

Brown, Murdoch Nicolson. The other managers who retain their office are James Sharpe, Jacob Hose, D. T. Ferguson, Judge Lyon. It was moved by Judge Lyon, seconded by J. K. Brydon, that the pastor, Rev. R. Nairn, who had worked so faithfully during the year, be granted four or five weeks' holidays. The motion was carried.

THE Rev. Dr. Kellogg writes: The visit to Toronto of the Rev. J. L. Nevius, D. D., of the Presbyterian Mission in Shantung, North China, brings to mind one of the most encouraging and remarkable movements of recent years in that country; developed chiefly in the first instance under the providence of God, in connection with the labours of the American missionaries, Dr. Nevius, and his colleague, the Rev. Dr. Corbett, whose visit to Toronto a few years ago many remember with great pleasure. Dr. Nevius has been in China since 1853 and will therefore soon complete forty years' service as a missionary. In the days when he entered China very little of the country was open to foreigners. Until about 1860 he was connected with the Ningpo Mission, when he was providentially called to undertake a new work in Chefoo, Shantung, North China. For many years missionaries could only obtain places of residence in Tungchow and Chefoo. Itinerations were made into the interior and the Scriptures circulated, but for about fifteen years, till the great famine of 1876-77, the people remained either hostile or supremely indifferent. The famine brought a change. The self-sacrificing labours of the missionaries, and the death of several in their efforts to succour the suffering, revealed their true character and that of their holy religion to the people. From that day to this the Gospel has progressed in that province in a most cheering and remarkable manner. So long ago as 1883, Dr. Nevius published in London a pamphlet "Apostolic Methods in Foreign Missionary Work," in which he could already, six years after the inception of this movement, say: "Six years ago (after fifteen years' work in Shantung) I had one station and about half a dozen converts. Since then my work has constantly and uniformly spread, and, I think, deepened. I have now fifty central stations, and over 700 native Christians, whose homes are in about 200 native villages... which are scattered 'over a region about 200 miles long and eighty broad.'" From that time the good work has continued to go on. Only two years later, 1886, and the Mission reported a roll of 2,366 communicants, not to speak of about 2,500 more who had been gathered in by the labours of other missionaries who had entered into the field from other Churches. From the very first Dr. Nevius has insisted that the Churches shall stand independent of foreign help. These many Churches provide for themselves, sustain their own ordinances, and not only so, but Dr. Nevius says "the work of conducting services and extending the work into surrounding villages is performed mainly by the native Christians themselves," a work which they can the better do, that "most of the members and elders of these Chinese Churches are men of some position and influence, and are more or less educated." The subject is one which tempts to expansion, but those readers of this article who live in Toronto will soon have the opportunity to hear Dr. Nevius tell his own story. He is to preach in St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, morning and evening, on Sabbath the 18th, and will also speak at the annual missionary meeting of the congregation on the evening of Monday, the 19th. Toronto Presbyterians will be the more interested in the visit of Dr. Nevius, that he and his excellent colleagues have rendered such invaluable counsel and practical help to our brethren in the establishment of our new mission in the adjacent province of Honan. The experience of Dr. Nevius and his co-labourers in Shantung is certainly very encouraging as regards the work of the Canadian Church among a neighbouring and very similar people.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGREN.—This Presbytery met in Guthrie Church, Harrison, on December 9. The following resolution prepared by Mr. Aull was unanimously agreed to: On our accepting the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Baikie, of Guthrie Church, Harrison, we cannot allow this opportunity to pass without placing on record our high appreciation of his long and valuable services in both Church and Presbytery. We would, therefore, take very much pleasure in bearing testimony to his regular attendance, interest and help in the work of the Presbytery, to the excellent character of his sermons and addresses, and to the faithful discharge of duty in his pastoral visitations. Parting with our brother we honestly feel that he has done a good work in Harrison, and that it will long remain as the true memorial of an earnest and devoted pastor. We would as a Presbytery commend him to God and the word of His grace, praying earnestly that for him soon a field of usefulness may be opened up. The Rev. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph, was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly. There was laid on the table a call with relative papers from Innerkip and Ratho to the Rev. P. Straith, M.A. Mr. McNair was appointed to preach in Holstein and Fairbairn on the 14th inst., and cite the congregations to appear for their interests in Guthrie Church, Harrison, on the 23rd inst. Messrs. Stewart and Young were appointed to bring in a report on remit anent Aged and Infirm Ministers, and McNair and Bickell on the remit on the Marriage question. Mr. Straith gave in the Home Mission report, which was adopted. Messrs. Young, Aull, McNair, ministers, and Messrs. T. Lawler and A. S. Allan, elders, were appointed to meet with the two congregations in Harrison to ascertain what can be done towards union. There was a meeting in the evening in connection with the annual Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society, at which the third annual report was read by Mrs. McNair in the absence of the secretary. Addresses were also delivered by Messrs. McNair, Straith, Morrison and Cameron, interspersed with appropriate hymns by the choirs of the two congregations. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Guthrie Church, Harrison, on the 23rd of December, at half-past two p.m., to dispose of the call to Mr. Straith.—S. YOUNG, Pres. Clerk.

