

Rev. Prin. Caven spent last Sabbath in Ottawa and preached to large audiences in Knox Church in the morning and Bank St. in the evening on "Qualifications for the Ministry."

The Congregation of St. James' Church, London, have decided to call another pastor and the question of removing to a more northerly situation has been laid aside for the present.

The Rev. Wm. Burns wishes us to intimate that minister's rates for Aged Ministers' Fund should be sent to him this month as the Assembly's rule requires him to add interest after November. Our friends will kindly remember this.

At last week's meeting of the Nova Scotia Historical Society, Rev. Dr. Gordon, of Halifax, delivered an address on the North West campaign of 1886. A resolution of sympathy with the family of the late Rev. Dr. Patterson, for many years a member of the society was passed.

Chalmers' church, Kingston, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 14th. The Rev. Wm. Patterson of Toronto preached both morning and evening when the church was crowded. In the past fifty years the church has had only six ministers, Rev. Malcolm MacGillivray, M.A., being the present pastor.

Fort Massey church, Halifax, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary Nov. 8th. As a portion of the old building debt is still unpaid and the improvements now being made will cost \$10,000 more, the pastor Rev. Mr. Gaudier suggests the wiping out of this debt as a suitable commemoration of the event.

The W. F. M. S. connected with the Westwood Church held their annual thank offering meeting on Wednesday Nov. 3rd. The attendance was large and the offering amounted to \$21. Miss Forsyth, of Peterboro, gave an interesting address on "An Enduring Mound and How to Build it," which was much enjoyed.

Rev. Dr. Warden and his family are mourning the loss of the Doctor's little grandson, Warden Danton, son of Mr. R.A. Danton, Montreal, who passed away on Monday last, aged four years. Dr. Warden's youngest son is also ill at present suffering from blood poisoning. The sympathy of the Church will go out to the family in their sorrow and anxiety.

The induction of Rev. J. C. Tibb, to the pastoral charge of Eglinton and Bethesda took place on Tuesday afternoon at the latter place. The Moderator of Presbytery Rev. Wm. Burns, presided. Rev. John Kay, Deer Park preached the induction sermon, Rev. Professor Gregg, addressed the minister and Rev. Jas. McCaul, the people. A reception took place at Eglinton in the evening.

Rev. Dr. Campbell conducted the annual pastors' and sealers' thanksgiving service in First Presbyterian Church, Victoria, B. C., on Sabbath evening, Oct. 31st. The church was filled with an appreciative audience, many of whom were mariners. The subject of the address was: "The City of

Refuge of the Mosaic Economy, a type of Christ, the Gospel Refuge of Man Sailing Over the Sea of Life." (Num., xxxv. 11.)

The anniversary services held in Westminster church, Crystal City, on Sunday, Nov. 7th, were a decided success. Rev. P. Fisher, of Deloraine, preached excellent sermons both morning and evening, and Rev. F. B. Stacey, B.A., delivered an interesting address to young people in the afternoon. The building was crowded at all three services and large collections were taken. Rev. Mr. McBeth's lecture on Monday evening, entitled "Keminiscences of the Northwest Rebellion," was interesting and instructive.

The Presbytery of Peterborough lost an old and esteemed member on Tuesday, Nov. 9th, by the death of Rev. John Ewing, of Mount Pleasant. For forty-four years he had ministered to the Presbyterians of Omemoos, Mount Pleasant and Bethany. About four years ago his infirm age caused him to retire. Mr. Ewing was born seventy-seven years ago in the county of Antrim, Ireland, where he was educated and had a charge until he came to Canada forty-four years ago, when he was called to Emily. Mr. Ewing leaves a widow and a son.

The annual meeting of the Young People's Society of the Presbyterian Churches of the Hamilton Presbytery was held last week in St. Paul's Church school-house, Hamilton. A large number of delegates were present. Alexander Mitchell presided at the afternoon meeting. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Fletcher, on "The Plan of Study;" the Rev. P. M. MacEachron, of Waterdown, on "Systematic Bible Study;" and John Crawford, M.A., on "The Young People's Society and Missions." There was a conference on "Our Presbyterian Society." There was a large attendance at the evening meeting, the Rev. Dr. Laing presiding. An address was delivered by the Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, and the Rev. James Wilson spoke on "Bible Methods of Work."

A children's service was held on Sabbath morning Oct. 31st in the Presbyterian church Valleyfield. Rev. J. E. Dacles pastor gave a practical address to the little folks, the young people and the parents. In the afternoon Mr. J. T. Scrimger, 2nd year theologian and son of Prof. Scrimger addressed the Sabbath school in an acceptable manner. He was appointed by the Presbytery's S.S. Committee to visit some of the schools within its bounds. This is a new departure which will no doubt prove profitable. Hitherto, this work was left to the Union, which whilst giving impetus through Conventions, did not look into the individual wants of our Sunday schools. At the evening service Mr. Scrimger preached an excellent sermon.

