

to Canaan. He speaks with divine authority, and enforces his commands by divine sanctions, 'for my name' (i.e. the compass of my revealed qualities) is in Him. The question naturally arises, how the angel who possesses these high predicates stands related to angels who elsewhere appear not representing the whole self-manifestations of God to His people, but discharging isolated commissions. The Biblical data for the solution of this question are very scanty."

All whilst, or one or other part or parts thereof, being found proven against you, the said Mr. William Robertson Smith, by the said Free Presbytery of Aberdeen, before which you are to be tried, by your own public confession, or after habile and competent proof, you, the said Mr. William Robertson Smith, ought to be punished according to the rules and discipline of the Church, and the usage observed in such cases, for the glory of God, the edification of the Church, and the deterring of others holding the same sacred office, from committing the like offences in all time coming.

Signed at Aberdeen, in name and presence and by appointment of the Free Presbytery of Aberdeen, this day of _____, Eighteen hundred and seventy-seven years."

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

KNOX CHURCH, Owen Sound (Rev. Mr. Morrison's) is asking for a colleague.

REV. JOHN LEISHMAN, of South Gower, lectured in the Orange Hall, Smirville, on the 25th ult., on the subject, "Why I am a Presbyterian." Mr. Leishman handled the subject in his usual exhaustive manner—the fruit of which will, no doubt, be reaped in due season.

THE Presbyterians of Strathroy are erecting a very handsome church which they hope to finish next Spring or Summer. The basement will be opened for worship on December 9th., by Rev. George M. Milligan, Old St. Andrews, Toronto, who will also lecture on Monday evening following, for the benefit of the church, on "What the Sundays say."

REV. A. H. CAMERON, of St. Andrew's Church, Smirville, Township of Mountain, was presented a few days ago with a new fur overcoat costing \$45, by the young ladies of the congregation. Mr. Cameron has been three years in this charge and has been most indefatigable in his labors for the temporal and spiritual welfare of the people.

A VERY large and liberal collection was taken up last Sabbath in St. James' Cathedral on behalf of the bereaved family of Rev. Mr. Tilley. It speaks well for the congregation. It also speaks well for the deceased pastor whose memory is so fragrant, and whose works do follow. To this sum will be added a large subscription from London.

AT the last meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto, a committee with Rev. R. D. Frazer, convener, was appointed to arrange for missionary meetings to be held in all the churches within the bounds. The committee have issued a circular containing the various appointments. There is no class of meetings more popular, or more calculated to afford interesting information to the people. We trust that the weather will be propitious, that the meetings will be largely attended, and that the pecuniary results will be satisfactory.

AT a large meeting held in St. Matthew's last Friday evening, Mr. Grant was presented with a handsome silver tea service valued at \$800, in token of the high appreciation of his congregation of his long continued and laborious services in their interests. On Sabbath Principal Grant dispensed the communion for the last time as pastor of St. Matthew's and took kindly farewell of his dear people. Mr. Grant will take part in the missionary meetings to be held this week in Erskine Church, Montreal, on his way to Kingston, where he is expected to arrive on Friday.

THE managers of the Central Presbyterian Church of Toronto, made early arrangements to provide for the north-western section of the city a course of popular lectures and sacred concerts. One of each has already been given—the lecture by Rev. B. B. Ussher, M.D., on "Contagious Follicles," which we understand gave great satisfaction, and the concert conducted by Mr. C. E. Reynolds, the organist of the church, and assisted by a large choir. The remaining lecturers are Revs. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., William Ormiston, D.D., David Mitchell, and Principal Grant, and Mr. N. F. Davin, author of the "Irishman in Canada." One concert will be given in December and another in January. The citizens of Toronto we are certain will accord a hearty reception to Rev. Mr. Ormiston on the occasion of his reappearance amongst them. His lecture comes off on Tuesday, the 4th December. With the

array of talent which the Central Church has secured, we are sure the results will be satisfactory in regard to the instruction and enjoyment which it is the object of the managers to furnish, and also as to the pecuniary profits of the course.

THE anniversary services of College street Presbyterian Church, Toronto, were held on the 18th inst., and attracted large congregations. In the morning Rev. B. B. Ussher of the Reformed Episcopal Church delivered an instructive and practical discourse representing Christianity as a source of temporal prosperity; at three o'clock Rev. D. J. Macdonnell preached with much acceptance; and in the evening Rev. Prof. McLaren found a fertile field for thought in the long and oft repeated list of the offerings brought by the twelve princes of Israel, as found in the seventh chapter of Numbers.—On the Tuesday evening following a very pleasant and highly successful social was held by the ladies of the congregation for the purpose of aiding the building fund. The chair was occupied by Rev. A. Gilray, the pastor, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Brown, John Smith, J. Inglis, etc. These addresses were able—some of them brilliant—and were received with evident marks of appreciation. The music was supplied by the choir of the church, with the important addition of Professor Jones, who rendered several solos in his usual expressive manner.

