

Church News.

The Huron church, Ripley, has lately been repainted and otherwise renovated.

Rev. Mr. Ferguson has been filling the pulpit at Uptown very acceptably.

The Rev. A. F. Thompson has resigned the pastorate of the church at Economy, N.S.

During Mr. Smellie's absence in Scotland Rev. Mr. Dougherty will occupy the pulpit of Melville church.

Mr. Cowgill, the student in charge at Mirend, Ont., has begun a bible class in the church on Sabbath morning.

Cooper's church, Toronto, has extended an almost unanimous call to Mr. Patterson, a brilliant young graduate of Knox College.

During the removal of their church from its old site the Baptist friends of Kincardine have been invited to worship in Knox church.

Mr. W. L. McRAF, missionary elect to Trinidad, is to be ordained at Turin on the 6th July, and will leave for his field a few days later.

Rev. Dr. TALMAGE has engaged accommodation for himself and 1200 of his congregation at Alexandria Bay, Thousand Islands, for two days this month.

At a recent meeting of the Presbyterian congregation of Forest, it was decided to extend a call to the Rev. M. Ballantyne, recently of Pond Mills, Westminster.

The anniversary of the Enniskillen church was held on Monday, June 7th. A sumptuous tea was provided. Addresses were delivered by Revs. R. D. Fraser, M.A., Bowmanville, A. Fraser, Orono, and others.

The Presbyterian congregation at St. Peter's, C.B., are making active preparations for the erection of a new church. Any aid from the charitably disposed will be thankfully acknowledged.

The congregation of the Scotch Presbyterian Church, of Jersey City, N.J., are building, at a cost of \$15,000, a manse for their pastor, Rev. David Mitchell, late pastor of John street church, Belleville, Ont.

Rev. T. T. JOHNSON, Wick, lectured in Rockton on the 10th, and in West Elmhurst on the 11th inst. Subject, "The South." Mr. Johnson has spent a considerable time in the Southern States, and the lecture which is illustrated by original sketches, is highly spoken of where it has been delivered.

Rev. Dr. AND Mrs. SMELLIE, Fergus, with their son-in-law, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell of St. Andrew's, Toronto, sailed Tuesday, 5th inst., on a trip to Scotland. Dr. Smellie appears to be almost recovered from his late severe accident. Again we wish them a good voyage and safe return.

The new Presbyterian church at Vancouver, B.C., was dedicated on Sunday, 16th ult. Rev. S. J. Taylor preached morning and evening and Rev. Jos. Hall discoursed in the afternoon. Collections aggregating \$160 was taken up at the several services. The new church has a seating capacity of four hundred.

A LADIES' Aid Visiting Society has been formed in connection with the Penetanguishene congregation, Rev. H. Currie, pastor. The office-bearers are—President, Mrs. Currie; Vice Presidents, Mesdames Jamieson, Leith, McGuire, Wright and Smith; Sec.-Treas., Miss Beck. These ladies have decided to hold a bazaar on the day of the Fall Show. Proceeds to aid in defraying the debt on their church.

Rev. F. BALLANTYNE, of London South, conducted the preparatory service and the Communion in the Port Stanley congregation, 4th inst. After service Mr. Joseph Moore, on behalf of the congregation, presented the pastor, Rev. A. W. McConochy, with a well filled purse and an address, expressive of the high esteem in which he is held by his people and their good wishes for his holiday trip to Manitoba.

Rev. J. M. CALLAN, M.A., was inducted on the 26th ult., into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's church, Victoria. This church has been vacant since the resignation of Rev. R. Burnett. Rev. D. McKenzie, Easttown, presided and preached an excellent sermon. Addresses were delivered by Rev. R. McCann and Rev. J. Fitzpatrick. An "Induction Dinner" was given at which the neighbouring ministers were present.

Dr. JAMES MIDDLEMISS, of Elora, has lately written a pamphlet on Misconceptions of Calvinism (Presbyterian News Co., Toronto), which will repay a careful perusal. Some who are inclined to believe that Calvinism is something very absurd and unreasonable, will find that more can be said in its favour than they thought. Those on the other hand who hold by Calvinism merely as a matter of tradition would do well to seek further information on the subject from Dr. Middlemiss's pages.—Toronto Globe.

MISCONCEPTIONS OF CALVINISM is the title of a pamphlet of 45 pages by Rev. James Middlemiss, D.D., of Elora, Ontario. We had the pleasure of seeing the substance of the pamphlet in a series of able articles in the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW, a few months ago. The author is a man of fine culture and extensive reading, and his thoughtful deliverances are well deserving the respectful attention of all, especially of our young ministers and our students. Price to cents. Issued by the Presbyterian News Co., Toronto.—Halfpenny Presbyterian Witness.

