

sympathy as the Roman governor with the apostle's intense moral earnestness, and to have felt just as little attraction for the truth in Christ which the preacher proclaimed. There was a sense in which Agrippa might pass as a religious man. Paul addressed him as a believer in the Scriptures. But the knowledge and belief which Agrippa had were not such as to prompt him to seek for more light on religious subjects. He was enough of a Jew to pass for one where it was his interest to do so, but his religion was not of a kind to make him willing to suffer any reproach for the people of God, much less was he likely to ally himself with a sect which was hated of the Jews and despised by the Gentiles. When Paul invited this frivolous Jew to a serious, earnest consideration of the claims of Christianity, he was met with scornful indifference. "Not so fast, Paul. You do not make a Christian of me like that;" and the apostle's speech is brought abruptly to a close. There are a good many to be found in Christian congregations today who appear to be fashioned a good deal on the type of Agrippa. They know a good deal about religion. They can give an intellectual assent to many things. But they do not propose to be drawn within that circle of moral earnestness where a demand is made that professed beliefs shall be regarded seriously and reduced to practice. The Agrippa type of hearer is today, as in Paul's day, a great hindrance to the truth and the bitter disappointment to the preacher.

Editorial Notes.

—We received on Saturday evening intelligence of the death of Rev. Elias Keirstead, of Collina, N. B., so well known among the older members of our churches in this province, and so highly esteemed because of his personal character, and his work as a minister of Christ. Mr. Keirstead, who had reached a very advanced age, being well on in his 91st year, had spent the last years of his life with one of his sons at Collina. For some months past his health had been very feeble, and he was waiting patiently for the summons that should call him home. Dr. Keirstead, of Wolfville, came to visit his father on Friday, and had the sad satisfaction of being with him at the last. Our sympathies are extended to the bereaved friends. A suitable obituary sketch will appear in a subsequent issue of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

—A loyal and hearty welcome was accorded to the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen by the people of St. John, on the occasion of their Excellencies' visit to the city last week. They visited the chief objects of interest and Lord Aberdeen inspected the improvements which have been made on the western side of the harbor for the accommodation of the trans-Atlantic winter trade. On Friday evening there was a very large meeting at the Institute and Lady Aberdeen explained at length to an interested audience the scheme in which she is so deeply interested for the establishment in Canada of the Victorian order of nurses. The active and untiring interest which both Lord and Lady Aberdeen manifest in the welfare of the country, and especially in philanthropic undertaking is such as to win for them the admiration and most kindly regard of the people.

The Installation Services at Acadia.

College Hall was nearly filled on Thursday evening, the 14th, at the Installation service of Dr. Trotter, as President of the University. The meeting was conducted by the Board of Governors. The members of the board on the platform were: Rev. G. J. C. White, Dr. Saunders, Rev. D. H. Simpson, Rev. A. Cohoon, Rev. F. M. Young, Rev. J. W. Manning, E. D. King, Dr. Kempton, H. H. Ayer, H. B. Crosby, Rev. J. A. Gordon, W. P. Shaffner, C. W. Roscoe, Dr. T. A. Higgins. At the left of the governors sat Hon. J. W. Longley, Dr. Hall, Principal Oakes, Rev. J. H. Barrs, J. Parsons, Dr. MacKay, Rev. W. N. Hutchins, Rev. J. B. Morgan, Rev. D. E. Hatt, Rev. G. A. Lawson.

Dr. Saunders presided with dignity and urbanity. Rev. J. W. Manning read part of Ephesians IV. Rev. T. A. Higgins, D.D., offered a prayer that was earnest and

very appropriate. Dr. Saunders traced the work of the institutions, and the ability and character of the men who had filled the office or acted as president. The mention of Dr. Sawyer's name brought forth much applause. Dr. Saunders said Dr. Trotter would be a worthy successor to the man he had named. The new president then came forward and was welcomed with cheers.

Dr. Trotter announced as the theme on which he would speak "Problems and inspirations in the Future of Acadia." The problems considered were those of Educational Efficiency, Theological Instruction and Finance. These were discussed in a way which showed that the new president of Acadia fully appreciates the difficulties to be encountered in the work which he has undertaken. But over against these difficult problems were to be set "the inspirations," which are found in a true and sound ideal of education, the degree of efficiency which the college has attained, the excellent reputation it has achieved through its graduates, and the history of its professoriate which, in spite of meagre financial support, has included men of mark and distinction as well as men most loyally and heartily devoted to the interests of the college and the denomination.

In closing President Trotter paid a hearty tribute to Dr. Sawyer, his predecessor in the presidency, to whom Acadia owed so much. It is hoped that in next week's issue the MESSENGER AND VISITOR will be able to publish Dr. Trotter's address in full.

At the conclusion of the address and during its delivery the speaker was greeted with applause. Dr. Sawyer spoke briefly congratulating the Governors and the constituency on the auspicious circumstances in which the new President was beginning his work, and congratulated Dr. Trotter on the outlook. He hoped and believed the institutions would have large prosperity. Hon. Dr. Longley, Attorney General of Nova Scotia made a happy speech full of good suggestions. He said a University must prove its right to live by its utility. He appreciated the work of the Presidents, but he was careful to include therein the work of the Professors who, he said, were seldom mentioned, but on whom the work and usefulness of the college mainly rested.

Dr. MacKay, superintendent of education in Nova Scotia praised Acadia for holding to a general course instead of specializing so much as the large Universities are now doing. The chairman announced that the Governors had decided to give all the students a holiday on Friday. Of course the students cheered.

Ontario Letter.

PASTOR P. K. DAYFOOT.

