

Ministers and Churches.

MR. GEO. H. SMITH, B.A., was ordained and inducted to the pastoral charge of Danville, Que., on the 27th of May.

REV. A. T. LOYR has been appointed Convener of the Presbytery of Quebec's Home Mission Committee in room of Rev. A. Lee, resigned.

The Presbytery of Quebec will ask leave of the General Assembly to receive the Rev. Thos. Charbonnell, late of the Methodist Church, as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

MISS MARY E. MITCHELL, daughter of Rev. David Mitchell, of Jersey City, and formerly of Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, received the degree of M.D. at the commencement of the Woman's Medical College of the New York Infirmary.

THE Woodstock Standard says: Rev. R. P. McKay, of Toronto, conducted the services in Chalmers Church last Sabbath evening. This was his first work since he was taken down with la grippe two months ago. He returns to his own congregation this week.

THE Ottawa Citizen says: The Rev. George M. Grant, D.D., Principal of Queen's University, Kingston, and Vice-President of the Royal Society of Canada, arrived in the city on Saturday week. In the absence of the Rev. Mr. Herridge he preached in St. Andrew's Church at both services on Sabbath week.

LAST Friday Dr. Duncan, Robert Kiddell, John Shaw and Wm. Somerville were ordained and inducted into the office of the eldership of St. Andrew's congregation, Chatham, of which Dr. Battisby is pastor. On the following Sabbath the Sacrament of the Lord's supper was observed, when thirty new names were added to the communion roll, the greater part of them being received on profession of their faith.

THE entertainment last week at the Bank Street, Ottawa, Sunday school was of a most enjoyable character. Mr. John Hardie, superintendent, presided. The band contributed several very excellent selections. Miss Minnie Day and Miss Minnie Robertson, young ladies of about eight, each gave a very nice recitation. Harry, Ernest and Bertie, sons of Professor Workman, of the Normal school, sang a trio in splendid style. Dr. Thorburn, Mr. Gibson and other gentlemen delivered addresses.

THE Presbytery of Paris met in St. Paul's Church, Ingersoll, last week, Rev. R. Myers, Moderator. A call from St. Paul's Church to the Rev. Mr. Hull, of Port Dalhousie, was unanimous. A salary of \$1,200 and a manse were guaranteed, with the prospect of a speedy increase. Rev. Mr. Myers was appointed a commission to prosecute the call before the Hamilton Presbytery and if necessary a *pro re nata* meeting of the Paris Presbytery will be held for the induction of Mr. Hull.

THE Stratford Beacon says: The pulpit of the Presbyterian Church, Harrington, was most acceptably occupied by Rev. A. F. Tully, of Mitchell, on Sabbath week. The Mitchell pulpit being supplied by Rev. C. W. Gordon, B.A. The congregation of Harrington was formally cited to appear before the Presbytery in reference to the resignation of the pastor, Rev. D. Gordon. Almost universal regret is felt throughout the congregation and community at the prospective departure of Mr. Gordon and his family from their midst.

THE Presbytery of Mainland met in Erskine Church, Dunganon, on May 27, and inducted the Rev. Robert Fairbairn, B.A., into the pastoral charge of Dunganon and Port Albair. Rev. A. Mackay, Moderator, presided. Rev. K. McDonald preached. Rev. D. Davidson addressed the minister, and Rev. F. A. MacLennan addressed the congregation. The Rev. Mr. Carry, Episcopal Church, and Revs. Messrs. Potter and Irwin, Methodist Church, were invited to sit as corresponding members. The newly-inducted minister received a very cordial welcome from the congregation.

A UNION meeting of the various Christian Endeavour societies of Hamilton was held last week in MacNab Street Presbyterian Church. There was a large attendance. Mr. M. A. Pennington, president of the city union, occupied the chair. Rev. S. Lyle, B.D., addressed the meeting on the subject of Christian Endeavour work, Rev. W. H. Laird on "Personal Work in Leading Others to Christ," and Rev. Dr. Fraser on the subject, "By Their Fruits ye Shall Know Them." During the evening a report was presented from each society showing the progress made since they were organized. The total membership of the nine city societies is \$32, consisting of 517 active and 315 associate members.

