

Pastor and People.

OUR OWN CHURCH

DEAR EDITOR.—Permit me to congratulate you on the marked improvement which is to be seen in the reading matter of the "PRESBYTERIAN." There is scarcely a spot in this fair Dominion where our church has found a resting place, but we can hear of her doings through the columns of the PRESBYTERIAN.

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There are now twenty-four. The number of families then reported was 935, now they are 2,016. Communicants then 1,282; at this date they are more than 2,400. The contributions to the stipend fund were then \$6,848, now they amount to \$15,100, exclusive of mission stations.

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The union of the churches in 1875 made virtually no change on the bounds of the Presbytery, and the brethren who, from the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, became members of the present court have mostly come into the territory since the date first mentioned, so that the comparison may fairly be made between our strength then and now.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM THE NORTH-WEST.

The following letter from the Rev. John Scott will be interesting to all friends of that gentleman, and the missionary operations in Manitoba. His modest appeal ought to be successful in bringing in the aid he needs.

DEAR FRIEND.—Last winter you kindly aided us in procuring food for some starving Indians at Pembina, Dakota, U. S.

For our own Indians on the Roseau Reserve \$200 was sent by our kind Dominion Government. In dealing out food for them, they expressed a strong desire to get a school on the Reserve where their own children could learn English, and also to read and write.

The Presbytery of Winnipeg took the matter up. We have now a neat frame school house, 18x24 feet, with desks, stove and fixings. It was opened yesterday by a free tea meeting, in which settlers and Indians all united together.

It would have cheered your heart to have seen them all so glad and happy together. The "Braves" in eloquent speeches said that "surely the Great Spirit had put it into the hearts of white men to do this great thing for them."

At the close they expressed their devoted loyalty to their Great Mother, Queen Victoria. Our teacher is a Mr. Outhbert Grant McKay, born about Borer's River, well acquainted with the Indians, their language, manners, customs, etc.

For two years he drove dog-trains for the H. B. Company. He is connected with Black's Church, Kildonan. The cost of the school-house is about \$325. Friends in Winnipeg promised me \$100. The remaining \$225 I want to raise in Ontario and Quebec.

Two hundred and twenty-five persons giving \$1 each will raise the whole amount. Who will be one of that number? As to salary of teacher, the Dominion Government will give \$250 per annum, and our Presbytery Mission Board \$150.

Government gives us forty acres of land where the school-house is built. We have built a Presbyterian Church in Emerson, 50x30 feet. It is enclosed and the floor laid.

We hope to use it for Gospel preaching next summer. In the meantime I preach in the Episcopal Methodist Church at Pembina, Dakota. I am happy to say that there is a marked improvement in attendance, both at the village and at the American Post.

From the Indian war Capt. Bradley and his company have just returned to Fort Pembina. They hope that the Indian war will terminate this winter.

Dufferin, Manitoba, Dec. 7, 1876.

THE LATE MR. McCOLURE.

At a meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian congregation of Brampton and Derry West, the following minute was adopted:—"The Session, whilst they desire to acknowledge the hand of God in the removal by death of their brother, Mr. David McColure, sen., from the Church here to the Church above, and whilst they desire to bow to the Divine authority and will, in this, as well as in all other matters, desire at the same time to enter on record an expression, both of their deep sense of the loss which the congregation and Session have sustained in the death of Mr. McColure, and of their high estimation of his character and worth."

Mr. McColure was a consistent member and a useful elder of the first congregation of Brampton from its first beginning in the year 1847 until the day of his death, the 30th November, 1876, and always took a deep and lively interest both in the temporal and spiritual welfare of the congregation.

If there was one feature in his character more marked than another, that feature was undoubtedly his honesty and conscientiousness. The Session desire also to express their deep sympathy with his bereaved widow and family, and to commend them to the care and protection of a merciful and gracious God, who has said, "Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive, and let thy widows trust in me."

PRESENT DUTY. How much time is lost in dreaming of the great things we shall do in the future, while we neglect what seems to us to be the important trifles of the present.

It may be the work which comes to hand does not suit our taste, and therefore we take no pleasure in it; and inwardly fret and murmur, and think that we are wasting time in performing it.

Now this is all wrong, as you will see if you will look at these passages, "Whatever the hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." Let us also remember that it is "He who is faithful in little, that will also be faithful in much."

Our present duty, then, is to work for Jesus in the place He has given us; and to work prayerfully, earnestly and patiently till He comes.

TOIL ON.

We have toiled all night and to-day morning Luke v. 6. Toil on, thou watchful shepherd—though seeing naught but leaves. The seed is sown in labour. In joy thou'll reap the sheaves. Be patient with the erring; Give words of hope, and cheer, To those who bear the burthen, Of care and sorrow here.

Thy Master bore both stripes and slights, Yet never did He despair. And grace sufficient He will give, For all thy load of care.

Toil on, thou faithful teacher; Nor deem thy duties light; The task thou art engaged in, Is sacred in God's sight. To foster heavenly virtues—Bid angry passions cease.— To guide the little wilful feet, In paths that lead to peace. Cheer up amidst your labours, Nor this bright thought forget! The child of smallest promise, May be a "Gideon" yet.

