

granted. Mr. N. H. Russell, another graduating student of Manitoba College, having been summoned to Toronto to appear before the Foreign Mission Committee, the Presbytery agreed to waive the irregularity of his non-appearance, and decided to make similar application on his behalf. The Moderator and Clerk were appointed to assign subjects for discourse to Messrs. MacBeth and Russell. Rev. Dr. King presented the following overture in regard to the moral training of school teachers: "Whereas the moral training and education of the youth of the country is a matter of the greatest importance both to the Church and to the state; whereas the reverent and frequent use of the holy scriptures in the public schools of the Dominion is a valuable and, indeed, indispensable element in such training; whereas the moral and religious character of the teachers is of great moment in this connection, and whereas there is reason to believe that sufficient weight is not attached to these considerations, the Presbytery of Winnipeg humbly overtureth the General Assembly to take the premises into its consideration and to take such action as may lead the members of this Church, along with their Christian fellow-citizens belonging to other churches, to have large regard to Christian character in their choice of teachers and to co-operate in securing such use of the Bible in the public schools as the laws in operation in the several provinces allow. The Rev. John Hogg, was inducted into the pastoral charge of the North Church, Winnipeg, on the 12th inst. The Rev. David Anderson preached, the Rev. Dr. Duval addressed the minister, and the Rev. A. B. Baird the people. The congregation presented Mr. Hogg with an easy chair and a combined secretary and book-case. After considerable discussion it was resolved on motion of Prof. Hart, seconded by Dr. Duval, that the overture be adopted and transmitted to the Synod with a view to its being sent to the General Assembly. Dr. King and Prof. Hart were delegated to support it before the Synod. Rev. Robt. Nairn, of Rat Portage, who had been appointed a commissioner to the General Assembly, resigned his commission and Rev. A. B. Baird was appointed in his stead. Mr. Duncan McArthur, of Emerson, also resigned his position as elder and Mr. Jas. Gibson, of Ottawa, was appointed as a substitute. The Clerk read a report on Sunday schools which had been prepared by Rev. John Pringle, of Port Arthur. It showed that although a less number of schools than usual had reported this year much good had been done. The report also advocated that the method of collecting statistics from Sunday schools should be simplified, and that less attention should be devoted to the memorizing of detached verses of scripture and more given to memorizing of consecutive passages. Dr. Bryce presented a statement respecting the theological fund of Manitoba College, showing that more than \$1,200 of the \$1,400 assigned to this Presbytery had already been paid, and that several congregations which had promised contributions had not yet sent in their gifts. The attention of the Presbytery was called to a notification from the General Assembly's augmentation committee that the grant to Rhythfield is to be reduced from \$250 to \$200 next October. It was decided to represent to the Assembly's committee that Rhythfield is a new district, and that the contributions of the congregation have been exceptionally large, and to ask that the reduction be not made. A communication was read from Dean Grisdale, secretary of the Synod of Rupert's Land, asking for co-operation in taking better care of rural cemeteries. The communication was referred to the Synod's committee on bills and overtures. ANDREW B. BAIRD, Pres. Clerk.

HIGHER RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

LIST OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES IN THE DOCTRINAL DEPARTMENT—JUNIOR GRADE.

Acheson, Eliza J., Westport, Ont.; Anderson, Henry W., Brucefield; Babbitt, Maggie S., Cobourg; Black, Bessie, Fergus; Brebner, Geo. A., Sarnia; Crane, Clara C., Toronto; Crombie, Alice, Toronto; Curle, Jane M., Winnipeg; Curle, Isabel, Winnipeg; Currie, Tressie, Chesley, Ont.; Drainie, Stella, Fergus; Findlay, Nellie, A. (P.), Caledonia, Ont.; Fleming, Hanna (P.), Mono Mills, Ont.; Fogarty, Edith J., Cobourg; Harvey, Charles, Indian Head, Assa.; Hickok, Lena, Toronto; Humphries, Mabel, Hastings; Knechtel, Lloyd, Toronto; McDonald, William, Brucefield; McRae, Edith, Moose Creek, Ont.; McRae, Ellis J., Cobourg; Muirhead, Nellie, Brockville; Nairn, Nellie, Fergus; Russell, Naomi M., Matane, Que.; Shaw, Gertrude (P.), Hastings; Towers, Robert J., Sarnia; Trebilcock, Henry W., Cobourg.

