

in Queen's University, but took first place at the end of the first year, and graduated, taking the degree of B.A. in 1878. Every summer, during his theological course, he laboured in the mission fields of the Church. In 1881 he graduated in theology, and took the degrees of M.A. and B.D. in the spring same year, having held a scholarship every year during his whole course. Mr. Ross has had but one pastoral charge, that of Knox Church, Perth, Ontario, where he still is, and from which his Presbytery will soon loose him, through instruction of the General Assembly. He was ordained and inducted into that charge on September 8, 1881. The membership of the Church at that time was 140, and, according to the statistical reports presented to the General Assembly, is now 380, notwithstanding a steady stream of emigration to the West. He has had tempting calls from Churches in other places, one of the most flattering of which, in 1885, was from the richest and fashionable in Ottawa—that of St. Andrews—but even this was declined. In 1889 his Alma Mater appointed him lecturer in Church History, and he admirably discharged the duties of that position during the last two sessions of that university. Among his classmates in Queen's were the Rev. A. T. Love, of St. Andrews Church, Quebec; Dr. Kellock, of Spencerville, Ontario, and the Rev. M. S. Oxley, of this city. He has a splendid physique, is well read, is a deep thinker, and is a polished and fluent speaker. He will be an acquisition to this city, as well as to the Presbyterians, and a brilliant career is before him. Long may he live to be useful, and to enjoy and adorn his new honours!

**THE Victoria, B.C., Times says:** The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church is no longer without a pastor, Rev. John Campbell, M.A., Ph. D., being now formally inducted to the charge. The Presbytery met in the church parlours, when the preliminary steps were perfected, and Dr. Campbell given an informal welcome. At eight o'clock the services in the church commenced. The auditorium was filled to the doors, and the solemn and impressive proceedings will not be soon forgotten by the congregation. The services were opened by the singing of the 100th Psalm, and after the reading of Scripture and prayer, Rev. Mr. McMillan, of Vancouver, preached the induction sermon from the text, "And Jesus answered, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart." He impressed upon his hearers the necessity of thorough consecration and close communion between God and man. Rev. D. McKee, Moderator of the Presbytery, reviewed the steps leading to the call of Dr. Campbell and the acceptance of this call by the reverend gentleman. Rev. Mr. Jamieson, of Westminster, according to the prescribed form, questioned Dr. Campbell as to his belief in the doctrines and principles of the Church, and, these being answered satisfactorily, after prayer he was formally declared pastor of the congregation. The charge to the new pastor was delivered by Rev. P. McF. McLeod, who extended to him a hearty welcome to the city, referring to his former friendly relations with Dr. Campbell, and also with the late pastor of the Church, Rev. D. Fraser, and expressed the hope that this friendship might increase, and that the greatest success might attend the labours of the reverend doctor in his new field. Rev. Mr. Mills, of Westminster, delivered the charge to the congregation, pointing out their duties to their pastor, emphasizing the fact that while Dr. Campbell was their pastor he was also the ambassador of the Lord, and that the efforts of the people as well as the pastor were necessary to successfully carry on the work. After the benediction had been pronounced, the congregation dispersed. Rev. Dr. Campbell met the members and the adherents of the Church at the door, and a hearty handshake was exchanged on parting. Rev. Dr. Campbell enters on his new duties with bright hopes and prospects, and has already won the sympathy and respect of his people. A reception and

welcome was given Dr. Campbell by the congregation the following evening in the school room. The following Sabbath the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church was filled at both services by the new pastor, Rev. Dr. Campbell, who preached two excellent sermons and was listened to with interest. In the evening the church was crowded to such an extent that those who came in late found it difficult to secure seats.

**PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.**—This Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church on Tuesday, July 5, the Moderator, Rev. Walter Reid, in the chair. A communication was read from the Presbytery of Maitland transferring Rev. Ghosn Howie to the Presbytery of Toronto, and it was ordered that his name be entered on the roll as that of a minister without charge resident within the bounds. A communication was read from Rev. George Burnfield, pastor of Southside Presbyterian Church, tendering his resignation of his charge, and also one from the Southside congregation, setting forth their action in regard to this resignation. Commissioners were heard from the congregation, and they unanimously bore testimony to the faithful and valuable service rendered by Mr. Burnfield, and expressed their sorrow at parting with him, but knowing the sad circumstances that had led Mr. Burnfield to tender his resignation, they felt that they could not oppose it. Mr. Burnfield briefly outlined the work done during his pastorate, and stated that owing to the severe illness of a member of his family he felt compelled to remove to a more genial climate. In view of these facts the resignation was accepted, to take effect on Sabbath, the 10th day of July, and Mr. R. Wallace was appointed to preach on Sabbath, July 17, and to declare the pulpit of Southside Church vacant. Mr. Frizzell was appointed interim Moderator of Session. A call was presented from St. Enoch's congregation, city, addressed to the Rev. John Young, of Niagara Falls South. The call was hearty and unanimous, was largely signed and accompanied by the usual guarantee and reasons for translation. Messrs. Murdoch, Selby and Petrie appeared in support of the call, and after hearing them the call was unanimously sustained, and ordered to be transmitted to the Presbytery of Hamilton, of which Mr. Young is a member. The Minute of the General Assembly intimating the appointment of the Rev. R. P. Mackay to the office of Secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee having been read, and it being stated that Mr. Mackay had intimated his willingness to accede to the request of the General Assembly, the Presbytery proceeded to consider his release from the pastorate of Parkdale Presbyterian Church. Messrs. Rankin, Duff and Hendry appeared as commissioners from the congregation, and while expressing their deep sorrow at being called upon to part with a beloved pastor, yet expressed their willingness to bow to the will of the General Assembly. They asked only that Mr. Mackay be allowed to continue with them as long as possible. To this the Presbytery unanimously agreed, commending the Christian spirit shown by the congregation, and declaring the pastoral tie dissolved on and after the 31st day of May next. Rev. J. Mutch was appointed to preach on Sabbath, August 7, and declare the pulpit of the Parkdale Presbyterian Church vacant. Mr. Mackay was appointed interim Moderator of Session. A call from Bolton and Vaughan in favour of Mr. A. E. Neilly, licentiate, was also presented. Commissioners having been heard in its support, Presbytery agreed to sustain the call, and ordered its transmission to Mr. Neilly. An application was presented from Davenport congregation asking to be regularly organized as a mission, and it was agreed to send intimation to the various Sessions near the proposed mission station, that they may appear in their interests at the August meeting of Presbytery. The following were appointed to visit aid-receiving congregations and mission stations and present their report at the next meeting of Presbytery, viz.: Rev. D. I. Macdonnell to visit Bonar; Rev. J. Mutch for St. Paul; Rev. Dr. McTavish for Ruth Street; Rev. W. Frizzell for Fairbank and Fisherville; Rev. Dr. Carmichael for Queen'sville and Ravenshoe; Rev. W. Amos for King and Laskey; Rev. Dr. Parsons to visit At. Aidans, Dovercourt; Rev. J. A. Grant for Mimico; Rev. R. Haddow for Hornby and Onagh; Rev. J. Neil for Chester, and Rev. H. E. Reid for Mt. Albert and Ballantrae. After appointing the Moderator and assistant Clerk, a committee to assign subjects to students labouring within the bounds of Presbytery, and hearing the reports of commissioners to the General Assembly, the Presbytery adjourned to meet again in the same place on Tuesday, August 2, at ten a.m.—R. C. Tinn, Assistant Pres. Clerk.

#### OBITUARY.

##### THE LATE MRS. MIDDLEMISS.

Born in 1813 on board H. M. 74-gunship *Firm*, then lying in the Harraze, Plymouth, under command of Captain Duncan Menzies, R. N., the younger child of a family of two daughters, she removed when yet very young, with her parents and eldest sister, to Dura Deer, near Cupar, Fifeshire, Scotland, and her earliest recollections reached back to the voyage from London to Leith, which was made on board a smack, the ordinary way of travelling in those days, between these two ports when sailing facilities, conveniences and comforts were of a primitive description compared with those which are at present enjoyed.

In her new home and early life every attention was paid to her education, as well as that of her sister, and to her religious training, till she was of age and attainments sufficient to warrant her being sent to a boarding school in Edinburgh, while still young, and in which she received a thorough grounding in all the branches of learning and accomplishments then thought necessary for young ladies.

Some time after the completion of her own edu-

cation, and having acted in the capacity of a governess for a season, she and her sister established a boarding school in the south side of Edinburgh, which was quite successful and was carried on for a number of years. In this school several of the daughters of prominent citizens and others from a distance received their education under competent teachers, and the acquaintance and friendship formed with these were maintained till the end of the life of both sisters, through correspondence when distance had severed them far from each other.

During this period she took an active interest in Christian work, having a district which she regularly visited, with a companion, in connection with a mission kept up by the new North Congregation in Cowgate.

In August, 1855, having married the Rev. James Middlemiss (who, after his preparatory course, had studied in the Edinburgh University and the Divinity Halls of the Free Church of Scotland, and been licensed to preach the gospel), she came with him to Canada. In the leadings of Providence Mr. Middlemiss was guided to Elora, where a congregation had been a short time before formed in connection with what was popularly known as the Free Church of Scotland, and after preaching three months and assiduously and acceptably labouring in the interests of the station he was called by the people to be their pastor, and, having accepted their call, he was in due course regularly ordained to the work of the gospel ministry, and inducted into the pastoral oversight of the congregation, which was then a small one, but which has continued to prosper up to the present day.

