. The Report shows that 7602 Indian children annually receive Christian instruc-

tion from the Free Church Missionaries. This is far in excess of those similarly educated in Kaffraria, yet the number of communicants in Africa is decidedly larger than the number in India. "The native church of Bengal, for example, has only 137 in full communion; the native church in Lovedale has 417. In India the number admitted on profession since the commencement of the mission has been 1192; the number in Africa has been over 2000." The Free Church Record in a review of the Foreign Mission work, from which the above items of information have been drawn, goes on to say. "Our Indian stations are classified according to their situation geographically:—I. In the north-east is our *Bengal Mission*, with its head-quarters at Calcutta. It has twenty principal and branch stations, five ordained Europeans and three ordained Natives, and forty-four Christian agents in all. II. In the west are (1.) *The Bombay Mission*, with five ordained missionaries, one of whom is a Native, and with thirty-one Christian agents in all; (2.) *Puna*, with three ordained missionaries, and eighteen Christian agents; (3.) *Indapur and Jalna*, with two ordained Native ministers, and twenty-eight Christian agents in all. Connected with these centres are fourteen out-stations of greater or less importance. III. In Southern India is the *Madras Mission*, with seven branch-stations, six ordained missionaries (two of them Natives), and forty-one Christian agents in all. IV. In Central India are (1.) *The Nagpore Mission*, with four branches, and employing a force of two ordained Europeans, and fifteen Christian agents in all; (2.) *The Mission to the Gonds*, with one ordained European.

The work in Africa is similarly classified. In *Kaffraria* are the principal stations of Lovedale, Burnshill, Pirie, and Macfarlane, with twenty branches distributed among them. At Lovedale there are two ordained Europeans, and thirteen Christian agents in all; in Burnshill, one ordained European, and ten Christian agents in all; at Pirie, two ordained missionaries, and seven agents; at Macfarlane, one European catechist, and four Native labourers.

In connection with the *Transkei Mission* there are one principal station (at Cunningham), and five branches. Its agency consists of one ordained European, and nine Native assistants.

A third department of our African work is carried on at *Natal*. The chief station is Pietermaritzburg, and there are two branches. The whole is under the charge of one ordained European missionary and nine assistants. This mission has been remarkably successful; for though it was only established in 1865, it has admitted since then, on profession, no fewer than 425 to the fellowship of the Church.

The *Gordon Mission* has not yet taken root, in consequence of difficulties occurring in finding a suitable location. But Dr. Dalzell has again set out on an exploring tour into the interior, and there is good hope that he will soon find the open door of which he has been in search. In a matter so important, it is better to have a little patience than make a rash choice, which might afterwards be regretted."

The Continental Committee reports encouraging work at Cannes and Mentone and speaks well of the progress of the Waldensian missionary spirit. The Colonial Committee mentions the destruction, by fire, of Rev. Charles Ogg's church in which the oldest congregation of Brisbane, Queensland, worshipped, another appeal for labourers from New Zealand and the indefatigable exertion of Mr. King of Batavia in the island of Java. Mr. King has been regularly holding Sabbath service in Dutch and Malay. He has

thirty-one orphans in his asylum, whom he has had, so far, to educate himself. By means of the printing press worked by three of the older orphans, he sent out during last year 500 copies monthly of a religious periodical, *The Opwekker* (awaker or exciter), 1450 Dutch Tracts, 2000 Bible Histories, 3000 Catechisms, 1500 Hymn-books in the Sangir language, 300 gospels of Luke and John in the Sundanese language, and 1000 copies of Luke's gospel in High Malay.

#### UNITED PRESBYTERIAN FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Annual Report of the Foreign Mission Committee of the United Presbyterian Church, presents a picture of Christian liberality and successful effort, second to none that the churches exhibit.

	Jamaica	Trinidad	Old Calabar	South Africa	India	China	Spain	Total
Ordained European missionaries.....	15	2	5	6	10	3	3	44
Ordained Native missionaries.....	4	1	1					6
Medical Missionaries.....			1		4	2		7
Native evangelists and colporteurs.....	14			23	11	5	5	58
European male teachers and evangelists....			1	2	1	1	4	9
European female teachers.....			6		1		4	11
Native schoolmasters.....	33		14	10	65	1		123
Native female teachers.....	14			2	6	2		24
Principal stations.....	26	3	5	8	6	2	3	53
Out stations.....	89	2	17	25		5	3	141
Members.....	5218	190	116	627	57	41	54	6303
Attendance.....	7796	390	768	1793			925	11672
Candidates.....	643	5	47	138	101		26	900
Sabbath Scholars.....	4706			521				
Day Scholars.....	4364		609	558	2393	3	511	8438

In such a table many items must necessarily be passed over, such as dispensaries, orphanages and other important institutions, by means of which good is done to the bodies and souls of many thousands. The Jamaica mission is a Synod of itself with four Presbyteries, and will soon, doubtless, be set off as a separate branch of the church. The United Presbyterian Church gives aid to several French Churches and Societies and carries on important Home Missions in the three kingdoms.

