

Ministers and Churches.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church, Goderich, held a very successful bazaar last week, the proceeds of which were about \$800.

The Emerson correspondent of the *Manitoba Free Press* states that Mr. Scott's evening services are so largely attended that many have to listen outside the building.

Dr. Tassie, of the Galt Collegiate Institute, has authorized the award of a prize of \$25—same as last year—for the best examination on the matriculation subjects in classics.

On account of the Rev. K. J. Grant's inability to take part in the communion service in the Presbyterian Church, Orillia, on account of illness, the Rev. Dr. Reid, of this city, took his place.

The Rev. James Douglas, who will leave next autumn for India to engage in missionary work, preached his farewell sermon. By appointment of the Presbytery, the Rev. Mr. Donald, of Port Hope, preached the pulpit vacant in the evening.

At the last regular meeting of the S. S. Association of Chalmers' Church, Guelph, it was decided to purchase an organ for the use of the Sabbath School and Bible Classes. Messrs. Russell, McAllister and McIntosh, were appointed a committee to make the purchase.

The Orillia *Expositor* says:—A fine new organ having been placed in the Presbyterian Church, has been peeling forth sweet music, to the delight of the congregation, for the last two Sabbaths. The instrument, which has ten stops and all the late improvements, cost \$350.

DURING the stay of Mr. Chiniquy in this village, says the *Bradford News*, he had the pleasure of meeting with two old friends, in the persons of former members of his church when still a Roman Catholic Priest. These persons called upon him at the residence of Rev. Mr. Cleland, and after an interesting interview, he had the pleasure of adding two more names to the large number of converts that he has been the means of making during the past few years.

The Presbyterians of Winterbourne held their first Congregational Meeting on Monday. They named themselves "Chalmers' Church," organized the Board of Managers, and elected Mr. James Hall, Secretary, and Mr. James Adamson, Treasurer. They also passed a number of resolutions, among which was one asking the Presbytery to separate Hawkeville Church from Winterbourne, and another desiring the Presbytery not to make Conestogo a Preaching Station. It was also resolved to petition the Presbytery to continue the ministrations of Mr. Sawers, which was carried unanimously.

Rev. Father Chiniquy delivered a lecture in the drill shed in Bradford, Monday evening, his subject being "My Conversion from Romanism." Francis Roberts, Esq., presided in a creditable manner. Rev. Thos. McKee, of Angus, was called upon to open the meeting with prayer, after which the Chairman made a few suitable remarks, and introduced the lecturer, who gave a most graphic description of his conversion from Romanism, and the trying difficulties he had experienced since, in his appeals for help for his Roman Catholic French Canadian brethren. At the conclusion of the lecture, the reverend gentleman brought to the notice of his auditors a letter he had received from one of his colleagues in the work, who was entirely out of means, and appealed for help. The letter met with a generous response, a collection being taken and nearly \$20 realized. There were about 500 persons present, and the meeting was a very successful one.

On Wednesday last the services in connection with the ordination and induction of the Rev. E. F. Torrance to the St. Paul's Church, Peterboro', were held. The Rev. K. Maclellan presided. The Rev. Mr. Cameron, of Millbrook, put the usual ordination questions. Rev. Mr. Bennett, of Springville, addressed the newly inducted minister, and the Rev. Mr. Donald, of Port Hope, addressed the people. In the evening a Welcome social was held, when Colonel Haultain occupied the chair. The ministers of all the town churches were present, which shows a Christian spirit and sympathy in their common work. The Chairman, on behalf of the congregation, tendered a cordial welcome to the newly inducted pastor, and J. M. Smith, Esq., on behalf of the Sunday School. The Rev. J. M. Rodger, the late pastor, also expressed his cordial good feeling toward the congregation and pastor in a very happy address. Refreshments were then partaken of in the basement of the church. The Rev. Mr. Torrance enters upon his labors enjoying the most cordial friendship of all the congregations, and the warmest sympathies of the ministers and Christian people in other churches. He is an earnest, practical preacher, endowed with a full sense of the nature and importance of his profession, and, we trust, has a long and useful life before him to spend in the work of his Divine Master.

Book Reviews.

THE CANADIAN MONTHLY.

