

## Church News.

[All communications to this column ought to be sent to the Editor immediately after the occurrence to which they refer have taken place.]

### In Canada

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Brockville, held at Iroquois, 11th inst., a call, addressed to the Rev. Mr. McEachern, of Napanee, from N. Williamsburg and Winchester Springs, was sustained.

Last Sabbath, June 9th, the pulpit of the Presbyterian church, South Mountain, was occupied by the Rev. H. Cameron, B.A., of Morrisburg. The services of the day were well fitted to mark the completion of three years of successful ministry in this congregation by the present pastor, the Rev. J. F. Macfarland, B.A.

THE Presbytery of Inverness inducted Rev. A. M. Thompson, a recent graduate of the Presbyterian College, Halifax, into the pastoral charge of Margaree Harbour, Big Intervale and Cheticamp, on the 5th inst. Mr. Thompson was very cordially received by Presbytery and congregation, and much good is expected to result from his ministry. The next meeting of Presbytery will be at Whycomagh, on the 3rd of September.

THE Rev. W. T. Morison, a graduate of the Presbyterian College, of Montreal, was ordained and inducted over the united congregations of Ste. Therese, etc., on the 10th of June. Of two calls—one to Toronto and the other to Ste. Therese—he decided to accept the latter which was first in the field. The settlement is a most hopeful one. Rev. Mr. Patterson, of Montreal, presided; Rev. Mr. Verrier, of New Glasgow, preached; Rev. Mr. Fieck, of Montreal, addressed the minister, and Rev. Mr. Waddell, of Henry's church, Lachute, the people.

THE friends who so kindly subscribed to help the Protestant church in Belgium, will be interested in the following extract from a letter received by Mr. J. K. Macdonald from Pastor Brocher:—"It is with the greatest pleasure that I received your very kind letter. It was a very agreeable surprise the reception of that sum of money, and the gratifying news that friends have so kindly taken an interest in our work here. It awoke in me a deep feeling of gratitude to God as well as to our friends themselves. I now see that you have not forgotten your quest of a few days and are faithful to your promise of keeping in mind our mission. Receive my heartfelt thanks and please tell the friends in Canada how grateful I am for what they have done. Our work is now, thank God, in very good condition, most prosperous. We will send you details with much pleasure. Very thankful for your kind intention to publish them. The list of names will be given in our annual report of this year, the English extract of which will appear later."

### Notes from the East.

ST. DAVID'S, ST. JOHN'S, N. R.—At the last communion over forty were received into fellowship on profession of faith. Never were the spiritual life and activities of the congregation more promising and hopeful, their numerous societies and three Sabbath schools being in the most flourishing condition.

ST. JOHN'S, ST. JOHN'S, N. R.—Last Sabbath evening the Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, M.A., preached an exceedingly able sermon on "Christian Unity" from John xiv. 21. Reference was made to the Pope's recent encyclical letter on the subject, and it was pointed out that recent discussion and conference had shown that baptism by immersion, and apostolic succession, were the most insuperable barriers in the way of organic unity of the different Churches.

PROFESSOR D. M. GORTON, D.D., Halifax, has been recently supplying the pulpit of St. Andrew's church, St. John, N. R., with great acceptance.

### Presbytery of Inverness.

THIS Presbytery met at Whycomagh on the 23rd ult. Catechists were stationed for the summer as follows. Mr. L. McLean, at Baddeck Forks; Mr. W. A. Morrison, at River Inhabitants; Mr. Ed. G. Taylor, at Port Hastings; Mr. Alex. Smith, at Aishat, etc.; Mr. A. D. McKinnon, at Middle River till after the second Sabbath of June. Mr. Neil K. McKinnon, licentiate, was appointed to Malagawatch and River Dennis till after the second Sabbath of June, and then to Middle River till the end of July. Rev. D. Campbell to Little Narrows till the end of June. Rev. K. McKenzie continues to supply Whycomagh, and Rev. A. Grant agrees to give preaching supply to E. Lake Ainslie for the summer if he can. A call from the congregation of Whycomagh to Rev. D. T. McKay, Tiree, Scotland, was sustained. It was signed by 203 communicants and 362 adherents, accompanied with a guarantee of \$890 stipend, and declared to be hearty and almost unanimous. The Presbytery ordered the call to be forwarded to the Presbytery of Mull, and impressed upon the representatives of the congregation the duty of wiping out the arrears due their late pastor and others. The congregation is large and can easily meet its indebtedness. A very hearty call from the congregation of Margaree Harbour, Big Intervale, and Cheticamp, to Mr. A. M. Thompson, who has just graduated from the Presbyterian College, Halifax, was sustained. Mr. Thompson, by letter, signified his acceptance, and Presbytery agreed to meet at Margaree Harbour, on June 5th, at 10 o'clock, for his examination: ordination and induction services to begin at 11 o'clock. The application of the Rev. Wm. Peacock, of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and N. Brunswick, for admission to the ministry of this Church, was considered and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly. Dr. Robertson was nominated for Moderator of the Assembly.—D. McDONALD, Clerk.

