

Obituary.

REV. A. E. DOHERTY, pastor of St. Paul's church, Carluke, died at Clifton Springs, N.Y., on Sabbath, 13th April, in the 30th year of his age. His funeral took place from the residence of his father, Dr. Doherty of Markham, Ont. The services were under the charge of Rev. R. Thynne. Dr. Laidlaw of Hamilton, preached the funeral sermon, from the text, "I have finished my course," etc., and made some touching remarks in reference to the beloved young pastor who was taken away so suddenly. Mr. Doherty was only inducted on the 31st of July, 1888, and during his brief ministry had greatly endeared himself to his people and to all who knew him. He had gone to Clifton Springs seeking restoration to health, but he sank rapidly and passed peacefully to his rest, leaving a young widow and infant son to mourn their loss.

Mr. Geo. G. Mitchell, elder in Knox Church, Tara, died on March 21st, at the age of 31 years. He was a man of sober piety and wise zeal in the service of God. The influence of his genial and genuine life will not soon pass away in the congregation in which he lived and died.

MR. GEORGE T. ROSS, eldest son of Rev. Walter R. Ross of Chilliwack, B.C., died at New Westminster, B.C., after a brief illness, on the 20th of April, aged 23 years.

Mrs. Esson, widow of the late Professor Esson, died in Toronto on the 23rd of April, in the 87th year of her age.

Mrs. MARY R. GORDON, wife of Rev. Daniel Gordon of Harrington, Ont., died in Toronto on April 30th, in the 63rd year of her age. Mrs. Gordon was a most devoted member of the church and highly accomplished.

MR. MALCOLM McLACHLIN, an elder in St. Andrew's Church, S. Westminster, Ont., died on the 16th of April, in the 48th year of his age. He was distinguished by his princely liberality and zeal for the Master's cause.

MEETINGS OF SYNODS.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA.—This court met in St. John's Church, Cornwall, on the 15th of April. Rev. George Coull of St. Sylvester and Leeds, the retiring Moderator, preached the opening sermon. Rev. Dr. A. B. Mackay of Crescent Street Church, Montreal, was elected Moderator for the ensuing year. In addition to the usual routine of business, largely taken

up with hearing and discussing reports of standing committees to be consolidated and transmitted to the General Assembly, Dr. MacVicar presented an elaborate report on education, chiefly as affected by legislation in the Province of Quebec. Leave was granted to Presbyteries to take on trial for license seventeen candidates who have recently completed their theological studies. Next meeting in St. Gabriel's Church, Montreal, on the 2nd Tuesday of May, 1891. *Rev. James Watson, D.D. of Huntingdon, is Clerk of the Synod.*

HAMILTON AND LONDON.—The meeting was held in St. Andrews Church, Windsor, on the 21st of April. Rev. George Cuthbertson, retiring Moderator, preached the opening sermon. Rev. Archibald McLean, of Blyth, was elected Moderator. A proposal to divide the mission field of the Presbytery of Bruce, giving part of it to the Presbytery of Maitland, was left over till next meeting. Dr. Laing presented a report on the Jesuits' Estates Act. Interesting discussions were had on the reports to be submitted to the General Assembly. Mr. Rutherford received a cordial vote of thanks for his services as treasurer of the Synod Fund. The Brantford Ladies' College was very highly spoken of. Next meeting in Park Church, London, Ont., on the third Monday of April, 1891. *Rev. W. Cochrane, D.D., Clerk.*

MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST.—This Synod met on the 20th of May, at Portage la Prairie, when various important matters were discussed, such as the organization of Home Mission work, education, and other vital questions, the particulars of which had not yet reached us when we went to press. *Rev. S. C. Murray, Clerk.*

MANITOBA ITEMS.

The Home Mission field is now well manned for the summer. A number of graduates from the eastern colleges have consented to throw in their lot with Manitoba. The efficient and the hopeful among these will not regret it. The prospects of the Northwest are good for crops this year, and good crops means hearty support of missionary work. Work among the Indians is also rapidly advancing. A new mission school is to be erected at Muscowpetung's Reserve, capable of accommodating 40 resident pupils. The Dominion Government has purchased the public school building at Birtle, and a portion of adjoining land for our Indian school there. The long deferred Presbyterian Industrial School for the Indians at Regina is approaching completion and will be ready by July 1st. The committee in Winnipeg is selecting the principal. Manitoba College, Theological Department, closed on April 24th. Dr. King addressed the four graduating students. A valedictory was then read by Mr. Norman Russell, B.A. (who goes to India as the missionary of Central Church Toronto), and the reply was made by Mr.