Toil on, thou anxious father; A heavy charge is thine, But He who gave that charge to thee, Will give thee help divine. Let gentleness, firm integrity, Through all thy actions shine, Nor think to cast on others The duties strictly thine! These jewels lent but for a time, He surely will require, Then let their hopes of glory, Be thy heart's first desire.

Toil on, heart-broken mother; Nor deem thy prayers all lost. There's One sits high in council, Who counteth well the cost. Thy tears and sighs are not unknown To Him who rules above; And e'en this grief, though hard to be, May yet be sweet in love.

Pray on, in faith and patience, There's hope this side the grave; Nor limit the Almighty power, The erring one to save.

Toil on, poor helpless sinner, There's work for thee to do; What'er thy earthly calling is, With honest might pursue. Nor judge that trials, great or small, If borne with Christian grace, Will count for nothing when at last You see Him "face to face." Works cannot earn salvation, Nor yet will faith alone! 'Twas Christ who called forth Lazarus! 'Twas man rolled back the stone. Montreal, January, 1877.

Presbytery of Whitley.

This Presbytery met in Oshawa on Tuesday, January 30th, at eleven a.m. There was a fair attendance of members. Not much business was transacted, owing to the Presbytery's Sunday School Convention at two o'clock in the afternoon.

The following embraces all that was done. The Moderator of the Kirk Session of the congregation at Orono was authorized to moderate in a call when desired. A call was presented and read in favor of the Rev. William White, Newtonville, from the congregation of Warsaw and Dummer in the Presbytery of Peterboro'. No parties appeared from the congregation of Warsaw and Dummer, but the clerk read a document in which were narrated the steps taken for the translation of Mr. White and the reason therefor.

Messrs. Henderson, Carson and Johnston, from Newtonville congregation, were heard, and did not approve Mr. White's translation, as both congregations in Newtonville were contemplating union. They also expressed themselves with great cordiality towards Mr. White. Mr. White signified his acceptance of the call. The Presbytery then agreed to translate Mr. White, and that the dissolution of the pastoral tie take effect on the fifteenth of February.

Mr. Spenser was appointed to preach and declare the charge vacant on Sabbath, the eighteenth of February. Messrs. Roger and Ross were appointed a committee to draw up a minute expressive of the Presbytery's esteem for Mr. White. The Presbytery considered an application made by commissioners from Mr. White's congregation to dispose of the church property, when the following motion by Mr. Drummond was agreed to:—"That a small committee be appointed to meet with the two sessions and congregations in Newtonville to make necessary arrangements to consummate union between them; and also to meet with the congregation of St. Andrew's, Clarke, with a view of settling their financial difficulties with Mr. White. The following committee was appointed—Messrs. Drummond, Spenser, Renwick, and Fairbairne. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Whitley, March 2nd, and was closed with the benediction. WALTER R. ROSS, Pres. Clerk.

The Presbytery of Bruce.

This Presbytery held its regular meeting at Walkerton on the 16th ult. There were seventeen ministers and eight elders in attendance. Mr. Moffat of Walkerton, being present, was asked to sit and deliberate. Mr. Fraser's term of Moderatorship having expired, Mr. Scott was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. The Financial Committee reported that all the congregations of the bounds, except three, had forwarded the amounts apportioned to them of the indebtedness of the General Assembly's Home Mission Fund, and that they, after having fully paid the amount of said debt apportioned to this Presbytery, (\$816), had a balance of \$16 88c. on hand.

On motion the report was received, and the balance, after defraying expenses, was ordered to be forwarded to the Assembly's Home Mission Fund. A communication having been read from the Rev. B. O. Moffat, of Free St. John's Church, Walkerton, offering the use of that church for this meeting of Presbytery, the Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of this letter with the thanks of Presbytery, and informing him that the managers of St. Paul's Church, owing to the unfinished state of the church, had provided for the Presbytery's meeting in this their temporary place of worship, (the Court House) previous to the receipt of Mr. Moffat's letter.

Mr. Shaw, Commissioner from Pinkerton congregation, was heard asking supply of ordnance for that station for the next quarter. It was agreed that Pinkerton, Riverdale and Enniskillen be supplied with services fortnightly for the ensuing three months. A conference was held at the evening adserunt on the state of religion, when addresses were delivered by the following members of Court on the following subjects, viz., Home Mission, Mr. Tolmie; Foreign Missions, Mr. D. Fraser; Pastoral Work, Mr. McLennan; Evangelistic Services, Mr. Anderson, Tiverton; Sabbath School Work, Mr. Straith; and Mr. Ferguson on his mission to the Fishing Islands. These addresses were interspersed with singing conducted by the choir of St. Paul's Church. The Financial Committee was instructed to make an estimate of the amount required for the Presbytery fund for the current year, and to send a statement to each congregation within the bounds, of the minimum sum required from them to make up said amount. The following Commissioners were appointed to the General Assembly (by ballot), viz., Ministers: Dr. Bell, and Messrs. Scott, Tolmie, J. Anderson, Straith and Wardrop; Elders: Messrs. McKagno, Ballagh, R. M. Hay, Dewar, Ma'her and Rowand. The next meeting of Presbytery is to be held in Knox's church, Paisley, on the last Tuesday of March, at 2 o'clock, p.m.—A. G. FORBES, Presbytery Clerk.

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