The June number of this magazine has reached us with the usual instructive and interesting variety of prose and poetry, essay, narrative, and fiction. It opens with a pretty large instalment of "As Long as She Lived," by F. W. Robinson, a writer who is able to awaken and sustain the interest of his readers without resorting to the sensational incident or the abnormal in character. "Lost in the Woods," though evidently not fiction, is every whit as good as fiction from the artistic manner in which the narrative is treated. Under the heading of "Voices from the Canadian Woods," our old acquaintance, Mrs. Trail, talks to us very pleasantly of another old acquaintance—"the White Cedar"; and, in an essay of considerable length, Dr. Scadding discourses learnedly of "Liberty and its Symbols on Coins and Medals." There is a debate going on between Mr. Phipps and Mr. Fisher on "Protective Tariffs," and Mr. Phipps has the floor. We are sorry that want of space precludes our doing more than to call attention to the beautiful verses on "Youth and Age," by the Rev. W. W. Smith, of Pine Grove.

The essay on "The Day of Rest" will not do much harm. It is a plea for the abolition of the Sabbath; but the writer has over-reached himself. Following in the wake of Herbert Spencer, he has not only got rid of the Fourth Commandment but of the whole ten, under pretence of substituting in their room what he calls two Christian Commandments, by which, we suppose, he means the Summary of the Moral Law quoted from the *Old Testament* by the Saviour. Can anything be more silly than this fashion that some people have of pretending to accept certain precepts in the general while they reject them in the particular? What is the use of a person saying: "I will love my neighbour as myself, but I will kill my neighbour; I will love my neighbour as myself, but I will steal from my neighbour?" And is it not equally useless for a person to say: "I will love the Lord my God with all my heart, and with all my soul, and with all my strength, and with all my mind, but I will not remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy?"

We are glad to turn to an essay of a very different character. Many of our modern adepts in the two great departments of science—the mental and the physical—seem to have exchanged fields; for, while the mere physical scientist is puzzling his brain ("that, and nothing more" we suppose) with the question: "What is mind?" the metaphysician is vexing his soul with the, perhaps, more difficult question: "What is matter?" The latter says that he cannot find any; and that the poor old Irishman who could only prove the existence of matter from the first verse in the Bible was perfectly right; and the former, we rejoice to ascertain, seems to have come to a similar conclusion regarding mind—that is to say he cannot find any. The man who has made himself master of both of these departments of science, and who at the same time occupies a still higher position by standing in the light of Divine Revelation, is alone in any degree qualified to grapple with either of these questions; and such, it seems to us, is the writer of the article on "The Seen and Unseen." The article in question embraces a review of a new work entitled "The Unseen Universe," supposed to have been written by Professors Tait and Stewart; but is more than a mere review. It rises to the dignity of an original and independent dissertation such as is seldom met with in the pages of a literary magazine. The other articles are "The Press Association and its Objects," "The Centennial Exhibition," the usual resume of "Current Events," "Book Reviews," "Current Literature," "Music and the Drama," and several short pieces of poetry. Published by Adam Stevenson & Co., Toronto. \$3.00 per annum.

Manitoba College.—An Acknowledgment.

EDITOR BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.

DEAR SIR,—On account of the hurry, in the closing days of the General Assembly, I neglected to make an announcement as to Manitoba College Library, which was due to Rev. Mr. Boyd of Crossville. Mr. Boyd, without any other connection with our North-western work, than that which every Canadian and Presbyterian ought to have, got our authorization to collect funds and books for the College Library, while on a trip to Great Britain. Though only a short time engaged in this he succeeded in obtaining as follows:—

Books, 265 vols.

\$20 stig. from Colonial Committee of Free Church.

\$98.40 cash from a few friends.

I desire to acknowledge our thanks to Mr. Boyd, and to express the hope that there are many more possessed with the spirit of Mr. Boyd, who appreciate the importance of helping the library, and other departments of our college work in Manitoba. Yours,

GEORGE BAYCE.

Toronto, July 6th, 1876.

Presbytery of Toronto.

