

## Ministers and Churches.

[We urgently solicit from Presbyterian Clerks and our readers generally, items for this department of our paper, so as to make it a general epitome of all local church news.]

Rev. JOHN LEISHMAN, of Gower and North Mountain, has declined a call to the Maritime Provinces, preferring to remain in his present charge.

SINCE the resignation of the Rev. A. O. Stewart the Presbyterian Churches of North Gower and Wellington have been supplied regularly, for the most part, by Rev. Alex. Smith, late of Chelston, Quebec, and Rev. N. Currie, probationer.

Rev. W. T. CANNING, of Patterson's Corners, lectured in the Orange Hall, Smithville, Wednesday evening, on the "Presbyterian Church in Ireland." Mr. Canning paid a visit to the "old soil" not long since, and doubtless, while there, gathered the material for his lecture which is in many respects well worth hearing.

On Sabbath, Sept. 30th, the Sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed in Knox Church, Harrison. Rev. D. Stewart assisted on the occasion. Twenty-three new members were added to the roll, making a total addition of 160 members to the church since the induction of Mr. McIntyre, on May 10th, 1876, into the pastoral charge.

Rev. A. ROWAT continues to prosper in his work in West Winchester. The membership is always increasing, and well finished sheds large enough to hold twenty-eight span of horses have been erected lately behind the Church. Also the appearance of the church and manse has been greatly improved by the erection of ornamental fencing.

Rev. A. H. CAMERON, of Mountain and South Gower, has recovered from the effects of his late accident, and is again attending to his ministerial duties. During the rev. gentleman's indisposition his place was supplied by Rev. G. M. Clark, of Kempsville, Rev. J. Leishman, of Gower, Mr. P. O. McGregor, B.A., of Almonte, and Messrs. Anderson and Cameron, students.

We have just closed one of the largest, most spiritual and edifying communions ever held in St. Andrew's Church, Stratford. Sixty-two new names have been added to the Communion Roll. Our church is closed during the present month for enlargement, improvement, etc., during which time services are conducted in the Town Hall. We expect to re-open on the first Sabbath of November. Notice of same will be given in these columns.—Com.

Rev. ALEXANDER MACGILLIVRAY, who completed his theological studies in Queen's University last session, was on Friday, the 21st Sept., inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Williamstown, County of Glengarry. The Rev. D. H. McLennan preached and presided. Rev. J. S. Mullen addressed the minister, and Rev. J. S. Burnett the people. Mr. Macgillivray is a brother to Rev. Malcolm Macgillivray, M.A., and is a most promising public speaker and preacher.

At the dispensation of the Lord's Supper, in Knox Church, Galt, last Sabbath, a good many joined for the first time. This is now in point of membership and families the largest Presbyterian congregation in the Dominion. The highly respected pastor, Rev. J. K. Smith, M.A., is indefatigable in his labors. Fifteen weekly prayer meetings are held in the congregation. The Rev. Alex. McKay, D.D., of East Pauslinch, assisted him at this sacramental season.—Com.

On Sabbath, the 28th ult., Rev. D. J. McInnes preached his farewell sermon to the congregations of Thornbury, Clarkeburg and Heathcote, in the Presbytery of Owen Sound, on the eve of his departure for his new charge of Erin and Osprey in the Presbytery of Guelph. On the Wednesday evening following a largely attended social was held in the village of Clarkeburg for the purpose of bidding Mr. and Mrs. McInnes good-bye. Rev. D. B. Whimster of Meaford occupied the chair, and Mr. Hunter of Clarkeburg on behalf of the friends presented Mr. McInnes with an easy chair and Mrs. McInnes with a purse, and read a very cordial address which was feelingly and affectionately replied to by Mr. McInnes.

The congregation of Showers' Corners, Blenheim, have enjoyed the services of Mr. Geo. D. Mackay, student of Knox College, during the summer months. On the eve of his departure for college, the members of his Bible class met at his boarding house to bid him farewell. After tea, he was presented with an address, beautifully got up on parchment, acknowledging with thankfulness his efforts to guide them in the study of the Bible, and wishing him God Speed in his high calling. Accompanying the address were copies of the "Teachers' Bible," and "Farrar's Life of Christ." Mr. Mackay in reply expressed his appreciation of the feelings of attachment and regard thus shown him, acknowledged the good taste shown in the selection of the volumes, and closed by wishing the congregation success and prosperity.—Com.

## NOTES FROM PETERBORO'.

(By an Occasional Correspondent.)