OBITUARY.

MR. MALCOLM GILCHRIST.

In the death of Mr. Malcolm Gilchrist, which took place at his residence near Killan on the first of December, Puslinch has lost another of her worthy pioneers. He was the third among six sons, who, with their three sisters and parents, came to this country in the year 1843 from Cante, Argyleshire Scotland, and took up their residence in Puslinch. The township was at that time mostly a wilderness of primeval forest, although much of the land had been secured by intending settlers. Having in his youth been accustomed to the sea and sailing, for several successive summers he followed the lake navigation, spending the remaining months in cutting down the heavy growth of timber and clearing up the land. In 1853 he was married to Miss Charlotte MacMillan, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Angus MacMillan, whose acquaintance he had formed in his youth in Glenbar, Scotland. After his marriage Mr. Gilchrist settled on lot No. 11, first concession of Puslinch, which he soon brought to a high state of cultivation and on which he continuously resided until his death. A family of one son (the eldest), and five daughters, all grown up, mourn, with the widowed mother, the late husband and father. The son, Mr. John Gilchrist, is also a prosperous farmer, owning two hundred acres adjoining the homestead. The eldest daughter, Christina, is Mrs. Hendry Hardy, of Flint, Mich., and the youngest, Miss Bessie, is successfully engaged in teaching at Hespeler, Ont. The others, Misses Annie, Mary and Charlotte, are also held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends. The deceased was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, and, devoid of ostentation or parade, was a man of strong faith and deep conviction. The writer enjoyed the pleasure of his intimate acquaintance, extending over a period of many years and had frequent opportunities of noting and admiring his intelligence and generous, kindly disposition. He possessed in a marked degree that dignified hospitality and strong individuality which are characteristic of the Highland race. Witty, well informed and endowed with excellent conversational abilities he was a special favourite with the young, who always found in him a sympathetic and wise counsellor. He had reached the ripe age of seventy-three, was widely known and universally respected. His funeral was largely attended by friends and acquaintances who despite the inclement weather had assembled to pay a last tribute of respect to departed worth. The interment took place at the cemetery at Killan, the Rev. Mr. Jackson, of Galt, conducting the funeral services.

MRS. LACHLIN CAMERON.

The late Jane Kennedy, beloved wife of the Rev. Lachlin Cameron, of Thamesford, whose death took place rather unexpectedly on the morning of Thursday, December 13, was the daughter of the late John Kennedy, of Craig-Morrison, near Guelph. She was born in the year 1842. So that at the time of her death she was in her 48th year. She was united in marriage to the Rev. Lachlin Cameron, then of Acton, Ont., on the 21st of November, 1864; and from that date to the fall of 1874 was the unfailing and sympathetic support of her husband in the ministry of the Gospel at Acton. At the latter date Mr. Cameron became the pastor of Thamesford congregation, where Mrs. Cameron still continued to be the devoted and cheerful wife and mother.

Through all these years Mrs. Cameron gave ample evidence to all who enjoyed the pleasure of her acquaintance that by natural gifts, acquired accomplishments, and particularly by the grace of God, she was well fitted to discharge all the responsible duties of a noble, consecrated wife and mother in "the manse."

In both these congregations her name is fragrant, and her memory very dear. She enjoyed the approbation of Him who hath said: "Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth." "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

Mrs. Cameron was an exceedingly transparent and lovable character; and left the impress of her sweet spirit upon all who came into contact with her. To know her was simply to love her. Her sympathy was world-wide, as was evidenced by her zeal and devotion in the cause of missions. From the time that a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized in Thamesford congregation in 1884 till the date of her death she had held the position of president, and by her untiring zeal and loving devotion she gathered around her a consecrated band of sisters, which brought the Society to be recognized as the banner society of the Presbytery of London.

It was in the home, however—just as in the case of all the best and noblest of mothers—that Mrs. Cameron exerted the most winning influence, and appeared to the best advantage.

"The Manse" at Thamesford was a bright and happy spot; the hospitalities of which will not soon fade from the memory and the pious influence of which eternity alone will reveal.

On the 20th of December the precious dust was followed by a large concourse of people to the Thamesford church, where solemn services were conducted, and in which the following clergymen took a part: The Revs. W. S. Ball, Vanneck; W. A. McKay, Woodstock; J. M. Munro, Kintore; E. R. Hunt, Ingersoll; G. Munro, Embro; Brown, Thamesford; J. A. Brown, Belmont, and Mr. Cook, of Dorchester.

The large assembly was very deeply affected, and manifested much sympathy for the esteemed pastor and his family. Mrs. Cameron has left behind her a family of four—two sons and two daughters—the eldest being Mrs. Dr. Kester, of Mount Elgin. The eldest son, Calvin, is attending Toronto University, whilst Dallas is still preparing to enter the University. Hannah, the younger daughter, remains in the home, the only companion of her father. The Rev. W. S. Ball, of Vanneck, on the following Sabbath conducted suitable services and spoke words of tender sympathy to the sorrowing congregation and family.