AN elder, dating from Strathane, Ont., writes: In your issue of May 21, under the heading of Ministers and Churches, a report of the ordination of Rev. Mr. Kalem is given in which the writer states that "a large and interesting congregation assembled to witness something quite unusual—the induction of an Armenian, a native of Armenia, into a Calvinistic congregation." Will the writer of the report please enlighten some of your readers who are rather slow to see why a Calvinistic congregation may not be ministered to by a native of Armenia as well as by a native of any other country without the fact being considered quite unusual. We fancy James Arminius would not have seen the point either.

THE Rev. A. J. McLeod, Presbyterian minister at Banff, has accepted a call to Medicine Hat. Mr. McLeod arrived at Banff just two years ago, at which time there was neither Presbyterian church nor organization. With characteristic energy and determination Mr. McLeod went to work, and by his natural tact, and more especially by his earnest Christian teaching and example, won the sympathy and co-operation of his people, with the result that a handsome brick church, costing \$2,000, has been built, and although the Presbyterian families do not number a dozen, the church is out of debt. On the eve of his departure a public meeting was held at which Mr. Stewart, superintendent of the park, on behalf of the citizens of Banff, presented Mr. McLeod with a beautifully engrossed address, very largely signed, and expressing the esteem in which he was held by citizens, irrespective of denomination, and conveying their deep regret at his departure.

A LARGE audience gathered recently in the Presbyterian church, Balderson, to witness the ordination and induction of their new pastor, the Rev. John S. McIlraith. The Rev. A. H. Scott, M.A., preached a powerful and searching sermon from John vi. 35. At the close of public worship the Moderator narrated the steps which had been taken to fill the vacancy caused by the translation of the Rev. James G. Stuart, B.A., to St. Mark's, Toronto. He then put to Mr. McIlraith the questions prescribed by the church, to all which he gave satisfactory answers. The Presbytery then proceeded to the solemn act of ordination by prayer and the laying on of hands, after which the newly-ordained pastor received the right hand of fellowship from all the ministers present. The Rev. James Wilson, of Lanark, by appointment of the Presbytery, delivered a solemn charge to the minister, and the Rev. Neil Campbell, of Elmley, addressed the people. Mr. Wilson conducted Mr. McIlraith to the door of the church and introduced him to all the members and adherents of the congregation as they retired from the building. Mr. McIlraith, says the Perth Courier, certainly commences his ministry in Balderson and Drummond under very favourable auspices. Among the strangers from a distance in the church were the father and mother of the pastor. It must have been a very interesting and touching service to them. The members of Presbytery were hospitably entertained after the services were over by Mrs. John Cowie, and then they all separated full of good wishes for the future of the congregation.

THE closing exercises of Brantford Ladies College are announced as follows: Friday, June 20—conversations of the alumni and old pupils of the college, at college. Sabbath evening, June 22—sermon to the graduates by Dr. Cochrane, in Zion Church. Monday, June 23—Concert, with readings by Miss Hart's pupils, in Wickliffe hall. The concert as usual under the direction of Professor Garratt. Tuesday, June 24—Graduation exercises in Zion Church, when diplomas, medals and scholarships will be presented and addresses delivered by prominent clergymen and others. Miss Reville, who has for some time filled the position of governess in music with much acceptance, being about to return to England, the board of directors has been fortunate in securing the services of Miss Isabelle Kolls, a recent graduate of the Leipzig conservatory of music, who, after taking a thorough course of nearly three years under the renowned Dr. Carl Reinecke and other celebrated German professors has returned to Canada to engage in her chosen profession, of which she is enthusiastically fond. Under Professor Garratt and Miss Kolls, young ladies who propose completing their musical education abroad are afforded an excellent opportunity of preparing themselves for entering advantageously upon the course of study pursued in the world-renowned conservatories of Germany.