Peterboro' is a flourishing town in the township of Monaghan and county of Peterborough. It is the County Town, and is situated on the bank of the Otonabee river, spanning which is a very beautiful iron bridge. Peterboro' is connected with the main line of the Midland Railway by a branch, and is also the terminus of the Cobourg, Peterborough & Marmora Railway. There is a very large business carried on here, especially in lumber, besides a number of manufacturing establishments. The population is about 7,000, and are principally old country people or their immediate descendants—the Irish predominating; and is supposed to contain about fifty per cent. of the whole population of the county. The town is nicely laid out and the streets are regular, the principal one being George street, a very fine one, and contains some splendid buildings. One of the latest erected is "Bradburn's Hall," now occupied nightly with meetings discussing the Duncin Bill, which is to be submitted to the ratepayers about the end of the month. The various ministers are lending their aid to the movement, and recently an address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. McKay, of Baltimore, Ont., which was very highly spoken of. Mr. McKay is one of the rising ministers of our Church.

The "fourth estate" is well represented here by three good sparkling weeklies, published on the three last days of the week, all of which are ably managed. But for a model of a country newspaper I think the *Review*, owned and conducted by brother Romaine, will decidedly furnish the best. The entire establishment is most complete, and seems to be under perfect control.

There are two Presbyterian Churches here, one of which—St. Paul's—will take its place beside any of our ecclesiastical structures in the Province, and which mainly owes its existence to the former pastor, the venerable Mr. Rogers. The congregation of St. Paul's is in a most flourishing condition, and is a proof of the zeal and abilities of its esteemed young pastor, the Rev. Mr. Torrance, who is extremely popular in the town, and is a worthy representative of a worthy family.

St. Andrew's is a much more antiquated building, and situated as it is between the manse, which is a very fine brick building, and a new brick school house, recently erected, the passer-by would almost require to have his attention called to it in order to see it. I understand that the congregation—a very wealthy one—are thinking of rebuilding, and that one reason for building the school-room before the Church was that the congregation could worship in the room while the Church was being built. St. Andrew's has lately had a succession of able ministers. It was here that the popular young minister of St. Andrew's, of Toronto, commenced his labors, and prepared himself for entering upon the large and important congregation of which he is now the minister. After a short vacancy the Rev. Kenneth MacLennan was called to be the pastor, but he also was sought after and transplanted to Prince Edward Island, where no doubt his learning and abilities will be duly appreciated. The present minister is the Rev. Alex. Bell, lately of Preston, England, who was the unanimous choice of the congregation. Mr. Bell happened to be travelling through this country last year, and came to preach for the Rev. Mr. Torrance; and so favorable was the impression made on the occasion of his visit that the matter ended in a call to become the minister of St. Andrew's. Mr. Bell, having intimated his acceptance of the call, proceeded to England to bring out his family, and was installed last June; and from all appearances will have a pleasant and successful pastorate. Mr. Bell is a graduate of Queen's College, Belfast, and for a short period held a charge in that city. He was then called to Preston, in England, where he has been for the last nine years, and where he labored with much acceptance and success until called by his present congregation.

Being anxious to see and hear this Irish-Englishman who has been chosen by a purely Scotch congregation, I found myself within the walls of St. Andrew's on Sunday morning. The congregation, although not numerous, comprises a large number of prominent wealthy citizens, such as Judge Dennistoun, Mr. Carnegie, ex-M.P., Mr. Nicholls, of the old and wealthy firm of Nicholls & Hall, Mr. Romaine, proprietor of the *Review*, Mr. Lundy, and others. At eleven o'clock Rev. Mr. Bell entered the pulpit and proceeded with the service, which was very interesting throughout. The sermon occupied forty-five minutes in the delivery, and was a thorough exposition of the subject of "Reconciliation," its nature, its source, and its benefits. Mr. Bell is an eloquent preacher, he has a fluent, easy delivery, and seldom, if at all, looks at his notes. He will be a decided acquisition to the pulpit power of Peterborough, and to the entire Presbyterian Church in this country, with which he has so recently formed so auspicious a connection.

October 6th, 1877.