COMMUNION services at Glencoe, Sabbath, June 6th, were very largely attended. The pastor was assisted by the Rev. Walter Reid, of Weston, who preached eloquent sermons, full ofunction. Thirteen members were received into church fellowship, the pastor on behalf of the session and congregation extending a very warm welcome to these candidates for membership. Another scheme for church extension is being inaugurated; it is proposed to build a Presbyterian church at South Ekfrid and thus provide a sanctuary for a large and wealthy portion of the Presbyterian population.

THURSDAY, the 3rd inst., was the 90th anniversary of the birth of Mr. James Ludlaw, sen., father of Rev. R. J. Ludlaw, of Hamilton, Ont. Father and son spent the day happily together at the home of the former in Georgetown. Mr. Ludlaw left Scotland on his 21st birthday, in 1817—69 now over years ago. He arrived at St. John, N.B., on the 21st of August, and after spending some time as a teacher at Economy, Nova Scotia, he came west to the township of Esqueping, Halton county, in 1820, and has resided there during the past 66 years. The venerable gentleman is in fair health and has the use of all his faculties.

At a meeting of the Managing Committee of Zion church, Carleton Place, on Monday evening it was decided to take some definite measures at once for the enlarging of the church building, and with that object in view a sub-committee were appointed to ascertain the cost and the best way of extending the building in order to gain the object desired, the sub-committee to report to another meeting of the managers to be held shortly. The congregation has grown so large that it has become impossible for the committee to provide seats for families desiring them, and hence their action.

COMMUNION services were conducted in St. Joseph's Presbyterian church, Montreal, on June 6th, by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Smyth, M.A., B.Sc., who preached an appropriate sermon from Isaiah xlii, 3. Two hundred and forty members partook of the Lord's Supper, besides a few from other churches. The congregation was unusually large. At the close of the service, the Rev. A. C. Chambers, of Inkeraman, Ont., offered prayer and addressed the communicants. Preparatory services were conducted by the Rev. Prof. Springer, M.A., and Rev. John Nichols. Twenty names were added to the roll.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper was observed in Duff's church, East Fushinch, on the first Sunday in June. There was a large attendance on all the sacramental days, especially on Thursday and Sabbath. The pastor was ably assisted by Revs. J. R. Beattie, of

Guelph; W. Meltrum, of Morrison; E. McAuley, West Fushinch and G. Munro, of Embro. Several names were added to the communion roll. The ordinary Sabbath attendance is larger this summer than it has been for many years, quite a number of families having settled within the bounds of the congregation recently. It is to be hoped that Duff's church may yet be crowded every Sabbath as it used to be during the incumbency of the late Rev. Alexander McLean, about a quarter of a century ago.

The regular monthly meeting of the Montreal Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society was held last week in the lecture-room of Eskloe church. The first vice-president, Mrs. Robert Campbell, occupied the chair, and after the usual devotional exercises, the recording secretary read a letter from Mrs. Dey, tendering her resignation as president of the society, as she was obliged to leave the city. A committee was appointed to draw up a minute expressing the society's deep regret at losing Mrs. Dey, who has been a most useful officer and valuable member of the society. Reports were read from the French bible woman, Madame Cote, and from Miss Watt. The subject for the month was "Sister societies," and consequently reports were received from several missionary societies. Mrs. A. B. Crutch read an account of the work of the Grand Ligne mission; Mrs. Parker read selections from the last annual report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (Eastern section); and the recording secretary, Miss Macmaster, read a synopsis of the work of the Canadian Woman's Board of Missions, which was kindly written by Miss Baylis, and also an account of the work at Midway, London, Eng.

On Thursday, June 3rd, in the presence of a very large assembly, the corner stone of the Avondale Presbyterian church, Tilsonburg, was laid. After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. P. R. Ross, of Ingersoll; and the pastor, Rev. M. McGregor, M.A., then read a most interesting historical sketch of the congregation from 1847 when a few Presbyterians met with Rev. Dr. Drummond, of Bradford, to organize a congregation to the present time, when the number of communicants on the roll is 123. Four of the oldest members of the congregation, the only remaining pioneers of the Church in Tilsonburg, Messrs. John Scott, Archie McLaren, Nicholas Cuthbertson and Edward Brown laid the corner stone. Within the stone, in a copper box, is the MSS. of the historical sketch written and read by Mr. McGregor; lists containing the autographs of the merchants, manufacturers, doctors, lawyers, publishers, ministers and teachers of the town; the autographs of the pioneers of the church who are living; a list of the present officers, members and adherents of the church in Tilsonburg; copies of the Toronto Globe and Mail, the London Advertiser and Free Press, the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW, Christian Guardian, Scottish American, Parkdale News and the Tilsonburg Observer and Liberal; a copy of the municipal by-laws; and one each of the various silver and copper coins of the Dominion. The architect is Mr. Gregg, Toronto. It will be remembered that Rev. Principal Caven was at one time pastor of this fine congregation.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY.

