

died Sep. 20th. Mrs. King was widely known by a large circle of friends throughout the whole country. To know her was to love her, and her memory will be fondly cherished by her former pupils, over whom she exercised a most healthful Christian influence; by many ministers of our church, to not a few of whom she endeared herself by her friendship and sympathy in their student days; and by all who had the privilege of her acquaintance. For many months she was a severe yet patient sufferer, testifying in her sick chamber to her loving, trustful confidence in the Master she had so joyfully served. The hearts of very many go out in loving sympathy towards Dr. King and his motherless children, in their sore bereavement.

**MANITOBA ITEMS.**—The opening of the theological classes, as well as the annual meeting of the college, took place in Manitoba College on Nov. 5th, at eight o'clock. There was a large attendance of students and friends of the college. Principal King delivered the opening lecture on "The importance of Exegetical study to the Christian Minister," which was an able and finished plea for a useful and effective mode of preaching. Dr. King announced that Rev. D. M. Gordon had been expected to deliver the opening lecture, but had been prevented by press of work. He stated that there were in attendance at the college upwards of 40 university arts students, and 16 preparatory, besides 12 in theology alone, and that the numbers would probably have considerably increased by Christmas. He also announced that the fourth instalment of \$4800 of debt was paid in October, and that on the payment of a like amount in October, 1887, the college property would be free of debt. Dr. Loughton, of Greenock, has also presented the library with six large cases of the best books of his valuable library, and these have arrived. Dr. Bryce then made a statement of university matters connected with the college. In June last, Manitoba College, had carried off five medals, including the governor general's, and sixteen scholarships, aggregating \$1270. Thirty-five students had passed in the several years in arts, and twelve had received B.A., out of seventeen B. A.'s, conferred by the University. Reference was made to the establishment of a new honor course in modern languages, including English, French, German, and Italian, and that a student of Manitoba College had won the first scholarship in it. The timely gift of Sir Donald Smith of \$500 for science apparatus was mentioned, and as an evidence of the tendency toward further co-operation, that two students of St. John's College are attending science classes in Manitoba College. Canon O'Meara, acting head of St. John's (Episcopal) College, who was present, reciprocated the kindly expressions, and rejoiced in Manitoba College being a Christian institution. Rev. C. B. Pitblado, who has just returned from Europe, made a few encouraging remarks.

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## Meetings of Presbyteries.

**SYDNEY, Sep. 28th.**—The Presbytery heard the trials for ordination of Mr. W. R. Calder, which were sustained. The congregation of Gabarus, being unable to come up to the requirements of the augmentation scheme, was recommended for such aid as the committee could bestow. **Sept. 29th.**—The Presbytery met at Mira and ordained and inducted Mr. Calder. The Mira congregation is one of the largest and most extensive in the maritime provinces.

**TRURO, Oct. 19th.**—A call to Rev. J. Robbins, Glencoe, from the First Church, Truro, was sustained. Mr. W. M. Fraser, of Halifax, was licensed to preach the Gospel. Reports were received from Westchester and Maccan, showing that all expenses had been met by the people.

**LUNenburg and SHELBURNE, Oct. 8th.**—Messrs. Miller and Simpson were appointed to visit New Dublin. It was unanimously agreed to hold evangelistic services during the winter in all the congregations, not less than two weeks in each. Committees were appointed on the various schemes of the Church, including Augmentation. Mr. J. W. Crawford was certified to the Presbyterian College, Halifax.

**PICTOU, Nov. 2.**—Moderation in a call was granted to Prince Street, Pictou. Mr. Laird's resignation of Little Harbour and Fisher's Grant was accepted. It was agreed to secure, if possible, an ordained missionary for Isaac's Harbour and Cemetery Harbour for one year. The \$1,350 asked by the synod for augmentation, was allocated to the congregations of the bounds, and it was agreed to endeavour to complete the augmentation effort in the Presbytery by the end of December.

**WALLACE, Oct. 7th and 8th.**—Mr. Quinn reported that he had visited Earlton, and that satisfactory progress had been made in paying arrears due late pastor. Rev. G. L. Gordon intimated his acceptance of a call to River John. **Oct. 20th.**—The Presbytery met at River John and inducted Mr. Gordon into the pastoral charge of that congregation. The call of Bridge-water congregation to Rev. J. A. Mackenzie, Pugwash, was considered. The call was very urgent, and was accompanied with an offer of increased stipend; but the members of his present charge pressed their claims so strongly that Mr. Mackenzie declined the call. The Augmentation Fund was considered, and the requisite sums were allocated to the various congregations, viz., \$45 each to be raised by Amherst, Spring Hill, Pugwash and Oxford, Tatamagouche, and River John; and \$30 each by the two Wallace charges, New Annan and Earlton; and Linden \$15. Committees were appointed on the various schemes of the church.

**HALIFAX, Oct. 8th.**—Mr. David Wright, from Scotland, was certified to the Presbyterian College, Halifax. Leave was granted to the