## NOTES FROM INDIA.

Under date Bombay, 12th July, 1877, Mrs. Stothert writes as follows to Mrs. Harvie, Foreign Secretary to the Women's Foreign Missionary Society:

You will be glad to hear that we have made the acquaintance of Rev. J. Fraser Campbell; he came to Bombay several weeks ago, and was detained owing to a severe attack of sickness. Mr. Macpherson, minister of the Scotch Established Church here, took care of him, and Dr. MacDonald, our medical Missionary, attended him as doctor. Mr. Campbell is now well and off to Indore. All the Mission friends in Bombay were very happy to make the acquaintance of Mr. Campbell, and he has promised to write to us occasionally about his work, etc., so that we may be able to pray for Mr. Douglas and him at our monthly meetings. In this letter I wish to tell you

## SOMETHING ABOUT THE PARSEES.

As you are aware, there is a very large Parsee community in Bombay, and very interesting people they are. They are much more energetic than the Hindoos, and have proved most successful merchants; indeed I fear money is their God, at least the only God they have. There is much in the Parsee religion, or rather the ceremonies of their religion, resembling the Jewish. They have a temple with courts, and in the innermost space of the temple they have an altar on which sacred fire always burns. This fire is fed by sandal wood. Then they have priests and high priests continually in attendance on these temples. Fire is of course their great object of worship; they also worship the sun, moon, (especially the new moon) light, and water. One evening when in a Parsee shop I watched the man light his lamps, and noticed that whenever the light appeared he clasped his hands and offered a prayer. I felt much inclined to try and prevent him, but could not; however I prayed that God might teach him about the True Light, so that it might shine into his poor, dark mind. A month or two ago we were invited to

## A PARSEE MARRIAGE.

and as we wish to know as much as possible of their ceremonies, we went. On our arrival we were taken to seats in a beautiful garden where hundreds of Parsees were assembled. While we were sitting, bands of music played and processions passed us, first on their way to the bride's house carrying presents, next to the bridegroom's, also loaded with presents. We were afterwards taken inside one of the houses. In one end of this place the bride and bridegroom were seated on chairs, facing one another, with a screen between, while priests and women passed thick thread round both of their chairs. When this was done sacred fire was brought in and passed round the couple. A great cheering then took place, the curtain was removed and the couple were seated side by side. The priests then came forward and began chanting prayers in the Zend language, which no one understood; while doing so they also kept throwing handfuls of rice over the young couple. This finished the marriage ceremony. However I ought to mention that this ceremony has always to be gone through twice, and in the case of rich people it is gone through many times, and the feasting continues for several days. The expenses incurred are very great, often ruinous. The manner in which the Parsees dispose of their dead is very revolting. They place the dead bodies over a kind of well which has a grating over it to support the bodies. The vultures and other birds come and prey upon them.

You will say, what is being done among the people? I answer, very little indeed. I only know of

## SIX PARSEES WHO ARE CHRISTIANS.

Our native Pastor is one, Rev. Dhanjithai Nawroji, and he visits among them. There are also a large number attending our institution, and this is interesting because such has not been the case since Mr. Dhanjithai was baptized, thirty years ago. There are many reformers among them, but as I have said, few, few Christians. Pray that God may stir them up to seek after Him who is the True Light.

Want of space compels us to hold over report of Mission Work in the Muckoka District until next issue.

On Saturday, the 22nd ult., a committee of ladies, on behalf of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Lancaster, waited upon the Rev. Thomas McPherson, M.A., the retiring minister, and presented him with an address, to which he very effectively replied; also an ebony walking cane, accompanied with a purse containing \$160. The head of the cane which has a massive silver top, has the following inscription:—"Presented to the Rev. Thomas McPherson, M.A., along with a purse containing \$160, from a number of his friends, on the occasion of his retiring from the active duties of the ministry, at Lancaster, August, 1877."

## Cardinal Antonelli.

EDITOR BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.

DEAR SIR,—I saw a communication three weeks ago from Archbishop Lynch about the Antonelli scrape. The substance of it was that the late Cardinal was not a priest; that the priests of Rome were the best of their class, and that if the public would suspend judgment till the trial came off, the high probability is that the accused would be found innocent. Now, I admire the pluck of the Archbishop, but not his judgment in thus anticipating the result.

When I was a Divinity Student in Edinburgh in the years 1850-51, I was employed the most of the time with the private secretary of Pio Nono previous to 1848, in writing several things for the press. One book of twelve chapters at once received a place in Bohn's collection of Standard works. The first that was prepared in pamphlet form was the "Private Life of the Pope." Now, none knew so well as that Senator about such a subject, but though his name would have been subscribed to it as a guarantee of its truthfulness, the publishers refused to shirk the moral responsibility of the religious public, as nothing "unconsecrated" ever passed through their hands. Whilst it is right to suspend judgment in this case, the Archbishop knows very well that the Pope would have prevented this trial if he had been able; and as it is, the people need not be surprised should it be smothered off. But should the investigation result in proving Antonelli guilty, it would be the merest tail-piece to what was written in that life of his master as perpetrated by His Holiness himself. MADOC.

