

## EASTERN ONTARIO.

The new manse at Loring, which is badly needed, is nearing completion.

Rev. A. Morrison, Kirk Hill, had charge of the services at Dunvegan on Sunday.

The handsome manse at Victoria Harbor is nearing completion.

Dr. P. C. McGregor, of Almonte, took the services at Sand Point Sunday of last week.

Rev. K. A. Gollan assisted at the special services at McCrimmon's last week.

Rev. Ferguson Miller preached in Arnprior on Sunday evening while Rev. Mr. Peck took charge of the anniversary services at Clayton.

The Ladies' Aid of Calvin Church, Bathurst, held their annual social on Monday of last week. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Greig, presided. Revs. Beason, Scott and Currie of Perth gave interesting speeches. The proceeds amounted to between \$50 and \$60.

What might have proven a more serious accident occurred on Monday afternoon. While Rev. J. Matheson, of Summers-town, was turning his horse it took an unexpected start, throwing him from the rig. In the fall Mr. Matheson injured his hand badly.

Rev. Wm. Moore, of Branside, and Miss Eleanor Hiseock, of Kingston, were married a few days ago. Rev. Dr. Mackie performing the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents.

The Communion was observed in Knox Church, Cornwall, last Sabbath, when solemn services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Harkness. The attendance was large, and there were a number of additions to the membership. The preparatory services were held on Friday evening, when Rev. P. F. Langill, of Martintown, was the preacher.

At the meeting of the Kingston Presbytery, held in Belleville on Tuesday, 12th inst., the resignation of the pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Picton, was received, and Mr. McLaren was relieved of the pastoral charge of the congregation, the resignation to date from the 18th inst. The reason given by Mr. McLaren for leaving Picton was a desire to pursue post-graduate studies in Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

A new series of sermons has been commenced by Rev. A. H. Scott in the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Perth. A series from the life of King Hezekiah marked the morning worship in St. Andrew's Church in the early part of this year. The new series announced will cover the period from the return from captivity to the cheering close of Nehemiah's regime in Jerusalem.

Mayor H. A. Stewart, on behalf of a number of leading citizens of Brockville, on Saturday presented Mr. Robert Laidlaw, who was recently called to a position in the Archives department at Ottawa, with an address eulogistic of his services to many organizations of that town, and a purse of gold containing \$100. Mrs. Laidlaw was also made the recipient of a handsome satchel.

On Tuesday afternoon, 12th September, at the home of the bride, Rev. Jas. Rat-tray, B.A., the respected pastor of Melville Presbyterian church, Eganville, was united in marriage to Miss May Gill, one of Eganville's most highly esteemed young ladies. The ceremony took place at four o'clock and was performed by Rev. A. McKenzie, B.D., of Douglas. There were no attendants and the wedding was of a quiet nature, only a few immediate friends being present. The bride received many beautiful tokens of regard in the form of wedding presents. The reverend gentleman and his bride have the good wishes of a host of friends, with whom The Presbyterian joins in extending congratulations. On the C.A.R. evening train they left to spend a few weeks in Muskoka.

Says the Cornwall Freeholder: "For the information of many who have enquired what inscription appears on the St. Andrew's Church bell, South Lancaster, we have it as follows: "First settlers County of Glengarry landed with their pastor, Rev. John Bethune, 1784, departed his life 1815." On the other side of the bell are the words "Jones & Hitchcock, founders, Troy, N. Y. Rev. Thomas McPherson is now pastor of this church—Lancaster, U.C., 1856."

At Mill street, Port Hope, Rev. B. B. Nelles preached the text Genesis iii.3. "Where from art Thou?" God's first question to man was this, and ever since this has been the one. He again and again asks us. At times in every-one's life we ask ourselves who am I, what am I, where am I, where am I going? Not in man's sight but in God's. Man in sin always seeks to hide from the living God. This accounts for much of the infidelity, agnosticism, scepticism and atheism. Every intelligent business man is constantly asking himself this question. Every prosperous farmer, from time to time finds out where he is financially. Every ocean navigator wishes to know daily the exact latitude and longitude. So man in the spiritual and religious world should find the answer to this question. Men are classified into two distinct parties. Those who are lost, are on the road to everlasting punishment, and are "of their father the devil" John viii:44. Those who are saved on their way to Heaven, and are "sons of God."—John i:12, by the power of God. "He that is not with me, is against me." Where are we as professing Christians, in the eyes of the world? It's a fair question and one which cannot be avoided whether we will or not. Man is foolish to simply ignore an issue which he must face sooner or later.

## WINNIPEG.

The presbytery of Winnipeg met on the 12th inst. in Manitoba College.

