

## Church News.

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### General.

The foundation of the new Presbyterian church at Harvey, N. B., will be completed this week.

The Rev. D. MacKenzie, Orangeville, has just returned from his extended tour in Palestine, and the east, looking all the better for his trip.

Rev. L. G. Macneill, pastor of St. Andrews church, St. John, N. B., has been invited to open the new St. Andrews church in St. John's, Nfld., and will leave for that place about the last week in July. St. Andrews, Newfoundland, is a former charge of Mr. Macneill's.

On Tuesday at 3 p. m., the Presbytery of Orangeville, met in the Presbyterian church at Ballinafad, June 11, and inducted Rev. D. C. Campbell, B. A., a graduate of Knox College, to the pastoral charge of Ballinafad and Millville church as ordained missionary for two years. Rev. R. Fowle, of Erin presided and delivered the charge to the missionary-elect. Rev. J. J. Elliot, B. A., of Hillsburg, preached, and Rev. W. Farquharson, B. A., of Claude, delivered the charge to the people. A successful garden party was held in the evening.

The ladies of Cheltenham entertained the delegates of the semi-annual meeting of the Orangeville Presbyterial W. F. M. S., on Wednesday, June 8th. The church was beautifully decorated. At the devotional meeting in the morning, Mrs. Campbell's (Cheltenham), Bible reading and Mrs. McCrae's (Guelph), short address on "Spirituality," received earnest attention. In the afternoon, Mrs. Marshall, (Shelburne), delegate to the meeting of the General Society at Peterborough, gave a very full report of the meeting. Mrs. McCrae addressed the ladies on "Our own Furnishings" followed by Mrs. Farquharson, in prayer. Mrs. Cation's solo and the singing of the Cheltenham M. B., were much appreciated. At the evening meeting the church was crowded. Short addresses were given by Rev. J. L. Campbell and Mr. O'Neill, Baptist minister, Cheltenham; Rev. Mr. Farquharson, Claude; and Rev. J. McP. Scott, Toronto. The singing was well rendered by the united choirs of Cheltenham and Mt. Pleasant.

South Side Presbyterian Church held an excellent audience on June 11th, on the occasion of the lecture on "Protestantism and Education" by Rev. Dr. Scrimger of the Presbyterian College, Montreal. Rev. J. G. Potter occupied the chair and excellent assistance was rendered by the choir of the church. The lecture was an exceedingly able and instructive exposition. After noting how the early Protestants had perfected a system of education for the masses, how the practical education of Protestant countries had caused them to make greater progress than Roman Catholic countries, Prof. Scrimger treated of the educational condition of Quebec. In Ontario 90-10 per cent. of the population can read and write; in Quebec, less than 64 per cent. He outlined the system of Separate Schools for Protestants and Roman Catholics which prevailed in Quebec, and told his audience how there are 800 teachers without diplomas, paid an average salary of \$77 per year, while the average salary for all teachers is but \$100 per year. Of the teachers 43 per cent. are members of religious orders and require no diplomas. The weakness of the Quebec schools is found in the primary schools, he said.

The mission feast of Westminster is something unique in Canada. Once a year over a thousand people gather at the North Westminster Church, Wilton Grove, and are warmly welcomed by the pastor, Rev. E. H. Sawers, and his congregation. The object is the dissemination of information regarding Christian missions and the quickening of missionary zeal. The ninth feast was probably the largest in attendance, as well as one of the most

successful ever held. Rev. J. H. Cavan, D.D., was the first speaker. He sketched the need heathen people have for the Gospel. To Mohammedanism, likewise the message must be of salvation through Christ. During the past twenty-three years the Presbyterian church of Canada has more than doubled in numbers, and the givings for missionary purposes has more than trebled. Not a little of the success of our work depends on the labor of the W. F. M. S. Let us not congratulate ourselves too heartily, for of none of us can it be said as of a woman of old, "She hath done what she could." Discouragements there are, but these may be overcome, and the encouragements were never more inspiring than at this present day. Rev. M. P. Talling, of London, followed, in a fervid address on "Missionary Life." Rev. Adolphus Hardtmann, missionary among the Moravians of Bothwell West, who labored among the black men of Australia, told the graphic story of his labors.

Dr. Nichol, of Brantford, gave a fervent address upon the "Crisis of Missions." Rev. W. Quance, of Lambeth, delivered the closing speech of the occasion. A very interesting letter from Rev. Dr. Menzies, of Honan, China, was read, and the assemblage broke up. There were about 25 ministers at the mission feast. London sent a large contingent of delegates. St. Thomas, Dutton, Aylmer, Port Stanley, Hyde Park and Appin were represented.