THE Guelph Mercury says: Sunday, the 11th ult., was a red-letter day in the history of the Presbyterian Church of Lucknow. It was the opening of the new church. There were no services held in two of the churches, while many of the congregations in the township also dispensed with their regular services to allow the people to attend the dedication. The new church is a magnificent structure, and the handsomest in the county of Bruce. It is of white brick and of modern Gothic architecture, eighty-two feet in length and forty-six feet wide, with a tower of eighty-eight feet. Rev. Dr. Caven, of Toronto, performed the ceremony of laying the corner-stone some time ago, and his able co-educator, Rev. Professor MacLaren, of Knox College, opened it for divine worship, preaching a powerful sermon from James i. 25, at the conclusion of which he congratulated the congregation on the spacious and beautiful church, which was a monument to their liberality and enterprise. At the close of this service Rev. Mr. McDonald preached to the Gaelic people, and Dr. MacLaren again in the evening. Rev. John James, D.D., Walkerton, assisted by Revs. Messrs. Colling and McKinnon, conducted interesting services in the basement. The collection on Sunday amounted to \$228. On Monday evening Professor MacLaren delivered an able lecture on "Man and His Dwelling-place," to a good audience. The pastor of this church is the Rev. Mr. McKay (formerly of Eramosa, who entered his work three years ago in Lucknow). It will be gratifying to the many friends of Mr. McKay to hear of the success of his labours with his congregation in Lucknow.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Berlin, was crowded on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. A. B. Winchester, of Toronto, as minister of the congregation. The Telegraph says: Many belonging to other denominations were present besides the regular worshippers who turned out in large numbers. Waterloo was also well represented. The services were interesting, and at times very solemn and impressive. The old and simple ritual, sanctioned by the Presbyterian body, was strictly adhered to; there was little ceremony, but much real earnestness in all that was done. The pulpit and the platform in front of it were tastefully decorated with a profusion of beautiful flowers, so much so as to be scarcely visible to a large portion of the audience. There were floral decorations also in all the recesses of the windows, and around and over the clock, the handsome face of which, on the gallery front, no longer marked the time. The Rev. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph, Moderator of Session, presided. The other reverend gentlemen who took part occupied "the minister's pew" to the right of the pulpit. In one corner of the pew, in full view of the large congregation, and looking "pale and interesting," sat the Rev. Mr. Winchester. The Rev. Dr. Torrance and the Rev. J. C. Smith, M.A., B.D., of Guelph, the Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, of Galt, and the Rev. Mr. Armstrong, minister of the Presbyterian congregations at Hawkesville and Linwood, sat beside the new incumbent. The Rev. J. E. Howell, M.A., and the Rev. Mr. Williams, of the English Methodist Church, the Rev. I. P. Hauch, of the German Evangelical Church, and the Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, a Presbyterian missionary to the island of Jamaica, at present on a visit to Canada, were also present. Rev. Mr. Armstrong preached from 2 Corinthians ii. 16, "To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life." The discourse was an excellent one. At the close of the preliminary exercises the Rev. Dr. Wardrope put the usual questions to Mr. Winchester. Dr. Wardrope then, in the name and by the authority of the Presbytery, solemnly declared Mr. Winchester to be duly inducted as minister of the congregation. Rev. Mr. Dickson addressed Mr. Winchester in an able, earnest and kindly manner, as to the solemn duties and responsibilities which were imposed upon him as the head of the congregation, and was followed by the Rev. Mr. Smith, who delivered an admirable address to the people. At the close of these addresses the doxology was sung, the benediction pronounced, and the religious exercises terminated. Immediately afterwards all present were invited to the school room where tea and coffee and light refreshments were bountifully served by the young people of the congregation. The members and adherents of the church passed through the rear door, and, on their way, were severally introduced to their new minister, who shook hands with and charmed every one with his kindly affability. The walls of the school room were beautifully decorated with festooned evergreens; the word "Welcome" was conspicuous above the platform, while the snow-white, linen-covered tables were ornamented with lovely conservatory flowers and foliage plants. The young ladies, in dainty little white caps and aprons, waited on their guests with faces wreathed in smiles, and all went "merry as a marriage bell." An adjournment was afterwards made to the church building where the time till midnight was pleasantly and profitably spent. Mr. John King was called to the chair. Anthems were sung by the choir, and a series of short speeches, of the most happy kind, were made by all the ministers present, including Mr. Winchester, who got a very cordial reception. He is evidently at home on the platform as well as in the pulpit, and, in his brief address of sincere thanks for the hearty welcome given him, left a most favourable impression on clergy and laymen alike. In the course of the proceedings the chairman read a kind message, by letter, from the Rev. Mr. Tait, which was warmly applauded. Voices of thanks were passed to the ministers of the Presbytery who had attended on the occasion, to the young people for their splendid services in connection with the social, to the choir, the chairman, etc. And thus ended a "red letter" day in the history of St. Andrew's Church.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—This Presbytery met in Sherbrooke on the 13th and 14th of May, Dr. Lamont, Moderator. A conference on "Higher Religious Instruction," opened by Rev. John Macleod, was held on the evening of the first day. Rev. Dr. Barnes was invited to sit as a corresponding member. The Clerk was instructed to prescribe exercise for students labouring within the bounds. Revs. Tait, Sutherland, Fergusson and Dr. Lamont were appointed to see that missionary meetings are held within their respective districts. A call from the congregation of Danville in favour of Mr. George H. Smith, B.A., was submitted, sustained and accepted. The ordination and induction were fixed for May 27, Rev. Jno. Macleod to preside and address the minister; Rev. James D. Fergusson to preach, and Rev. J. R. Macleod to address the people. Messrs. Mathieson and Loch, of Lake Megantic village, were heard in behalf of the mission there. The Rev. N. MacPhee was appointed to that station and Marathia until October. Circular letters anent the reception of Revs. A. Moggie, A. Dowley, B. C. Jones, J. W. Black, J. A. Herlin, Jno. Sutherland and W. F. Florence were read. Mr. Hugh