## Canning Street French Church, Montreal.

MR. EDITOR,—A few Sabbaths ago I had the pleasure, for the first time, of visiting our new French Church in Montreal and hearing Mr. Chiquigny preach in French. I was much pleased to see so fine a place of worship so well filled with converts from Romanism. The preacher was eloquent, the people very attentive and devout. The singing was excellent and very hearty. The people appear to be very much interested in the services conducted by Mr. Chiquigny, and there appears to be a great and good work progressing steadily and efficiently under his ministry. The church is seated for about six or seven hundred, and is well adapted for the purpose for which it was built. It was during the evening of worship I was present, and it was about two-thirds full. At the close of the service many remained to shake hands with Mr. Chiquigny and to express their great pleasure at seeing him among them again after a somewhat long holiday and restored so fully to health.

Hoping that this brief statement of what one from the West, who was present at one of the diets of worship saw and heard in this interesting and important French church, may be interesting to some of your readers. Yours truly, A. WILSON.

Kingston, Oct. 1st, 1877.

## The late Mrs. W. Fergusson.

Mrs. Fergusson, wife of the Rev. William Fergusson, A.M., of Obesterville, Ontario, departed this life on Thursday, 18th Sept., ult. Mrs. Fergusson was driving with her son-in-law, Mr. McIntyre, when the horse became frightened, and shying, threw her out of the buggy, inflicting injuries of which she died two days afterwards. Mrs. Fergusson was a Christian lady of ripe experience, and her many acts of charity, attending the sick and comforting the afflicted, will cause her to be gratefully remembered by many, long after being called to her reward. The venerable Mr. Fergusson has the sympathy of the Church as well as that of all who know him in his sad bereavement—the loss of one who was his faithful partner in life for forty-two years.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. A. Rowat, of West Winchester, in the presence of a large concourse of sympathizing friends.—Com.

## Mimicking Roman Catholicism.

## THE FRATERNITY OF JESUS.

According to the *Rock*, it has been decided to establish a religious order, to be named "The Fraternity of Jesus," in London next spring, if arrangements are completed by then. The fraternity will comprise three orders. The first order will consist of brethren who will live under three vows in the strictest sense:—The vow of holy poverty, by giving up all they possess into the common fund of the fraternity. The vow of chastity, by remaining in the single state, and avoiding all unedifying conversation. The vow of holy obedience, by obeying implicitly (1), the rules laid down by the Conference; (2), the superior, who has authority to interpret the rule in detail. These brethren will all be of age, and if poverty demands it, will work at their different crafts, as the Apostles of old. They will be ready to undertake any work assigned them, as their share without comment, whether in accordance with their own likings or not. Those who are qualified will lecture on behalf of the order. The second order will consist of brethren at business in the world, but who live in the college of the fraternity, and pay so much per week for board and lodgings. These brethren will keep the three vows in a modified form:—Firstly, not to spend money foolishly; chastity, to remain in a single state, and avoid all unedifying conversation; obedience, to keep their rule, and obey the directions of the brother superior. The rule may be relaxed for this order whenever the superior thinks fit. The brethren will be over sixteen years of age, and must be ready to undertake any work assigned them by the superior. The third order will consist of associate brethren, who may live at their respective homes, but will subscribe according to their means towards the expenses of the fraternity, and may visit the college any time they choose. They will keep the same vows of poverty and obedience as the second order, but the vow of chastity will only be limited to conversation; "they will shun all unedifying conversation." These brethren will work in the order if called upon to do so.