#### IRISH PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

Two letters from India, written by Mr. Rea of Borsud and Mr. McMordie of Ahmedabad, give an idea of the kind of patient waiting, sometimes amid suffering, that often tries the missionary's spirit. Mr. McMordie tells us of another Somaj or assembly than that of the Brahma Theists, namely the Prarthna or Prayer Somaj, without any leader and distinguished as retaining caste. On the news of the assassination of the Earl of Mayo, while the Brahma Somaj prayed for the repose of his soul, the Prarthnas agreed to forego one of their meetings. The Prarthnas must have strange views as to the ordinance which gives them their name. Mr. Moore writes regretting that civil war has made its appearance in Spain, yet speaking hopefully of the progress of Christ's cause among both old and young. A Sabbath School of between seventy and eighty boys and girls in a place, given like Madrid to Sabbath breaking, is a good sign.

## ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH.

*From 1st May, 1871, to 30th April, 1872, as audited for presentation to Synod.*

## KNOX COLLEGE 1871-1872.

## RECEIPTS.

	\$	cts.	\$	cts.
Amount received from all sources, including balance at beginning of year (\$81.89).....	8,221	70		
Balance at Dr.....		172	8,394	67

## EXPENDITURE.

Paid on account of Salaries.....	6,244	17		
“ to Mr. Gunn—fuel, light and attendance.....		250	1,005	13
“ accounts for repairs, &c.....		86	47	95
“ for Library.....		194	60	
“ Printing, Advertising, &c.....		151	41	
“ Insurance.....		60	60	
“ Interest on Mortgage on Building.....		60	00	
“ “ for advances for ordinary expenditure.....		60	26	
“ City Improvement Rates, two years.....		125	00	
“ Proportion of charges common to all the schemes of the Church.....		170	09	
“ Proportion of Salary of Agent.....			8,394	67

Amount of Dr. as above.....	172	97		
Due in addition for last year.....		192	45	
Total debt.....		365	42	
On 1st May, 1871, debt was.....		613	13	
Less this year by.....		247	71	

## KNOX COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

## 1871 RECEIPTS.

May 1st. By amount in hand.....	5,092	10		
“ amount from J. Menzies.....		100	357	14
“ Interest.....			5,549	24

## EXPENDITURE.

Knox College ordinary Fund—Interest.....		357	14	
Balance at Interest.....		5,192	10	
			5,549	24

## BURSARY AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in hand.....		33	64	
Received Donations, Interest, &c.....		2,186	00	
			2,219	64

## EXPENDITURE.

Bursaries and Scholarships paid.....		800	00	
Invested.....		820	00	
Printing, Stationery, &c.....		30	00	
Balance.....		569	64	
			2,219	64

COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.		\$	cts.	\$	cts.
Amount due on Mortgage as before.....		2,163	62		
		<hr/>			2,517 20
ASSEMBLY FUND.—RECEIPTS.					
Amount received .....		2,101	58		
Balance due .....		415	62		
EXPENDITURE.					
Balance at beginning of year.....		437	66		
Paid expenses connected with Assembly meeting in Quebec		99	75		
“ expenses of Assembly in November.....		26	75		
“ accounts for Printing' including Synod Minutes.....		1,007	00		
“ Rev. W. Fraser, salary.....		160	00		
“ “ Postage account.....		2	76		
“ Rev. Dr. Waters, convener of Committee on Statistics		60	00		
“ Expenses of Deputations, Commissions, &c .....		172	91		
“ Express charges on Minutes, Statistics, &c.....		27	15		
Proportion of general expenses.....		134	91		
“ Salary of General Agent.....		415	00		
		<hr/>			2,517 20
FOREIGN MISSION.—RECEIPTS.					
Received from all sources.. .....					11,212 32
EXPENDITURE.					
Balance at beginning of year.....		1,375	96		
Paid on account of Mission to British Columbia.. .....		1,900	00		
“ “ “ Red River.. .....		112	00		
“ “ “ Saskatchewan .....		3,835	00		
“ “ “ China Mission.....		1,525	00		
“ “ expenses of Committee.....		69	10		
“ “ expenses of Special Deputations .....		182	08		
“ Proportion of general expenses.....		130	00		
“ Salary of General Agent .....		155	00		
“ Interest for advances.....		25	00		
Balance.. .....		1,902	69		
		<hr/>			11,212 32
HOME MISSION —RECEIPTS.					
Balance at beginning of year.....				4	13
Receipts from all sources.....				14,992	33
Balance at Dr. at end of year.....				209	66
		<hr/>			15,202 12
EXPENDITURE.					
Presbytery of Montreal, Mis. Stat.	\$605 74	Sup.	\$1107 50	1,713	24
“ Ottawa, “	418 50	“	25 00	441	50
“ Brockville, “	112 40	“	115 00	227	40
“ Kingston, “	732 55	“	325 00	1,057	55
“ Cobourg, “	279 25	“	583 00	862	55
“ Ontario, “	505 00	“	600 00	1,105	00
“ Toronto, “	663 80	“	280 00	943	80
“ Simcoe, “	599 35	“	225 00	824	35
“ Owen Sound, “	195 50	“	200 00	395	50
“ Hamilton, “	216 10	“	475 00	691	10
“ Guelph, “	209 27	“	50 00	259	27
“ Durham, “	189 00	“	242 00	431	00
“ Paris, “	139 00	“	.....	139	00
“ London, “	641 50	“	532 00	1,173	50
“ Stratford, “	198 00	“	212 50	410	50
“ Huron, “	253 00	“	.....	253	50
“ Chatham, “	200 00	“	423 27	623	27
“ Manitoba, “	2,486 29	“	.....	2,486	29