This Presbytery met on the 4th and 5th current, and transacted a large amount of business. Mr. Carmichael, of King, was appointed Moderator for the next twelve months. Mr. Fraser, Dr. Robb, and Mr. Mackintosh obtained leave of absence from their pulpits for two months. An application for a moderator was granted to the associated congregations of Alton and Melville church, Caledon, with the understanding that, besides \$500 from the congregations, \$100 can be got as supplement from the Assembly's II. M. Committee. Mr. Pringle is to preside at the moderation. As authorized by the General Assembly, Messrs. Thomas T. Johnstone, John Dobbin West, Wm. Frizzell, and James Ballantine were received as ministers of our Church. Also Mr. Arch'd. Henderson, in whose behalf a commission in due form was read from the Mission Board of the Irish Presbyterian Church. The matter of Mr. Ewing's resignation was considered and disposed of, to the effect of receiving it; and a decision to take effect on and after the 16th current, and Mr. Badie to preach at Georgetown and Limehouse the following Sabbath and declare the churches vacant. Mr. Alexander was also appointed to be Moderator of session during the vacancy. And a Committee was appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the mind of the Presbytery toward Mr. Ewing. The resignation of Mr. Dick, owing to his absence and the non-appearance of commissioners, was postponed till the next ordinary meeting. Dr. Robb, for a Committee previously appointed, read a report agent a proposed re-arrangement of congregations and mission stations in Scarborough and Markham. After some discussion, it was moved by Mr. Cameron, seconded by D. Caven, that the Presbytery approve of the recommendations of the report as suggesting the arrangement of the field which should be sought by the Presbytery, and appoint a Committee to visit Highland Creek, meeting at the same time with parties from Cedar Grove, and commend to these congregations the propriety of falling in with the suggestions contained in the Committee's report. In amendment, it was moved by Mr. Carmichael of Markham, seconded by Mr. Wm. Eakin, that the matter lie in abeyance till the people of Markham be consulted as to their interests involved in the report. On a vote, the motion was carried, and the Presbytery decided accordingly. From which decision Mr. Carmichael craved leave to enter his dissent. On application made, leave was granted to the managers of Central Church congregation, Toronto, to mortgage for some time the property they have recently purchased for their church buildings, on the understanding that the application made by the managers receive the sanction of the congregation. In terms of leave given by the General Assembly, Messrs. Colin Fletcher, M.A., John R. Gilchrist, B.A., and Walter Amos were taken on public trials for license; and after examination and the hearing of their discourses, they were duly and solemnly licensed to preach the gospel. Mr. Carlick reported having moderated in a call from the congregations of Shelburne and Primrose to Mr. J. R. Gilchrist, now a licentiate. The call was unanimous, and a promise was given of \$600 as an annual salary, with the likelihood of a free house ere long. The Presbytery, while noticing the irregularity in bringing out a call to one who was not licensed at the time, agreed in the circumstances to sustain the call, as Mr. Gilchrist was licensed now, and put it into his hands accordingly. He announced that he would take it into careful consideration, and give his decision in due time. An application was handed in from certain persons in and about Brockton, praying to be congregated. The matter was delayed till next ordinary meeting. Till then also another matter was laid over. The present relations of Malton and Knox church, Brampton, were agreed to be continued in the meantime. A matter of some gravity was brought before the Presbytery, and a special meeting was appointed thereon; but particulars are withheld in the meantime. The whole business was not concluded till 1.45 p.m. of the second day; and the next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in the usual place on the first Tuesday in September, at 11 a.m. R. MONTGOMERY, Pres. Clerk.

Presbytery of Whitby.

This Presbytery met at Oshawa, on Tuesday, the 4th day of July, at eleven o'clock, a.m., and was constituted with praise and prayer. After the roll was called a fair attendance of members was present. The Clerk read a document from the Synod Clerk agent the transference of Knoxville congregation, which was ordered to be held in *relentis*. He also read another from the same, respecting the Presbytery Records of the old C. P. Presbytery, when instructions were given to the Clerk to request Messrs. Kennedy and Ballantyne to ascertain their whereabouts, and report at an early date. The Clerk was also instructed to call the attention of the Newton congregation to the unpaid services of Mr. Gilchrist. Provisional arrangements were made for the induction of the Rev. Robert Chambers, of Navin, to St. Andrew's Church, Whitby, on July 25th, at eleven o'clock, a.m. The following members were appointed to conduct the services, namely:—Mr. Little, to preach and preside; Mr. Hogg, to address the minister; and Mr. Edmondson the people. Messrs. Jardine and Ferguson appeared as Commissioners from the Enniskillen congregation, respecting certain financial difficulties, and craving the Presbytery's advice. The Presbytery expressed sympathy with the congregation, and appointed Messrs. Edmondson, Little, and Blakeley, elder, a deputation to meet with the congregation, and devise means for their removal. At the request of Mr. Calder the Presbytery agreed to adjourn, to meet in the Church at Orono, on the 18th inst., and there hold a Presbyterial visitation; the other branch at Kendal to be summoned to appear by Commissioners at said meeting. An extract minute of the General Assembly was received and read, granting leave to the Presbytery to take on trials for license Messrs. W. M. Henry, M.A., and John H. Ratcliffe. They were examined in the subjects pre-

scribed and delivered the necessary discourses, which on motion was sustained. The Moderator then put the usual questions which were answered satisfactorily, addressed them in suitable terms, and with prayer, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, admitted them to the office of the holy ministry. Leave was granted to the congregation of Whitby to call the man and purchase one more suitable. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Orono, on Tuesday, the 18th July, and was closed with prayer.—WALTER R. ROSS, Pres. Clerk.

