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Ministers and Churches.

THE Synod of the Church of Scotland in Canada has appointed the Revs. J. Edgar Hill, M.A., B.D., of Montreal, and C. F. Gordon Smith, F.S.Sc., of Lancaster, Ont., to represent it at the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance in Toronto in September.

Calling, Muskoka, on the evening of the 4th, in and of the funds of the mission. A varied programme was rendered by Mrs. Fenwick, the noted singer; Misses Edgar, Westman, Atchibald, Foote, Millichamp, and Messrs. Barber, Toye, Munson, Ald. Saunders in the chair Proceeds, \$33.50.

An very successful and enjoyable garden party was held on Tuesday evening, 2nd 1181, on the beautiful grounds of Mr. F. Earchman Epsom, under the anspices of the ambitious little congregation of Presbyterians at Utica. Excellent music was furnished for the occasion by the Citizens' Brass Band of Uxbudge, together with other talent from Uxbudge and Port Perry; proceeds, \$46.

THE next Provincial Convention of Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour will probably be the largest convention of Christian workers ever held in Ontario. It will commence October 19, 1892, in London. Every Society in the Province is expected to send one or more delegates. Already the committee of management are making enthusiastic and extensive preparations for the reception of this host of the Lord's workers.

About a year ago Dr. Daniel Hamilton, a devoted elder of Guthrie Church, Harriston, consecrated to the Lord's service a valuable young colt, with the determination not to sell it till offered \$100. The colt was sold a few days ago for the price, and the money distributed as follows: China Inland Mission, \$50; The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Guthrie Church, \$25, and Home Missions, \$25. This is a special contribution, and Dr. Hamilton does not allow it to effect his usual liberal contributions. These facts are so worthy of imitation that they are given to the public, though contrary to the judgment of the contributor.

THE new Presbyterian church at Parkersville. Presbytery of Barrie, was opened for public worship on Sabbath, July 24, by the Rev. M. N. Bethune, of Gravenhurst. The reverend gentleman preached morning and evening to large and appreciative audiences. James Lochore, missionary in charge, preached in Gravenhurst on that day. The church is a comfortable frame with stone foundation, and through the kindness of Mrs. Osburne and other friends it is now free from debt. The church has been named Osburne Church. A teameeting is to be held on the 12th of August, when it is hoped money enough will be raised to paint the church, put up sheds and fence the grounds.

THE 24th of July will be a memorable day in the history of Presbyterianism in Hamiota. A new church has been completed. The Rev. Dr. King, of Manitoba College, and the Rev. Robert Frew preached powerful and impressive sermons at the dedication services. A tea-meeting was held Monday evening, when tables were set out in the Massey warerooms. The speaking and music were a nate treat, being superior to that generally heard upon such occasions. The speakers were Rev. Messrs. McEwen, Hodnett, Chegwin, Frew and the Rev. Drs. Robertson and King. The church is a beautiful structure, costing S1, Soo, a large amount of which is subscribed by the congregation. At present they are presided over by a missionary who graduated from Knox last April. Should this place become fully settled, as it promises, the three stations of which Hamiota is one will before long be able to call a minister of their own.

The induction of the Rev. F. C. Simpson, late of Melbourne, Ont., into the pastoral charge of St. Johns Presbyterian Church, Bridgewater, N.S., took place Tuesday evening week. After the reading of the edict by the Rev. J. W. Crawford, the induction sermon was preached by the Rev. D. McGillivray, of Lunenburg. The Rev. G. Leck, Moderator of the Presbytery, put the usual questions, all of which were satisfactorily answered, and Mr. Simpson was declared the pastor of St. Johns Church, the right hand of fellowship being given by the members of the Presbytery as they welcomed the newly-inducted pastor. The charge to the minister was delivered by the Rev. Principal Forrest, of Halifax, and the people were addressed by Rev. J. F. Dustan and Rev. J. Robbins. The choir, under the able conductorship of the organist, Mr. William Hebb, rendered a creditable selection of anthems. The platform was beautifully decorated with a choice selection of plants and flowers, and reflected great credit on the ladies who had undertaken the work. The service, which was altogether of a very interesting character, was greatly enjoyed by the large audience present. After the benediction was given, the members of the congregation were introduced to the new minister by the Clerk of the Session, Dr. Calder. The call to the Rev. Mr. Simpson was hearty and unanimous, and the congregation is to be congratulated on their choice. The reverend gentleman gave his first sermon as pastor on Sabluah morning week to a large congregation.

