

# Church News.

## In Canada.

THE Presbyterian ladies of Deseronto held their annual meeting on the 12th inst.

THE preparatory services at Harrison were conducted by Rev. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph.

THE congregation at Lonsdale, Ont., held their annual tea-meeting on October 18th in Union Hall in that village.

THE Presbyterians of Attwood, Ont., netted \$200 by their tea-meeting and entertainment.

A SUCCESSFUL Harvest Home and children's day service was recently held in the Presbyterian church, Belgrave, Ont.

REV. G. M. ALLISON has resigned the pastorate of the churches of St. Martins and vicinity. He intends going west.

LAST Sabbath Rev. M. L. Leitch, of Stratford, exchanged pulpits with Rev. J. A. Morrison, of Listowel.

MR. JAMES HODGINS, B.A., was ordained and inducted at Tilbury Centre, on 26th September.

SONYA church is expected to be ready for opening on Sabbath and Monday, 22nd and 23rd insts.

ST. ANDREW'S church, Windsor, has agreed to call Rev. J. C. Tolmie, B.A., of First Church, Brantford, and promised a stipend of \$1,600, payable monthly.

REV. DONALD MACKENZIE, B.A., will be inducted into the congregation at Orangeville on the 14th of November, that being the day of the regular meeting of Presbytery there.

DENOMINATIONAL courtesy was well illustrated recently at Sherbrooke, Quebec, when in order to allow the members and adherents of St. Andrew's church to attend the anniversary services in the Methodist church, no service was held in the former.

THE congregation of Parkhill being now vacant, ministers desiring a hearing there will correspond with the Rev. H. Currie, of Ithford, moderator of session. Ministers desiring a hearing in Camlachie will please correspond with Rev. Jas. Pritchard, interim moderator of session.

AT the next meeting of Ottawa Presbytery a special session will be devoted to the subject of psalmody, when hymns and tunes suitable for divine worship will be considered. A new hymnal for the Church is being prepared, hence this action by the Presbytery to make known their views and preferences.

THE charge of Rockburn and Gore, in Presbytery of Montreal, having become vacant by the resignation of Rev. Mr. Langton, candidates who desire a hearing in said charge with a view to a call will please communicate with the moderator of session *pro tem*, viz., Rev. A. Rowat, of Athelstan.

REV. J. G. McIVOR, M.A., F.D., F.R.H.S., from Scotland, who has been officiating in the Presbyterian church at Port Stanley, has gone to Chicago to the World's Fair. The Rev. W. A. Ross, M.A., of Knox College, Toronto, a distinguished graduate in the School of Science, will occupy the pulpit for the next few Sabbaths.

REV. DR. SEXTON will supply the pulpit of the Presbyterian church, Collingwood, on October 22nd, and of the Presbyterian church, Pembroke, on October 29th and November 5th, in the absence of the pastors of these churches. The doctor has a few vacant dates in February and March, 1894. Address "St. Catharines."

THE Synod of the Maritime Provinces has enlarged the powers of its Sabbath School Committee so as to give it the oversight of Young People's Societies. It is now the "Committee on Sabbath Schools and the Religious Welfare of the Young." Will our young people ever fall into line under a cut and dried constitution imposed by the Assembly?

THE new Presbyterian church, at Harvey, was dedicated to the Lord on Oct. 10th. The dedicatory services were ably conducted

by the Rev. A. MacWilliams, of St. Andrew's, Peterboro, who preached an eloquent and instructive sermon from St. John iii. 16. The building is handsome, is of brick and seats 200. It is a credit to the people and would be an ornament to any pretentious village.

PETERBORO EXAMINER.—On Sunday evening the Rev. A. MacWilliams, of St. Andrew's, preached his fourth and last sermon from Romans vi. 23. His subject was "Eternal life." He dealt with eternal life in the soul and the eternal life of glory to which it led. He defined this life, proving it to be eternal and showing its nature, etc. However, it is quite impossible in a few words to give any idea of this instructive and eloquent sermon delivered in the speaker's characteristic style. The four sermons preached from this text have been learned and clear, and have been greatly appreciated by the large congregation. Mr. MacWilliams, it is understood, purposes discussing many special subjects during the fall and winter for the edification of his people and there is no doubt that the discourses will be listened to by large audiences.

THE citizens of Guelph, Ontario, met in Knox church to bid farewell to Prof. Thos. Shaw and his much esteemed and gifted family. Prof. Shaw accepted a position some time ago in the agricultural department of the State of Minnesota. Major Davidson presided at the meeting. The citizens presented an address accompanied by a valuable case of silverware. The session of Knox church, of which Prof. Shaw was a member, made suitable acknowledgment of the esteem and valuable work done by him. The Bible class presented a large framed picture, containing 105 portraits of its members, to Prof. Shaw, who had been its teacher for five years. Addresses were delivered by Revs. B. B. Williams, Dr. Wardrope, R. J. M. Glassford, W. Hartley, and the pastor, R. J. Beattie. Messrs. G. W. Field, B.A., J. A. McCrea, and G. S. Hill, B.A., also spoke in bright terms of Prof. Shaw's gifts and work in the community and church.