Macleod, of Lingwick congregation, was heard. He complained that the grant expected by the congregation and recommended by the Presbytery had been refused by the Home Mission Committee. A committee consisting of Revs. D. L. Dewar, A. Macleod and J. R. Macleod were appointed to visit the field and explain the situation. Rev. C. A. Tauner made a statement anent a French school which he has been conducting in Quebec for three years, and submitted a constitution for the same. After discussion it was resolved to refer the matter to the Executive of the Board of French Evangelization. Messrs. H. Craig, student, and Baillie, elder, were heard in behalf of the mission at Sawyerville. They stated among other things that a site had been secured for a church and that the twenty-six families composing the mission had subscribed \$950 toward the erection of a place of worship. They were commended to the liberality of the Church for further aid. Rev. A. Lee resigned his commission to the General Assembly and Rev. Jno. Macleod was appointed in his stead. Rev. T. Z. Lefebvre asked leave to withdraw his resignation of the French Mission, Quebec, lying on the table since last meeting. His request was granted. Dr. Lamont was appointed to visit Spider Lake and make inquiries as to the working of the French mission there. The Presbytery expressed their gratification with the successful efforts put forth by Dr. Mackay, of Crescent Street Church, Montreal, in erecting a church at Cape L'Aigle for the benefit of the summer visitors. The next meeting was appointed to be held in Morrin College, Quebec, on August 26, at three p.m.—J. K. MACLEOD, Pres. Clerk.

SYNOD OF MANITOBA AND THE NORTH WEST.

The Synod of Manitoba and the North West met on the 20th ult. in the Presbyterian Church, Portage la Prairie.

Divine service was conducted by Rev. Professor Hart, B.D., retiring Moderator, who preached a sermon from Acts xvi. 9, "Come over and help us." The court was then constituted, and the roll of the Synod was called. Rev. D. Stalker, of Gladstone, was unanimously elected Moderator for the ensuing year. The thanks of the Synod were tendered the retiring Moderator for his conduct in the chair during the year, and for the sermon with which he opened the Synod.

The Synod met next morning, and, after one hour spent in devotional exercises, was constituted. Winnipeg Presbytery requested Synod to condone the irregularity of sustaining a call which had been set aside at a former meeting. The request was granted. Leave was granted Winnipeg Presbytery to license Messrs. R. G. MacBeth and N. H. Russell. A communication from the Synod of Rupert's Land anent the better care of rural cemeteries and referred by the Presbytery of Winnipeg to this court was received, and the following committee appointed to consider it and report at a future sederunt: Dr. Robertson, Professor Hart, W. McK. Omand, D. McArthur and J. H. Haversen. An overture from Winnipeg Presbytery anent the desirability of having our public schools taught by teachers of Christian character, and anent the use of the Bible in the public schools was read. The overture was supported by Dr. King and Professor Hart.