We are having, as usual, glorious autumn. The fields are green, because we have had rain. The forests are ablaze with crimson and gold, and all shades and combinations of the same, because we have had frost. The holiday season has gone back into ancient history. Churches, colleges, schools, individuals are all in full swing of work. Thus there has been no difficulty in the matter of gathering news this month.

A JUBILEE SERVICE

was held by the Georgetown church October 12-19. A tasteful souvenir has been published and distributed. That document was received by this scribe with mingled emotions. At the organization in 1847, the writer's grandfather was chosen deacon and treasurer, and three other members of the family were among the constituents of the infant church. A few years later, four others of the same name came into fellowship. Seven of these are now on the list of deceased members, and their dust lies in the village cemetery. Later still, the writer came into the Sunday School, then into the church, then was licensed as a student for the ministry; and looking back it is with profound gratitude to the pastors, deacons and members of that church, that he reviews the history of his own life. Among the fourteen pastors who have served the Georgetown church were the late Prof. Crawford and Henry Cocks. Dr. Perrin, of Chicago, had this as his first pastorate. Of the fourteen, four are dead, four are in the United States and six are still active in Canada.

THE ONTARIO CONVENTION

of Christian Endeavor met in St. Thomas, October 7 and 8. The secretary's report showed gratifying progress. The growth in societies has been 432, the losses 135, the net gain 297. The present membership is 102,452, a gain of 17,822. Ontario ranks fourth in America, having 2,150 societies. The leaders are Ohio, 2,383; New York, 3,049; Pennsylvania, 3,443.

The Junior Department also showed growth. There are 315 junior societies, with a membership of 17,451, making a net gain of 27 societies and 3,496 members. From these have gone 644 trained workers into the senior unions.

The treasurer's report showed total receipts from

seniors, \$510.08; from juniors, \$44.40, and an adverse balance of \$54.50. The juniors contributed to missions the sum of \$309.

OBITER.

Pastor T. W. Charlesworth, Maitland Street, London, recently received a purse from the appreciative people.

Pastor D. Murdock, of Waterford, mourns the death of his son, George H., who graduated brilliantly at McMaster University last June. Dr. Newman represented the Faculty at the funeral.

Pastor J. H. Sowerby of Guelph First Church, has been called to Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., U. S.

Pastor E. Hooper, M. D., has resigned at Beverley Street, Toronto. He will resume his medical practice.

Pastor J. J. Reeve, B. A., leaves Pembroke to take post graduate work in Semitics in Chicago.

Pastor R. Marshall goes from Beamsville to Palmerston. Student George Sneyd, B. A., who has been supplying East Toronto all summer, accepts a call to Fonthill.

The Galt church has replaced Pastor McLaurin by calling Rev. H. P. Widden, B. A., of Nova Scotia.

McMaster University opened Oct. 4. Classes are full and the prospect is encouraging.

Moulton Ladies' College begins the year prosperously. The musical scholarship was won by Miss Edna Cocks, daughter of the late Pastor Cocks, of Indianapolis, Ind. Her mother was the first graduate of the Woodstock, Ont., Ladies' College. Among the students are the two daughters of the late Principal McGregor. Others are enrolled from New Brunswick and Colorado.

The Ottawa church has been pastorless several months. The matter has at last been settled by the recalling of Rev. A. A. Cameron. Mr. Cameron's first pastorate in Ottawa lasted ten years. From there he went to Winnipeg, Manitoba; then to Denver, Colorado; thence to Brooklyn, N. Y. Now he returns to his "new—old field."

Pastor C. H. Kimball, who came to Aylmer, Ont., three years ago, from New York City, has resigned, and will leave at the end of November.

There has been for many years a flourishing German Baptist church in Berlin, Ont. Three years ago the English-speaking Baptists organized and secured the use of the Court House for services. Recently they laid the corner stone of a new edifice with all due ceremony. Pastor P. A. McEwen said he hoped the new house would be a Bethlehem, a Bethel, and a Bethesda.

Personal.

We were pleased to have a call the other day from Rev. F. H. Beals, the highly esteemed pastor of the Canso church, who looked in upon us as he passed this way on his vacation.

Rev. Addison F. Browne, of Lockeport, N. S., has been granted a month's vacation, a part of which he is spending in St. John. Bro. B. preached at the Tabernacle church on Sunday last and was present at the ministers' meeting on Monday morning.

Rev. W. J. Halse, who has for some years past ministered to the P. C. Baptist congregation of St. John, North End, has withdrawn from the P. C. body, with the intention of applying for membership in a Baptist church. With this in view he obtained, we understand, a letter of commendation from the P. C. B. Conference at its last meeting in Fredericton. He is also engaged, we learn, to minister for a time, at least, at the Tabernacle Baptist church in this city. Mr. Halse has been highly esteemed in the denomination from which he comes and as we are informed that the step he is now taking is the result of mature thought and conviction, he will no doubt receive a cordial welcome among the Baptists.

The opening to the public of Chicago's new public library is made the timely subject in the October Magazine number of the Outlook for an interesting article by Mr. Forrest Crissey. The article is illustrated by the reproduction of some quite remarkable photographs taken for this purpose by Mr. Leo Weil, the well-known artistic photographer. These show in a striking way the interior decoration of the library, which is novel and even extraordinary. Mr. Crissey remarks that the walls are embellished with a greater quantity of fine glass and marble mosaic work than has been put into any other building since the completion in the thirteenth century of the celebrated cruciform cathedral in Monreale, Sicily. \$3.00 a year. The Outlook Company, 13 Astor Place, New York.)

Not a little favorable comment has been made by the press on the special announcement by The Outlook that its chief feature for the coming year (in the Magazine Numbers) will be a series of papers by Edward Everett Hale on "Lowell and His Friends." The general interest expressed assures a particularly cordial welcome to this series of articles. (\$3 a year. The Outlook Company, 13 Astor Place, New York.)