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PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

Temperance, Education, Home Missions and Other Matters Discussed at Wednesday's Sessions--The Savary Case.

Moncton, Oct. 4.—At yesterday afternoon's session of the Presbyterian synod, the time and place of the next synod was first considered. Rev. Thomas Fowler extended an invitation to the synod to meet with St. Matthew's church, Halifax, on motion of Judge Forbes the invitation was accepted and it was decided to meet the first Tuesday of October at 7.20 p. m.

French evangelization in Quebec was next taken up. Dr. Mowatt of Pointe-Aux-Trembles, reported on the state of this work. He said never was the necessity greater than at the present time for pushing French evangelization. It would simply be to place upon the part of the church to give up this mission.

Dr. Mowatt described conditions in Quebec, the effect of his statement being that French-Canadian Romanism in Quebec was today burning the 18th. Free speech there is gagged. In China they could leave a hall and hold religious services, but that could not be done in the French quarter of Montreal today. They could not rent a hall from a French-Canadian. In China they could address people from the steps of a place of worship in the streets, but this could not be done in French Quebec. The schools of Pointe-Aux-Trembles have had a brilliant career. They were celebrating their golden jubilee this year by enlarging their buildings at a cost of \$60,000.

He said English Protestantism was slowly dying out in Quebec. It looked that within twenty or thirty years there would not be an English speaking Protestant church in Quebec east of Montreal.

Dr. Smith presented the report on augmentation fund. This year there were sixty-one congregations on the list, to fifty-nine last year. The receipts for the year totalled \$10,297.66, and expenditures \$10,184.16, leaving a small balance on the right side.

THE SALARY QUESTION.

The report dealt with the proposal to increase the minimum salary from \$750 to \$800, and a manse. The committee asked the church for \$11,000 this year. If this is forthcoming, the committee could almost guarantee the augmented churches \$800 a year and a manse. Dr. Smith believed the church had to deal with this question of increased stipend to ministers. The cost of living had increased and the situation had to be met.

One Hill College business was next taken up, being introduced by Dr. MacMillan. Judge Forbes moved a resolution approving the recommendation of the college board that the salary of the principal be \$2,100 per annum, with free use of a house, that the salaries of Drs. Currie and McGill be \$2,000, with free use of the house. Dr. Sedgewick seconded the resolution, which was adopted unanimously.

Principal Falconer was called upon to report from a committee on bills and overtures. He spoke of the scarcity of teachers, and said the pittance to teachers was a disgrace to people who pretended to be educated. A resolution passed on motion of Prof. Falconer, seconded by Dr. Miller, that the Presbyteries be asked to collect information within their bounds and forward the same to the convenor of the committee.

Rev. James Ross, of St. John, submitted the report of the century church and manse building fund of New Brunswick, which was represented to be in a flourishing condition.

TEMPERANCE QUESTION.

First order of last evening's session was the report of the temperance committee, submitted by Rev. H. Grant, of New Glasgow, in a strong speech. He moved a resolution to the effect that

The synod considers it of paramount importance to promote healthy temperance sentiment as a basis of practical temperance reform and would urge sessions to use more generally in Sabbath school assemblies the total abstinence pledge or in other ways deepening the sentiment

against intemperance.

The synod calls upon the membership of the church to use its influence in securing as town, municipal provincial and federal representatives men who can be depended upon to place upon the statutes and have carried into effect laws which will be in accord with our convictions in relation to moral reform.

Synod reaffirms the judgment of past assemblies that a nothing short of prohibition will be a satisfactory method of dealing with the liquor traffic and calls upon our people in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to urge upon the legislators the wisdom of placing upon the statutes a law as effective as the prohibition law in P. E. Island.

HOME MISSIONS.

Rev. J. S. Sutherland M. Halifax, submitted a report on home missions.

A resolution was moved by Rev. R. G. Strathie, of Summerside, expressing gratitude for the goodly measure of success attending the work of the past year and recognizing the liberality of the people generally to the cause of home missions within the synod and northwest. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was especially thanked for its contribution. The resolution deplored the fact that the work has suffered through lack of men.

Mr. Ross said while they met many discouragements there were encouragements. Ten churches had been built the last eighteen months. There was betterment all along the line.

Referring to the work being done by students he said: "I have to speak in sorrow not in anger of one case (Savary's) to which the press recently has given a good deal of attention. As known to me he was a man of truth, honesty and integrity. I did know he had depression, that he was troubled with insomnia. If the whole truth were told the facts would appear in a very different light. Some reporters did the worst they could and not the best they could. The Presbyteries will give an authoritative statement when the medical men give their judgment. As we know he has been mentally unbalanced."

