

Church News.

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In Canada.

REV. W. M. FRASER has been inducted into the Cobourg Road church, Halifax.

IN the report of the list of graduates from Knox College, the name S. McLellan ought to have been M. C. McLennan.

REV. A. L. McQUEEN, formerly of Ripley, is now in charge of the Hampton congregation in the Presbytery of Quebec.

THE reception given to Rev. R. Johnston, by St. Andrew's congregation, and to Rev. J. C. Stuart by Knox church, both in London, were of a most gratifying character.

AFTER the induction of Rev. I. McDonald as pastor of the Glamis Presbyterian church, Rev. Geo. MacLennan, the retiring moderator of the session, was presented with a complimentary address and easy chair.

AT the preparatory services, 37 new members were received into St. Andrew's congregation. Almost as many were admitted three months ago—16 on certificate and 21 on profession of faith. St. Andrews is fast becoming, under Mr. MacWilliams, one of the large congregations of the Church.—Exchange.

AT a recent meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal, it was, *inter alia*, "moved by Mr. Currie, seconded by Mr. Clark, that the Presbytery, having heard all the parties present in connection with the *fama* affecting the character of the Rev. A. E. Vert, and after having fully considered all the evidence offered by said parties, finds no occasion for departing from the decision arrived at when the matter of his resignation was before the court."

A PAINFUL accident occurred in the township of Vaughan by which Mr. Wm. Watson, sen., was instantly killed. The deceased was engaged in preparing his horse for church when it struck him a terrible blow on the left breast, breaking several of his ribs and causing instant death. The deceased was a native of Lanarkshire. He was widely known and most highly respected. He leaves a widow and seven children, two daughters and five sons, three of whom are engaged in farming; one is a civil engineer in British Columbia and another is Rev. T. H. Watson, B.A., minister of Alma. In politics the deceased was a life-long Reformer, and in religion a Presbyterian, being a member and senior elder of Woodbridge congregation.

CALVIN Presbyterian church, Montreal, lately honoured their pastor, Rev. Dr. Smyth, and his estimable wife, by presenting them with a costly cabinet of silver, on the event of their reaching the twenty-fifth anniversary, over nine years of which were spent with the congregation. Mr. A. D. Lanskill, clerk of session, read a congratulatory address, to which the Dr. gave suitable reply. Rev. Prof. Scrimger, D.D., occupied the chair, and called upon several ministers to speak. The Ladies' Aid did honour by serving at the tables, and Mr. John Osborne, financial secretary, introduced the guests. A select choir enlivened the proceedings. The students attending the church also made a handsome presentation. The whole proceedings were held in the lecture room of the church.

REV. JAMES GORDON died on the 17th inst., at his residence, 730 Waterloo street, London, Ont. He was born on February 22, 1827, in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. Previous to attending college he taught school four years. He matriculated into Queen's College in 1848, received the degree of B.A. in 1851, and the degree of M.A. in 1853, and completed his theological course in 1854. He was then stationed at Markham eleven years, Crumlin eleven years, and Niagara Falls ten years. In 1886 he was compelled to retire on account of ill-health, and has since resided in London. He filled various positions in the gift of the Church, and was superintendent of schools in Dorchester and inspector at Niagara Falls a number of years.

Mr. Gordon had been confined to his home for nearly a year, and his death was not unexpected. His wife and one daughter survive him.

Presbytery of Owen Sound.

THE Presbytery of Owen Sound met in Knox church, Owen Sound, April 16th, at 10 a.m., and was constituted. Mr. Little presented the report on Temperance, which was adopted, and it was agreed that Temperance be made a subject for conference at the meeting in September. The subject of Systematic Benevolence was next taken up, and Presbytery resolved to instruct all congregations within the bounds to present a detailed report at the December meeting, setting forth the methods adopted by them in raising funds for congregational expenses, including stipend, for Mission Schemes, for Sabbath school support, for benevolent work, and for the payment of debt on church buildings, etc. Dr. Waits, Dr. Somerville and Mr. Crichton were appointed to report on Statistics for 1894, at the meeting in June. Dr. Waits submitted the report on Sabbath Observance, which was adopted. The Presbytery heartily endorsed the action of the Ministerial Association of Owen Sound in seeking to put a stop to the unnecessary loading and unloading of cars and boats on the Lord's Day. All ministers of the Presbytery were enjoined to draw the attention of their congregations, publicly from the pulpit, to the violation of the Lord's Day in social visiting for mere pleasure, and whatever other forms of Sabbath violation may prevail in their neighbourhood. Mr. P. McNabb presented the report on Sabbath Schools, which was adopted. Mr. S. Acheson, presented the report on the State of Religion, which was adopted. Mr. McLaren reported that, owing to deficiency in the Home Mission Fund, only 75 per cent. of the grants would be paid at present. He handed in the treasurer's book and the balance of \$125.27, which were handed over to Mr. P. McNabb, the new treasurer. Dr. Waits gave notice that he would move at next meeting for a reconsideration of the appointment of treasurer. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the same place, on Monday, June 24th, at 2 p.m., for conference; on Tuesday, June 25th, at 10 a.m., for business; and the sederunt was closed with the benediction.—JOHN SOMERVILLE, Clerk.