A SOCIAL was held in St. Andrew's church, Alberni, B.C., lately, to bid farewell to the Rev. R. J. Adamson, M.A., who is going east. The chairman, the Rev. Geo. Smith, senior minister of Westray, Scotland, in his opening remarks said he had no hesitation in stating Mr. Adamson's pulpit ministrations were far above the average. He had enjoyed a good deal of private intercourse with him and had always found him to be a most pleasant companion and a kind and obliging friend. They one and all united in regretting much his departure and in wishing him a hearty God speed in his new career. A programme of sacred music was then rendered in a very efficient manner by various ladies and gentlemen. After the service of refreshments a very pleasant meeting was brought to a close with the customary votes of thanks. The following Sunday Mr. Adamson discoursed in his wonted thoughtful and impressive manner on "Paul's impression of a Christian ministry" to a deeply interested congregation, which completely filled the church.—COM.

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rapid City, held a social gathering to allow the members and adherents an opportunity to express their warm attachment to the Rev. W. L. H. Rouam, who had been pastor of the congregation for nearly two years, and who was about to leave Rapid City for his new field of labor at Fort William. After refreshments kindly served by ladies of the congregation and some choice music by the choir the meeting was called to order and short speeches were made by several members of the church and representatives from the other churches in town, all strongly expressive of the most kindly feeling of the congregation and the people of Rapid City towards Mr. and Mrs. Rouam, and high appreciation of their Christian labours. Mr. Rouam in reply said that he had enjoyed his stay in Rapid City very much and that he had endeavoured to do his duty faithfully and had always found the people very appreciative. His farewell discourse was preached to a crowded congregation. Much

regret is felt at Mr. Rouam's removal from Rapid City and the warmest wishes for his success in Fort William accompany him.

THE pulpits of the Presbyterian churches of Wolfville and Lower Horton have been acceptably filled during the last three Sabbaths by the recently settled pastor, Rev. D. J. Fraser, B.D. Mr. Fraser was born in Alberton, P.E.I., about twenty-five years ago. He is the youngest son of the late Rev. Allan Fraser, who died when the subject of this sketch was about three and one-half years old. At the early age of fifteen he attended Prince of Wales College, in Charlottetown, where he remained for about two sessions, and graduated, taking a teaching diploma. From there he went to Montreal and entered McGill College, where he graduated in 1890 and took the degree of B.A. The degree of M.A. was conferred on him in 1893. He commenced the study of theology in the Presbyterian Theological Hall at Montreal, in 1890, and in 1893 took the gold medal, the highest honour for ordinary work, and the distinguished title of B.D., a rare thing for one so young. He was also an active member of the athletic club in connection with the college; although not a participant in the harder games, took a keen interest in such matters. Mr. Fraser is stationed in this place for a year, and has already won for himself a high place in the affections of the people.—COM.

BROCKVILLE REORDER.—A few days ago when in Prescott, the Recorder representative was shown through the beautiful new church erected by the Presbyterians of that town. It will be remembered that the old church was completely destroyed by fire on Jan. 31st, 1891. The new edifice is built on the site of the old church, and presents a very handsome appearance. Inside, the harmony of all the appointments is exquisite, and shows great taste on the part of the gentlemen of the building committee. The wood work is all of polished oak, the arch over the choir loft being especially beautiful. The seating is on the amphitheatre plan, and is very comfortable. The seats and all the wood work are from the factory of the Globe Furniture Co., Walkerville. The walls and ceilings are frescoed after a very pretty pattern, the work being done by Messrs. Baldwin & Dabelstein, of Utica, N.Y. The windows are all of stained glass, manufactured by Messrs. Harwood & Sons, of Prescott, the two main windows being memorial, the one of Mrs. Mary A. Dowsley, presented by her son, R. B. Dowsley, Esq., of Cardinal, and the other of Dr. Boyd, the first pastor of the church, presented by the Sabbath School. We were greatly surprised on being told of the number and variety of the gifts from members and friends of the congregation to the church. The people are called to worship by the deep tones of a bell presented by Mrs. J. S. Corbin; they are led in praise by a magnificent organ presented by Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wisor, in memory of their children, John A., and Alice Maude; the lessons are read from a bible presented by Mrs. Thomas Thompson; and the collections are taken up on beautiful silver plates, the gift of Mrs. John Dowsley. Other gifts are the communion table from Mrs. Corbin, in memory of her brother, A. G. Hill; pulpit chairs from the late Mrs. M. Dowsley; a silver christening bowl, from Mrs. I. D. Purkis; a clock, from an unknown donor; and last but not least, three furnaces presented by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gill, of Brockville. The Sunday School room is in the rear of the main audience room and by means of sliding doors the two rooms can be thrown into one. Underneath the school room are the dining room and kitchen for use at church socials. The basement was furnished by the Ladies' Aid Society of the church. In the school room is a fine oak-case piano recently placed there, the musical service in the school being led by an orchestra of five pieces and the piano. The church was formally opened on April 30th, 1893, by the Rev. Principal Caven, of Knox College, Toronto, who preached to congregations of 700. We congratulate the Presbyterians of Prescott most heartily on the possession of so fine a building and take this opportunity of wishing all success to them and their popular pastor.