### Presbytery of Sydney.

The Presbytery of Sydney met in St. Andrew's Church, Sydney, May 26, Rev. Mr. McCulloch Thompson being present, was asked to correspond. The Rev. J. F. Forbes read the following as Convener of the committee appointed to prepare a suitable minute, in view of Dr. Murray's retirement: On the retirement of the Rev. I. Murray, D. D., from the active duties of the ministry, on account of age and infirmity, and in the prospect of his removal from amongst us. This Presbytery desires to express its appreciation of his services performed as a member of this court. For nearly twelve years, Dr. Murray gave his congregation and the Presbytery the benefit of his long experience as pastor in other fields of labor, and the knowledge obtained through services rendered in other Presbyteries. Coming to us with a well stored mind, and scholarly attainment, coupled with his zeal and faithfulness, he assisted greatly in the improvement of congregational work and enterprise. Outspoken and fearless in the expression of his views, he uniformly carried weight, and led to the proper guidance and finding of the Court, in perplexed and vexed questions coming before it. He was always cheerfully ready, to do the share of work intrusted to him by the Presbytery. From his knowledge of Church government, and the rules and forms of procedure, he efficiently, for a number of years, discharged the duties of the Clerkship. Gentle and cautious in his intercourse with the brethren, he carries with him their respect and affection. The Presbytery, while grateful to God, for the services His servant was enabled to perform, would follow him with the prayer, that he may long be spared, to wield a happy influence with tongue and pen during his remaining years; and the sunset of his life may be cheerful and bright, and that when his work here is ended he may receive the reward of faithful service from the King and Head of the Church. Presbytery recorded its regret that in consequence of the lack of active business habits on the part of some sessions the Financial report was not as complete as it ought to be. Mr. Grant was appointed to dispense the Lord's Supper at Pleasant Bay, and Mr. Fraser at Cape North, in both cases, time left to

the ministers officiating. Mr. Mal. McLeod, South Gut, was appointed, interim Moderator for Cape North Session. Presbytery were glad to find by Mr. McMillan's report of Louisburg's finances that that Mission Station had implemented its promises and were in a condition to call upon Sir Donald Smith to fulfill his promise of a gift of \$100 to it. Mr. J. K. MacDonald being transferred from Kingston Presbytery, to Sydney Presbytery, with a view of being licensed to preach the Everlasting Gospel subjects for trial were prescribed him. Presbytery agreed to visit Framboise, Lock Lomond and Grand River in August. Mr. McGlashen read a petition from the congregation of St. Matthew's, North Sydney, to Presbytery to take steps to moderate in a call from that congregation, with relative papers, and stated that Messrs. E. R. Moffat and D. D. MacKenzie were present as commissioners from the congregation, who on their behalf, promised a stipend of \$1,000. Presbytery granted the prayer of the petition and appointed Mr. McGlashen to moderate whenever the people were prepared to call Mr. McGlashen resigned his appointment as commissioner to General Assembly and Mr. McMillan; Sydney Mines, was appointed in his stead. Next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Sydney, on Wednesday, the 24th of June, at 10.30 a. m.

Since the regular meeting of this Presbytery on March 17th, there have been three special meetings for induction: namely, for induction of Rev. James Carswell as ordained missionary at Burk's Falls on April 9th, and for induction to the pastorate of Rev. S. Childerhose on 6th May, at Parry Sound, and of Rev. Thomas Macadam, on May 19th at North Bay. There remains but one vacant congregation in the bounds, that of First West Gwillimbury and Monkman's, the Rev. F. Smith, of Bradford being Moderator of Session. During the meeting of the Synod at Collingwood on May 13th, a special meeting was held at which the Rev. John W. Goffin, minister of the Congregational Church in Oro, applied to be received into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church. The committee appointed to confer with Mr. Goffin, met him and made the enquiries enjoined on Presbyteries in such cases, and after careful consideration unanimously and cordially reported that they recommended that the application be forwarded to the General Assembly. The report was adopted and three members of the Court were appointed to support the application before the Assembly's Committee on the reception of Ministers. It was also agreed to transmit an application of the Rev. W. K. McCulloch to be placed on the list of annuitants of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, on account of impaired health with recommendation of the same. The regular meeting was held at Barrie on 26th May, and was well attended by ministerial members. Mr. McLeod in the chair. There was not much business of public interest, and the session lasted only four hours. Mr. Walter Ross, a young man connected with the Uptergrove congregation having the purpose of studying for the Ministry, applied to be received as a Catechist. A committee conferred with him and reported that they were favorably impressed with his present attainments, and desired that their examination of him be continued till next regular meeting. This was agreed to. Rev. J. A. Ross, of Churchill, resigned his commission to the General Assembly, and Dr. Gray was elected in his stead. The Rev. D. D. McLeod obtained leave of absence for three months to attend the Pan Presbyterian Council in Glasgow, and to visit friends in the Motherland. A constitution for the Presbyterian Society of Christian Endeavor was presented by a committee appointed to prepare one. After consideration and some amendments the constitution was approved. A good report of the Presbyterial W. F. M. Society was received from Mrs. Needham, the Secretary. The Rev. W. Gallagher tendered resignation of the charge of Airlie, Blackbank and Banda, to take effect on Sept 20th. The resignation was laid over till next meeting and the Clerk was instructed to cite the congregation for their interests—Robt. Moodie, Clerk.