Presbytery of Paris.

This Presbytery met Tuesday, 4th July, in Zion Church. The Rev. R. N. Grant, of Ingersoll, was elected Moderator for the ensuing year, and took the chair. The Clerk reported that the General Assembly, in the case of Mr. W. H. Simpson, had agreed that the Presbytery should correspond with the authorities of the College, which Mr. Simpson proposed attending with a view to his taking a course of study, most advantageous to him in his present circumstances, and at the same time preserving the integrity of the course. Messrs. Lowry and Alexander were appointed a committee to confer with Mr. Simpson as to his future studies, and correspond with the authorities of the college he proposes attending, and report at next meeting of Presbytery. Minutes of the last General Assembly were read, granting leave to the Presbytery to take Messrs. A. M. Hamilton, M.A., and D. O. McIntyre on probationary trials for license. Mr. A. M. Hamilton was then taken on trial for license, and examined in Theology, Church History, Church Government, Biblical Hebrew, and Greek, and religious experience. He also gave in as his trial pieces, Latin Thesis, "An apocrypha librorum canonis criterium;" Greek Exercises, Colossians i. 15-20; Homily, John iii. 12; Lecture, Matthew xxv. 11-13; Popular Sermon, 2 Corinthians iii. 9. The Presbytery having taken a conjunct view of the whole of Mr. Hamilton's exercises, unanimously agreed to sustain the same as his trials for license and proceeded to license him accordingly. The Moderator then put the questions in the formula prescribed to students presenting themselves for license, which having answered satisfactorily, he was, after solemn prayer, duly licensed to preach the Gospel. A request from Messrs. E. Roy, Robert Russell, and J. S. Thomson was presented, asking the Presbytery to give its consent to their selling, on behalf of Wellington Street Church, so much of the property in the East Ward formerly belonging to the Church of Scotland, as they were equitably entitled to. Mr. Thomson was heard in support of the application. After deliberation, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Robertson, Alexander, D. D. McLeod, ministers, and Mr. George Bryce, elder, were appointed with power to call for parties and papers connected with the case, in order to present a full statement for next meeting of Presbytery. Messrs. Anderson and McLeod, of Paris, with their elders were appointed a committee to apportion to the different congregations within the bounds, the amount allocated to this Presbytery by the General Assembly of the Home Mission indebtedness; congregations to transmit their respective proportions to Rev. Dr. Reid, Toronto, by the 1st of September next. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Knox Church, Ayr, on Tuesday, 19th September, at 2 p.m.

Presbytery of Stratford.

The Presbytery of Stratford met in Knox Church, Tuesday; Rev. W. T. Wilkins, M.A., Moderator, in the chair. Rev. J. W. Bell, M.A., was appointed Moderator for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance of ministers and elders. A call from the congregation of Newcastle, in Presbytery of Whitby, to the Rev. A. A. Drummond, was considered. Deputations from the congregations of Shakespeare and Hampstead were heard, strongly urging the retaining of Mr. Drummond in his present field of labour. A delegation from Newcastle and one from the Presbytery of Whitby were heard, who gave satisfactory reasons to justify the Presbytery in agreeing to Mr. Drummond's translation. The Presbytery unanimously expressed its regret at parting with Mr. Drummond, but agreed to dissolve the pastoral tie between him and his congregation on the 14th August next. On motion of Mr. Croly, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, a delegation consisting of Messrs. Macpherson, Wilkins, Hall, Hamilton, and their respective elders were appointed to meet with five delegates from each of the congregations of North Easthope, Shakespeare, Hampstead and old St. Andrews, on Tuesday, 1st August, to consider the whole subject of reconstruction of the pastoral charges of the township of North Easthope. At the request of a deputation, consisting of Mr. Henry and Mr. Rutherford, from the congregation, and Mr. Robb, from the session of St. Andrew's church, Stratford, the consideration of Mr. Wilkins' resignation of the pastoral charge of said congregation was deferred till the next meeting of Presbytery, Mr. Wilkins consenting thereto, for valid reasons. At the request of the same delegation, leave was granted the congregation to mortgage the church property for \$1,000. After the transaction of considerable routine business, the Presbytery adjourned, to meet on Wednesday, the 2nd of August, in St. Andrew's church, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Pic-nic and Excursion of Central Presbyterian Church.