THE Brantford Expeditor says: A telegram has just been received announcing the death of Mrs. Frank Nichol, wife of Kev. Frank Nichol, of the Indian Missions in the North-West. Mrs. Nichol, who was a daughter of Captain Manson, of Port Hope, was married to Mr. Nichol on July 15, 1891, Kev. Dr. Cochrane officiating on the occasion. She and her husband left shortly afterwards for their home in the North-West, called Mastawissis, where during the past year they were singularly successful in their work among the Indians. Albeit three months ago she returned to visit her mother, Mrs. Manson, in Port Hope, who was in somewhat delicate health, and her sisters in On-

tario, Mrs. Harley and Mrs. Vansleet, in Brantford; Mrs. Foster, in Bursord, and Mrs. Grant, in Totonto. She spent a considerable time in Brantford, apparently in the best of health, and addressed the Ladies' Missionary Society of Zton Church, and other societies in Ontario in behalf of work among the Indians. About three weeks ago she left Brantsord to rejoin her husband, and though somewhat exhausted by her labours in Ontario, she was in the best of spirits. Before embarking at Owen Sound for Port Arthur she got a chill, and with difficulty reached Prince Albert, some seventy-five miles from the missionary station. On Thursday last. Dr. Nichol received from his son a telegram that she was very ill, and immediately left for the North West, where he will arrive to night about eight o'clock. This afternoon a telegram was received by Mrs. (Dr.) Nichol, intimating the death of the young wife. Dr. Cochrane at once telephoned the sad tidings to the friends in the city, and will refer to it in his sermon to morrow. The cause of death was a fever, resulting from a chill. A large circles of friends will extend the sincerest sympathy to the family.

The Clinton News Era says: Sunday last was the Lith anniversary of the induction of the Rev. A. Stewart, as pastor of the congregation of Willis Church, Clinton. At the morning service the pulpit was occupied by the pastor, who has returned from a well-earned holiday. The text of the sermon was I. Sam. vii. 12. After a careful exposition of the text, and enforcement of its lessons, reference was made to its appropriateness to the circumstances of the congregation and himself as its pastor. Surveying the experiences and the work of the past fourteen years, the congregation had reason to raise its Stone of Remembrance and inscribe on it, "Ebenezer—for hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Some interesting statistics were quoted, which serve as an index of the work done during the pastorate. The statistics are taken from the published reports:—

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Besides these regular contributions the church has been built and furnished, something over \$10,000 having been paid, and over \$1,000 has also been contributed towards the endowment of colleges, and about the sum of \$1,000 has been promised for the purchase of an organ. The membership for the year preceding induction was reported to be 225. and at the congregational meeting held in February last the membership was reported as 262. A bare comparison of the membership of the two periods would lead to great discouragement and to a false impression, and it was pointed out that the principal discouragement connected with Christian work, in a field where the population was not increasing, such as this, is that results cannot be gathered and visibly presented, and often unfair and improper comparisons were made between such congregations as this and so-called flourishing and influential con-gregations where the population was rapidly in-creasing, or where the natural increase of population was retained. During the fourteen years there have been admitted to the Church 430 members. This has only to be stated to show changes have occurred, and to indicate what the congregation would have been had this locality grown in population and retained it. Over 100 of those whose names appear upon the call have gone, some by death and some by removal. The person-nel of the Session and Board of Managers has almost completely changed. A contemplation of these changes ought to inspire humility, proving to us that notwithstanding individual changes, the congregation is the same, God making His work go on independent of any one or set of individuals. A matter of congratulation was that although the membership was not much greater than it was when the pastorate began, yet the contributions had greatly increased, those for missions and other schemes having almost doubled. It certainly does not fall to the lot of many clergymen to retain their connection with a congregation so long without the slightest friction or unpleasantness occurring, and the fact that Mr. Stewart has the entire confidence and esteem of not alone his own people, but all others, is an evidence of his acceptability and the faithfulness of his work. We congratulate Willis Church on its ability to retain so eminently useful and able a pastor, and Mr. Stewart is deserving of much credit for the fidelity displayed duting this lengthened and successful pastorate. THE Guelph Mercury says: A memorial ser-

