

Soo, was remembered by his congregation on the occasion. Mr. Duncan is one of the men who has seen long service and steady growth, while not allowing his energies to be dissipated in various directions. He is beloved by all in the community.

The Soo branch of the C. P. R. have given a good account of themselves by giving a large vote and a good substantial majority in favor of the "Liquor Act of 1902." Much of the success is due to the heroic efforts of Rev. J. P. MacInnis of Webbwood, who worked at several points along the North shore.

The Tarbutt congregation are unwilling to worship with the people who formally worshipped in the Hall across the street. These people fight against an organ, and against all hymns in Sabbath service and Sabbath school. They do not wish any station that may be part of the field associated with them to use such human devices. But a settlement can surely be arrived at before next meeting of presbytery, when some action on part of presbytery will be necessary if union is not achieved.

#### Maritime Provinces.

The resignation of Rev. Mr. Gunn from the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at O'Leary, P. E. I., has been accepted.

Rev. Roland Davidson has received a call to Tyne Valley congregation.

Rev. A. S. Stewart, of Wood Islands, has accepted the call to Murray Harbor North and Peter's Road, P. E. I.

#### Century Fund Notes.

Let it be remembered that the 31st, Dec. 1902 is the date set by the assembly for closing the Century Fund. In order that all remittances may be sent in by that date, to Dr. Warden or to Mr. McCurdy, let those friends who have some leeway to make up use all diligence in gathering up the fragments during the next three weeks.

Congregations who have been thinking of taking up a special collection should arrange for it at once, and remit by 31st.

We are still hoping that some wealthy, and some well-to-do, and some modestly comfortable friends will come to our help before the close and that there will be so many of them that we shall get perhaps \$30,000, more, which will bring us out even for the Common Fund.

Would not Christmas season be a good time to act on this suggestion?

The latest news is that the Grand Trunk R. R. thinks that the time has come when it may profitably invest \$100,000,000, in our West land. If that investment has been prudently considered, it means the doubling of our mission work in the West, during the next five years and in fact, when we take in to consideration the Country being opened by the Canadian Northern and other lines and branches, we might rather say our work will be trebled; or else we shall fall behind the progress of settlement and that would be disastrous to the Country's weal. All business men are satisfied that the Grand Trunk is making a prudent move. Will those of them who have the means not help us to provide for the Mission work? One of the good ways of doing that would be to report a subscription to the Common Fund. It can be dedicated to that Western work, if desired, and I am sure will be needed for that work within a year.

Those who have completed the work will greatly oblige the Agent by balancing their Congregational Record Books and sending them in as soon as possible now. He will probably have 1500 books to examine, and will need all his time to have this done by the first of March. Will Ministers and Local Treasurers consult together and see that the columns are added up and the books balanced, so that it can be seen at a glance what has been subscribed and paid by the congregation itself, by the Y. P. S., or other societies in the Congregation, and by the S. S. Also that the names of the Y. P., contributing one dollar or of S. S. scholars, contributing one dollar, have a mark, thus (x) opposite the name. Of course we don't want the Record Books sent until all possible collections have been made, but as soon as that has been done they should be sent to the Rev. Dr. Campbell, Perth, Ont.

R. CAMPBELL.

#### Algoma Presbytery.

To the Editor of The DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN.

Dear Sir:—In your issue of Oct. 1st, there is an article which says very little for the head, or heart of its author, or inspirer.

Who is this self-constituted authority that deems it his duty to lecture the Presbyteries of Algoma, North Bay and Barrie, and the Home Mission Committee also?

If he believed his own statements—I mean those of them which convey any meaning—why did he not have the courage to attach his name to them?

Was it to help our cause that the author of said article made statements which are erroneous, misleading, and hurtful, or was it because he has an axe to grind?

Referring to the state of things in Tarbutt and Desbarats, he says, "Rev. Mr. Drinnan leaves this (Desbarats) field so that the two congregations may be united." But, almost in the next breath, he says, "and, now, another man is appointed around whom both sections will, it is hoped, rally."

This appointment was made with no such hope; but simply that meanwhile Desbarats might have supply. It surely shows a great lack of prudence to have made such a statement just at the time that the Presbytery was endeavoring to unite the two congregations. Its baneful effect is evidenced by the reference made to it by a member of the Tarbutt congregation, viz., "It is to be greatly desired if the congregation across the street can willingly reunite with Tarbutt congregation, but, to expect Tarbutt congregation to 'rally round' a man appointed to that station is, under the circumstances, simply absurd, and any attempt at coercion intolerable, and could serve no other purpose than to widen the breach."