SUMMARY OF CANDIDATES AND RESULTS.

DEPARTMENT AND GRADE.	Entered.	Examined.	Obtained 75-100 p.c.	Obtained 75-80 p.c.	Obtained 80-90 p.c.	Total Diplomas.
<i>Doctrinal:</i>						
Junior	75	242	0	11	89	100
Intermediate	164	55	1	12	50	63
Senior	95	55	3	10	27	37
<i>Historical:</i>						
Junior	211	116	0	3	24	27
Intermediate	101	36	1	4	14	19
Senior	47	19	0	4	9	13
<i>Practical:</i>						
Junior	30	17	1	5	8	14
Intermediate	69	21	2	6	11	19
Senior	24	8	0	0	4	4
<i>Essays:</i>						
Junior	4	.....	0	1	1	2
Intermediate	7	.....	2	1	1	4
Senior	11	.....	4	2	5	11
Totals	1,008	598	11	59	245	327

POINTE-AUX-TREMILES MISSION SCHOOLS.

The following circular by Mr. J. Bourgois, principal of the institution has been issued: "As our schools are about to close again for the summer months we take the liberty of presenting our numerous friends with a brief account of the measure of success with which the Lord has been pleased to bless the work at our hands.

One hundred and forty-three pupils coming from the various parts of the country have this session been in attendance at our schools. Ninety-six were boys, and forty-seven girls, most of them between fifteen and eighteen years of age. About one-third of them never before had the advantage of going to a school, and seventy of them belong to parents who still adhere to the errors of the Church of Rome. In the case of many of them, their bigotry and prejudices were equal to their ignorance.

Some of them knew nothing about God, Jesus or the Bible; and religion for them consisted simply in attending mass, reciting their beads and going to confession. For these the form is all and the heart or the mind have nothing to do with religion, the priest being the only one they consider responsible in matters of faith.

They enter in our schools as in a new world, and when they have passed six months under the daily training in the Holy Scriptures they have generally made such progress that their friends are surprised and feel proud at the great change which has taken place in their children.

The conduct of the pupils has been good and nothing could surpass their desire to make progress, many of them complaining that they had not enough time for studying, though they rise at half-past five in the morning and retire only at nine at night.

We would like very much to send to all the supporters of pupils specimens of their progress in the form of a letter, but some of those who did not know their alphabet last fall do not feel yet prepared to express their gratitude to their benefactors in a letter of their own, and they request me to present you with the expression of their deep thankfulness.

Besides the ordinary branches of study the pupils have received every day a Bible lesson bearing on the Sacred History, the life of

Jesus, the Shorter Catechism in French, and the main points of controversy with the Church of Rome.

Fifteen of our young men and women, after a consistent profession of faith, have recently been admitted into the fellowship of the Church, so that now there are sixty of this session's pupils who are communicants.

Twelve of our older pupils have asked for missionary work for the summer, and nine of these are going to be employed as colporteurs and teachers. Twelve of our young men are studying with a view to the ministry of the Church, and several young girls to become missionary teachers.

To all these encouragements the Lord has just added another, the good news that our Girls' school is going to be enlarged and repaired for the coming session. This fills our hearts with gratitude towards God and the generous and indefatigable friends of this good cause. Though the money required for this is not yet all received, we have faith to believe that it will all be got before the work is completed.

