

Northern Ontario.

The Presbytery of North Bay will meet at Callander, Sept. 28th, at 9 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be held at Barrie, September 20th, 1904, at 10.30 a.m.

On Thursday evening last the Ladies Aid of St. Andrew's church, Burk's Falls, held a very successful garden party.

Rev. D. McKerrell, Sutton, has been given a call by the congregation at Lucknow, to fill the place of Rev. Angus McKay, who resigned some time ago.

Principal Gordon of Queen's University, being present, addressed the Presbytery on the Assembly's action as to the relation of the University to the Church.

The building committee of St. Andrew's church, Burk's Falls, have the excavating for their new church nearly completed and tenders are asked for the building.

Rev. R. Drinnan has received a unanimous call to the congregation of Rosseau and Turtle Bay in the Presbytery of North Bay. The induction will take place at Rosseau on Thursday, Sept. 8, at 3 p.m.

Dr. McLeod, Moderator of the Session of Angus and New Lowell, reported that he had called a meeting of this congregation for the purpose of moderating in a call to a minister, and Mr. Crow was authorized to call a special meeting of the Presbytery when requested.

At the last meeting of the Barrie Presbytery it was stated that Mr. Edington had received and accepted a call from Stratford Presbytery, and a motion by Dr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. J. E. Smith, expressing high esteem for Mr. Edington and appreciation of his work in Wyevalle, was passed.

The official report of the Assembly, authorizing the reception of Mr. C. R. Ashdown as a minister of Cour church, was read, and on motion, duly seconded, the Presbytery expressed its satisfaction, and ordered Mr. Ashdown's name to be added to the appendix to the Roll of the Presbytery.

St. Andrew's congregation, Sundridge, under the pastorate of the Rev. G. L. Johnston, is building a brick church with cut stone basement at a total cost of about \$15,000. On Monday evening last week the corner stone was laid in the presence of a large congregation. The impressive services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. Garrioch of Warren, Rev. J. A. McDonald of Toronto, and the Rev. J. Steele of Callander. The corner stone was laid by Mrs. J. G. Cormack.

Returned to Canada.

Rev. Thurlow Fraser, Canadian missionary to Formosa, has returned to Canada on account of Mrs. Fraser's health. A telegram from Vancouver announced their arrival here on Thursday. Mr. Fraser is a graduate of Queen's University, and prior to going to Formosa was assistant to Rev. Dr. Moore in Ottawa, formerly of Bank street church.

He has been on the mission field for two years, with headquarters at Tamsui, where the late Dr. G. L. Mackay founded the first Canadian Presbyterian mission in 1872. Mrs. Fraser's health has been unsatisfactory for some time, and her return to Canada became imperative. Mr. Fraser may return to Formosa, but no arrangements have as yet been made.

Once Pastor in Canada.

The death of Rev. M. M. Macneil, D. D., minister of the second charge of Dysert, Fifeshire, was recently announced. A native of Glasgow, where he was educated, he was licensed by that Presbytery, and shortly afterwards received a call to an influential congregation in Ontario. Having been successfully engaged in work in Canada, he returned to his native country, and was minister of Bridgegate quad sacra parish, Glasgow, for a time.

It is thought very probable that the German Emperor will come to England in November, though it will be quite an informal visit. The Kaiser will stay a few days with the King and Queen, either at Buckingham Palace or at Sandringham, and would then go to Lowther Castle on a visit to the Earl and Countess of Lonsdale. Lord Lonsdale is shortly leaving Lowther Castle for Germany, and he has again received an invitation from the Emperor to be present at the annual manoeuvres.

A Chinese Picnic.

On Monday afternoon, August 20th, the pupils of the Chinese Sunday School of Knox Church, Ottawa, had their annual picnic in the grounds surrounding the house of Mr. Alexander Kennedy on the Canal road, near Hartwell's locks. The afternoon was perfect, and a large number of the pupils turned out, to enjoy a most pleasant afternoon of games. It was noticed that all the Chinamen were much interested in hearing about the trees and the different shrubs and flowers, as well as the grains growing nearby. They asked many questions and the afternoon would prove to them to be of great profit as well as pleasure. Mr. J. H. McLeod, the Superintendent, who has for so many years worked among the Chinamen, was ably helped by his assistant, Mr. Bert McMillan, and by the teachers of the school, who served tea to their pupils on the lawn. All these present were glad to welcome back Hum Quon, one of the most advanced pupils, who has just returned from a trip to China where, we believe, he has left his bride for a few months. The picnic had been postponed from last Monday which was hopelessly wet, but unlike most postponed events it was a great success. The teachers and pupils as well feel most grateful to Mr. Kennedy and the ladies of his house who so kindly looked after the comfort of all.

The Kah-gyur, or Tibetan Bible, consists of 108 volumes of 1,000 pages each, containing 1,083 separate books. Each of the volumes weighs 10 lb., and forms a package 26 in. long, 8 in. broad, and 8 in. deep. This Bible requires a dozen yaks for its transport, and the carved wooden blocks from which it is printed need rows of houses, like a city, for their storage. A tribe of Mongols paid 7,000 oxen for a copy of this Bible. In addition to the Bible there are 225 volumes of commentaries, which are necessary for its understanding. There is also a large collection of revelations which supplement the Bible.

