

The large congregation then all rose to their feet, the office-bearers and trustees taking their places around the platform. The convener of the building committee, Mr. J. J. Brown, then advanced, saying: "In the name of the Building Committee I hereby present to you, as Moderator of the Kirk Session, and as representing the boards of managers and trustees, the keys of this church, as the symbol of its completion as a building, and request you to dedicate it to the service of Almighty God." The Moderator replied: "I accept of these keys, and invite this congregation to unite with me in dedicating this house to the worship of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," and then engaged in solemn prayer. After appropriate devotional exercises Principal Grant, D.D., of Queen's College, Kingston, conducted services, and preached an able and appropriate sermon from Haggai ii. 9. In the afternoon the Sabbath school had a special opening of their own rooms in connection with the church, at which Principal Grant and others delivered addresses. In the evening Principal Grant again preached a most powerful and impressive sermon from Hebrews ix. 13, 14. The church, full in the morning, was filled to overflowing in the evening, and large numbers required to go away for want of standing room. The collection for the day amounted to the handsome sum of \$1,261. Tea-meetings during the week realized \$167. This is as it ought to be. The moral strength of a congregation, and its influence for good in a community, do not depend on its ability to cater for popular entertainment, nor to sustain itself on the charity and benevolence of outside friends; but in the life and liberality of those who constitute its members. On the following Sabbath the opening services were continued by the Rev. Prof. Gregg, D.D., who preached two very earnest and appropriate discourses. The collection taken up was \$530, making a total for the opening and dedicatory services of \$1,958. The church is architecturally designed after the style of Mediaeval Gothic, but adapted to modern requirements and materials. It is built of solid red brick, with white brick bands and blocking courses, so as to bring out and emphasize the construction at appropriate points. The internal woodwork is all of the finest white ash, with other woods here and there judiciously introduced, and produces an excellent effect. The Barrie church opening has been accomplished under the most favourable auspices, the congregation having every reason to hope for growing prosperity, temporal and spiritual.

**PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW.**—The regular meeting of this Presbytery was held in Zion Church, Carlton Place, on the 27th ult. The Rev. Mr. McGillivray, of Perth, was appointed moderator. A minute was adopted by the Presbytery anent the death of Mr. McInnes, a well-known and valued elder, who had departed this life since the last regular meeting, at which he was present. The Home Mission report was presented by the convener, Rev. M. Campbell, Renfrew, and received full consideration. The Rev. Principal Grant, D.D., was nominated moderator of the General Assembly. The following ministers go by rotation to the Assembly: Rev. Messrs. Crombie, A. A. Scott, Sandier and Wilson; by election: Rev. Messrs. Ross, Campbell, Edmondson, and Bennett. The elders elected are: Messrs. R. Bell, J. B. Clark, F. B. Allan, R. Kennedy, Jno. Armour, J. F. Cram, Jas. Fraser, and A. Stewart. The remit anent the method of appointing the standing committees of the church, was taken up and considered, and it was agreed that the committees be appointed annually, and that each Presbytery send up to the Assembly the names of four of its members, whom it would recommend as members of the four chief standing committees, namely Home and Foreign Missions, French Evangelization, and Colleges. The remit respecting the formation of a board of examiners was adopted as sent down to the Presbytery, without any dissent. A conference, under the convenership of Rev. Mr. Edmondson, was held on Sabbath Schools, which began on Monday at noon, and lasted until Tuesday at noon, which, though not so largely attended as might be, was felt to be both profitable and interesting. The Rev. D. J. McLean presented a full and interesting report on the State of Religion, and a conference of some length was held upon the subject with reference principally to family religion, how to reach the careless and bring them under the influence of the gospel, and the times and methods of employing special services. Reports were presented from

conveners of missionary deputations, which upon the whole showed an increasing interest in, and liberality at the annual missionary meetings. The committee on Sabbath desecration also gave an interim report through its convener, and other local matters having been considered, the Presbytery closed its business. The next regular meeting is to be held in Zion Church, Carlton Place, on Tuesday, May 22nd, at noon.

**PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.**—This Presbytery met in the usual place, on the 6th inst. Rev. R. P. Mackay was elected Moderator for the next twelve months, and took the chair accordingly. On motion, made by the clerk, seconded by Rev. Dr. Reid, a committee was appointed to draft a minute in regard to the late Hon. John McMurrich, long an elder in one of the city congregations, an ardent worker in Sabbath schools, a generous contributor to the schemes of the Church, a faithful commissioner (year after year) to the General Assembly, and a warm friend of all that was good. The motion was carried unanimously, and the committee subsequently submitted a minute, which the Presbytery adopted, and ordered a copy thereof to be sent to the widow of the deceased, and her family. A letter was read from the Rev. John Strath, accepting of the call from Shelburne and Primrose; and his induction was appointed to take place at Shelburne, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at 2 p.m., Rev. J. Carmichael to preach, Rev. A. McFaul to preside and give the charge to the minister, and Rev. J. R. Gilchrist to address the congregation. A letter was read from Rev. W. E. McKay, tendering the resignation of his charge at Orangeville, but retaining oversight of his other station in Caledon. It was moved and agreed to notify the congregation at Orangeville of the foregoing, and cite them to appear, by commissioners, for their interests, at the special meeting to be held at Shelburne. The Presbytery appointed the following as commissioners to the next General Assembly, viz.: of ministers, by rotation, Revs. Dr. Reid, D. Coutts, R. Monteith, J. W. Cameron, Wm. McWilliam, and Wm. Hunter; of ministers by ballot, Revs. Dr. Caven, G. M. Milligan, D. J. Macdonnell, Dr. Gregg, Dr. King, Professor McLaren, and J. Smith; of elders, all by ballot, Hon. A. Morris, Messrs. Wm. Wilson, Alexander Marsh, R. J. Hunter, J. MacLennan, Q. C., Peter Crann, J. L. Blaikie, W. B. McMurrich, D. Foheringham, George Wallace, James Brown, R. Kilgour, and Rev. Thomas Lowry. At a later stage, it was moved and agreed to nominate Rev. Dr. King as moderator of next General Assembly. A report on Sabbath schools, founded on returns received from sessions, was read by Rev. Wm. Frizzell, convener of a committee previously appointed. The report was received with thanks, but was remitted to the committee, with instructions to deal with defaulters, and report at greater length again. Papers were produced by Rev. Dr. Reid, exhibiting the moneys received for the year, to the Schemes of the Church, from some congregations within the bounds. The clerk was instructed to hand said papers to those brethren who were charged with looking after the schemes, so that they might stimulate defaulting congregations. Messrs. T. Davidson, G. B. Greig, J. S. Henderson, John Mutch, Wm. Robinson, R. B. Smith, D. A. Thomson, and W. G. Wallace, all of them members of the graduating class in Knox College, applied for preliminary examination, with a view to license. In the hope of their curriculum ending satisfactorily, and in view of their being probably at considerable distances at next ordinary meeting, the Presbytery acceded to their request; and the examination—a long one—being sustained, the Presbytery agreed to ask leave of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston to take them on public trials, provided the required certificate should be received from the Senate of Knox College. Also, on the same condition, the Moderator, Dr. King, and the clerk were appointed a committee to assign them subjects for discourses. A protest and complaint against certain action taken by the session of Cooke's Church, Toronto, occupied the attention of the court for a considerable time, and a deliverance was at length adopted, in which all the parties acquiesced. On application made, authority was given to the interim moderators of the sessions of St. Andrew's Church, Markham, and Carlton Street Church, Toronto, to moderate in calls from the same. Several other matters, of no public moment, were brought up and disposed of. The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in the usual place, on the last Tuesday of April, at eleven a.m.—R. MONTEITH, Pres. Clerk.

## BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

**ST NICHOLAS.** (New York. The Century Publishing Co.)—This excellent magazine for young people is bright and beautiful. It is as good as the best magazine writers and engravers in America can make it. Archibald Forbes, the famous war correspondent, tells a good story of the Russo-Turkish war.

**THE HOMILETIC MONTHLY FOR MARCH.** Edited by I. K. Funk, D.D. (New York: Funk & Wagnalls; Toronto: William Briggs.)—This serial, expressly designed for the use of ministers, for the current month presents a wide variety of themes and their mode of treatment. Discourses and outlines by men eminent in the different sections of the Christian Church are to be found in this number of the "Homiletic Monthly." Though largely devoted to the work of preaching it does not overlook the other duties of the ministerial office. Topics for prayer-meetings and other services are suggested and discussed. There is also a rich variety of subjects of immediate practical interest to ministers to be found in its pages. We are pleased to see a suggestive synopsis of a discourse by the Rev. Joseph Elliot, Cannington, in this month's issue of "The Homiletic."

## SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHER.

### INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

#### LESSON XII.

March 25.]

REVIEW.

[1883.]

**GOLDEN TEXT.**—"Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."—Isa. 60: 1.

**NOTES FOR REVIEW.**—We have had the events immediately following the death and resurrection of Christ: the beginning of the Christian Church. The history for six or seven years. Without it, how much should we lack!

**Lesson 1.** The Lord's Ascension from Olivet. The promise of His coming again. Acts 1: 1-14. Golden Text, *And when he had spoken.* . . . .

**Lesson 2.** The Spirit at Pentecost. The gift of tongues. Peter's sermon. 2: 1-16. *And they were all filled.* . . . .

**Lesson 3.** Results of Peter's sermon. Three thousand converts. Having things "in common." 2: 37-47. *Then they that gladly.* . . . .

**Lesson 4.** Peter and John in the Temple. Lame man healed. Crowds drawn to hear. 3: 1-11. *Then shall the lame man.* . . . .

**Lesson 5.** Peter preaching again. The lame man for a text. Jesus, the Prince of Life. Repentance urged. 3: 12-21. *In Him was life.* . . . .

**Lesson 6.** Apostles Arrested. But many converts. Testimony before the council. 4: 1-14. *Neither is there salvation.* . . . .

**Lesson 7.** The apostles' firmness. Prayer of the Church. The prayer heard. 4: 18-31. *If God be for us.* . . . .

**Lesson 8.** Deceit and punishment of Ananias and Sapphira. 5: 1-11. *Lying lips are.* . . . .

**Lesson 9.** Apostles arrested. Delivered by an angel. Before the Council again. 5: 17-32. *We ought to obey.* . . . .

**Lesson 10.** The "Grecian" widows. The seven. Stephen's gifts. His trial before the council. 6: 1-15. *Seven men of honest.* . . . .

**Lesson 11.** Stephen Stoned. Saul's rage. The Gospel carried abroad. 7: 54-60; 8: 1-4. *Be thou faithful.* . . . .

OR

### A LESSON ON TEMPERANCE.

Proverbs 23: 29-35.

**GOLDEN TEXT.**—"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."—Prov. 20: 1.

I. What six woes of wine-drinking are named in ver. 29? What is meant by babblings? By contentions? Who hath woe? Are these characteristics of the wine-bibber alone? What is mixed wine? The evils of wine-drinking?

II. What warning is given? What will it do at the last? Is the warning against wine only? What are people called who let all kinds of liquor alone? Which are the safest—wine-drinkers or total abstainers? What is Paul's advice? (1 Thess. 5: 22.)

III. What six elements of wretchedness in ver. 29? What two in ver. 31? What two characteristics of the drunkard in ver. 33? To what are drunkards compared? How are they like those who lie down in the midst of the sea? How like those on the mast-head? Is it an easy thing for drunkards to stop drinking?

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