### Presbytery of Sydney.

THIS Presbytery met in St. Andrew's church, Sydney, on the 22nd of May. There was a large attendance of members. A case of reference from the Marion Bridge section of Mira congregation was amicably settled by the following resolution:—"The managers of Mira congregation shall have control of the congregational funds, except collections taken on communion occasions; these to remain as heretofore under control of session." The clerk read a letter from Rev. Mr. Stewart, McLellan's Hook, Pictou, in which the following important statement was made:—"Our Presbytery (i. e. Kirk Presbytery of Pictou), met on first day of May, 1885, and we heartily gave our sanction to your Presbytery to look after the spiritual welfare of the Kirk people of Loch Lomond," i. e. Little Lake. Presbytery in view of this information agreed to record its thanks to the Kirk Presbytery of Pictou for their brotherly conduct in this transaction, assume the responsibility imposed on it by their brethren, and appoint Messrs. J. F. Forbes, and J. A. Forbes to visit Little Lake people with a view of making such arrangements as will enable Presbytery to discharge its duty to these people and safeguard Presbyterian rights there against all intruders. The clerk informed Presbytery that he had received two calls both addressed to Rev. A. J. McDonald, of South Gut and Englishtown, one from Lachute, the other from Sannysbrae, both in Pictou Presbytery. Rev. John Fraser was appointed to exchange pulpits with Mr. McDonald on June 2nd, and cite South Gut and Englishtown congregation to appear for its interests at next meeting of Presbytery. He also read a telegram from Messrs. McAshie and Morrison asking for moderation in a call at St. Peter's. In the absence of Mr. M. A. McKenzie from Cape Breton, Mr. McLeod was appointed to attend to this duty on Wednesday, June 5th, at 7.30 p.m., and Mr. Greenleaf was appointed to give due notice of this arrangement. Mr. Grant resigned his appointment to General Assembly, and Mr. Calder was appointed commissioner in his place. Presby-

tery agreed to separate Pleasant Bay from Cape North and erect it into a mission station. Mr. J. A. Forbes read his report on Sabbath schools, which was approved of and Presbytery requested him to publish extracts of it in the Witness. Mr. Calder's report on Sabbath Observance was approved and well received; also his report of a visit to Gaharus was very encouraging, showing, as it did, that that congregation is increasing in liberality, numbers and Christian activity. Next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Matthew's church, North Sydney, on Tuesday the 11th day of June, at 11.30 a.m. J. MUNRO, Clerk.

### Presbytery of Maitland.

At a special meeting of the Presbytery of Maitland in Knox church, Belgrave, on June 11th inst., Mr. W. T. Hall was ordained to the ministry of the Gospel and inducted into the pastoral charge of Knox church, Belgrave, and Calviu church, East Wawanosh. Rev. Jas. Malcolm, moderator pro tem. Rev. H. S. G. Anderson preached a suitable sermon; Rev. A. W. Hartley delivered the charge to the minister, and Rev. John Ross addressed the people. JOHN MACNABE, Clerk.

### Toronto Bible Training School.

THE first annual meeting of the Toronto Bible Training School was held on Thursday evening, May 30th, in Association Hall. The chair was occupied by the President, Rev. Elmore Harris, who in the course of his address said that the work of the year had surpassed their most sanguine expectations. Although the evening was intensely warm, the interest and sympathy of the audience in the grand and spiritual addresses of the evening were strongly displayed.

On the platform were Rev. Dr. Stewart, resident instructor of the school; Rev. A. J. Pierson, of Philadelphia; Reverends Desbarres, Parsons, McTavish, Patterson, Hyde, and many others. This was the best proof of the inter-denominational character of the work. On the Council are representatives from every denomination in the city. The report was presented by the secretary, Mr. Wm. Ferguson. It showed the object of the school to be, not a theological training of candidates for the ministry but a preparation and fitting of Christian workers throughout our land for home and foreign service for the Master.

It is the only school of the kind in the Dominion and is founded on the basis of the Moody Training School, Chicago. Its need was clearly evinced in the fact that during the first year of its existence 135 students have been enrolled. Tuition is free upon promise of the applicant to lead a life of usefulness in the Master's vineyard. The course of study during the year has been, outlines of Old Testament books, Life of Christ, New Testament Greek, etc., while courses of lectures and addresses have been given by H. W. Frost, Rev. T. B. Hyde, Rev. T. C. Debarres, Rev. H. M. Parsons, Rev. Dr. McTavish and many others. The students are at once taken into active mission work such as Cottage Meetings, Sunday School Classes, Hospital and other visits, personal dealing, etc. Students from the country are furnished with board and room at very moderate rates.

After the adoption of the report the Rev. T. B. Hyde gave a short but powerful address on the Word of God, the value and real necessity for its study. Rather than merely skim its pages, let culture, news papers and everything else be sacrificed. Find out God's will in it. God uses those who are willing to have their wills sunk in His.

The Rev. A. T. Pierson, of Philadelphia, gave a most fearless and heart searching address. The repeated applause showed how Christian hearts beat in sympathy with his soul-inspiring utterances. He is truly a man full of the Holy Ghost. His prominent theme was the Bible and the Christian's responsibility to its precious teachings and truths. For 14 years it has been his constant study undivided by commentary. The Holy Ghost is his teacher. The standard of