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British and Foreign.

The Russian Government has decided to found an agricultural college for women.

The wages of the common labourer in Ireland are now nearly double those of twelve years ago. During the last forty years there has been a well-marked decrease in early marriages in Ireland.

In sixty years the population of Erin's Isle has declined from over eight millions to less than 4½ millions!

For publishing a report of the murder of Julius Cæsar as a recent occurrence a Finnish paper has been suspended.

At a meeting on the 27th ult. of the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society of England it was reported that a loss to the society of from £8500 to £9000 must be anticipated as a consequence of this year's show.

Improvements continue to be made at Balmoral Castle, and it is now one of the most luxurious and comfortable of great Scottish mansions. It is expected that their Majesties will entertain many of their foreign relations there this autumn.

The Austrian exhibition which has been arranged for next year at Earl's Court, London, has, at the request of the Austrian Government, been postponed until the following year. In its place will be a Naval, Shipping and Fisheries Exhibition.

When we are told that the Lords who decided against the U. F. Church are not Presbyterians it is well to remember that three out of the four Judges in the Court of Session whose judgment in its favour was appealed are Episcopalians, and one a member of the Catholic Apostolic Church.

Dr. Murray Mitchell, the veteran missionary, is getting ready to put into Messrs. Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier's hands, for publication this autumn, his recent Duff Lectures on "The Religions of India."

Rev. Dr. John G. Paton, the veteran missionary, has started on another voyage to the New Hebrides. Before leaving Melbourne he addressed a meeting, at which he referred to the importance of the annexation of the New Hebrides group of Islands by Great Britain.

A feature of the national exhibition which is being organized in Dublin will be an Irish mine and quarry section, including an historical view of Irish iron, coal, copper, lead, silver and gold mining and manufacture. There will also be illustrations of products and wrought work from Irish iron mines and foundries. The buildings are to be erected entirely of Irish materials.

Great distress is said to prevail throughout Russia in consequence of the stagnation in industry caused by the war. Thousands of hands are without employment and without food, and the distress is accentuated by the insolvency of an old banking house, with liabilities amounting to £220,000, the victims of which are depositors possessed of small means, and who are now left penniless.

A provincial gentleman recently described an encounter he once had with a London newsboy. "I was on my first visit to London," he said, "and, naturally, I had some difficulty in finding my way about. There was an alert-looking newsboy at a corner, and I approached him. 'My lad,' I said, 'I want to go to the Mansion House.' 'Very well,' said the boy, 'you may go; but don't stay more than half-an-hour.'"

The "Standard" Vienna correspondent says—Professor Reczynski, of Cracow University, has discovered, after a series of experiments, in which he was assisted by Professor Nowak and Dr. Droba, which he claims to be the cause of dysentery. He asserts that the disease is due to the bacillus discovered by Schiz and Krause, since experiments made with the bacillus on rabbits, dogs, and cats resulted in symptoms similar to dysentery. He expects that it will soon be possible to discover a serum against the disease.

Not long ago a Portuguese started a small farm on top of the extinct crater of Punchbowl, in the Hawaiian Islands, growing melons and vegetables for the local market. His enterprise may be followed on a much larger scale by another cultivator, who has applied to the Territorial Government for a lease of the well-known Diamond Head crater. The crater is bug-proof and beetle-free. No worm has ever been known to creep up its calcined walls and no moth or winged insect ever rises above the rim of the crater except to be hurled far out to sea by the winds which blow from Kaimuki. A vegetable garden in Diamond Head crater would, therefore, be insured for all time against insect pests.

The Rev. Robert Potter, of whose death Tuesday was the hundredth anniversary, was famous in his time as a translator of the Greek tragedians, but is interesting now chiefly as the subject of a saying of Lord Thurlow that may be pondered by dispensers of patronage. It was during his twenty-eight years curacy and school-mastership at Scarning that Potter found leisure for his translations; and he dutifully sent a copy of each work to the great Lord Chancellor, who had himself been educated at Scarning School. But Thurlow waited eleven years, until Potter had translated the entire body of Greek tragedy before giving him a canon's stall at Norwich as reward. "I did not like to promote him earlier," he explained, "for fear of making him indolent."

During the last few months an inquiry into the extent of the "Los von Rom" movement in Austria has been proceeding, and a summary of the result has been published. Up to June, 1903, there had been 22,766 conversions to the Lutheran Church, 2,276 to the Reformed Church and 9,393 to the Old Catholic Church. In addition, some 4,000 persons had separated from the Roman Catholic Church, but had not officially returned themselves as members of any other. The following particulars also indicate the progress of the movement. Within this period 58 Protestant places of worship have been erected; in 134 towns and villages regular Protestant services have been conducted, and 108 preaching stations have been formed; some 90 young preachers have devoted themselves to the work, and about a dozen have been banished from Austria for excess of zeal in their new sphere.