Mrs. Middlemiss, with her husband, then made Elora her permanent home, and devoted herself to the discharge of the duties which now devolved upon her, both as a wife and mother in Israel, and had no small part in contributing to the upbuilding and welfare of the people to whom he ministered. Not being of a robust constitution and being in somewhat delicate health during the early years of her residence in Canada, yet of a lively disposition and energetic temperament, her heart was in her household duties, and the spiritual welfare of those with whom she was specially connected, and she embraced every opportunity which her strength allowed, and yielded to every demand upon her services so far as in her power, frequently regretting that she was not able to accomplish more. In the welfare of the young she evinced a deep interest. She was a frequent visitor to the bedside of the sick, and fervent and appropriate were the prayers she offered up with them, and warm the counsels she addressed to them, and earnest the efforts to keep their thoughts and faith on that Saviour who alone can supply grace for present affliction; who alone can heal and restore to health, and who alone, when death is in the cup, can render meet for the land free from sickness and trouble. She took an active part in the work of missions, giving her influence on the side of the efforts which have lately been put forth by the women of the Presbyterian Church for the extension of Christ's Kingdom among the heathen.

The only time she visited her beloved Scotland was in 1860, when she sought an improvement of health, and her trip was serviceable to the end for which it was undertaken.

For three years past her health has been declining, but in December last she was taken with heart failure, occasioning frequent paroxysms of breathlessness, but there was no real disease other than the decay brought on by advanced years in the case of a person who had never been of a robust or rugged constitution. On New Year's day she was able to visit the House of Industry, in the neighbourhood of Elora, according to her annual practice since the date of its erection. From the middle of January she was confined to the house and bed till her death, which took place without a struggle early in the morning of the 25th June. Her sister, who joined her in Canada some years ago, had pre-deceased her ten weeks, so that with this brief interval two estimable ladies, each of whom had attained a good old age, were carried to their last resting place in the cemetery of Elora. Her funeral was largely attended, many being present from a distance. The services were of an impressive character, being held in the church, and conducted by the Rev. Mr. Mullan, who had them in charge, Dr. Smellie, one of the aged ministers of the body, and an intimate friend of the family, and Dr. Torrance, of Guelph. The elders of the congregation acted as pallbearers.

Mrs. Middlemiss was truly a helpmate for her husband. Every attention was paid to his comfort and facility afforded him at her disposal for his work in the study and outside among his people. Among the congregation she was diligent and active. Her sense of justice was keen, and she could brook no wrong doing. Her disposition was humane, and her heart was pained at seeing the ill-treatment going on around. Her usefulness was real and acknowledged, and her loss will long be felt, and her presence missed, by the community at large.

Dr. Middlemiss has the sympathy not only of his own people, and the members of the Presbytery to which he belongs, but of many persons in almost all parts of the Dominion, to say nothing of his native land, for he is a man extensively known. The nobility of his character is widely appreciated, and he has long held a prominent and influential place in the counsels of the Courts of the Church.

On Sunday following the death of Mrs. Middlemiss, his pulpit was occupied by Dr. Torrance, who conducted services suitable to the occasion.

##### MRS. JOHN DUNCAN.

On the 29th of April last there passed away from earth Mrs. John Duncan, one of the pioneer settlers in the Ottawa Valley, at the ripe age of seventy-eight years. Her youthful days were spent amid all the privations and hardships of pioneer life. Converted in childhood, she took a delight in memorizing the word of God. After toilsome days of labour, hoeing, reaping with the sickle, etc., when the other members of the family had retired, by the weird light of blazing chips in the old-fashioned fire-place, she committed to memory large portions

of the sacred Scripture, which were her stay and comfort to the day of her death. After a long life, in which she experienced her full share of toils and sorrows, "she laid down to rest, and the angels came and bore her away." In the village graveyard her mortal remains were laid beside those of her husband, whom she survived fifteen years. He was one of the first elders in the Russell Presbyterian Church. About a month before her decease she began to read the Bible through afresh, and on the day she died had just completed the first chapter of the Book of Joshua, in which occur the memorable words: "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous and then thou shalt have good success."

Her leading characteristics were devout piety, energy, thrift and industry. She looked well to the ways of her household, and ate not the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed.

Three sons and two daughters (one niece adopted in infancy) mourn their loss. The eldest son is Rev. W. A. Duncan, of Sauls Ste. Marie, Ont., and the other two are graduates of McGill, and are practising medicine in Victoria, B.C. Both daughters reside in the old homestead in the village of Duncannon, Russell County, one being the wife of Mr. A. Carson. Of the departed it may be truly said:

Life's race well run,  
Life's work well done,  
Now comes rest,  
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