

## Church News

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### In Canada.

REV. W. J. CLARK and Mr. George A. McGillivray, of London, laid two corner stones of the new Presbyterian church now being built at Ilderton.

REV. J. W. McMILLAN, of Mount Pleasant, Vancouver, B.C., has received an unanimous call to St. Andrew's church, Lindsay. Stipend \$1,400, with summer vacation.

REV. J. A. GREENLEES, New Mills, N. B., has accepted a hearty and unanimous call from the congregation of St. Peter's, C. B. The induction is fixed for Monday, the 25th inst.

REV. MESSRS. GOFORTH, MALCOLM, AND SLEMINON, who left Toronto for Honan, China, some time ago, have arrived safely. They report everything quiet, with prospects encouraging.

REV. W. DAWSON, Canard, has received a most unanimous call from Folly congregation, Londonderry. The call is said to be the most unanimous and cordial ever given by this congregation. Mr. Dawson has labored during the past twelve years at Canard.

At a recent "At Home," held at Kirkfield, the congregation took an affectionate leave of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. MacLean, who have assumed charge of the Claremount congregation. A handsome present was given to Mrs. MacLean. At the same meeting a complimentary address and a valuable gift were presented to Mrs. Mosgrove, the organist.

THE festival and entertainment held at the Pine River church recently, was a success in every particular. The home choir gave some excellent music. Speeches by the pastor, Rev. Mr. McFarlane, Mr. John Shields, Mr. E. Dawson and Rev. Mr. Henderson, of Atwood, were loudly applauded. Proceeds amounted to \$74, which will go to the church fund.

THE Ladies' Aid Society of St. Paul's church, Victoria, having completed a beautiful silk autograph quilt, upon which they have been working the past six months, and from which they realized nearly one hundred dollars towards the funds, presented, at a recent meeting, the quilt to Mrs. Macfar, the pastor's wife.

THE communion was dispensed on Sabbath last, June 9th, at Acadia Mines, by the Rev. W. C. Calder. Thirty-four with this congregation, six by certificate, twenty-eight on profession of their faith in Jesus. At the preparatory services on the Friday evening preceding twelve of these uniting received the rite of baptism. A most pleasing feature of this season of refreshing was the coming out on the side of the Lord of so many young people, ranging in age from twelve years and upwards. The large addition is due to the faithful labors of Evangelist McKay who conducted services here some two months ago.

THE basement of the church at Toronto Junction was well filled with the friends of Rev. J. A. and Mrs. Grant, who were tendered a farewell. Ministers from Toronto, Weston and other places were present. They all spoke with regret at the loss of so valuable a couple. A musical and literary programme was provided by the choir and others. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable time was spent. R. C. Jennings presided. A reception was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Grant at Richmond Hill on the occasion of Mr. Grant's induction as pastor.

THE induction of Rev. Mr. Murr to the Union church, Seaford, was witnessed by a large congregation, the church being crowded. These over, the company were entertained at a sumptuous repast provided by the ladies of the congregation. The tables were neatly spread under the shade of the trees, on the

manse lawn. After refreshments, a social hour was spent, when proceedings were again taken up in the church. The choir was taken by Rev. Mr. Stewart of Clinton, and suitable addresses were delivered by Revs. Messrs. Acheson of Kippen, Henderson of Hensall, Shaw of Edmondville and the newly inducted pastor. An excellent choir, under the leadership of Mr. Jamieson, gave several pleasing and well rendered musical selections.

### Presbytery of Chatham.

PURSUANT to adjournment Chatham Presbytery met in Knox church, Leamington on Tuesday, 11th June, at 11.30 a.m. Mr. W. Patterson, B.A., licentiate was examined for ordination and the trials were unanimously pronounced satisfactory. At 2 p. m. on the same day Presbytery met in the same place to ordain and induct him into the pastoral charge of Knox church, Leamington, Mr. Gilchrist presiding. The edict having been returned duly certified and no objections to Mr. Patterson's life or doctrine having been offered, Mr. Mustard conducted public worship. Mr. Patterson was then solemnly ordained and inducted by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, Mr. Manson and Mr. Tolmie gave appropriate addresses to the minister and people respectively, after which at the door Mr. Patterson received a hearty welcome from the people. After meeting with the session and managers and conferring with Mr. Patterson regarding his connection with the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, the meeting was brought to an end and was closed with the benediction.—W. M. FLEMING, Clerk.