Mission services on Lake Superior, &c.,.....	450 25	\$	cts.
For Printing, &c.,.....	30 33		
Expenses of Members of Committee last year, and expenses of Distribution Committee.....	277 52		
Proportion of General Expenses.....	150 00		
“ Salary of General Agent.....	170 00		
Interest.....	90 00		
			15,202 12

## FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.—RECEIPTS.

Balance at beginning of year.....	263 60		
Received during the year from all sources.....	2,643 31		
			2,906 91

## EXPENDITURE.

Remitted to Montreal.....	2,653 00		
Paid proportion of General Expenses.....	60 00		
“ “ Salary of General Agent.....	80 00		
Balance.....	113 91		
			2,906 91

## WIDOWS' FUND.—RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	6,317 47		
Congregational collections and donations.....	3,184 75		
Ministers' rates.....	1,663 00		
Interest.....	4,245 29		
Investments falling due and paid.....	6,886 20		
			22,296 71

## EXPENDITURE.

Annuities paid to Widows and Children of Ministers.....	2,715 00		
Rates repaid.....	196 00		
Invested.....	13,915 34		
Amount placed to credit of Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers.....	1,635 24		
Proportion of General Expenses, Printing, &c.....	175 00		
“ Salary of Agent.....	420 00		
Sundry Charges—Printing, Legal Services, &c.....	106 99		
Balance.....	3,133 14		
			22,296 71

The following is the present state of the Fund :

Invested in Debentures.....	35,200 00		
“ Mortgages.....	31,299 69		
Cash.....	3,133 14		
			69,633 03

## FOR AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.—RECEIPTS.

Balance at beginning of year.....	3,323 94		
Receipts during year from congregations, donations, &c... ..	1,635 24		
Principal repaid.....	400 00		
Interest.....	193 00		
			5,552 18

## EXPENDITURES.

Annuities to Ministers paid.....	1,320 00		
Proportion for Printing and General Expenses.....	50 00		
“ “ Salary of Agent.....	110 00		
Invested.....	1,995 45		
Balances.....	2,076 73		
			5,552 18
N. B.—Amount invested in all.....	2,900 00		

## HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD.—RECEIPTS.

Balance at beginning of year.....	9 60		
Received from Subscriptions and Advertizements.....	2,800 16		
			2,809 76



EXPENDITURE.		\$	cts.	\$	cts.
Printing .....		1,018	18		
Bunting Bros. & Co., on account of Paper.....		1,000	06		
Postage and Express Charges, &c.....		424	44		
Proportion of General Expenses.....		90	00		
“ Salary of Agent and Assistant Editor. ....		270	00		
Balance.....		7	14		
					2,809 76

## KANKAKEE MISSION.—RECEIPTS.

Receipts from all sources.....	2,427	84
Balance at Dr .....	482	13
		2,909 97

## EXPENDITURE.

Balance at the beginning of year.....	72	90
Paid Rev. C. Chiniquy, on account of salary and arrears,	1,000	06
“ J. H. Paradis.....	83	33
“ Rev. C. Lafontaine.....	500	04
“ Rev. E. Therrien.....	120	00
“ For other teachers.....	353	74
“ Expenses of Members of Committee, &c.....	61	40
“ Proportion of General Expenses, Salary, &c.....	115	00
“ Special Contributions for Building Fund.....	588	50
“ Interest.....	15	00
		2,909 97