The overture anent public school education, under discussion at the close of the previous sederunt, was again taken up. Without further discussion it was agreed, on motion of Mr. Alexander Campbell, seconded by Mr. McKenzie, that the overture be adopted and transmitted to the General Assembly. The overture is as follows: Whereas the moral training and education of the youth of the country is a matter of the greatest importance both to the Church and to the State; whereas the reverent and frequent use of the Holy Scriptures in the public schools of the Dominion is a valuable and indeed indispensable element in such training; whereas the moral and religious character of the teachers is of great moment in this connection, and whereas there is reason to believe that sufficient weight is not attached to these considerations, the Presbytery of Winnipeg humbly overtureth the General Assembly to take the premises into its consideration, and to take such action as may lead the members of this Church, along with their Christian fellow-citizens belonging to other churches, to have large regard to Christian character in their choice of teachers, and to co-operate in securing such use of the Bible in public schools as the law in operation in the several provinces will allow.

Dr. Robertson submitted a motion, seconded by Mr. Farquharson, anent time of meeting of future Synods, of which notice was given last year. After discussion the motion was modified and adopted as follows: Whereas the volume of business coming before the Synod now is larger than formerly, and likely to increase as the country gets settled; whereas owing to the way in which the Synod is separated geographically from the rest of the Church, the business of the Church within the bounds of the Synod must largely be transacted by the Synod itself; and whereas the time at the disposal of the Synod, according to the way in which its meetings are now arranged, does not afford sufficient opportunity for the deliberate transaction of the business coming before it: Be it resolved that hereafter the Synod meet on Wednesday evening instead of Tuesday, and that it adjourn over the Sabbath and from time to time thereafter until the business is finished, and further, that Presbyteries be instructed to report as to the most convenient and suitable time of year for the Synod to hold its meetings, whether as now in May, or whether in the autumn.

It was afterwards agreed that for next year the Synod meet in Knox Church, Regina, on Tuesday, May 5th, at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

The recommendation of the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee anent reduced grants was read, and after full discussion, the tone of which was strongly and unanimously against any reduction, it was moved by Dr. King, seconded by Dr. Robertson, and carried, that the Synod, having had reported to it for its information that the Assembly's Home Mission Committee propose to reduce the scale of stipends in Manitoba after March 31, 1891, agree to refer the matter to a committee consisting of Synod's Home Mission Committee and the following members of Synod, viz: Dr. Duval, Messrs. Joseph Hogg, I. Wright, D. H. Hedges, A. McTavish, A. Hamilton and J. H. Haversen, the committee to report at a future sederunt of this Synod. The report on the Nisnet Academy was presented by Mr. Joseph Hogg, which was received for consideration.

At the evening meeting Mr. Huggie submitted the report on the State of Religion, who, in moving its reception, spoke forcibly on the importance of religion in the home. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robertson, who dwelt on the state of religion throughout the whole country, and the low spiritual condition of the masses in the far west.

Dr. Duval submitted a report on Systematic Benevolence, which was received.

Mr. Urquhart presented the report on Sabbath Schools, moving its reception. This report was supported by Mr. Joseph Hogg, who spoke on the importance of the Christian training of the children of the Church.

The recommendations of the report on the State of Religion were taken up for consideration, which were adopted as follows: 1. That special emphasis be laid upon the necessity of distinct doctrinal teaching both in the family and the Sabbath schools as the best means of counteracting that rapid form of religious opinion and that indefiniteness in holding the doctrines of the Christian faith which we find so prevalent in our new country. 2. That Missionary Associations be formed and some organized effort be made to keep our people informed as to the Church's various schemes of Christian action at home and abroad. 3. That the Synod emphasize the importance of organizing the young people for direct Christian work, and that Sessions be urged to form such organizations where they do