Presbytery of Whitby.

THE regular quarterly meeting of Whitby Presbytery was held in Oshawa, on Tuesday, the 16th inst., Mr. D. Armistron, B.A., moderator, in the chair. Reports on Sabbath Schools, Sabbath Observance, State of Religion, Statistics and Systematic Benevolence and Temperance, were presented by the several conveners—Messrs. McKeen, Chisholm, Eastman, McLaren and Whalen. The Presbytery considered and adopted the reports and recommendations, and directed that they should be enforced by the clerk and forwarded to the conveners of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston. The following brethren were appointed commissioners to General Assembly—Messrs. R. D. Fraser, M.A., Bowmanville, J. B. McLaren, Columbus, and R. Whiteman, B.A., Port Perry, ministers, and the Moderator D. Armistron, Esq., B.A., Whitby; Mr. James Smith, of Columbus, and Mr. Donald Smith, Orono, elders. The Presbytery adopted the resolution following, on the translation of the Rev. Alex. Leslie, M.A., from Newtonville, to East Oxford:—"Presbytery records regret at parting with Mr. Leslie, who has for seventeen years been a member of this Court. Mr. Leslie has proved himself an earnest, able preacher, and a faithful, diligent pastor. He leaves a deeply attached people. He was seldom absent from his place in Presbytery, and always proved himself a wise and willing helper in the general work of the Church. He won the respect of his brethren by his scholarly attainments, his high character and Christian bearing. The Presbytery would follow Mr. Leslie with the fervent prayer that the blessing of God may attend his labours in his new field." Considerable routine business was transacted and the Presbytery ad-

journed to meet in Pickering, on the third Tuesday of July, at 10 o'clock a.m.—JOHN McMECHAN, Clerk.

Presbytery of Maitland.

THIS Presbytery met *pro re nata* at Brussels, Knox church, on Monday, 15th April. Rev. D. B. MacRae, moderator *pro tem*, Rev. J. Ross, B.A., clerk *pro tem*. The resignation by Rev. David Millar of the pastorate of the congregation of Knox church, Brussels, was taken up for consideration. In answer to citation the session and congregation were represented by commissioners for their interests. Mr. Millar signified his adherence to his resignation. On motion it was carried that, in view of the financial situation of the congregation, the Presbytery regret that they feel compelled to accept the resignation of the pastorate of Knox church by Rev. D. Millar, the resignation to take effect on this 15th day of April, 1895. In parting with Mr. Millar, the Presbytery would express their appreciation of the services which Mr. Millar has rendered among them, his readiness to help when called upon and the brotherly and cordial relations which have ever existed between them. They would express in parting, their prayer that God would bless him in the new sphere of labor to which he goes and assure him of their continued interest in his welfare and work. The clerk was instructed to give a certificate of transference to Lindsay Presbytery to Mr. Millar. Rev. D. B. MacRae was appointed interim moderator of the session and was instructed to declare the congregation vacant on the 21st inst. Mr. Alex. Gardiner and Rev. G. Ballantyne were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly, the latter in the room of Rev. D. Millar.—JOHN MACNABB, Clerk.

Presbytery of Lindsay.

THIS Presbytery met in Knox church, Beaverton, on Tuesday, the 16th April. Rev. M. McKinnon, B.A., occupied the chair as moderator *pro tempore*. The attendance of members was small. Rev. Dr. Watson, of St. Andrew's church, Beaverton, being present, was invited to sit and deliberate as a corresponding member of the court. The following draft minute was adopted, and ordered to be engrossed in the Presbytery records, and a copy transmitted to the family of the deceased:—"The Presbytery desires to put on record its deep consciousness of the great loss it has sustained in the removal to his reward, after a very brief illness, of one of its members, the late Alexander Leask, of Wick. Known in the neighbourhood for nearly half a century, his integrity, probity, and his excellent judgment placed him high in public estimation as a man, and great deference was always shown to his opinion in all matters of general interest in the community. As an office-bearer, holding the position of elder, treasurer, and superintendent of the Sabbath school, and also representative elder in the courts of the Church, he was faithful, devoted, exemplary, and withal so modest and retiring, that it took time and intimate acquaintanceship to understand his worth. As a Christian, his piety was deep, Scriptural, experimental. Having a wonderful familiarity with the Word of God, it is no wonder that he as a prince had power with God in prayer—that 'he commanded his family and his household after him that they should keep the way of the Lord and to do justice and judgment,' and that the savor of his godly life told upon the whole section of country in which he was so well known. His excellent partner in life, in every way 'a true yoke-fellow,' passed away also a few hours after her husband; and, amidst the tears and sorrows of a great gathering of friends, they were laid side by side in the same grave, to await the resurrection of the just. From this severe double lesson comes to us all the solemn warning, 'Be ye, therefore, also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh.'" Rev. D. D. McDonald presented the report on Sabbath schools. There has been a deplorable falling off in the number of pupils attending, and in the study of the Catechism, as well as in the memorizing of Scripture passages. Among the recommenda-