

he graduated in 1886. He has been in the ministry ten years. His first charge was up the Ottawa River, and some eight years ago he accepted a call to Watford, Lambton county, where he has been since. Rev. Mr. Graham and his family will live in a comfortable stone manse adjoining Avonton church. Besides Rev. M. Leitch, moderator, who was in charge of the services, the following ministers were present: Revs. Panton, McKibbin, Cameron, Kay, Bradley, Cosgrove, Hamilton, McLaughlin, Pyke and Dr. Hannon, of the Central Methodist church, Stratford. Rev. W. A. Bradley, of Knox church, Mitchell, preached an impressive sermon. Rev. Mr. Kay, of Milverton, addressed the new minister, and Rev. J. M. Cameron, of North Mornington, the congregation. Rev. Dr. Hamilton, of Motherwell, introduced Mr. Graham to the members of his new charges. A tea meeting was held in the evening.

The anniversary services of St. Andrew's Church, Fenelon Falls, took place on Oct. 11th and 12th. On the 11th, Rev. Mr. Potter of Peterborough, who had exchanged pulpits with the Rev. M. McKinnon, preached two eloquent discourses as well as an afternoon address to the Sunday school children. On Monday addresses were delivered by Rev. J. McKenzie of Cambray, Rev. Mr. Potter, of Peterboro, and Revs. Farncomb and Steels of Fenelon Falls, interspersed by music from the choir. Rev. Mr. Potter won many friends by his kind and genial manner. The collections on Sabbath and proceeds of the Monday's entertainment amounted to nearly \$100 and will be expended on the building fund of the church. The Rev. M. McKinnon who acted as chairman on Monday evening has great reason to feel proud of the prosperous condition in which his congregation is at present.

Owing to the serious illness of Rev. Dr. Macdonald, of Seaforth, the anniversary services in the Presbyterian church, Port Etgin, were conducted by Rev. A. Stewart, B.A., of Clinton, who preached impressive and acceptable sermons to the large congregations that assembled on Oct. 18th, both morning and evening. He also gave the young people a model address at the afternoon meeting. On Monday evening the annual soiree was held. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the congregation after which an adjournment was made to the body of the church. Both basement and auditorium were tastefully decorated for the occasion. The chair was occupied by the pastor, Rev. A. H. Drumm, and instructive addresses were delivered by Rev. Jeffrey Hill, M.A., Rev. A. Stewart, B.A., Rev. Isaac McDonald, B.D., Rev. James Steven and Rev. T. L. Kerruish. The choir rendered several good selections. The proceeds of the evening and the Sabbath collections amounted to \$116.

The Rev. T. C. Hall graduate of Knox College was inducted into the pastoral charge of Bond Head and Monkman's on Oct. 13th. The Rev. F. Smith, of Bradford, who was Moderator of the session, presided. A very excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. P. Nicolson, of Tottenham, from the text, "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature." The Rev. Mr. Smith narrated the steps taken by the congregation since the pulpit was declared vacant, to the obtaining of a minister, put the usual questions to the elect minister, which were satisfactorily answered, and then assisted by the Presbytery, and also by the Rev. Mr. Locke, ordained Mr. T. C. Hall, to the office of the Christian ministry, by the laying on of hands, and prayer, and also inducted Mr. Hall into the pastoral charge of said congregations, and extended to him the right hand of fellowship. Mr. Smith then called on the Rev. Mr. Ross, of Churchill, to address the new minister, which address was extremely able and practical. He then called on the Rev. Mr. Pogue, of Stayner, to address the congregation, which was done in an eloquent manner; after which the doxology was heartily sung, the benediction pronounced, and the Rev. Mr. Hall escorted to the door of the church by Mr. J. D. Fraser, and introduced to the congregation, who most heartily welcomed, and received Mr. Hall as their new minister. The congregation then retired to the Manse, where supper was provided, of which all comers freely partook.

A very interesting and impressive service was held in St. John's Church, Almonte, for the designation of Miss Jean M. Leyden, of that town, for mission work in Central India. Letters were received from Rev. J. B. Edmondson, formerly pastor of St. John's church, and from Rev. Dr. McDonald, of Dundee, Que., warmly congratulating Miss Leyden on the step she had taken, and the congregation on the honor of having one of its member engaged in so noble a work. Miss Leyden was the recipient of two excellent addresses from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Lanark and Renfrew, and from the congregation of St. John's Church, which were full of words of good advice and encouragement, and which were accompanied by tangible tokens of esteem. To these, Miss Leyden made a very happy reply, thanking the people for their kindness and encouragement, and referred to her early resolve to give herself to mission work, as the result of an address delivered in St. John's Church by the Rev. Dr. McDonald, of Dundee, Que., but formerly of Carleton Place. Miss Leyden was in Montreal on October 9th, and sailed on October 10th on the S. S. Parisian for mission work in Central India. A large gathering of friends were down at the steamer to see her off. Miss Leyden was a member of Stanley-street Presbyterian Church during her stay in Montreal for upwards of two years, and also a member of the Christian Endeavor Society of the same Church.