### Presbytery of Halifax.

THIS Presbytery met on Tuesday at Lower Musquodoboit, ordained Mr. James F. Polley, and inducted him to the charge of the congregation of Little River, Antrim and Meagher's Grant. Mr. Polley, who is a native of St. Stephen, N.B., took two sessions in the Presbyterian College, Halifax, and graduated from that institution in April last. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Halifax immediately on his graduation, and since then has been preaching in New Brunswick. The congregation of Lower Musquodoboit has been vacant since October, 1892. At that time it was self-supporting, but during the past two years it has sustained severe losses, by the death of some of its leading men and the removal of others to the western part of the Dominion. The protracted vacancy, too, has been injurious. With the settlement of Mr. Polley, however, it is hoped and believed the congregation will be revived and strengthened. Mr. Polley is able for work and willing to do it, and with the co-operation of his people who have received him very heartily, there is every reason to believe that he will succeed in building up the cause of Christ in that part of the Musquodoboit Valley. One is sorry to see so many vacant places in that fine agricultural region. Within the bounds of the congregation at the present time there are not less than twenty farms unoccupied. And all through that part of the county the farms are in extent, large, larger than can be well wrought. The land is capable of sustaining very many more people than are on it. When the young men and women of that district, and of our rural districts generally learn that they may go further and fare no better, often worse, and settle down to honest, honorable work in their native land, it will be a good thing, alike for themselves and the country, for both church and state. The congregation of Lower Musquodoboit is one of the oldest in the Presbytery. In the cemetery at Meagher's Grant section, lie the remains of the Rev. James Murdoch, the first Presbyterian minister who was permanently settled in Nova Scotia. He was drowned in 1799 in the Musquodoboit River. The names of Fathers Spratt and Sedgwick are very familiar through all that region. The congregation has enjoyed the ministrations of excellent men for a long season. But for all that it is still struggling because of the sparsely settled character of the district. The services of ordination and in-

duction conducted by Messrs. A. B. Dickey, F. W. Thompson, J. Layton and J. P. Falconer, were appropriate and impressive. The congregation which was fairly well represented, was very attentive and appeared to be very much gratified at the success of their call, and at the prospect of enjoying the stated administration of word and ordinance by the man of their choice. The manse was put in order against the coming of the new pastor and his family, and it is the intention of the people to brighten up the church as well. With four pastors in the Musquodoboit Valley, and four on the eastern shore, all vigorous men, the interests of Presbyterianism ought to be pretty well looked after in that section of the country. The Presbytery will meet again in Halifax, June 25, at 10 a.m., when the calls to Mr. Black and Mr. Dawson will be considered.—A. S.

### Presbytery of Brandon.

THE Presbytery of Brandon met at Oak Lake, there being present: Revs. Beattie (moderator), Hodges, McDiarmid, Fortune, Beveridge, Shearer, and elders, Richards, Ballantyne and Todd. Reports of standing committees were considered, Mr. D. H. Hodges presented the report on Sabbath Observance. Among the recommendations adopted by the Presbytery was one advising that steps be taken to prevent the distribution of mail matter on the Sabbath, and that Sabbath traffic on railways be restricted as much as possible. The convener of the committee on Sabbath Observance was instructed to arrange for a conference on this subject at next meeting. Mr. T. R. Shearer read the report on Statistics and Finance. A decrease in the number of communicants added to the church, and in the amounts raised for all purposes, was reported, although in other respects the report was fairly satisfactory. Mr. W. H. Irwin presented the Sabbath School report. This report was fuller and more accurate than last year's report, a larger proportion of Sabbath schools having forwarded their statistics than ever before. A very interesting and profitable discussion followed the reading of this report, and a conference on Sabbath school work was arranged for the September meeting of the Presbytery. The report on the State of Religion was presented by Mr. W. G. W. Fortune, after which a public conference took place on this important subject. The Presbytery conferred with the Oak Lake congregation, regarding the finances of the congregation. It was shown that the managers had done their utmost to pay off arrears of salary but without success. No definite action was taken by Presbytery at this meeting. Standing committees were appointed with conveners as follows:—Home Mission, W. G. W. Fortune; Foreign Mission, W. Beattie; Temperance, T. C. Court; Sabbath Schools, W. H. Irwin; Statistics, T. R. Shearer; State of Religion, T. Beveridge; Maintenance of Manitoba College, T. C. Court; Sabbath Observance, D. H. Hodges; Church Law and Property, Jas. Robertson, D.D.; Systematic Benevolence, D. Carwell; Examination of Students, W. Beattie; Allocation for Schemes of the Church, D. H. Hodges. The next meeting of Presbytery will be held in Brandon on Thursday, July 16th, at 10 a.m.

### Epworth Leaguers, Attention!

A SPECIAL TRAIN for your sole benefit—Buffalo to Chattanooga—will leave via Nickel Plate Road on Tuesday, June 25th, at 5 p.m., arriving at Cincinnati at 8 a.m., and Chattanooga at 6.30 p.m., June 26th.

TAKE NOTE of this, and reserve your sleeping space at once, from the Committee, Percival M. White, Chairman, 23 American Block, Buffalo; or W. W. Day, Rochester, N.Y.; D. O. Coleman, Addison, N.Y.; R. U. Taylor, President, Olean, N.Y.; or F. J. Moore, General Agent, Nickel Plate Road, Buffalo, N.Y.

TICKETS for the round trip from Buffalo are \$18.25, and sleeping car berth will cost \$2.50.