

abolish separate schools: another Bill to establish High Schools: and a third to organize a Department of Education. Religious exercises will be at the option of the trustees. The bills have been well received. It is expected that arrangements will be made to have Manitoba University become a teaching body. This will greatly relieve the colleges, which expect to retain arts teaching in classics and metaphysics. The French language has been abolished in the Manitoba Legislature by a vote of 27 to 6, the majority being all English, irrespective of party, and the minority all French. The French language has outgrown its usefulness in Manitoba. The vote on separate schools will not likely be greatly different. Rev. A. Dowsley, a Canadian lately returned from India has come to the Northwest. The following places are still vacant, Keewatin, Selkirk, Morris and Dominion City, Holland, Treherne, Carberry, Killarney, Carman, Minnedosa, Regina and Prince Albert. We need a dozen of the best men who graduate from our colleges this year. These spheres will afford splendid opportunities, to comprise a generous and attractive people. Winnipeg Presbytery Foreign Mission Auxiliary has just completed its first year and has raised over \$400. Rev. Dr. Duval of Knox Church, and Rev. John Hogg of North Church, Winnipeg have both been ill, but have recovered again. Rev. C. D. MacDonald of Thorold has accepted a call to Kildonan, and is to be settled at once.

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Obituary.

REV. ALEXANDER ROMANS of Halifax, N.S., died on March 4th at the age of 84 years. By birth a Scotsman, he was a graduate of the University of Edinburgh, and a student of Dr. Chalmers. Mr. Romans exercised his ministry many years at Dartmouth and in various stations in and around Halifax. He was an accomplished scholar, and devoted a great part of his life to the education of young men. Of late years he lived in retirement. He was the oldest minister in Nova Scotia—one of the oldest in connection with our church.

REV. GEORGE JAMIESON of Bayfield, Ont., died on the 14th of February, aged 67 years. Mr. Jamieson was a native of Dumfriesshire, Scotland, received his education at Glasgow University, and Knox College Toronto, and was ordained to the ministry in 1866. He was for some time minister of the congregation at Aylmer, Que., and retired from that position a few years ago on account of

delicate health. He was a man of fine intellect, unpretentious in manner, of a genial and kindly disposition, a devout Christian, and who worked faithfully in his sacred calling up to the measure of his ability.

REV. JOHN FERGUSON, B.D., of Chesley Ont., died on the 15th of February in the 42nd year of his age. He was a native of Antrim, Ireland, and came to Canada in 1869. He was a graduate of Queen's University, Kingston, and was ordained and inducted as pastor of Geneva Church, Chesley in 1879. Mr. Ferguson was a very earnest and laborious pastor, an eloquent preacher, and an ardent advocate of Temperance and every other moral and social reform. He was also an admirable administrator—guiding his congregation with great prudence and wisdom. His early death is keenly felt and lamented by all who knew him.

REV. ROBERT EWING, for some time minister of Georgetown and Limehouse, Ont., but since 1876 retired from active service, on account of delicate health, and residing in Collingwood, was taken away by death on the 15th of January last. His youth seems to have been spent in Glasgow, Scotland, where he was engaged for some time in missionary work. He came to Canada in 1860 and was ordained as pastor of Georgetown and Limehouse in 1865. All who knew him esteemed him very highly for his work's sake as well as for the graces that adorned his personal character, and the earnestness that characterized his public ministrations.

REV. D. B. CAMERON, some time minister of Bradford, and afterwards of Acton, Ont., died on the 25th of February, in his 73rd year. Mr. Cameron was a good Gaelic scholar, a man of deep and earnest piety, and in every way an exemplary minister of the Gospel. Several volumes of his sermons have been published and met with a very considerable circulation.

MR. EDWARD DUNN SENR. of Plover Mills, Middlesex, Ont., died on the 11th of February. Deceased was a native of Northumberland-shire England, born in 1807. He was for over twenty-five years an elder in South Nissouri congregation. Mr. Dunn's faithful and consistent life won for him the highest respect not only of the congregation to which he belonged, but also of the community at large, and among Christians of all denominations.