The anniversary services in the Presbyterian Church, Omemoos, Sabbath, Oct. 24, were all that could be desired. Rev. J. A. Morrison, of Toronto, preached morning and evening. His morning subject was: "Who, passing through the valley of Baca, make it a well." The subject was eloquent and beautifully illustrated and applied. The evening topic was also from the Psalms, "I shall be associated with fresh oil." Our strength may be constantly renewed through abiding in Christ as the branch does in the vine. In the afternoon, Rev. N. Russell, of India, was introduced by Rev. Mr. Patter. The missionary gave an account of the dark condition of the people and of the good being done, that caused many to take a deep interest in the work there. The collections of the three services amounted to over \$90.00.

The Victoria, B. C., Times, of Oct. 29th, says: Rev. Thomas Crosby returned yesterday on the little missionary steamer "Glad Tidings" from Comox after a successful missionary tour. He preached at and addressed meetings at Salt Spring Island, Chemainus, Union and Comox. Sabbath was spent at Union, where Rev. Mr. Crosby preached to a large congregation, and on Monday evening he addressed a meeting of the Indians resident near Comox, Rev. Mr. Tait occupying the chair. Rev. Mr. Crosby was accompanied on a portion of his tour by Rev. A. B. Winchester, missionary to the Chinook, and with him he called at Darcy Island, where Rev. Mr. Winchester addressed the seven lepers. Two or three of the unfortunate Chinese are in a very bad condition, their fingers and features

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being gradually eaten away by the fall disease. The others look well, the effects of the disease being hardly noticeable. The latest arrival, the Steveston leper, has now made himself quite at home and has been taken in by his associates as a member of the leper colony. All are in good spirits and working in their gardens regularly. Rev. A. B. Winchester parted company with Rev. Mr. Crosby at Maple Bay and came down overland by train. The Glad Tidings made the run from Nanaimo in eighteen hours.

The Rev. Dr. Clarke, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Bracebridge, during the past twelve years, died at the manse, on Thursday, Nov. 11th, after a short illness, in his seventieth year. Dr. Clarke was born in Chatham, N. E., in 1827, and was educated in Halifax, N. S., and Glasgow, Scotland. He taught English and classics in the old Grammar school, Toronto, and afterwards studied medicine, obtaining his degree from the Toronto School of Medicine. After practicing two years in Toronto he removed to Paris, Ontario, where he was in active practice for twenty-two years, with the exception of one year, when he went to Brantford and took the position of principal of the Ladies' College. In 1885 Dr. Clarke entered the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, and received a call to Bracebridge, where he had remained in active work until his death.

THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY.

The committee having charge of the arrangements for the commemoration of the Westminster Confession of Faith in Knox church, on Dec. 7th and 8th, have arranged for the following programme:—

Tuesday, Dec. 7th—8 p.m.—Chairman, Rev. Principal Caven, D.D., LL.D. Addresses—"The Utility of Creeds and Confessions," by the chairman; "The Historical Setting, Political and Religious, of the Westminster Assembly," by Rev. Louis H. Jordan, B.D.; "The Personnel of the Assembly," by Rev. W. J. McCaughan.

Wednesday, Dec. 8th—10 a.m.—Chairman, Rev. Wm. Burns, Moderator of Presbytery. Paper—"The Doctrinal Contents of the Confession," by Rev. James Carmichael, D.D. Discussion.

Wednesday afternoon, 3 p.m.—Chairman, Mr. W. M. Clark, Q.C. Papers—"The Confession and Catechisms in Relation to the Previous History of Theology," by Rev. Prof. MacLaren, D.D.; discussion; "The History and Influence of the Westminster Standards in connection with the several Branches of the Presbyterian Church," by Rev. Dr. Gregg; discussion.

Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock—Chairman, Mr. J. K. Macdonald. Addresses—"Presbyterianism in Relation to Civil Liberty," by Rev. G. M. Millies; and "The Confessions and Catechisms in the Home," by Rev. H. M. Parsons, D.D.

Members of the Presbytery are expected to be present at this conference and take part in the discussions; and the public generally will be cordially welcomed.

TORONTO MCALL AUXILIARY.

A very large number of members and friends of the McAll Mission gathered at the residence of Mrs. Duncan-Clark St. George St. on Thursday evening Nov. 4th to learn of the development of Miss Good's work in France. Principal Sheridan of

A MISSIONARY'S WIFE

Interesting Letter from India—A Long Summer Season.

The following letter is from the wife of an American Baptist missionary at Nowgong, Assam, India: "After living here for several years I found the climate was weakening me. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla every summer. This I found so beneficial that I now take one dose every morning for nine months in the year, that is, through the hot weather. My general health is excellent and my blood is in good condition. My weight does not vary more than one pound throughout the year. I find Hood's Sarsaparilla indispensable in the summer and recommend it for use in a debilitating climate." Mrs. P. H. MOORE.

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