Discussion on Presbyterian College was introduced by Rev. Dr. McMillan. Lieut. Governor Fraser, of Nova Scotia, was called to the platform, the members of the synod rising and applauding.

Dr. McMillan said the college had just closed a successful year and they looked for a still more successful next year. He moved a resolution that the synod notes with thankfulness the manifold tokens of divine favour enjoyed by our college during the past year and rejoices that the efficient staff of the college remains unbroken and prays the members thereof may be still more richly blessed and prosper in their great work for our church year by year.

Thanks were expressed for increased liberality of the people in supporting the college and funds. But still greater contributions were urged. Eight thousand dollars was required from congregations to meet the necessary expenditure for college and \$1,000 for a bursary fund.

The synod notices with pleasure the prospect of a larger attendance of students next year and the year following.

Principal Falconer seconded the resolution, which was adopted. Lieut. Governor Fraser was then called upon and delivered an eloquent and able address in support of the college. He was given an enthusiastic reception. He declared no college could take the place in the maritime provinces of the Presbyterians' own college. He strongly appealed for more generous support of the college and ministry as well.

"And in conclusion," said the girl's mother, "he is a mere fortune-hunter, before you were blind?"
"Beggars—What did I do? Well, sir before being blind I was deaf and dumb.—Pele Mele."

"Why are you so resentful toward that writer?"
"Because," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes, "he once said there were moments when my work did not realize the highest possible standard of excellence."

"Well?"
"My dear sir, I welcome criticism, but I cannot endure such ignorant abuse."—Washington Star.

"Yes, lady," said Hungry Higgins, "police persecution ruined my life. Why, when I was first arrested, years ago, I hadn't been 'doim' a blessed thing."

"Poor man," said the kind old lady, "there's a dime for you. And what charge did they trump up against you?"
"Vagrancy, ma'am."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Misinformation.

Kind Lady (visiting the jail)—I understand it was your love for liquor that brought you here.
Jimjam Jake—Don't youse believe it, ma'am. Dis is de las' place on eart' I'd come to ef I wuz lookin' fer a drink.—Chicago News.

Why They Preach.

The distinction between a good preacher and a bad preacher has not changed much since Archbishop Whately declared that "a good preacher preached because he had something to say and a bad preacher because he had to say something."

Another Rejection.

Poetess—I got quits last night with the editor who rejects all my verses.
Friend—What did you do? Poetess—I rejected his son.—London Tit-Bits.

Pawnshop Sales.

"Don't imagine," says an auctioneer, "that you can get any real bargains at a pawnshop sale. The pawnbroker knows just what people think about his stock, many of them having learned from experience that he will pay next to nothing on the best quality of jewelry and silverware, watches, etc., and they thus get it into their heads that all the articles sold at auction are genuine goods. But there's where they make a big mistake. The pawnbroker seldom sells any pledged articles at these auction sales. He uses them simply for a 'blind.' Articles taken in pawn are invariably sold at private sale."

A Glimpse of Carlyle.

One day Carlyle suddenly stopped at a street crossing and, stooping, picked up something out of the mud, even at the risk of being knocked down and run over by passing vehicles. With his bare hands he gently rubbed the mud from it. He then took it to the pavement and laid it down on a clean spot on the curbstone. "That," said the old man in a tone of tenderness he rarely used, "is only a crust of bread. Yet I was taught by my mother never to waste anything—above all, bread, more precious than gold. I am sure that the little sparrows or a hungry dog will get nourishment from this bit of bread."

The Kingfisher.

Many and curious are the legends of the kingfisher. One of these is to the effect that the bird was originally a plain gray in color, but upon being let loose from the ark flew toward the setting sun and had its back stained blue by the sky and its lower plumage scorched by the sun to gorgeous hues. The dried body of the kingfisher was once used as a charm against thunderbolts and moths, and it was hung up so that it might point with its bill to the wind's quarter.

The Evil of a Good Name.

"Mammy," said Pickaninny Jim, "why didn't you name me George Washington?"
"Sonny," was the answer, "I isn' gwine to name no mo' chillen George Washington. As soon as dey lyas dat story 'bout nobel' able to tell a lie dey 'pears to git curious to find out whether it's so or not, an' dey stabs in sperimentin' as soon as dey kin talk."

Two Epochs.

In the Honeymoon—Let me sit by you, darling, while you pour the tea. I love to watch your white hands toying with the cups.

Next Season—What does the maid mean by not putting another leaf in the table? We might as well be sitting in each other's lap, etc.

No Excursion Ticket.

Beenaway—Let me see! About No-goodson—when I left he was going from bad to worse, and— Staidhome—It subsequently developed that he had no return coupon.

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