The progress of the work, the increasing interest of the Church and the improvement in the dispositions of our Roman Catholic countrymen strengthen our hope that the light of a glorious day will soon shine upon this province and will gladden the heart of many a servant of the Master.

P.S.—Contributions and scholarships should be forwarded to Rev. Dr. Warden, 198 St. James Street, Montreal.

Pointe-aux-Trembles, April 30, 1890.

OBITUARY.

JONATHAN HOLMES.

At Dunbarton, on the 12th inst., Mr. Jonathan Holmes, in the sixty-third year of his age. For more than thirty years he taught the public school in the section in which Dunbarton is situated. Having held such an important and responsible office for such an unusually long period is highly creditable to him and to the inhabitants of the section. He was a native of the North of England. With the view of becoming a teacher, he studied in a college or educational institution located, the writer believes, in the city of Durham, and taught for some time in England. But while yet a young man he emigrated to Canada, and soon after was chosen school teacher at Dunbarton. There he faithfully discharged the duties of his office for the long period above named without a break till some two or three years ago, when he retired on a small but well-earned pension granted by the educational department of the Ontario Government.

Mr. Holmes was blessed in youth with pious parental training; and, it is believed, he early became a subject of divine grace, as was evidenced by his blameless Christian walk. Not long after being located at Dunbarton, he connected himself with the Presbyterian Church there, then in its infancy, and proved an exemplary member and an efficient teacher in the Sunday school. Some years ago he was elected an elder, a worthy associate of worthy brethren. During the present prolonged vacancy he took charge of the Bible Class, and in other ways was a zealous worker for the spiritual interests of the Church. He was highly esteemed and will be greatly missed. Believers die, but the Saviour lives and calls and qualifies others for His work.

WILLIAM COLE, ELDER.

On the 20th of April, in Detroit, Elder Cole, of Burns' Church, Sarnia Presbytery, passed away to his reward. Cancer in the throat set in about four months previously but was scarcely noticed for the first three months, but latterly it grew so rapidly that an operation was necessary as the only hope of preserving his life and even this was a doubtful hope to himself. He seemed conscious that his time was short and made every disposition therefore, but holding it to be a Christian duty to use every means of preserving life he faced the trials of a severe operation and bore it unflinchingly, yet unavailingly; for he survived it only a week.

For a few months over a quarter of a century he has been an elder of Burns' Church, and consequently is widely known throughout the Church. Many of the brethren who have shared the generous hospitalities of his home, or enjoyed his genial companionship, will join with his pastor and people in sincerely mourning his loss.

For the same period of time he has been superintendent of the Sabbath school and teacher of the Bible class so that the young of the congregation have been largely moulded by him and hold his memory very dear. They will greatly miss his wise counsels and hearty encouragement.

His life was bright, happy and energetic; full of faith and zeal, and the grace which sustained him in so living did not fail him in dying, for he fully realized the promise of Isaiah xvi. 3: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee; because he trusteth in Thee." We would fain have kept him longer, but we bow submissively to the will of Him who called him to the

Sleep, that no pain shall wake,
Night that no moon shall break
Till joy shall overtake
Her perfect calm.

JOHN FISKEN, DEER PARK.

On Monday afternoon, 19th inst., Mr. John Fiskien, one of the oldest, most highly respected and wealthiest citizens of Toronto, died at his residence, Lawton Park, Deer Park. Mr. Fiskien for six years had not been actively engaged in business. His retirement was owing to a stroke of paralysis, but he rallied and after a time was able to go about again. He was a regular attendant at the services in the Deer Park Presbyterian Church, the existence of which to a large extent was owing to his bounty. Mr. Fiskien's kind heart and generosity endeared him to his friends, and he was no less a favourite amongst the children. Rev. G. E. Freeman, the minister of the church, has been away in Florida for the benefit of his health, and was to preach Sunday week for the first time after his return. Mr. Fiskien had looked forward to the occasion. During the early hours of Sunday morning, however, he experienced a severe attack of paralysis, which rendered him unconscious to the last. Dr. Grasett, the family physician, was in attendance, and other medical aid was called in, but all efforts were ineffectual. Death occurred at four o'clock on Monday afternoon.

