

from our imagined bounty. The hopelessly established beggars cease to molest, but others return. The universal profound Scriptural ignorance of the people may be fairly illustrated in the case of a man who came to ask for food a few days ago. Before giving, my wife entered into conversation, the substance of which, translated, is as follows. She—"Have you the Bread of Eternal Life?" He—(in tones of tearful pathos) "No, madam, I have no more than these," said he, pointing to a few tortillas in his well worn hat. Tortillas, by the way, are a sort of cornmeal pancake which we may designate Mexican bread. She—(after a few very simple theological questions) "Do you believe in the saints?" He—"Yes, madam." She—"What power have they to help you?" He—(after a long and awkward pause) "I must go."

Pray that God may give you grace to improve opportunities and bless these simple efforts.

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Church News.

In Canada.

THE North Mornington congregation has a prayer-meeting which, in point of numbers, ranks among the first in the province, and also a Y.P.S.C.E., which is a great help to this prosperous congregation.

KNOX CHURCH, Cornwall, of which Mr. Hastie is pastor, is putting in a gallery. It extends across the end, and half way down each side. A. C. Hutchison of Montreal is architect, and L. A. Ross, of Cornwall, the contractor. It will be finished by Sept. 15th.

THE choir of St. Andrew's church attended a concert in the First Church, Eramosa, last week, given in aid of the Sabbath school. The programme consisted of speeches, singing, instrumental music, etc. The speakers were: Rev. Mr. Wilkie, the new pastor, who has just been inducted there; Rev. Mr. Blair, of Norval, and the Rev. Mr. Margreth, of Speedside. The rest of the programme, consisting of music and singing by the choir, was excellently rendered and received deserved applause. Mr. A. Armstrong, of Boston gave a solo with good effect. Prof. Fenwick sang "The Holy City," and Miss Anderson, "Too Late," both of which were well rendered. The entertainment was largely successful, the receipts amounting to over \$80.

THE 12th inst. was a high day with the Presbyterian congregation of Ailsa Craig. The occasion was the re-opening of the church after renovating it, during which time the pastor, Rev. D. L. Dewar, took his vacation, the congregation worshipping in the meantime with the sister denominations. Revs. M. N. Bethune, of Beaverton, and J. C. Tolmie, Windsor, conducted the re-opening services. Mr. Bethune morning and evening, and Mr. Tolmie in the afternoon, but on account of the other churches of the village courteously cancelling their services, it was considered necessary to hold overflow meetings in the Baptist and Methodist churches, respectively, morning and evening, Rev. Mr. Tolmie officiating. Large numbers turned out from the village and surrounding country and listened to discourses that will linger in the memories of many, and, it is hoped, will find deep responses in many hearts to cause them through the workings of the Holy Spirit, to start on the journey Zionward.—CON.

THE long-delayed ninth catalogue of the International Young Men's Christian Association Training School, Springfield Mass., has been published. This school is exclusively devoted to the training of men for the general Secretaryship and Educational Directorship of the Young Men's Christian Associations, as well as for the Physical Directorship both in Associations and colleges. The catalogue shows that the number of regular students at the school the past year was 61, an increase over any previous year, while the number of students graduated this year was nearly twice as large as in any previous year. Its correspondence students at the

close of the year numbered 25. Many changes have recently been introduced into the school's courses of instruction and training. The whole curriculum has been carefully revised and re-classified under five heads: 1. The Bible; 2. Man; 3. Association Work; 4. Educational Work; 5. Practice. The most important addition this year is a new department for the training of Educational Directors, with special reference to the supervision of such lines of industrial education as the Associations throughout the country are rapidly organizing. The course in Christian Sociology, which proved very successful last year, will be repeated, and Mr. Jas. McConaughy, teach of the English Bible at Mount Hermon, Mass., will give special courses of Bible instruction.

A CORRESPONDENT writes: Mr. Editor,—On a Wednesday, recently, a very heavy rain and hail storm fell upon the St. Joseph Island. Hail fell particularly heavy in the vicinity of Hilton. Upon enquiry as to the cause it was found that the "City of Midland" had landed upon our dock three Presbyterian ministers from the Presbytery of London, two of them accompanied by their wives, the other not yet having found one to cast in her lot and become a help-meet for him. But judging from appearances at the time of writing it is possible that the "City of Midland" will have a female passenger down that she did not take up. If so, what will be a loss to us upon the Island will be a gain to the London Presbytery. Although these gentlemen are off on their vacation they are willing to still do their Master's work, for last Sabbath Mr. Findlay, student of Knox College, who is doing a good work among us, was relieved of his duties for the day, each of them preaching with much acceptance in one of the three appointments for the day. The congregations of Dutton, Rodney and Kintyre are to be congratulated upon having the services of these brethren during the year, and should they ever again visit the Island they will be warmly received by the people around Hilton.

