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**IMPORTANT MEETING OF ST. JOHN PRESBYTERY**

St. John, Dec. 13.—The Presbytery of St. John met in quarterly session in St. Andrew's church this morning with the following present: Rev. G. D. Ireland, Rev. W. W. Rainnie, Mr. Andrew Malcolm, Mr. C. S. Everett, Mr. J. W. Taylor, Rev. L. B. Gibson, Rev. F. W. Murray, Rev. H. R. Reid, Rev. L. A. McLean, Rev. Gordon Dickie, Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith, Mr. Donald, Mr. M. J. McPherson, Rev. R. A. MacDonald, Rev. E. Thorpe, Mr. H. A. Corbett, Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. W. J. Parks, Rev. O. B. Dickie, Mr. Charles McNutt, Rev. T. H. Boyd, Rev. A. A. Graham, Rev. J. Ross, Mr. H. C. Fraser, Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, Rev. W. G. Farquhar, Mr. J. B. Brown, Rev. W. M. Townsend, Rev. D. Lang, Rev. J. J. McCaskill, Mr. W. H. Manuel and Mr. T. R. Speedy.

The question of church union was made the order of business after three o'clock, and that it be continued into the evening if necessary, and the public be invited to attend. This motion, seconded by Rev. Gordon Dickie, was carried unanimously.

The commission of John Henry Hay of Mackenzie Corner, as representative elder, was agreed to.

Rev. Dr. Patterson, of the Quebec Presbytery, and Rev. Mr. McDonald, of Boston Presbytery, were invited to seats.

Revs. O. B. Dickie, Dr. Smith and James Ross were appointed a committee to draft a resolution sympathizing in the death of Rev. Mr. Murray, of the Presbyterian Witness, and as a form of testimony to his worth as a church worker.

It was decided also that Rev. Mr. Gibson and Rev. Mr. Anderson should draw up a resolution of condolence in the death in Honan, China, of Mrs. Clark, wife of Rev. Harold Clark, whom Mr. Gibson referred to as a child of the St. John Presbytery.

Rev. Mr. Ireland's resignation as pastor of the Woodstock church, was read, and Rev. Mr. Gibson was called to the chair by the retiring moderator.

Messrs. Brown and Sutton, members of the Woodstock church, spoke warmly of the relations existing between Rev. Mr. Ireland and his parishioners, of the lasting good he had accomplished and regretting his intended departure, implored him to reconsider.

Rev. Mr. Gibson alluded to the gratification that must be Mr. Ireland's in having so satisfactorily administered to his people for the past twelve years.

Mr. Ireland said, in view of the kind words of the Woodstock representation, and the statement of their embarrassing position, he would agree not to have his resignation take effect until March 1st.

Other members of the Presbytery spoke of Mr. Ireland's excellent and active career and urged him to consider if he could not remain in the east.

A motion moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Anderson, that Mr. Ireland's resignation be accepted after the first Sunday in March, was carried.

Rev. Mr. McDonald, of Richmond, was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant after the resignation takes effect.

Rev. Frank Baird, Sussex, was appointed chairman of the inauguration committee, pro tem, in place of Mr. Ireland.

Rev. Mr. Peacock tendered his resignation to take effect at the end of the year. He wished to take a rest. It was decided to cite the congregation on Dec. 27th, at 2 o'clock, in the St. Stephen Church, and for the present the resignation lies on the table.

The report of the foreign mission committee, read by Rev. Gordon Dickie, set forth that the synod required \$71,000 for its work in 1911, and the St. John Presbytery had been apportioned \$4,380 to raise. A suggestion was made that the amount be raised by allocation, among the various churches. The committee had asked that \$4,678 be raised in 1910, and the same amount in 1911, and that the churches be requested to take up the work as soon as possible. Further, there must be raised \$10,000 more than last year.