British and Foreign.

AN anti-gambling society is being organized in Melbourne.

MISS CUSACK, "the nun of Kenmare," has decided to become a Methodist deaconess.

MRS. BURNETT-SMITH (Annie S. Swan) will be a contributor this year to *Blackwood's Magazine*.

THE late Dean Church urgently charged his colleagues to raise no memorial in his honour after his death.

A CONGREGATION at Leicester have petitioned their vicar to dismiss a new curate because he is the son of a gardener.

THE Chalmers Memorial Church at Anstruther will be opened at Easter by Principal Oswald Dykes, of London.

THE Czar will not receive the deputation from the Guildhall meeting to protest against the persecution of the Jews.

IN Germany the Catholic priests have received secret instructions to combat socialism from the pulpit and by lectures.

LORD PROVOST MUIR, of Glasgow, has adhered to his previous decision not to grant a license to the East End Exhibition.

THOUGH Christmas church services are on the increase in the chief towns of Scotland, they are not as a rule largely attended.

MR. MATHESON'S congregation at Galashiels has affirmed the desirability of forming a third Free Church congregation in that town.

INCURTURE Parish Church has been almost completely destroyed by fire. The walls and spire are all that remain of the beautiful fabric.

THE Rev. Robert Philip, M.A., formerly pastor of the M'Crie Church, Edinburgh, died recently at Forfar; he was ordained in 1846.

PETITIONS are pouring in upon the German Emperor against the proposed repeal of the law which excludes the Jesuits from the Fatherland.

THE Rev. C. C. Macdonald, of Aberdeen, is considering the proposal of his contesting Kincardineshire at next election in the interest of the establishment.

KING HUMBERT has expressed a cordial interest in the Conference of the Evangelical Alliance to be opened in Florence on April 4, being the first held in Italy.

CANON LEE, of St. Asaph's, a well-known Welsh antiquary, is dead. In 1882 he published the diary and letters of his maternal ancestor, Matthew Henry.

THE Rev. John McNeill has agreed to preach in Exeter Hall on the Sunday evenings for six weeks, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association.

A MARBLE pulpit in St. Michael's, Crief, presented by ex-Provost M'Kosty in memory of his wife and children, was inaugurated recently by Dr. A. K. H. Boyd.

A SERIES of Sunday musical evenings has been started in St. John's Church, Edinburgh; the programme the first evening was prepared by Mr. Cuthbert Hadden, the organist.

THE Rev. Charles Morrison, of Laurencekirk, died recently in his sixty-second year. Appointed a chaplain to the Highland Brigade in 1857, he for fourteen years served with the 79th in India.

NO fewer than 30,000 Russian Jews are expected at Hamburg shortly, and a committee is being formed there to send them to Brazil. Should their efforts fail, the fugitives may go to London.

A LARGELY attended meeting of lay and clerical tithe-owners at Colchester passed resolutions condemning the Government Tithe Bill, and demonstrations of a similar character are to be held all over England.

MR. KENNETH KENNEDY, son of the Dean of Clogher, one of the four Dublin students who have offered for the new Trinity College Mission, is taking a medical as well as a divinity degree; he has just been ordained.

THE most remarkable token that total abstinence is becoming fashionable in the Church of Scotland was furnished by the appearance on a recent Sunday in St. Giles' pulpit of Rev. David Macrae, of Dundee, to preach a temperance sermon.

MESSRS. T. & T. CLARK have arranged with Prof. Hermann Schultz, of Darmstadt, for an English translation of the fourth and latest edition of his "Old Testament Theology." Prof. J. A. Paterson, of Edinburgh, will be the translator.

THE Rev. John Elliott, rector of Randwick, near Stroud, a post to which he was appointed in 1819, entered upon his 100th year the other week. Until a year ago he preached a sermon every Sunday; and he is still in possession of all his faculties except hearing.

DUNBLANE congregation held its last service in the cathedral as it now stands on a recent Sunday. The masons having completed the restoration of the nave, a start is now to be made with the choir, which has been used as the parish church since the Reformation.

THE jubilee of Rev. David Anderson, of Ceres, the younger brother of the late Dr. William Anderson, of Glasgow, was celebrated recently. He was entertained to dinner by Cupar Presbytery and friends, who presented the venerable guest with an illuminated address.

PRINCIPAL RAINY presided at a public meeting in Newsome's circus, Edinburgh, recently, to express sympathy with the Scottish railway servants in their present struggle. Dr. Walter Smith, Dr. Adamson, and Revs. William Balfour and John Glasse took part in the proceedings.

THE application before Irvine Presbytery to have an assistant ordained to Dr. Somerville is likely to be withdrawn and steps taken to have a colleague-successor ordained. Dr. Somerville will give up the greater portion of his stipend. He has been minister of Irvine for thirty-five years and for some time past has been in very feeble health.



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