

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

The Qu'Appelle Presbyterians are about erecting a \$3,000 church.

Presbytery has accepted the resignation of Rev. A. MacLean, Stonewall, and Rev. J. H. Cameron, of Kildonan, was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant, and to act as moderator of session during the vacancy.

The General Assembly met in this city in 1887 and 1897. Rev. Dr. DuVal mentioned the subject at last Presbytery meeting, indicating that Knox Church would extend an invitation to the venerable court to meet here again in 1907. The Presbytery will cordially second the invitation.

The following ministers having presented certificates of Presbyterial standing and were received under the care of the presbytery of Winnipeg as ministers without charge, resident within their bounds. Rev. Andrew Walker, from the presbytery of Duluth; Rev. Wm. Cameron, from the presbytery of Rock Lake; Rev. J. A. Bowman, B.A., from the presbytery of Melita. Rev. H. L. Kinsman was received from the presbytery of Melita and appointed to the charge of north and south Plympton and Millbrook, and his name was added to the roll.

Rev. Dr. Gordon presented the following resolution with regard to Sabbath observance, which, after some discussion and modification, was adopted: The presbytery of Winnipeg heartily endorses the Lord's day bill now before the House of Commons at Ottawa, and earnestly hopes that in its present form it may become the law of the land. Believing that the historic and sacred institution, the Lord's day, has proved throughout the Christian centuries an inestimable boon to mankind, and that the preservation, both of the sanctity and of the rest of the Sabbath is bound up with the highest good of our people and the enduring development of our national life, the presbytery, in consonance with resolutions of this and other courts of our church, earnestly urge upon all members and adherents the utmost care in preserving the sanctity and rest of the Lord's day.

At last meeting of Winnipeg Presbytery Rev. Dr. Baird reported that the committee appointed for the purpose had examined the draft book containing the new version of the Psalms in metre, and recommends: (1) that the presbytery express its appreciation of the labor expended, and the taste displayed in collecting and editing these metrical versions of the Psalms; (2) that since the Presbyterian Church in Canada has already an excellent and satisfactory book of praise, the presbytery can make no recommendation as to the adoption of this book for congregational use; (3) that the book be kept in view in the confidence that it will prove valuable when the time comes for the revision or enlargement of the book now in use; (4) that in view of the discussion now going on in the church about union; and in view of the work of the union committees of our own, and the other negotiating bodies, your committee sees little prospect for the adoption of a book of praise containing psalms exclusively.

The following are the appointments for the augmented and mission charges within the bounds of Winnipeg Presbytery: Balmoral, Rev. A. Chisholm; Emerson, Rev. H. C. Sweet, Blythfield, Rev. Dr. McClelland; Dugald, Rev. H. L. Kinsman; Dominion City, Rev. James Pullar; Sunnyside, Rev. A. McFarlane; Springfield, Rev. D. Iverach; Norwood, Rev. J. P. Jones; Beauséjour, Mr. T. E. Morris; Clearspring, Rev. J. A. F. Sutherland; Clamphoye, Rev. N. Macpherson; Little Britain, Rev. James Carswell; Niverville, Mr. F. Dugan; Prairie Grove, Mr. F. Millar; Salem, Mr. W. O. Mulligan; Seamo, Rev. J. Mowat; East Selkirk and Whitemouth, Mr. R. J. Scott; Starbuck, Mr. J. D. Harley; Stuartburn, Mr. R. A. Hanley; Stony Mountain, Mr. P. T. T. Macdonald; Chatfield, T. H. Carter; Union Point, Rev. C. Moore; Poplar Point, Rev. J. McNeven; Riverview, Mr. W. Gilmour; Immigration chaplain, Rev. Joseph Hoag; Teulon hospital, Rev. Dr. Hunter; Hungarian Church, Mr. L. Kovacci; Galician school, Mr. M. Serbinin.

A BIBLE WOMAN IN KOREA.

From the Korea Field, a missionary magazine published in Seoul, Korea, is given this interesting account of a native Bible woman:

For some time I have been intending to write about my Bible woman, but have kept putting it off with the hope that she might be able to come to Wonsan. But God is good, and instead of her coming, the way has been opened for our return to Ham Heung, which several months ago seemed beyond possibility. My good "Mary" has stayed here during the whole of the past year, standing bravely at her post, even when other women fled in fear of the troops, Russian and Japanese, which in turn have occupied the city. There were months during which communication with Ham Heung was entirely cut off, and in the smallness of our faith we feared for our church and for the steadfastness of our native workers.

I am glad I waited so long, for it is such a pleasure to report my Bible woman's faithfulness as seen by my own eyes, rather than any account she might hand in to me. However stupid she may be herself, she certainly has the genius for making others study, and I was truly surprised to find on my return that in spite of their trying experiences the women and girls had studied and improved as never before in my absence. Mary herself, several of the other women and two or three little girls had, under her direction, succeeded in memorizing the Scripture verses of both Old and New Testaments as outlined by the General Assembly of our Canadian Church, and are now eagerly awaiting the precious diplomas all the way from Canada. For Korean women who have only learned to read within a few years you can imagine this as a heavy task.

