

DURHAM, JUNE 23d, 1895.

—Principal Caven, of Toronto, introduced a motion into the Assembly this week, expressing sympathy with Manitoba and disapproval of any Domine interference.

—A proposal in the British Parliament to exact a tax on Oliver Cromwell has been defeated by 137 majority. Justin McCarthy termed the proposal an insult to Ireland.

—Hendersett and Weller were hanged on Tuesday for the cold-blooded murder they were found guilty of. Two lives for one, yet if we are to have capital punishment at all, it is a righteous sentence.

The whole German nation is this week at high watermark of enthusiasm over the opening of the canal connecting the North Sea and the Baltic. All European nations are represented, and Germans at least are rejoicing in Germany. Poor Denmark is in no position to rejoice however. Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone are there being feted by dignitaries, and every turn they take send broadcast.

The granting of free Passes by Railway Companies to members of the Dominion Parliament is mentioned by the House of Commons. Mr. Maclellan brought forward a bill, prohibiting the acceptance of railway passes by Senators and members of the House of Commons, but after a division the bill was defeated. In a speech to the full, we find the names of Mr. Lauderkin of South Grey, and Mr. McMillan of North Wellington. The Ministers were all in favor of passes and the bulk of the vote for this righteous piece of Legislation came from the Liberal party.

#### THE PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met at St. Andrew's Church, on Wednesday, May 13th, 1895. The Moderator, Dr. McKay of Fergus, delivered a powerful missionary sermon from the words of Moses "Go Forward." The Moderator elect is Dr. Robertson, the Superintendent of the Missions in the West. After the appointment of the various committees, the report of the College, Queen's, Knox, Montreal, Morin and Dulles, were laid before the Assembly. Increasing attention appears to be given to the preliminary education of those called to the ministry, and the opinion seems to be general that an Ar-  
eouse is necessary to prepare men for the study of theology.

In the evening of the second day Home Missions were the subject. The report of the Eastern Section was read by the Rev. John McMillan, and stated that the past year had been one of great success. The report of the Western Section was read by the Rev. Dr. Robertson, the report of the work among the Presbyteries, 314 Mission and 1007 Stations. Addresses on the progress of the work in Algoma, Manitoba, the North West Indians, and British Columbia were given by Missaries from those fields. The report was acknowledged with gratitude the way in which the Church had come forward and insured the payment to the Missions of the threatened reduction of 25 per cent of their salaries, of the many liberal contributors one woman in Ontario had given 1000, and two, 250.

The Foreign Mission report was presented by the Rev. Dr. Morrison, who complained that the \$113,000 contributed to the cause of Missions to the heathen was not creditable to the Church and urged greater liberality. Mrs. Morrison, wife of Dr. Morrison, present also, Rev. Mr. Jameson of Central India, Rev. Hugh MacKay of Lake N. W. T., Rev. Dr. McCleary and Rev. Dr. Smith of Huron, and Rev. Dr. Thompson of Montreal. The address of the evening was that of Dr. McKay who delivered his farewell address, describing the nature of his work on the Island of Formosa. This veteran Missionary spoke of the need that for frugality, adaptability and perspicacity the Chinese must have a natural curiosity, and to the training of such he wishes to devote his life. As to the Japanese in Formosa, he did not offer an opinion. "The Japanese" he said "are a bright intelligent people, but they are only 30,000 Japanese who are Christians."

#### BAPTIST CONVENTION.

To the Editor Grey Review.  
DEAR SIR.—In compliance with your request I hand you a short report of our 35th Annual Meeting held at Owen Sound, Ontario, on June 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The moderator of the Association was Mr. George W. Mc Gregor of Durham, assisted by Rev. Mr. Vassall of Peterborough, Mr. G. H. MacLean of Simcoe, Mr. J. A. Snodgrass of Guelph, Mr. C. C. Conroy of Galt, Mr. J. J. MacGregor of Waterloo, Mr. George and Deacon Darroch.

Sunday School work was then taken up statistics from church papers showing the average attendance of schools and from the records of number of conversions from the schools sinks for missions and other purposes during the year. An address by Rev. Mr. Vassall of Peterborough, Mr. J. A. Snodgrass of Galt, Mr. D. D. McLean Jr. of Waterloo, Mr. W. W. Mc Gregor of Durham, Mr. George and Deacon Darroch.

The first session opened by Prayer meeting was led by Mr. Burns sir, after which was selected the Scripture Reading and the Committee on Local and General Missions.

The Rev. Wm. McGregor of Durham was elected Moderator, Mr. J. A. Snodgrass of Galt, Vice Moderator, Mr. C. C. Conroy of Peterborough, Mr. G. H. MacLean of Simcoe, Mr. J. J. MacGregor of Waterloo, Mr. George and Deacon Darroch.

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Difficulties, and how to overcome them, was dealt with by Rev. Mr. Walker, of Meadowlark, who said, and perhaps the difficulty was to manage a manly school in which case friends and kindred were to be found in a thorough knowledge of the lesson and an interesting manner of conveying it, to become intimately acquainted with the pupils and recognize their wants, on account of their age, and above all to love them and the work in which you are engaged.

After recess, Devotional service of half an hour led by Bro. Patterson, Sunday School.

Rev. Wm. McGregor introduced the Discourse, its Composition and the subject of the sermon, and what the Discourse should be composed of and the scriptural duties annexed thereto.

The suggestion should be Godly men, honest men and having the confidence and respect of the community and a true and unswerving Christian character. Their duties were to

oversee the financial affairs of the Church, to assist the minister in his duties and if necessary to take his place in preaching the word on special occasions.

The claims of Manitoba Mission, and the claims of the Hudson Bay Company through the earliest plenitude of Rev. C. H. Philmont and Foreign missions were impressively set forth by Wm. S. Walker, Mt. Forest, Wednesday, 12th, Testimony meeting.

Reading Church letters and Observations by the Clerks.

Best methods of Evangelistic work in a worthy paper by Deacon Darroch.

Adjournment for Dinner which was most satisfactorily supplied by the Parsonage and heartily enjoyed by all.

Afternoon Prayer Meeting led by Mr. J. A. Tiller.

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The Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor had a short session led by a few remarks from myself. Sujects were discussed on the subjects of strong religious impressions, and it was the work of the Holy Spirit and should be instructed by the parsonage.

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"Only a lot of children converted" was the theme of Rev. W. H. Hooper. He showed that the children in very poor families, and especially the daughters of the parents of the Church.

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Early conversion was not an unlikely thing nor yet unscrip-

tural.

After recess reports of our Home and Grand Lodge Meeting were read, after which the session of Church Discipline was discussed in a paper by Rev. W. E. Norton. After the paper was read a motion was unanimously passed requesting the Board of Directors to accept the gift of Mr. Pink Fills which was a much better tribute to worth than any commendation I can give it. The Canadian Home Protection Fund will put out the money for recovery. Dr. Williams Pink Fills Again Prove a Life Saver.

From the *Avon Free Press*.

A personal paragraph in the *Free Press* somewhat surprised me in stating that Miss Sophie Belanger, 428 Cooper Street, Ottawa, had recovered from a serious illness caused by anaemia and general debility. She had been confined to bed week after week, but with the aid of a diet consisting of eggs, milk, fruit, vegetables, &c., she has rapidly improved.

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