The members in attendance were: Rev. Jas. Carswell (moderator), Rev. Dr. Baird (clerk), Revs. D. Munro, D. Iverach, W. A. Maclean, E. B. Chestnutt, J. H. Cameron, C. H. Stewart, Professor Hart, Principal Patrick, Dr. Bryce, John Hogg, H. C. Sweet, R. M. Dickey, N. Stevenson, Dr. Farquharson, D. H. Jacobs, A. McIlroy, R. J. Hay, D. N. McLachlan, A. McLean, John Fletcher, Dr. DuVal, Dr. H. A. Hunter and George Bennett, Elders D. Matheson, J. Thomson, Wm. McLean (St. Giles), J. B. Mitchell, Alex. Stronach and J. H. McClure.

Rev. Jas. Carswell's term as moderator having expired, Rev. Principal Patrick was chosen to take his place and on assuming the chair expressed the thanks of the Presbytery to Mr. Carswell for his past services.

The following commissions of elders were handed in: Norman Morrison, Cloverdale, and Geo. Curle, Oak Bluff.

Visiting ministers present were Rev. Dr. Mackay, secretary of the assembly foreign mission committee; J. G. Shearer, secretary of the Lord's Day alliance, and R. J. McPherson, B.D., of Cartwright.

The resignation of Rev. J. C. Madill, of Balmoral, was opposed by J. H. McClure and Mr. Toshack, representing the congregation. They represented that Mr. Madill's ministry had been very acceptable and that the people were unwilling that he should leave. Mr. Madill made a statement pressing his resignation on the ground that he desired to throw himself into frontier work in the North Saskatchewan country. He said that his services were needed there more than in the comfortable and well organized church of Balmoral. The Presbytery with expressions of high appreciation of Mr. Madill's zeal accepted the resignation, which is to take

effect at the end of September. The Rev. A. McLean, of Stonewall, was appointed to act as moderator of the Balmoral session during the vacancy.

A letter was received from Rev. Dr. Mackay, foreign missionary secretary, intimating that in adding names of foreign missionaries to the list of members of home presbyteries, as provided by the late general assembly, the Rev. F. A. Russell and Rev. J. S. Mackay had asked to be attached to the Winnipeg Presbytery. Their names were accordingly added to the roll.

The Rev. D. S. Jacobs, of Emerson, reported that in accordance with instructions from the Presbytery, he had visited the congregations of Dominion City, Greenridge, Newbridge and Arnaud. He gave an account of the wishes of these congregations in the matter of religious service, and his report was supported by Colin Campbell, of Newbridge, and D. Spence, of Greenridge. It was agreed that Greenridge and Newbridge should be erected into a pastoral charge. It was also agreed that Dominion City and Arnaud be united with a view of their becoming an augmented congregation at an early date.

The Rev. Dr. Bryce presented the report of the home mission committee, which made the following recommendations:

(1) The resignation of the minister of Victoria and Dundas having been accepted, it is recommended that the field, which is too large for one man, be divided, Balmoral and Greenwood to form an augmented charge, Windsor and Teulon a mission field, and that Dr. Baird be a delegate to bring these matters before the congregation.

(2) It is recommended that services be given in the territory between Teulon and Shoal Lake, which has hitherto been entirely destitute of religious ordinances.

(3) It is recommended that the River-view church be added to the list of home mission stations and that the supply of services be entrusted to the presbytery's home mission committee.

(4) The Rev. John Fletcher having resigned charge of the Sunnyside field it is recommended that his resignation be accepted.

(5) The committee reported that the Rev. Alex. McFarlane had retired from the charge of Clear Springs after a long and faithful service and expressed the sympathy of the presbytery with him in the loss of his wife.

(6) A delegation of elders and managers of Dufferin Avenue church appeared before the committee requesting the appointment of Rev. J. G. Patton to that church for a period of two years. The delegation consisted of Messrs. McLean, Patterson, Norris and Cairness. The request caused a long discussion, but was finally granted. It was decided that questions hereafter in regard to the employment of minister evangelists be referred to the next general assembly.

Communication on the subject of systematic beneficence were read from the Rev. W. A. Maclean, convener of the synod's committee, and from Rev. D. McLeod, D.D., convener of the general assembly's committee. These communications were referred to a committee.

Rev. Dr. Mackay addressed the presbytery at the request of the moderator on the subject of foreign missions. He advocated renewed missionary effort in Formosa, Honan and Southern China. He also referred to the progress among the northern Indians between here and the coast. The moderator thanked Dr. Mackay for his address.

Arrangements were made for the induction of Rev. Dr. Perry, the new professor of Old Testament literature in Manitoba college. The induction services will be held in Westminster church on September 28. Rev. W. A. Maclean will preach and Rev. C. W. Gordon will address the newly inducted professor. Rev. C. McKinnon will address the people.

The presbytery adjourned to hold its next regular meeting on the first Tuesday of November.

How to ruin your hope of eternal life—Inquire of the nearest saloon-keeper.