## MISSIONS OF FREE CHURCH.

Amount received.....	27	54
“ remitted .....	27	54

## MISSIONS OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Amount received.....	40	50
“ remitted.....	40	50

## MISSIONS OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LOWER PROVINCES.

Amount received.....	70	00
“ remitted.....	70	00

## MUSKOKA.

Amount received .....	67	05
“ paid .....	67	05

## FUND FOR REV. J. G. CARRUTHERS.

Amount in hand.....	353	33
Interest .....	24	67
		378 00

Amount paid Mr. C. ....	24	00
Balance in hand.....	354	00
		378 00

## DR. BURNS' MEMORIAL.

Balance.....	423	43
Expenses incurred.....	23	43

Balance transferred to Bursary Fund, being subscription of Mr. W. Heron .....	400	00
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## MANITOBA COLLEGE.

Amount received in all.....	2,734	00
Interest .....	70	00
		2,804 00
By Amount credited to Home Missions .....	70	00
Balance .....	2,734	00
		2,804 00

The above Accounts have been examined, Vouchers and Balances compared, and found correct.

(Signed) J. McMURRICH.  
(Signed) JAS. BROWN.

MONEYS RECEIVED UP TO 25th JUNE, 1872.

FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.		Elora, Chalmers' ..... 8 00	
Guelph, 1st .....	\$5 00	Goderich .....	8 00
Essa, 1st .....	6 00	With rates from Rev. J. McMechan ;	
Bristol .....	1 00	Rev. Dr. Taylor; Rev. H. McQuarrie,	
Doon .....	1 50	Rev. Prof. Caven.	
Metis .....	2 50		
Thamesville .....	1 00	FOREIGN MISSIONS.	
Ekfrid .....	1 00	S. Plympton, omitted .....	14 00
Richmond Hill, &c.....	1 00	Waddington, Amer. Funds .....	50 00
Cheltenham & Mount Pleasant...	1 00	Bristol, omitted .....	30 00
Port Hope .....	18 20	Tilsonburgh's S. S. Mission Box	
Flamboro' W .....	1 00	"    "    for Mr. N. ....	9 50
Lakeshore.....	1 00	Belgrave .....	7 00
Innisfil .....	16 50	Gananoque .....	5 00
Dunsford.....	1 00	Burns' Church, W. Essa .....	10 00
Verulam .....	1 00	Uxbridge .....	6 00
Rev. J. Paterson .....	1 00	Madoc, St. Columba & St. Paul's	1 90
Rev. W. B. Clark .....	2 00	Crowland .....	13 12
Puslinch West .....	3 40	Puslinch, West .....	12 00
S. Kinloss .....	5 00	Friend in Hullett for China .....	2 00
Oro. Knox .....	1 00	"    "    for Mr. N. ....	2 00
Rev. J. F. A. McBain .....	1 00	Anonymous, per T. Muir, Mon-	
Rev. R. Stevenson .....	1 00	treal .....	8 00
Woodstock, Chalmers' .....	1 00	Blyth S. S., for Mr. N.....	3 50
Rev. J. Eadie .....	2 00	Port Stanley.....	2 00
Rev. J. Robertson, Norwich.....	1 00	A. Sutherland, Grand Traverse,	
Finch and Roxboro' .....	5 00	"    "    for Mr. N. ....	1 00
Eramosa, 1st .....	1 00	Ingersoll, Knox's .....	50 00
Erin .....	1 00	Guelph, Knox's, for Outfit of	
Avon Church, Downie & Carling-		Mr. McKay .....	13 00
ford .....	1 00	A. Clarke, Esq., Smith's Falls...	50 00
Cambray .....	1 50	Anonymous, Wroxeter .....	25 00
Elora, Chalmers' .....	10 00	Dunbarton and Canton .....	26 60
Ivy .....	1 00	Oneida .....	16 25
Fenelon .....	1 00		
Clarke .....	1 00	HOME MISSION.	
Rev. Archd. Brown .....	2 00	Burns' Ch., West Essa .....	10 00
Listowel and Molesworth .....	13 50	Uxbridge .....	12 00
Rev. H. McQuarrie .....	1 00	Crowland .....	13 13
		Puslinch West .....	12 00
		J. Cumming, Esq., Lyn .....	10 00
ASSEMBLY FUND		Cannington .....	18 00
Port Stanley .....	2 00	Port Stanley .....	3 00
Elora, Chalmers' .....	8 00	North Bruce .....	6 00
Tarbolton & Fitzroy Harb. ....	11 00	Elora, Chalmers' .....	65 00
Hibbet .....	2 00	A. Clarke, Esq., Smith's Falls...	50 00
Goderich .....	10 00	Paris, Dumfries St. Ch. ....	20 00
		Anonymous, Wroxeter .....	25 00
		Goderich .....	15 00
		St. Sylvester .....	2 60
WIDOWS' FUND.		KNOX COLLEGE.	
Waddington.....	1 10	Uxbridge .....	6 00
Lakeshore.....	4 00	Puslinch, West .....	8 00
Uxbridge .....	2 00	Port Stanley .....	2 00
Madoc, St. Columba & St. Paul's	1 40		
Dalhousie and Sherbrooke.....	3 55		
Port Stanley .....	2 00		