ON Sunday, the 11th Nov., the Rev. Principal Macvicar opened a new church for the congregation of Edwardsburg, Ont. The pastor of this congregation, the Rev. W. M. McKibbin, is an old pupil of the Principal. He completed his theological course at the Presbyterian College, Montreal—at the end of the session 1874-75; he is also a graduate in Arts of the University of McGill College, and was ordained and inducted to his present charge, Oct 7th, 1875. The church which this congregation now enter, is considered a very handsome edifice. It is built of red brick with trimmings of white in the Gothic style, with a very graceful tower and spire 110 feet in height. The building fronts southward and the tower is to the left of the front, and contains the main entrance. The interior of the audience-room is frescoed in relief in a beautiful and effective manner. The windows are filled with borders of stained glass around centres of frosted glass. The pews can accommodate about 260, but slip-seats, crossing the aisles between the iron pews, can accommodate, when necessary, about 100 more. The basement is yet unfinished, but when this is complete it is estimated that the cost of the whole will probably reach \$6,000. This is thought marvelously cheap by men of experience, some of whom have guessed at \$10,000 or \$12,000 as being the cost. So far as the building is now finished the cost is a little over \$5,000. Of this sum about the half remained as a debt at the time of the opening. It is pleasant to be able to say, however, that this debt was more than covered by cash receipts and subscriptions during the opening celebration. Dr. Macvicar preached twice on Sunday to large and attentive audiences; and the next day gave an interesting lecture on the Pan-Presbyterian Council, and a tour in Britain last summer. It is not unlikely that the Doctor's presence and help will in a few weeks be sought by another old pupil in connection with two church openings. Within each portion of the charge of the Rev. W. J. Dey, M.A., of Spencerville and Ventnor, a church is nearly completed, that at Spencerville being a beautiful and costly structure of stone. Within a radius of seven miles from a point in this vicinity, four churches have been erected by as many Presbyterian congregations during this year. The total value of these buildings will not fall much short of \$20,000. Add to this the fact that a fifth church within the district indicated, the church in the village of Iroquois is not yet three years old. These facts seem to indicate a revival of Presbyterianism within at least a part of a too long neglected region of Central Canada.—COM.

INDUCTION AT CHATHAM, N.B.—The Presbytery of Miramichi met in St. John's Church, Chatham, on the evening of the 15th ult., for the purpose of inducing the Rev. J. A. F. McBain, late of Drummondville, Ont., into the charge of the congregation to which the Rev. John M. Allan ministered until about a year ago. The Presbytery was constituted in the vestry at seven o'clock when report was made that the edict had been duly served. The usual formalities having been gone through the court as constituted entered the church, when the Rev. W. McCullagh preached a sermon

from the words "Whom we preach." Thereafter, Rev. S. Houston, who presided, narrated the steps, and calling on Mr. McBain to come forward put the questions as prescribed by the Assembly, which being answered in the affirmative, prayer was offered up, and he was in the name of the Head of the Church and by authority of Presbytery declared, inducted into the pastorate and admitted to all the rights and privileges thereto appertaining. Mr. Houston then gave the charge to the newly inducted minister, and Rev. J. Anderson addressed the congregation. After the congregation had welcomed Mr. McBain, the Trustees came forward, and through the acting Moderator put two month's salary into Mr. McBain's hands, and declared they meant to pay monthly. The Presbytery and congregation then adjourned to the Sabbath School room where an ample tea was provided by the good ladies. On the wall was the motto in overgreen— "Welcome to our Hearts and Homes." Mr. McBain enters on his work with evidence that he has a warm-hearted people to appreciate his ministrations and to encourage him in his work, and with the best wishes of the Presbytery. May the blessing of God crown the union now formed.—SIGNA.

WORDS OF THE WISE.

HOW GREAT WORKS ARE DONE.

We are not here for holidays; our lives are not for dreaming. While toiling hands and busy hands are labouring all around: Men are stirring, wheels are whirling, fires gleaming, vessels steaming.

There is work on land and ocean, and in regions underground:

And full often, as I ponder o'er some lofty pile up-springing, On triumphant deeds accomplished, on some mighty victory won,

I find that in my ears a chime of thought has been set ringing:

"All great works are made up of little works well done."

We stand upon the shore, we hear afar the people cheering, See the vessel at her moorings, proudly waiting for the launch!

In eager flocks from all the docks the workmen are appearing:

Who laid her planks in busy ranks, with labour true and staunch,

The plate-layers, and iron-smiths, the carpenter with hammer, The sawyers and the armourers, and craftsmen one by one, With ready glee give three times three, and swell the joyful clamour,

There "great work was made up of little works well done."

How grew the great cathedral pile, her buttresses and towers: Whose hands laid the foundations deep, and raised the walls on high?

While slowly the grey arches rose, long days of working hours,

And years of busy working days, in patient toil went by. Not the architects alone, not only earnest master-builders, But the men who hewed the timbers, and who quarried forth the stones:

The masons and the sculptors, and the carvers and the gold-crafters;

"The great work was made up of little works well done!"

Be in earnest! be in earnest! our lives are not for trifles,

In God's great building array here no efforts can be lost; The victories of our Leader are not won with swords and rifles: But noiseless deeds and secret prayers oft spread the triumph most:

Thro' all the land, let ev'ry hand bring service to the Master: They work who best remember that "well prayed is well begun!"

Each loving thought with action fraught will spread the victory faster,

For "great works are made up of little works well done!"

NOTHING will better conceal what you are than silence. To be easy and happy in thy family, observe discipline and method.

No man can be too holy; but when a man says he is sinless, then in place of real holiness he offers a worse than worthless self-righteousness.—*Christian at Work.*

LET us take care how we speak of those who have fallen on life's field. Help them up, not heap scorn upon them. We did not see the conflict. We do not know the scars.

He who betrays another's secret because he has quarrelled with him, was never worthy of the sacred name of friend; a breach of kindness will not justify a breach of trust.

PLACES of difficulty prove man's weakness and want; but they are made great blessings when the Lord comes into them to supply all that is wanting, in the riches of His great love.

THERE is no life so full as the pastor's, because none so full of sacred friendships and divinest love and most glorious success. It is the most glorious of lives.—*Lyman Abbott, D.D.*

O how many precious moments are wasted in softness and self-indulgence, in frivolous pursuits, in idle conversation, in vague and useless revelry, which, if rightly improved, might tell upon the world's destiny and the Redeemer's glory.—*Clark.*