## Ordination and Induction at Williamstown.

On the 21st ult., the Presbytery of Glengarry held a special meeting at Williamstown, for the Ordination and Induction of the Rev. Alex. McGillivray as pastor of St. Andrew's Church. The Rev. W. Ross, of Lochiel, preached and presided, and conducted in a very impressive manner the services of Ordination. The Rev. Mr. Mullen gave a very appropriate charge to the newly inducted minister, and the Rev. Mr. Burnet, in a short and impressive address, instructed the congregation as to their duties. After the induction services were concluded, a general adjournment to the manse took place. Here the ladies had prepared a most sumptuous repast for all present. After ample justice had been done to the profession of good things provided for the "inner man," the large concourse of people re-assembled in the church, where short and stirring addresses appropriate to the occasion were delivered by the Revs. Messrs. Mullen, McNeil, Ross of Lancaster, M. McGillivray, of Scarboro, brother of the newly inducted minister, A. J. Grant, M.P.E., the newly inducted minister concluding the programme with a short address. The music was furnished by the choir of St. Andrew's Church, Martintown. Rev. Mr. Burnet, who was moderator of the Kirk Sessions during the vacancy, presided at this evening meeting. The congregation owe him a debt of gratitude for the many signal services he has rendered them. On Saturday there was a large gathering of the children of the congregation to welcome their new pastor. After singing several hymns under the leadership of Mr. White, and the hearing of short and interesting addresses from D. B. McLennan, Esq., A. J. Grant, M.P.E., Rev. Alex. McGillivray, and A. A. McKenzie, B.Sc., all repaired to the manse, where refreshments had been provided by the ladies for the children and their friends. An interesting feature of the day's proceedings was the presentation to Mr. Elder of several volumes of Barnes' Commentary, as a slight acknowledgement of his valuable services in connection with the Sunday School and Bible Class. In terms of a resolution unanimously passed by the Board of Managers, Mr. McGillivray was paid \$360, being half a year's salary, said half-year to end 1st January, 1878. Such liberal conduct cannot be too highly commended. We congratulate Mr. McGillivray on beginning life under such highly favorable auspices, and express the hope that he may long continue to be the honored pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Williamstown.—Com.

## Presbytery of Bruce.

This Presbytery met at Kincairdine on the 25th and 26th ult. There were nineteen ministers and nine elders in attendance. Mr. Scott, on behalf of the Committee appointed to prepare a minute in relation to Mr. Fraser's translation, submitted the following, which was adopted, viz.: "The Presbytery, in agreeing to the translation of Mr. Fraser, desires to place on record an expression of its fraternal disposition towards him, and its esteem for him as a Christian brother and fellow-laborer in the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. From his amiable and social disposition and his hearty interest in all that relates to the promotion of the Redeemer's cause and the advancement of human happiness, the intercourse between him and his co-presbyters has been of the most agreeable kind, and from his active and business turn of mind, and readiness always to undertake his share of work and responsibility, his services have been valuable, both in the immediate business of the court and the general work of the Gospel. The Presbytery regrets the loss of his fellowship and services, sympathize with the congregation (St. Andrew's Church, Saugeen) now deprived of his diligent labors, and prays that by the blessing of God he may be favored with comfort and success in the portion of the Great Shepherd's flock which is now to be put under his charge." The foregoing minute should have been submitted at the last meeting of Presbytery. Agreeable to petitions from St. Andrew's Church, Saugeen, and North Bruce, these congregations were formed into one pastoral charge, under the care of the Rev. John Scott, of North Bruce. The salary promised is \$1000 with manse and glebe. Mr. Sutherland, on behalf of the committee appointed to digest the answers to the questions on the state of religion within the bounds, read a report, which was received, and for which thanks were tendered to the committee, and especially to the Convener. The committee was continued, and instructed to prepare the report on the state of religion for 1878, both for the Presbytery and Synod. The Rev. Mr. Fraser having stated that his health was not so much restored as to warrant him to resume pastoral work, and having asked further leave of absence for three months, leave was granted, and the Presbytery engaged to supply his pulpit for three months, and expressed its deep sympathy with Mr. Fraser and the congregation of Knox Church, Kincairdine, in the circumstances. Mr. Tolmie having read the Home Mission quarterly report, it was received, with thanks to the Convener. He was instructed to endeavor to secure a laborer to supply Pinkerton and Riversdale and Enniskillen for three months. The Presbytery engaged to supply them for the following three months. He was also instructed to correspond with Mr. Builder, student, with the view of securing his services for the south side of Manitoulin in connection with the Rev. W. H. McKay, for the winter months. The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery is to be held in St. Paul's Church, Walkerton, on the 3rd Tuesday of December next, at 4 o'clock p.m. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church, Port Elgin, on Tuesday, 9th Oct., at 1 o'clock p.m.—A. G. FORBES, Pres. Clerk.

The commonly said that the justest dividend nature has given us: of her favour is that of sense, for there is no one that is not contented with his share.—Montaigne.

A PARLIAMENTARY return on the Church of Scotland shows that the patronage of the living, which means, in effect, the whole ecclesiastical government, is in the hands of women, the electors for ministers consisting of 24,000 females to 16,000 males.