

OUR NEWSPAPER FAMILY.

Dr. E. Scott in Presbyterian Record.

It is not yet quite so large as our College Family. We have six colleges but only four weekly Presbyterian newspapers, one "The Presbyterian Witness," in the Maritime Provinces, published in Pictou; one "The Dominion Presbyterian," in Ottawa; — one "The Presbyterian," in Toronto, and one "The West Land," in Edmonton.

As with the College family, the oldest is in the far East, and the youngest in the far West. The Presbyterian Witness is the oldest Presbyterian paper, not only in Canada, but in the Empire, with three score years behind it, while "The West Land," of Edmonton, vies with Vancouver College for youth.

As with the Eastern College, so with the Eastern paper; it is second to none, in filling its place. Like the constituency, it is not very large, but it is not too much to say that for helpfulness and information as a church and family paper, for its place and size, there is no better Presbyterian paper in the Empire or beyond it, and it is better than a good many larger ones.

"The Dominion Presbyterian," published by that veteran editor, C. Blackett Robinson, who made the Old Canada Presbyterian so worthy a success, should receive a hearty support.

The infant of the family is well named "The West Land." It is committed to the nursing care of the Presbyterians of the great west land from the Lakes to the Sea. They will find themselves the gainers by seeing that it is nursed into strong and vigorous life. A church of so great extent, no matter how many papers it may receive from without, should have one if its own.

"The West Land" rightly aims at quality rather than quantity. It starts small but good. It gives its readers good value for their subscription, and will prove an effective agent in the upbuilding of the church in the West. Every Western minister and elder should make it a point of honor as well as duty to see that the new paper and the new college of the farthest west be heartily and generously supported, so that they may be able to make themselves worthy the great constituency which they serve. For samples and terms write "The West Land," Edmonton.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong presented to the Presbytery the home mission report, stating that supply was steady and the work thorough and well done. The present supply is continued at Casselman, and Poltimore is under the charge of Mr. James Fulton, of McGill, for the summer. All the other fields have ordained missionaries. A special plea was heard on behalf of Desert on the Upper Gatheneau, from Mr. Robinson, the ordained catechist now in charge, in favor of a manse, and from one of the members of presbytery in favor of a church building. Drs. Armstrong and Herridge and Rev. Mr. Turnbull were appointed a committee to confer on the matter and report. Their report was favorable to the building of a manse, contributions to be canvassed for throughout the Presbytery.

Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt, who is a firm believer in out-door exercise, has just purchased a handsome saddle horse.

During renovation Wilton Presbyterians are worshipping in the Methodist church—taking the evening service.

OBITUARY.

The Rev. James A. G. Stirling, of Havelock, Ontario, has sustained a severe loss by the sudden death of his esteemed father, the Rev. Alexander Stirling, of Chapel Hill, Free Church, Buthshire, Scotland.

The deceased minister was born at Kirkintilloch, Dumbartonshire, Scotland, and educated at Glasgow University and the F. C. College, Glasgow. He was, for some time, assistant in Free St. Matthew's, Glasgow, and his first charge was that of Monkton and Prestwick, in Ayrshire, where he labored with much success for many years. Hence he accepted a call to John Knox Church, Stepney, London, England, where he labored with success for a number of years. He then accepted a call to Priory Street Presbyterian Church, York, where he labored with indefatigable energy and success for twenty years. In addition to his ordinary ministerial duties, he was Her Majesty's chaplain to the Presbyterian troops at York, and especially to the Black Watch Regiment of Scottish Highlanders, which attended his church at York for several years. The regiment was commanded by General Wauchope, a Presbyterian elder, who fell with nearly all his regiment at Magersfontein. Mr. Stirling did splendid service to his church at York, and did a great deal of good among the Presbyterian troops stationed there. Having received a call to the pastorate of Chapel Hill Free Church, Buthshire, Scotland, he resolved to return to his native land, and was, therefore, inducted into his Buthshire pastorate in 1905. He labored there with much acceptance and success until the end came, on the 22nd of April, 1908. The cause of death was pneumonia, to which he succumbed after a short illness, and in the 70th year of his age. He was twice married, and is survived by his widow and most of his family by his first wife. He was beloved by all the four congregations to which he successively ministered, and was a most kind and loveable man. He was a man of untiring energy, an earnest, evangelical preacher, possessing pupils gifts much above the average, and a faithful pastor.