Mr. Fiskien's native place was on the banks of the Earn, near Abernethy, in Perthshire, Scotland. After leaving home he went to Glasgow, where his uncle was in business. At the age of twenty he left Glasgow for Montreal, taking passage in one of the sailing ships which in those days crossed the Atlantic and spent a long time on the ocean. The ship on which he took passage made her last trip then, for she was wrecked on the coast of Nova Scotia. Mr. Fiskien was appointed on the suggestion of the captain by the underwriters to superintend the sale of the salvage, and this commission he discharged with success, realizing on it for remuneration the nucleus of his subsequent wealth. With this money he went to Montreal, but did not remain long in that city. In the year 1850 he first came to Toronto, and joined the dry goods firm of Ross, Mitchell & Co., in which he soon became a partner. While he was connected with that firm he purchased the site of the present property at Deer Park where the family have since lived, now for forty years or more. He married about the year 1856, taking for his wife a Glasgow lady. Their life-long devotion to each other is broken now only by the death of the husband. In business, Mr. Fiskien was as upright as he was successful. Since Mr. Fiskien had the stroke of paralysis the business has been managed by his son. He leaves three children, who are all married. He was in his seventy-second year.

British and Foreign.

THE opening services of the Dublin Road Reformed Presbyterian Church, Belfast, realized \$1,250.

FOR the various schemes of the Church of Scotland, \$777,345 has been contributed during the past year.

THE Rev. Dr. A. C. Murphy, of Glenwood Church, Belfast, is at present away from home on account of ill-health.

A UNANIMOUS call has been given to Rev. John H. Murphy, M.A., of Cavan, by the congregation of Trinity Church, Cork.

THE Rev. Dr. Jackson Smyth, of First Armagh Presbyterian Church, owing to his failing health, asks for an assistant and successor.

THE Rev. S. G. McLennan, assistant in St. Luke's, Broughy Ferry, has been unanimously elected to the Free Church at Stonehaven.

THERE was a Roman Catholic pilgrimage to the Tower of London, the scene of the execution of Sir Thomas More and others recently beheaded by the Pope.

At a meeting of Glasgow Presbytery, held in Free St. James' Church in that city, Mr. George Steele was ordained as a medical missionary to Livingstonia.

At Grosvenor House, London, over 100 ladies, ranging from countesses downwards, were presented with rewards for proficiency in hygiene and ambulance work.

THE Rev. D. A. Dickson, of Lochlee, has intimated his resignation, and Rev. W. Fairweather, of Maryton, has been appointed Moderator during the vacancy.

THE Rev. A. C. MacDonald, of Queen Street Free Church, Inverness, was the preacher at the bi-monthly Gaelic service in Crown Court Church, Covent Garden.

A DELEGATION from the Belfast Presbytery waited lately on the City Council to urge their support to a memorial in favour of the complete abolition of Sunday labour in the local post-office.

A VOLUME of the records of the general sessions of Edinburgh Presbytery, from 1700 to 1704, has been presented to that court by Mr. J. H. Stevenson, whose father purchased it at a bookstall.

At a congregational meeting in Bell Street U. P. Church, Dundee, it was agreed to elect Rev. J. G. Walton, B.D., of South Shields, in succession to Rev. Thomas S. Dickson, now of Edinburgh.

IN the handsome church at Algiers, erected by the late Sir Peter Coats, on a recent Sunday, an Arab and Mussulman, and a student of medicine, was publicly baptised by Rev. J. Boyd, of Wemyss Bay.

PROFESSOR STORV preached in Lenzie Church on a recent Sunday, and paid a warm tribute to the memory of the late Rev. W. L. Macfarlane. The evening service was conducted by Professor Menzies.

