

RELIGIOUS.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Paul's on Thursday last the resignation of Rev. Dr. Hill as rector of St. Paul's was accepted. It takes effect on Nov. 11. It is rumoured that the Rev. gentleman is coming out to take leave of his people.

We are thankful to see that King's College has opened with such good prospects. There are now 27 students in residence, with the certainty of more. It is sincerely to be trusted that confidence will be restored under present management, though the federation of Colleges is now put back for twenty years.

The Rev. W. Ellis of Sackville is in the city on his way home. He has been absent six weeks.

The Church of England S. S. Teachers' Association holds its annual anniversary services for the children of the city Sunday Schools in St. Luke's Cathedral on Sunday afternoon next at 3 o'clock. This interesting service will no doubt be well attended.

The Church Congress which was to have been held in Montreal this month, has been postponed on account of the prevalence of small pox in that city.

METHODIST.

Last Sunday morning and evening the pulpits of the Methodist Churches of this city and Dartmouth were occupied by members of the Missionary Board of the Methodist Church of Canada. After the regular services platform meetings were held in some of the churches. On Monday evening the missionary anniversary of the Halifax South Circuit was held in Grafton Street Church, when interesting services were delivered by the Rev. Drs. W. S. Griffin and A. Sutherland and Rev. C. S. Eby, M. A., of Japan, and Rev. A. E. Green of British Columbia. The annual meeting of the Society was held in Brunswick Street Church. His Honor the Lieut.-Governor presiding. Next issue we hope to give a report of the proceedings.

It is stated that six thousand of the eight thousand pulpits in the British Wesleyan Conference are occupied every Sunday by local preachers, alternating or assisting the regular pastors.

Connected with the British Wesleyan Conference are 2,757 ministers and 535,103 members, with 46,673 on trial for membership.

It is reported that the membership of the Methodists of Great Britain and Ireland, including all branches, is 762,494. Besides these, there are meeting in classes as members on trial and members in juvenile classes fully one hundred thousand more, many of whom it is expected will become members during the year.

PRESBYTERIAN.

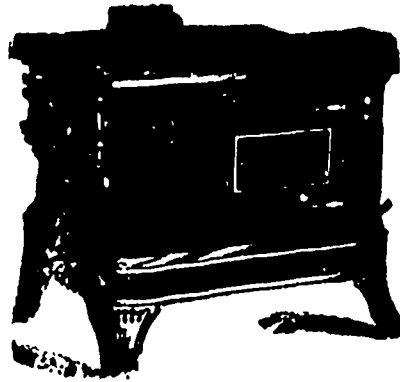
The Synod of the Maritime Provinces met in St. Andrews' Church, St. John, last week. After the opening ceremonies the Synod proceeded to the election of a moderator. Several were nominated for the position, but the choice fell on Rev. Thos. Sedgewick of Tatamagouche. The report of the committee having in charge the Hunter Church Building Fund, showed that during the year assistance had been given towards the erection of six new churches, and voted to four more, viz.: Glenbard, Tatamagouche Mountain, Higgins Settlement and Port Hastings. The total expenditure for the year was \$1,567, making in all from the first founding of the fund \$33,000. Quite a lengthy discussion took place on the question of unifying the foreign mission work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. At the present the work is carried on by two missionary boards. The majority favored the scheme, but owing to their being a large minority, the Synod agreed to postpone the matter for the present. Almost a whole afternoon was taken up with the petition of ex-principal Ross for an increase of his retiring allowance, which ended in the Synod deciding to grant him a retiring allowance of \$900 a year. During one of its sessions a telegram was received from Rev. Geo. Christie, announcing the death of his son, Rev. Thos. Christie, late missionary of the Synod in Trinidad, at Kelseyville, California. The news had a very depressing effect, and prayer was offered for the widow and relatives. Very satisfactory reports were read in connection with the Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Augmentation, and Widows' and Orphans' Fund. A very interesting discussion took place on College matters. The proposal to have a summer instead of a winter session at Pine Grove College, Halifax, was opposed, and no action was taken, though the scheme could have carried. On Friday evening the Synod adjourned to meet next year at Truro.

The Rev. Thos. Christie, whose death is mentioned elsewhere, was born at Yarmouth. He studied at Dalhousie, and after having graduated studied Theology at Union College in New York. In 1873 he was appointed a missionary to Trinidad. He labored there very successfully until 1883, when he was compelled to leave that country on account of failing health. He returned to Canada and laboured for a few months when he went to California in hopes of having his health restored. Early last summer he was laid aside from work, and a few months brought him to the end. He was highly esteemed by his brethren in the ministry.

A call to Rev. Arch. Gunn, late of Windsor, has been extended by Greenoch Church, St. Andrew's, N. B.

The call from the church at St. Thomas, Ont., to Rev. Dr. Archibald has been accepted, as has also that of the church at Clyde and Barrington to Mr. Jas. K. McLure of Truro.

On Wednesday next a meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church will be held for the purpose of calling a minister.



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