With all her show of bravery, Mary, like all the other Korean women, has in her heart a mortal terror for the foreign soldiers, and tells with laughter several stories of visits from the Cosacks and of her alarm. But her contact with several Japanese "Tommys" was very funny. The day after my arrival in Ham Heung I set out alone to pay Mary a visit, her house being only a few steps from mine. Two or three Japanese biglers, who were practicing on the hillside, and were curious to inspect the foreigners, came running down and followed me into the compound. I had just gotten comfortably seated on the best mat over the hottest floor, when the door opened and a closely cropped head, crowned by a little blue peaked cap, was thrust in. Dynamite could scarcely have a more startling effect on Mary. Quick as thought she sprang into the kitchen, and, seizing a huge wooden shovel, took the offensive and made a bold attack on the enemy. "What do you mean by coming where our 'boun' is? Do you think there are any Russians here?" and up went the shovel. Of course the soldiers, not understanding a word she said, were quite surprised at this sudden attack, and being without any means of defense except their bugles, they blew one ear-splitting blast right in the face of the bold Mary. Down went the shovel and the fight ended with a smile on each face and the retreat of the Japanese.

I think I wrote you before about how she tried to take my place by continuing the Sunday and Thursday meetings for women and by teaching the girls part of each day as opportunity offered. Her influence, too, has been very apparent in many ways which I cannot now mention; but she was particularly helpful in advising the women to remain in their homes with their husbands and children instead of running in terror to the country at every fresh approach of troops. She lost her first husband that way in Pyeng Yang the time of the Chino-Japan war, and never saw him again.

Ham Heung is now about one-third deserted, most of the people having fled from within the gates, where we are now almost alone with Japanese soldiers; but we think they are slowly gaining confidence and returning. The Christians are almost all here, and our work is quite uninterrupted, the Japanese kindly providing us with passports for use at night.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Schools are being started in London to teach prospective brides housekeeping. The English Channel at its narrowest breadth is twenty and a quarter miles across.

The Welsh Revival has broken out again at Llanelly.

Over 8,000 Chinese students are now attending college in Japan.

Japan suffers from earthquakes. The ground rents there are evidently excessive.

The banks in Scotland have reduced interest on deposits from 2 1/2 to 2 per cent.

The popular Gaelic vocalist, Mr. John MacLeod, left on the 28th ult. for Canada.

"Ozone," wrote an ingenious school-boy, "was an Irishman who discovered the seaside."

Fully one-third of the land in Great Britain is owned by members of the House of Lords.

Boston has risen to the occasion and started a whole carload of baked beans for San Francisco.

Rev. J. C. Higgins, Tarbolton, is the newly-elected Moderator of Glasgow and Ayr Established Synod.

A total of 475,000 persons in India in the week ending 7th April were in receipt of relief on account of famine.

The total land area of Scotland is 19,069,421 acres, the population 4,472,103, and the valuation for 1903-6 31,251,176 pounds.

The San Francisco agent of the Liverpool and London and Globe estimates the net liability of the company at \$4,335,000. "St. Mungo" was the first place in Great Britain in which a member of the Jewish race was appointed a civic magistrate.

Dr. and Mrs. Roberts and family have arrived in Wick from Lovedale, South Africa, where he has been a missionary for 25 years.

Rev. Mr. Miller of Kirkcud was been presented by his congregation with a silver rose-howl and a purse of sovereigns on his semi-anniversary.

The Rev. Dr. Armstrong Black has declined the call from Upton congregation, Birkenhead, on account of the serious illness of a member of his family.

London insurance men estimate British fire insurance companies' liabilities in San Francisco at \$65,000,000. All legally proven claims will be paid.

Sabbatarianism is pronounced in Dunoon. At a meeting of the Town Council a member suggested the closing of the penny-in-the-slot machines on Sundays.

The National Temperance League holds that for the first time in history the House of Commons contains a large majority absolutely in favor of temperance reform.

Securities, notes and gold, to the amount of £12,000 have been found in a cottage in Kent occupied by two brothers, who for many years past had lived in apparent poverty.

Look at Tacoma! In 1870 the population was 73, in 1880 it was 1,098, in 1900 it was 37,714. At the beginning of this year it was 85,000, and it will reach 100,000 before January 1st, 1907.

The number of emigrants who left Ireland last year—30,676 native born—was the smallest on record since official returns were instituted in 1851, and was a decrease of 0.226 as compared with the previous year.

The Duchess of Argyll is taking great interest in the new rose gardens at Windsor. This is the outcome of her intense love of flowers, and she often makes valuable suggestions as to the grouping of the different sorts.

Some remarkably good prices were paid at a London sale for old newspapers, belonging to a gentleman resident in Scotland. A number of volumes of the Oxford Gazette and the London Gazette, 1665-75, fetched 27 pounds.

Statistics show that of the 302,000 totally blind in Europe 192,000 are in Russia—that is to say, one of every 500 subjects of the Czar is blind. It is believed that this lamentable proportion is equalled by no other country in the world.