THE month of services, under the auspices of the North London Presbytery, in the Great Central Hall, Holborn, has been so successful that Mr. McNeill has determined to keep them on for at least a Sunday or two longer.

A DISASTROUS occurrence is reported from Batrphine, Banffshire. The wife of the Free Church minister, during the temporary absence of the nurse, dashed her infant against the iron bedstead, killing it on the spot.

THE Rev. B. F. Kepnart, a missionary in Liberia, gives the following as a part of the cargo of the steamer that carried him: 10,000 casks of rum, eleven cases of gin, 460 tons of gunpowder, and fourteen missionaries—all on their way to Africa.

THE Rev. Gavin Lang, of the West Charge, Inverness, informed his kirk-session recently that he intends to insist on the ministers of Inverness and Bona reverting to the collegiate system of interchange or alternation of services in the different churches.

THE Russian Empress received Miss Kate Marsden, one of the five English sisters who went to Bulgaria to attend the Russian sick and wounded. Miss Marsden is now visiting all the hospitals in Russia, and will organize proper treatment for the lepers.

THERE are 8,000 licensed cabmen actually employed in London. During the past twelve months 25,000 articles left in cabs were deposited at Scotland Yard by drivers, without any promise of reward. In five years \$500,000 worth of property had been left in London cabs.

FOR the past eleven months the contributions to the Free Church Sustentation Fund have amounted to \$721,655, showing a decrease of \$5,525 on the amount subscribed during the same period last year. About half the decrease is on the contributions from the associations.

THE Rev. John Macphail, formerly of Benbecula, has been inducted to the parish of Uig in the Long Island. 617 persons signed the call, and there was a very large attendance at the induction services, although the weather was very stormy, and many had to travel long distances.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, presiding over the twenty-eighth annual gathering of the Church Society, declared that if we did not make headway against the drinking system it mattered little what we did. For the welfare of the Society, he urged that non-abstainers should be associated in its management.

THE Hon. Duncan Gillies has informed the other Colonies that Victoria is ready to join them in accepting Mr. Goschen's proposals for the reduction of the colonial postage-rate. The New Zealand Government has decided to decline Mr. Goschen's proposals, owing to the loss of revenue which such a measure would involve.

THE death of Rev. John Parker, of Sunderland, which occurred on Sunday, in the 82nd year of his age and fifty-fifth of his ministry, is announced. Deceased, owing to advancing years, resigned his charge in Sunderland nine years ago. Mr. Parker was a life-long abstinence, and was one of the pioneers of Temperance reform in the North of England.

A BEAUTIFUL stained-glass window has been placed in the church at Rosneath, to the memory of Mr. John Macleod Campbell, who died at sea near Ailen in 1885. The window is close to that erected seventeen years ago to the memory of Mr. Campbell's father, Rev. John Macleod Campbell, D.D., who was the subject of the memorable Row Hecsey case.

THE Rev. A. Galbraith, of Kaasay, has declined the call to the Free Church congregation at Ferintosh, which was signed by about 1,200 members and adherents. Skye Presbytery have resolved to proceed no further in the matter, but the Ferintosh people are so set on having Mr. Galbraith that it is likely they will appeal to the General Assembly.

A CIRCULAR has been issued, signed by ten ministers and ten elders, calling a meeting in Edinburgh of those who are opposed to the prevailing defection in the Church. The circular affirms that many are deeply concerned as to the issue of the present crisis in the Free Church. It is proposed to consider the situation, compare notes, and secure unity of action in the Assembly.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, Edinburgh, the foundation-stone of which was laid by the Earl of Hopetoun, was opened for public worship lately, the term in being preached by Dr. J. Marshall Lang, of Glasgow. The building will seat 1,000 persons, and upwards of \$30,000 has already been spent upon it. Rev. George Milligan, B.D., son of Professor Milligan, of Aberdeen, is minister of the congregation.