It was moved by Rev. A. A. Graham that the report be received, and the allocations contained in the report, and other synod recommendations be referred to a committee to report in the afternoon. Carried. Revs. J. H. A. Anderson (convener) Gordon Dickie, F. W. Murray, H. R. Reid and Dr. Smith were appointed.

Rev. Gordon Dickie then reported on home missions, stating that two meetings had been held since the synod in New Glasgow. The resignation of Rev. T. Hunter Boyd, in charge of Waweig, called to Glasgow, Scotland was dealt with in this report, and Mr. Boyd afterwards explained the situation. The resignation was accepted.

Mr. Dickie moved that the appointment of the home mission committee be approved, the appointment to date from Dec. 1st. Carried.

The matter of a grant to Barnesville, to repair the church, was deferred.

It was announced that the committee on standing committees would consist of Rev. L. B. Gibson, Rev. D. Lang, Mr. A. Malcolm, Rev. A. A. Graham, Rev. A. MacDonald, Mr. C. S. Everett, after which adjournment was made until 2.30.

On resuming business this afternoon miscellaneous matters were dealt with, and at 3 o'clock began the discussion on church union which promises to be interesting. In all likelihood there will be an evening session to continue the discussion. These are public meetings. There is a feeling prevalent among some of the members

**MR. G. B. GERRARD AT FAREWELL BANQUETS**

Summerside, P. E. I., Dec. 10.—The Supreme Court sessions here were resumed at 10.30 yesterday morning, when the case of Martha Jeanette McCallum vs. Geo. Bowness, an action for an alleged libel and slander, was commenced before the Chief Justice and a jury which was secured without much delay, although each side exhausted their full number of challenges. The jury is composed of Frederick Yeo (foreman), Lemuel Craig, John McLean, Edward Sharkey, Henry Roberts, Ewen Cameron and Christopher Metherall. The case for the plaintiff was opened by Mr. McQuarrie, K. C., in an address of about fifteen minutes' duration. The first witness called was the Rev. W. M. Field, the Baptist minister in charge of the Tyron congregation, who was examined by Mr. Saunders. Mr. Field, the clerk of the Council of the Baptist Assembly, produced the writing which is claimed to be the libel. He was cross-examined at considerable length by Mr. Johnson, K. C., the leading counsel for the defence. The next witness was Dr. Leard, of Summerside, whose cross-examination by Mr. Johnson occupied considerable time. The third and last witness was Wm. Bowness, brother of the defendant. He was examined by Mr. McQuarrie, cross-examined at considerable length by Mr. Johnson, and re-examined by Mr. McQuarrie, after which court adjourned. The general public are excluded from the court room while this trial is going on.

Defendant charges that plaintiff slandered her in connection with state matters made regarding Rev. F. S. Bamford, formerly of St. John.

**DIED**—Helen M. Thompson, second daughter of the late George Thompson Esquire on Dec. 13th, in her sixty-fourth year. Friends please omit flowers.

**MISSIONARY'S BRIDE DEAD OF SMALLPOX**

St. Stephen, Dec. 13.—A gloom was cast over the Presbyterian church here when on Saturday a cable was received announcing the death of Mrs. Clark, wife of Rev. Harold Clark, missionary at Wei Hwei Fu, Honan, from black smallpox. Mrs. Clark was married August 26 and had just reached Honan with her husband when she was taken seriously ill, with the dread disease.

In the Presbyterian church at both services on Sunday the pastor Rev. L. B. Gibson made touching reference to the loss sustained, not only by Mr. Clark, but by the whole Presbyterian church. Following the evening service Prof. P. C. McFarlane moved a resolution of condolence which was seconded by A. A. Laffin. This expressed the sorrow which the congregation felt at the sore bereavement of the Rev. Mr. Clark. Rev. Mr. Gibson undertook to forward the resolution to Mr. Clark.