The remains of this faithful preacher of the Gospel were interred in Buthshire cemetery after a public service in the church, on Saturday afternoon, 25th April. The funeral was largely attended, the flag on the town hall was lowered to half-mast; and all classes of the community evinced their sorrow at the departure from their midst of this honored servant of Christ, who had for so many years preached so faithfully and so persuasively the everlasting Gospel. He finished his course with joy; he kept the faith; and he is now in the presence of the Saviour whose ambassador he was.

Rev. John Pringle, D.D., well known throughout the Dominion for his fearless exposure of wrong doing in the far west, was recently presented with a gold watch and an appreciative address by the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Dawson City, Yukon Territory, previous to his vacating the pulpit of the church, which he had been prevailed upon to accept for a short period. The address contained one sentence, which we quote: We are constrained to admit that we have benefited in ourselves, our homes and our community, not only by your able and eloquent exposition of the gospels and pastoral visits and friendly intercourse; but also and in no mean degree by your manly and fearless example as a true soldier of Christ battling for the cause of morality and righteousness.

Rev. William Shearer, of Pictou, has been visiting relatives in the city.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Eton boys have subscribed \$500 towards the Quebec battlefields memorial.

Telephone connection is now established between Gothenburg, Sweden and Berlin, Germany.

The laymen's missionary conference at Chattanooga favored raising \$1,000,000 for foreign missionary work.

In the British Isles alone there are nearly 80,000 motor cars and motor bicycles.

No fewer than 30 of the inmates of Buckingham Palace have been attacked by influenza.

The coins found in Liverpool tram-cars in a year amount to \$2,150, including the sums contained in 1,430 purses.

The visit of President Fallieres, France, will take place during the latter part of June.

Munich, with a population of over 450,000, has, on an average, one establishment for the sale of liquor refreshments to each 319 persons.

Arbitration treaties between Great Britain and the United States and Norway and the United States have been signed at the state department at Washington.

A puff adder despatched from South Africa has reached the Zoo. When the box was unpacked it was found that ten little puff adders had been born on board ship.

The first case under the new law in Natal against juvenile smoking has occurred at Durban, a tobaccoist being fined £3 for selling cigarettes to a boy under sixteen years of age.

South Africa might be turned to account as a military half-way house and acclimatizing centre for troops recruited in India and the more distant tropical or sub-tropical regions of the empire.—Natal Mercury, Durban.

The Berlin periodical, "Die Standarte," states definitely that the emperor will go to the Isle of Wight in August for Cowes regatta, and adds that a visit to London has been planned, on which occasion his majesty intends to visit the Olympic games.

A new Scottish expedition to the Antarctic is being planned by Dr. William S. Bruce of the Scottish Oceanographical Laboratory, who returned from a journey to the Arctic last autumn. Dr. Bruce proposes to follow and extend the deep sea investigations made by the Scotia in the South Atlantic, Weddell and Biscoe Seas, and to attempt to cross the Antarctic continent.

A Presbyterian Society of the W. H. M. Society has been organized for Sarnia Presbytery when the following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. H. Simpson, Petrolia; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Wm. Fee, Wyoming; Mrs. A. Graham, Parkhill; Mrs. Dawson, Parkhill; Miss Leys, Sarnia; Treasurer, Mrs. Brown, Camachie; Secretary, Mrs. Hunt, Wyoming; "Pioneer" Secretary, Mrs. Mitchell, Watford; Supply Secretary, Mrs. McLean, Sarnia.

More than five hundred members sat down to the Communion service in the Orillia Presbyterian church last Sabbath morning, the attendance perhaps being the largest on record. Rev. Dr. Grant preached on "The Prince of Life," the consecration prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Gray, and Rev. Mr. MacGregor delivered the closing address from the exhortation "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," (2 Peter 3: 18). At the Preparatory service on Friday evening twenty-six new members were received.

Rev. W. M. Kannawin, B.A., B.D., of Woodville, has accepted the call to St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy. He will be inducted May 28.