St. Ann's, Gainsboro'	5 00
Melrose & Lonsdale	10 91
Anonymous, Wroxeter	25 00
Cannington	10 50
Goderich	20 00

RECEIVED BY WARDEN KING,  
MONTREAL.

MONTREAL COLLEGE.

Ordinary Revenue.

KNOX COLLEGE BURSARY FUND.	
G. L. Beardmore, Esq., Toronto	100 00
Hon. I. Buchanan	80 00

Roxboro' and Finch	13 80
Cornwall	10 00
Williamstown	2 10
Martintown	3 15
St. Louis de Gouzaque, and Valleyfield	14 25
Dalhousie Mills	7 50
Chateauguay	4 76
Spencerville	3 00
Edwardsburgh	4 50
Wakefield	2 00
Quebec, Chalmers' Church	131 00
Cote St. Church, Montreal	250 00

MONTREAL COLLEGE.

J. Cumming, Esq., Lyn	10 00
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FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

Uxbridge	2 00
Puslinch West	5 00
Friend in Hullett	2 00
J. Cumming, Esq., Lyn	10 00
Port Stanley	2 00
Anonymous, Wroxeter	25 00

ENDOWMENT FUND.

KANKAKEE MISSION.	
Uxbridge	2 00
Madoc, St. Columba & St. Paul's	1 50
D. Anderson, per Lt. Col., Haultain	5 00
Greenock, Y. M. Protest. Ass.	63 19
Dunbarton Reformation Society	24 33
P. Grant, Cromarty	10 00
A Poor and Needy Sinner	3 50
W. Tisdell, Livingston Co., N Y.	4 00
In payment of a Vow	1 00

W. F. Lighthall	20 00
Jas. Davison	5 00
D. Miller	8 00
R. B. Murray	10 00
Mr. Hill	2 00
Walter Paul	6 00

SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

F. H. McKay	60 00
Alex. Walker	50 00

MANITOBA COLLEGE.

J. Riddell, Perth	5 00
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FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

Hon. David Ward	5 00
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RECEIPTS FOR RECORD UP TO 25th JUNE.

T. F., Toronto; J. L. Stayner; Mr. McN., Aldboro; Mr. McBeath, Scarborough; J. C., Albion; J. S., Humber; Mrs. B., Port Hope, \$1 00; D. M., Granby, \$1 25; G. S., Latona; J. C., J. B., W. McC., Ancaster; M. D., Prescott, \$2 00; Miss M., Warwick, \$1 10; J. R., Strabane; J. B., Buxton, \$2 15; E. B., Greenwood; Mr. B., Binbrook; Per Rev. N. McK., Belmont, \$3 30; Rev. W. McL., Crief, \$7 00; Dr. McC., Warkworth, \$1 10; J. McM., St. Mary's; D. McD., Tiverton; R. H. C. Seaforth, \$1 00; L. K. Morrison, \$9 60; A. McG., St. Joseph, Mo., \$1 50; D. C., River du Loup; D. Y., Lynden; A. S., Grand Traverse, \$1 00; W. S., A. A., Ivy; W. S., G. B., Mrs. D., J. W., A. C., Ganonoque; J. Y., Toronto; Dr. S., Scotland; W. W., Dunbarton; J. B., Bradford; W. A., Humber, \$2 75; A. C., Toronto; Mr. G., Norham, \$1 10; Mr. Dryden, Eramosa, \$1 20; P. C. McG., Balderson; J. McA., J. McC., J. McA., A. T., M. McQ., Durham; Mrs. A., Fort Burwell; A. F. P., Eastwood; J. A., Brownsville; Per J. D., Tilsonburgh, \$6 60; Per A. McG., Laguerre, \$2 40; J. H. Navan; Rev. J. R., Paris, \$13 50.