The Rev. J. Becket, Thamesville, opened the annual convention of Christian Endeavor Societies of the United Counties of Kent and Essex in the First Presbyterian Church, Chatham, October 16th. There were delegates from Thamesville, Florence, Comber, Tilbury Moravia, Dresden, Bothwell, Botany, Harwich, Wallaceburg, Northwood, Blenheim, Kentbridge, Ridgetown, Mull, Valetta, Fleicher, and Jennette's Creek. The reports showed that the membership of the union exceeded 3,000. In the afternoon excellent papers were read on appropriate topics, and an enjoyable open meeting was held at night. A committee appointed at the morning's session to name the officers for the following year decided as follows: President, the Rev. R. Sims; 1st Vice President, the Rev. John Davidson; 2nd Vice-President, the Rev. J. M. MacLaren; Secretary, Mr. Lamont; Treasurer, Miss Simpron; Reporter, Miss M. Becket; Junior Superintendent, Miss C. Martin; Assistant Secretary, secretary of Bothwell Society. The Nominating Committee decided upon Bothwell as the next place of meeting, the date to be fixed by the Executive Committee.

#### Algoma Presbytery.

This Presbytery held its half yearly meeting at Gore Bay, on Sept. 23rd, '96.

The Rev. W. C. Armstrong, P. L. B., was chosen moderator.

The Rev. Presbytery, in testifying to the Christian worth, and usefulness, of the late Mrs. Rondeau of Sudbury, and Mrs. Robertson of Gore Bay expresses its deep regret at the loss of their sorely afflicted Brethren and extends to them, their heartfelt sympathy, in their sore bereavement.

They desire also to commend their sorrowing Brethren to God's grace for comfort.

The Delegates to the Assembly reported their diligence.

Permission was given the Webbwood congregation to mortgage that church.

The clerk was instructed to certify the students labouring within the bounds, to the senate of their respective colleges.

Interesting reports of local supervision were given in by Messrs. Armstrong, Garrioch, Rennie, MacKeracher, and MacLennan.

The Rev. A. Findlay, Supt. of missions read an interesting report of work done in the various mission fields during the past six months.

The report was received, and adopted and Mr. Findlay was thanked for his diligence.

The Rev. J. Rennie read the report, of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee which was received and its recommendations were considered, and adopted.

Chief among its recommendations was that with a view to increasing the contribution to the Home Mission Fund, every Minister, and Missionary labouring within the bounds, be instructed to preach a sermon on Home Mission work, before taking up contributions for the Home Mission Fund.

The committee on standing committees gave in their report, which was received, and adopted.

The Presbytery in reluctantly accepting Mr. Rondeau's resignation of St. Andrew's church, Sudbury, expresses its regret at parting with their brother, being one of their most active members, and for the past year, their efficient clerk.

He has taken a lively interest in, and his full share of, Presbytery work.

He has been regular in attendance, and wise in counsel, and has proved himself an able and acceptable Preacher, and a devoted pastor.

His brethren sincerely trust that the great Head of the church may ever bless, and guide, him to fields of future usefulness. Appointments were made to the various fields for the winter six months.

The Rev. D. H. MacLennan was appointed Clerk and Treasurer of Presbytery, in the place of Mr. Rondeau, resigned. A vote of thanks was passed unanimously to the friends of Gore Bay for their generous hospitality.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Thessalon, on the Third Tuesday of March. D. H. MacLennan, Presbytery Clerk.

#### Obituary.

REV. W. J. SMYTH, PH.D., MONTREAL.

The Rev. Dr. Smyth, pastor of Calvin Church, Montreal, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 20th, after an illness of over two months, at the comparatively early age of fifty, to the great sorrow of his family and of all who knew him.

The Rev. William John Smyth, M.A., B.Sc., Ph.D., was born in Belfast, Ireland. He was the eldest son of the late Thomas C. Smyth, who emigrated with his family to America when the subject of this sketch was eight years of age. As a boy he attended school in Toronto and other cities of Ontario, as his father, a school-master by occupation, might happen to be stationed. The son also determined to take up the art of teaching, and educated himself at his own expense, succeeding at his examinations with high honor. While stationed in the township of Brock he was married to Miss Sara Ragshaw in 1870. He continued teaching in that locality until after the birth of his eldest son, when, feeling that he had a call from God to enter the ministry, he set about preparing himself for his university course. He passed the senior matriculation at Toronto University and pursuing his theological studies at Knox College, Toronto, graduated from there with high honors, but took his final year in Arts at Queen's College, Kingston.

His first charge was that of St. Andrew's Church, Uxbridge, where he was ordained by the Presbytery of Lindsay, Oct. 30th, 1878. He remained there four years, during which time he took a post-graduate course in Illinois Wesleyan University, of Bloomington, Ill., and received the degree of Ph.D. He then received a call to the First Presbyterian Church of New Carlisle, Ohio, but remained there only a little over a year, as sickness in his family demanded their removal to a different climate. Accepting the principalship of the Drmill Ladies' College, Oshawa, Ont., he filled that position for over a year, resigning to again take up the work of the ministry. In the early summer of 1885, he received a call from his late congregation, Calvin Church, being at that time known as the St. Joseph street Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Smyth had given large attention to the study of natural science, and was in the habit of using illustrations drawn from nature in his discourses. He always carefully prepared for his public appearances: his style was simple, clear and interesting. As a pastor he was kindly and sympathetic, never sparing himself in the interest of his work, and to his untiring devotion more than to any other fact is probably to be attributed the illness which resulted in his death. He not infrequently appeared on the lecture platform, where he was well received.