On Tuesday of this week, the children attending the Sabbath School of the Central Presbyterian Church, of this city, and a large number of the members and adherents of the congregation, enjoyed an excursion to Mimico, per steamer *Water-ton*. About three hundred, including children and adults composed the party. In point of weather the day proved a most favorable one—the early part, from the shadow of floating clouds and of the rising mist being delightfully cool, and the latter part being characterized by unclouded sunshine tempered by refreshing sea breezes.

The bulk of the church, on arrival of the party at the Grove, set to work, and in a short time had a number of tables spread with the substantial and luxuries of life. It is needless to say that the children, coming in from their various games, their appetites sharpened to the keenest point of endurance, fell to, and in a marvellously brief period cleared off everything save cups, saucers, and spoons. Thereafter the party divided into companies, some boys playing football, others baseball, and boys and girls and teachers indulging in a number of running games, while the devotees of boating and croquet had every opportunity of indulging their special taste. About six o'clock the company assembled for tea, and again the benefits of exercise and open air put to test the elasticity of innumerable baskets. It was a treat of merry-making. The Rev. David Mitchell then called the whole party together, and after a suitable address asked for three cheers to the ladies who had been so kind and attentive. Thanks to the pastor and teachers were given in the same manner. After singing a hymn and the National Anthem the company marched to the wharf, and were soon on board the *Water-ton*, speeding on their way homewards. All were delighted with the first excursion of the Central Church, and the hope was unanimously expressed that many similar pic-nics would be enjoyed.

Synod of the Old Catholics.

The third Synod of the Old Catholics has been held in Bonn. One hundred and eight delegates from Old Catholic communities were present, thirty-one of whom were priests. Dr. Von Schulte, as usual, presented the usual annual report, which announced no very great advance. The tendency of the age is towards extremes; and had the movement been more decidedly revolutionary, it would no doubt have been able to count a far greater number of adherents. But then in that case, it would not have been necessary to start a new religious association. The Protestant sects of Germany and France are extreme enough and infidel enough to answer any imaginable purpose of that kind; and all that would need be done would be secession from Rome, and union with one or other of them. But Old Catholicism evidently aims at reaching the truth, even though it should be found in ignoring base passions and vulgar prejudice, and in adopting a perfectly moderate course. The consequence of which is that, an increase of 4,400 souls since the last Synod was all that could be reported as to progress in numbers. Nine new priests, however, have joined their communion. And altogether since the consecration of the Bishop, the number of the clergy has doubled, and there are now sixty at work. There are thirty-five communities in Prussia, forty-four in Baden, five in Hesse, two in Birkenfeld, thirty-one in Bavaria, and one in Wurtemberg. The whole number of persons belonging to it is 17,208; in Bavaria, 10,110; in Hesse, 1,042; in Oldenburg, 249, and in Wurtemberg, 228.

One of the principal subjects brought forward appears to have been the celibacy question, about which there had been considerable agitation. Many opinions were expressed about it; but the belief that the present state of things had better not be altered seems to have prevailed to such an extent that every motion to change it was rejected by ninety-five against eight votes. The decision is considered remarkable, as an indication of the self-denial of both clergy and laity, as well as of their moderation; and as showing a readiness to sacrifice, for a time, their personal views and wishes, in order to promote the good of the whole body. It appears that the principal motive for continuing the present state of things, was a desire to prevent the organization from becoming a mere refuge for those who might desire to change their mode of life. Even prominent laymen who are known to hold strong views against compulsory celibacy, advocated the continuance of the present custom on the ground of expediency. The Synodical Council, however, was empowered to grant this concession, that if a priest should resign his office, and then marry an Old Catholic clergyman might give the blessing of the church in addition to the other ceremony.

It was decided that processions are no longer in accordance with the spirit of the age, and that therefore, no new ones should be introduced, and that any proposals to change those already in use, should be taken into consideration.

The ritual which has been prepared since the last Synod is sanctioned for use in all parishes; although, in special cases, other formularies, extracted from Wessenberg's ritual, may be used. The Synodical Council are instructed that the use of the national tongue in the office of the Mass is advisable; and a new book for the Epistles and Gospel is to be prepared.

On the first of June, Bishop Rein-kens ordained two students at Bonn, to the priesthood. The loss to the Old Catholic body, of Dr. Hasenklever, who died suddenly in the early part of this month, is very important. He was one of the most active promoters of the cause, and was a member of the medical Council. His acquirements were great and varied; as a physician, naturalist, and a linguist, his abilities were more than ordinarily to be met with. He was at one time deputy in the Reichstag.—*Dominion Churchman*.