The latter part of the article in your issue of Oct. 1st, conveys no meaning to me, or anyone else that I have consulted about it, except what it states "re" the Augmentation Committee, and, that, suffice it to say, is not correct.

In another part of said article, its author, or inspirer, stoops, seemingly without any feeling of shame, to the meanness of making a personal, cowardly, and malicious attack upon one, who, during the last quarter of a century or more, has rendered eminent service to the cause of Christ. The Church surely knows her own mind in appointing additional men to look after her interests. Or, are the other denominations also, going it blindly?

I have yet to learn that the work in our Presbytery is being done so fully, or so well, that we can afford to dispense with the service of the Superintendent of Missions. I am fully convinced that we could much more easily dispense with the service of any one who thinks that the Superintendent of Missions is not needed any longer.

The writer of said article suggests that the work of supervision might be done by members of Presbytery. I have yet to learn that there is even one member of Presbytery who has not enough, and even more than enough, work to do at home. One member gave up his charge because the work was too heavy for him. Another is said to have fainted at the close of his service on a Sabbath morning for the reason, as stated by himself, that he was greatly in need of a rest. Two others say that their work is very heavy; and another has had not even a holiday during the last six years.

Perhaps the writer, or inspirer, of said article, would kindly inform himself as to how many of our fields are still vacant, and most likely to be so, during the rest of the winter.

Who, I ask, is to neglect his own work in order that he may visit and keep our cause alive in such fields?

I do not know if the writer, or inspirer of said article has yet attained to the age of forty years; but, I do know that since the time that Moses attained to that age, it seems to be taken for granted that those who are always anxious and ever ready, and who do actually express a desire to run before they are sent, are not the best fitted to do the work connected with the position into which they are so eager to thrust themselves.

So long as the work of our Church keeps growing and expanding in every direction, as it has been doing during the last few years, we cannot afford to dispense with the Superintendent of Missions.

Who does not know, unless it be the writer, or inspirer, of said article, that our Church has lost very much, some time ago, for the want of a

competent person to look after her interests? What would Presbyterianism be to day in Algoma, were it not for the vigilance and self-denial of the Superintendent of Missions? Others have done, and are still doing good work in their sphere, as the Superintendent of Missions has done, and is still doing in his sphere.

When other denominations are putting forth special efforts to overtake and extend their work, is surely not the time for our Church to withdraw her hand, and slacken her efforts. Apologizing, Mr. Editor, for craving so much space in your valuable paper, but trusting you may find room for the above in your next issue, I am yours truly,

D. H. MACLENNAN,  
Bruce Mines, Algoma, Ont.

#### Wireless Telegraphy.

The wonderful experiments in wireless telegraphy as demonstrated for the first time by exchanging signals from a railway station to a train running at a rate of sixty miles an hour, made on the Grand Trunk special train October 13th, 1902, carrying the members of the American Association of General Passenger and Tickets Agents to their forty-seventh annual convention held at Portland, Maine, October 14th and 15th, 1902 has prompted the Passenger Department of the Grand Trunk Railway system to issue a publication giving a description of the experiments together with a concise, popular treatise on the principles of wireless telegraphy, dealing with the subject also from an historical point of view and including a chapter on the recent developments of this branch of physical science. This article is from the pen of Howard T. Barnes, D. Sc., F. R. S. C., of the Macdonald Physical Laboratory of McGill University, Montreal, and is most opportune in view of the great interest occasioned by the recent arrival of Glace Bay, Cape Breton of Signor Marconi, on an Italian warship, with the object of perfecting his plans for wireless telegraphy across the Atlantic Ocean. In addition to the article on this subject, a description of the luxurious Grand Trunk special train on which the experiments were made, and a short resume of the trip from Chicago to Portland, Maine, is given in an interesting manner. Copies of this valuable publication have been mailed to the principal officials of the great railway systems of the world, and anyone desiring a copy can secure one by sending a two cent stamp to G. T. Bell, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Grand Trunk Railway System, Montreal.

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God's ways seem dark; but, soon or late,  
They touch the shining hills of day;  
The evil cannot brook delay,  
The good can well afford to wait.

Whittier.

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