LANARK AND RENFREW.—The presbytery met in Zion church, Carleton Place on Monday evening, May 24th. Rev. M. D. M. Blakey in the chair. The attendance of members was not large, nor the docket of business extensive, the chief items considered being the home mission report, making arrangements for dispensing ordinances in the mission stations during the summer, etc. A petition from the Rev. Dr. Bain, asking leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry, was considered and disposed of, the presbytery agreeing to make application to the Assembly in accordance with the petition. Rev. C. McKillop's demission of his charge in Adamston, in order to take work in the North-West, being considered, it was moved that the resignation be accepted. The presbytery appointed some standing committees for the year, and attended to some minor matters of business.

BARRIE.—This presbytery met at Barrie, on Tuesday, 25th ult. There were twenty-two ministers and ten elders in attendance. Mr. Moodle was appointed to declare the pulpit of Collingwood congregation vacant on June 20th, and to act as moderator of session during the vacancy. It was agreed to make applications to the General Assembly as follows: That Mr. W. Neilly be recognized as a student of first year in theology, and Mr. A. G. Jansen, missionary, as a student of the second year; also, for leave to ordain Mr. W. J. Hewitt to the work of the ministry. Mr. Hewitt is an elder, and has laboured since last summer in North Bay and other points in the east of Lake Nipissing. A petition from the congregation of Vasey that Mr. John Gilmore be recognized as a minister of this Church was sent up to the Assembly. Messrs. A. H. Drumm and Thomas Wilson passed through their trials for license with much satisfaction to the presbytery, and were licensed. Mr. Drumm was also appointed as missionary at Port Carling, etc. Mr. A. McDonald received four months' leave of absence that he might visit his native land. Messrs. G. Crawford and H. Currie resigned their commissions to the General Assembly. Messrs. W. McConnell and W. A. Duncan, M.A., were elected in their stead. The presbytery agreed to approve and commend the movement towards the McDowall memorial in Fredericksburgh to the generous consideration of ministers and congregations in the bounds. ROBT. MOODIE, Clerk.

MIRAMICHI.—The presbytery met at Newcastle 25th May—the Rev. Wm. Aitken, moderator. The Rev. Ghosen Al Howie, late of Mount Lebanon, Syria, and Rev. James Murray, were invited to sit as corresponding members. The petition from Nelson asking for regular supply, laid over from a former meeting, was again read, and a committee, consisting of Messrs. Wain, McKay and Aitken, was appointed to meet the congregation at Nelson for the purpose of maturing arrangements for Mr. Clay's settlement here; or otherwise provide for the supply of that station. A report of the catechists appointed to the various mission fields was submitted by the clerk, and he was thanked for his diligence in the matter. A communication from Escumacine, Que., was read, signed by all the elders, requesting that Rev. A. Ogilvie Brown be appointed moderator of their session in place of Rev. Peter Lindsay, solely on the ground that the former is more conveniently located, and would be able to visit the field, without involving such a considerable journey. In making this change the presbytery desired not only to convey to Mr. Lindsay the hearty thanks of the session of Escumacine, but also their grateful appreciation of his past services there. Several circulars on the reception of ministers were read. The presbytery resolved to make application to the next General Assembly to receive as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Rev. Ghosen Al Howie, a licentiate of the Church of Scotland. The clerk was instructed to issue the usual circular thereon. The following resolution, moved by Mr. Aitken, was also adopted in the case: "That this presbytery, while not ignoring the serious drawback of blindness, they are of opinion that Mr. Howie is perfectly competent to discharge a pastor's duty. His labours within the bounds, as well as his numerous certificates, abundantly justify this resolution, and encourage the hope that the Assembly will see it their duty to admit him to the status of a minister of this Church. The Rev. F. W. George was appointed commissioner to the General Assembly in place of Rev. John McCarter, who resigned the appointment. The clerk reported that he had received a letter from the convenor of the Augmentation Committee stating that in view of certain explanations forwarded to him, from Redbank, Black River and New Carlisle, the grants in full would most likely be made to those congregations. The presbytery resolved to meet in the hall of St. Andrew's church, Chatham, on Tuesday, the 13th day of July next, at 11 a.m.—E. WALLACE WAITS, Clerk.

Sabbath School Work.

LESSON HELPS.

SECOND QUARTER.

REVIEW.