The Guelph Mercury says: A memorial service for the departed members of the Steven family, who were suddenly engulfed in the waters of the Georgian Bay, was held in Knox Church, Guelph, on a recent Sahbath morning. The pulpit was draped in black and white and flowers tastefully arranged on it. Mr. William Anderson, a former superintendent of the Sahbath school, and Mr. J. A. McCrea, the superintendent of the school, assisted in the service. Rev. R. J. Beattie, the pastor, Look for his text Phil. i. 21: "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain." After speaking of the Christian life he dwelt upon the Apostles' view of death to the Christian. It was gain. It was rest from toil and temptation at the right hand of God, where there was fulness of joy. Here we cry for what we want and what we have lost: we shall find both in God and he satisfied. Friends who have gone from us are not lost. They dwell with God in the possession of His hounty. We shall find them again and shall be forever with the Lord. We may well restrain our grief for the loved ones taken away; we have the best of evidence that they are all enjoying this gain. What is the aim of our life and on what do we rest our hopes for the life to come? Our heloved teachers, who have been taken, were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in death they were not divided. They were women of superior mind and judgment, in whose face the light of God shone because they loved His truth and hid it in their heats. They lived Christ and knew the power of God's Word, and were therefore fitted to teach others. They were living exponents of true Christian principle, not looking for blurs or defects in

the lives of those around them, or listening to those who would speak evil of others. The speaker bore his testimony to the moral support and sympathy that he had always received from these faithful Christian workers whom they would meet no more here. They had heard the blessed words from Him whom they loved and served, "Well done, good and faithful servant." In all the vicissitudes of life here let us cling close to Him who became a Man of Sorrows for us, and who, although Lord of all, wept by the grave of one whom He loved. Mr. McCrea said that he had known the Misses Steven in Sunday school work during the past eight years. He had not in these years discovered their defects, and had been helped and comforted by their hidelity and good judgment more than he could tell. He could not recall any time in which he had expressed to them the appreciation that he felt, and regretted the fact that we were all so apt to leave kind things unsaid until after the death of those who have helped us with word or act. He referred to the last lexan taught by their departed friends. It was "The First Christian Church "Miss Steven walked home with him, and talked of one point prominent in the lesson, viz.: Individual responsibility of Church members in carrying on the work of the Church. The Misses Steven, in all the branches of Church work, had made it very plain that they felt their individual responsibility in the use of talent, time and influence. They reflect Christ in their lives, so that the lives of those with whom they came in contact were strongly influenced for good. They were a daily illustration of the tinth that religion was not gloomy but joyous. They have left us the best legacy, that of good works. Who will accept it and take up the important work they have left? Christ says: "Go work to day in My vineyard." Soon the day of toil will be over; let us be faithful until the rest that remains the cours."

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN. - This Presbytery met in Knox Church, Harriston, on July 12 Hall was examined on the third year's work in the literary course, as recommended by the General Assembly, and the Clerk was instructed to certify Assembly, and the Clerk was instructed to certify him as a student of the first year in theology. A minute of the General Assembly was read, intimating that leave was granted the Rev. John Macmillan to retire and to be placed on the list of annuitants. Messrs. Cameron, Iansen and Mc Laughlan reported that they had attended the General Assembly according to appointment. Messrs. Ramsty, McKellar and Hagerman were appointed to consider the method of appointing commissioners to the General Assembly. Also commissioners to the General Assembly. Also the payment of their expenses. Mr. McKellar re-ported that he had moderated in a call in Amos and Knox Church, Normanhy, in favour of Mr Donald MacVicar, B.A., probationer. Salary, \$750 and manse. The call was sustained and ac-cepted. The Presbytery agreed to meet in Amos Church on the 26th inst., at eleven o'clock a.m., to examine Mr. MacVicar on the subjects prescribed, and to hear his trial discourses, and if sustained to meet at two p.m. for his ordination and induction. Mr. McKellar to preside, Mr. Jansen to preach, Mr. Young to address the minister and Mr. Millar the The Clerk intimated that fifteen certifi cates had been given for correctly repeating the Shorter Catechism. Four to Knox Church, Normanby, Sabbath school, and eleven to Belmore Sabbath school. Mr. Hall was assigned a text on which to write a discourse at next meeting. Mr. Ramsay gave in a report "on order of business. He was requested to send a printed copy to each member two weeks before next meeting, in order that time might be given to consider it. The Ses-sion records of Balaklava and Clifford were examined and attested. It was agreed to change the name of Balaklava congregation to that of Mildmay. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Mount Forest on September 13, at 10 a.m.—S. VOUSG,

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