Three years ago Mr. Clark's first wife died after a married life of eight months. He was broken in health and he came back home to recuperate. Last summer he was married to Miss Millicent Armstrong, sister of Rev. Mr. Armstrong, assistant to Dr. Mc Kay, the foreign mission secretary. She was a gifted and cultured lady, who, when she left with her husband was filled with hopes of many years of useful labor in the mission field.

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**CHILD BURNED TO DEATH IN P. E. ISLAND**

Charlottetown, Dec. 12.—Edna Henry, four years old, was burned to death here today. She was playing near the stove when her clothing took fire. Lorne Young a reporter for the "Guardian," threw a mat around the child and extinguished the fire. In doing so he had his hands and feet badly burned. The child's clothing was burned off her body.

**PHILADELPHIA CLUBMAN LIKELY TO RECOVER**

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 13.—Although he is still in a serious condition hospital physicians say that Herbert Mason Clapp, the clubman, and grandson of Mason, the "shoe-blackening king," will probably recover from the bullet wound he received in his apartments early yesterday morning. Mrs. Marie Clapp, his wife, who was taken into custody by the police yesterday, on the strength of a statement made by the wounded husband, that she shot him, was released on \$2,500 bail last night.

**BARBER SHOT WHILE COLLECTING A BILL**

Greenburg, Pa., Dec. 13.—Peter Belmont, a barber of New Madison, Pa., went to a boarding house early today to collect a bill. A quarrel ensued and he was shot in the back and instantly killed. Troops raided the house and arrested twelve foreigners who are in jail.

**GOVERNMENT'S PENSION SCHEME CRITICIZED BY A TEACHER**

To the Editor of the Mail:—Why don't you rally? And give expression of sentiment to that little Pension Act, that was born in poverty-nurtured in meanness and bristling with technicality, aimed only for the few, and excluding perhaps, 'the just as good' if the not better element of its kind.

Just fancy a party of highly paid officials rummaging the old archives of the Education Office sorting out thousands of Return Sheets away back for upwards of forty years, which could not possibly be in existence at all after two or three removals of the Education Office and pretending to foist upon the public 'a showing' of efficiency or non-efficiency of teachers availing a pension isn't it a burning shame and disgrace to our Government to tolerate such a scheme simply to save a few dollars for the Provincial Chest. Would it not have been a little more in keeping with economy and common sense to have saved that 'two thousand dollar Honorarium' bestowed so lavishly on that retired gentleman who was every inch a man when a big salary was being paid year after year for his services, and why had no need nor did he ask for the gift. How much more to be appreciated would a clause like this be "Give every recognized teacher over the age of sixty years \$200 for a First Class teacher; \$150 for a Second Class teacher; and \$100 for a Third Class teacher;—adding an extra percentage for our High Classed teachers as the Government could afford. Teachers and the public at large should try and persuade Premier Hazen and his co-workers on this subject thereby insuring loyalty and good feeling to all concerned.

Thanking you for your space  
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A Rejected Teacher

that the vote against union will carry.

St. John, Dec. 14.—The Presbytery of St. John, after a debate yesterday which lasted more than six hours and a half, by a vote of 24 to 15,—approved of the project of organic union between the Presbyterian, Congregationalist and Methodist churches. Not since the meeting of the general assembly in this city has there been such an exciting discussion in a Presbyterian meeting here. In general, the speakers for and against were allowed a respectful hearing but there were times when as many as four men were on the floor at one time and the moderator appealed for order in vain.

The matter of church union came up in the afternoon when Rev. W. W. Rainnie, of Milltown, moved that the Presbytery should not approve of the remit sent to them by the general assembly on the matter. Speeches were made till adjournment at 5.30. The discussion began again at 7.30 but the vote was not finally taken till about 11.30 last night. All the speeches, both for and against, were of a high order of merit and indicated how deeply the feeling ran in the matter. After the vote had been recorded, Rev. Mr. Rainnie entered a protest against the decision of the court. He was joined by several of those who adhered to the same side of the question.

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