THE Presbyterian church at Revelstoke, B.C., was dedicated to the worship of God recently, Rev. J. K. Wright, of Enderby, officiating morning and evening. The text in the forenoon was "Whom having not seen we love" and in the evening, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." Both sermons were appropriate and were much enjoyed by the people. There was a tea-meeting on Monday evening, when Mr. Wright gave an excellent address on Christian manliness. The church is of frame, 26 x 45 feet, with a 17 foot ceiling. Externally and internally the building is most attractive. Much credit is due to Mr. Baylis for the energy he showed he getting funds for the building. Friends in Ontario helped greatly, and when the amounts promised and expected from several who showed an interest in the work are received, it is expected the building will be free from debt. Revelstoke is the junction of the main line of the C. P. R. with a line built to the south to tap the Kootenay mining country and promises to be an important centre. The quarrel between the C. P. R. and other people about the site is now settled and the town is likely to grow.

Presbytery of Truro.

THE regular bi-monthly meeting of this Presbytery was held at Truro. Eleven ministers and one elder were present. Commissions were received from the sessions of Great Village, Onslow, Springside and Stewiacke, appointing Messrs. Alfred Spencer, Eli Dickson, Samuel Johnson (Jr.) and H. Gemmell, representative elders for the ensuing year. Rev. Wm. Donald, Homer Putnam and Clarence McKinnon were invited to sit and deliberate with the Presbytery. Rev. D. S. Fraser reported that he had moderated in a call in the congregation of Middle Stewiacke which had resulted unanimously in favor of the Rev. Clarence McKinnon B. D. Messrs. Hugh Dunlap and T. F. Creelman spoke in support of the call, which was sustained, placed in the hands of Mr. McKinnon and

accepted by him. The Rev. James Maclean was authorized to moderate in a call at Parrboro and the Rev. John Robbins in a call at Coldstream. On motion of the Rev. W. H. Nees the Presbytery resolved to elect its moderator half yearly in the future. The Rev. A. D. Gunn was appointed to this office for the remainder of the year and J. H. Chaso was continued clerk. The Rev. Thomas Cumming was nominated moderator of Synod. Rev. A. L. Geggio was appointed to the oversight of the Harmony Mission Station.

Presbytery of Minnedosa.

THIS Presbytery held its regular meeting at Russell. D. B. McLeod, M.A., who has lately arrived from Scotland, and labours in the Saltcoats field, was ordained. Rev. J. H. Cameron, formerly of Bass River, N. B., who supplied Russell congregation as ordained missionary for a year, was inducted to that charge as pastor. Dr. Robertson being present, addressed the minister, and Mr. Laing the people. In the evening a very enjoyable conversation was held in connection with the induction in the Forester's Hall, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society. Addresses were made by the moderator, Mr. Moore, J. McArthur of Beulah, Mr. Thorne, resident Methodist minister, and Dr. Robertson. The Presbytery meeting for the first time in its present form was re-organized. The usual committees were appointed. Rev. C. Moore continues moderator. Rev. J. H. Cameron was appointed clerk, and Rev. R. Tew convener of H. M. Committee.—J. H. CAMERON, Clerk.

Presbytery of Westminster.

THIS Presbytery met in the West church Tuesday the 7th day of August. Rev. J. A. Logan, moderator, presided, and present Revs. E. D. McLaren, G. R. Maxwell, A. Dunn, Thos. Scouler, E. B. Chesnut, G. B. Greig, J. M. MacLeod, Geo. Buchanan, R. McCulloch, McGee, Menzies and Baird, and Messrs. McNab, J. Scott, George McKenzie, D. McKinnon and Lord, elders. Mr. McLaren reported that the Home Mission Committee had recommended that Mr. Glassford remain for another year and were willing to continue grant of \$300. He moved that Rev. Mr. Glassford be re-appointed. This was seconded by Mr. McCulloch and agreed to. Letter of resignation from Rev. Thos. Scouler, as pastor of St. Andrew's church, New Westminster, was read. The moderator expressed sincere regret at receiving this communication. Rev. E. D. McLaren, in a few appropriate words, expressed his sincere regret at hearing the communication. He moved that it lie on the table and that the members of the congregation be cited to appear before the Presbytery for their interest. This was seconded by Rev. E. B. Chesnut and agreed to. Rev. G. R. Maxwell and Rev. J. M. MacLeod moved that Rev. E. D. McLaren be appointed to cite the congregation for their interest. A letter from Rev. G. B. Greig, West church, resigning his pastoral charge, was read. The moderator expressed deep regret at receiving this communication also. Rev. G. B. Greig said the congregation had been invited to attend and Mr. Jardine had been deputed by them to meet the Presbytery. Mr. Jardine briefly stated the financial position of the congregation. Mr. Scott spoke on behalf of the session. After obtaining information as to the state of the congregation, the Presbytery resolved to discuss the matter privately and retired to the session room. On resuming public meeting it was moved by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Dunn, that the resignation of Mr. Greig be accepted, to take effect on the 18th inst., and in doing so the Presbytery Board testifies to their high opinion of Mr. Greig and the value of his services to the congregation. This motion was agreed to. The Rev. Thos. Scouler said his session had considered the matter of maintaining ordinances in West church and they had thought it well to have a conference with West church session. That conference had been held and the combined meeting appeared to favor the idea of having a united pastorate over the two congregations. Mr. Day on be-