LESSON XIII. June 27th, (Scripture Lesson John 1, 1-17.)

GOLDEN TEXT.—And the Word was made, flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.—John 1, 14.

TRIV.—This quarter covers nearly three years of Jesus' earthly ministry, from Jan., A.D. 27, to Oct., A.D. 29.

PLACE.—Jerusalem, Cana, Capernaum, Bethsaida, Sychar. John leaves out a large portion of the ministry in Galilee, because recorded in the other Gospels, which were written before his, and he dwells chiefly on the ministry in Jerusalem and Judea.

SUGGESTIONS.—(1) Read the first eight chapters of John's Gospel at one sitting. (2) Trace out the movements of Jesus on the map in order to make his life real and vivid to you. (3) Study up the state of the country in the time of Christ. (4) Review the titles, golden texts and central truths of the quarter.

QUESTIONS.

INTRODUCTORY.—What book of the Bible have we been studying? Who wrote it? When and where? Tell all you can about the book. Give some account of the apostle John. How much time do the lessons of this quarter cover? Where did the events take place? Name the principal persons mentioned.

SUBJECT: THE REDEEMER OF THE WORLD.

I. HIS NATURE (Lessons 1, 11, 12).—Who is the Redeemer of the world? How long has he existed? What great works did he do before he became man? When did he become man? How is he the Light of men? The Life? The living water? Meaning of "Christ." What reasons have we to rejoice that our Saviour is divine? That he became man?

II. THE BEGINNINGS OF HIS KINGDOM (Lessons 2, 3, 4).—Who were his first disciples? How were they led to him? What great results have grown from these small beginnings? What was his first miracle? When and where? What was it meant to teach? What was the first great doctrine he taught? To whom? Why is this placed first?

III. HIS MIRACLES (Lessons 5, 7, 8, 9).—What are miracles? Why did Jesus perform them? What was the first one, and its teachings? What is the next recorded one? What was that meant to teach us? Describe the next one. What does this teach us? What one the following night? What miracle did we study in Lesson 9? What are its teachings?

IV. HIS TEACHINGS (Lessons 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12).—What great doctrine was taught to Nicodemus? What comforting truths to the Samaritan woman at the well? What did he teach her about worship? What instruction did he give his disciples on the same day about working for God? What did he teach about the bread of life? About the living water? About the liberty of the Gospel? About eternal life?

TEMPERANCE LESSON.

(Scripture Lesson.—Mark v., 1-20.)

INTRODUCTORY.—Read over the story given in the Scripture Lesson. In what two other places is the same story given? (Matt. viii., 28-34; Luke viii., 26-39.) Who were the principal actors in it? Where did it take place? And when?

SUBJECT: THE DEMONS OF INTERTEMPERANCE AND HOW TO CAST THEM OUT.

I. THE POSSESSED OF DEMONS (vs. 1-5).—Who met Jesus on the shores of the Sea of Galilee? Where was his home? What is meant by being possessed of demons? How did men come to be under such control? Why is strong drink like these demons? How do men come to be under its control? Are they to blame for it? Can they escape?

II. THE RUIN BROUGHT BY THESE DEMONS. (vs. 4-13).—What injuries did the demons do to the man possessed? How would this affect his home-life? his happiness? his usefulness? his life and health? What injury did they do to property on the shore? Did they injure everything they touched? What is said of their number? Their power? What injury does strong drink do to the drinker himself? What to his family? to his usefulness? to his happiness? to his life and health? to the community by inciting to crime? to property? Are the demons of strong drink also legion? What do you know of the difficulty of binding and restraining this evil? What of its opposition to all good?

III. THE POWER BY WHICH THESE DEMONS ARE CAST OUT (vs. 8, 15).—Who cast the demons out of this man? By what power? Had other efforts been in-vain? What was the effect on the man? By whose power must the demons of intemperance be cast out? Will any other power alone do it? Name some of the ways in which Jesus uses his power for this purpose. How does Gospel religion aid? What can be done by temperance literature? What by temperance societies? What by instruction and training, and in what places? What by public meetings? What by law and its enforcement? What by example? What by signing the pledge? Does the religion of Jesus aid, inspire and encourage all these?

IV. THE OPPOSITION OF MANY TO THE WORK (vs. 14-17).—What did some who had seen the wonderful change in the man do? What harm had come to them? What did they fear? Was their conduct evidently selfish? Why are many opposed to the temperance reformation? How does it injure them? Does this counterbalance the good? Is their opposition selfish?

V. THE TESTIMONY OF THE SAVED (vs. 15, 17-20).—What change was wrought in the man? Whom did he tell of the change? With what effect? What changes has temperance wrought in many? Why should they tell others what the Lord has done for them?

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