

McDonald was substituted for the Rev. John Neil on the Augmentation Committee.

The Assembly expressed sympathy with the work of the Prisoner's Aid Association, but declared it inexpedient to express approval of the details of the legislation proposed, or to enter into consideration of them.

The very cordial thanks of the Assembly were tendered to the people of St. John for their most cordial hospitality, and to all other individuals, societies, boards, and transportation companies who have treated the Assembly with so much courtesy and consideration, especially to the Rev. Mr. Bruce, the chairman of the Billeting Committee, and those associated with him, and to the Rev. W. Burns, for their arduous and efficient services in arranging for travelling facilities, and the entertainment of the members of the Assembly. An unusually large number of members remained to the close of the Assembly.

After a brief but appropriate address by the moderator, Psalm 122 was sung, and the Assembly was closed.

Church News.

In Canada.

THE Steady Gleaners' bazaar at Deseronto turned out most successful.

ALL communications regarding supply at Wick and Greenbank should be addressed to Mr. Alexander Leask, Wick, P. O., Ont.

REV. DR. SEXTON will supply the pulpit of the Presbyterian church, Deseronto, during the entire month of August, and that of North Broad Street Presbyterian church, Philadelphia, in September.

A NUMBER of members of the church at Culloden assembled last week at the house of Mr. George Barr and presented Mrs. Barr with a handsome chair in recognition of her services as choir leader and organist.

THE Lord's Supper was observed at Elmvale, Ont., Sabbath the 17th inst., when eight were united with the Church, ten by certificate and eight by profession of faith. Rev. Mr. Johnston, of Pentanguishene, preached on fastday an excellent sermon. There were ninety communicants present on Sabbath.

Mrs. GLASSFORD, Guelph, was recently presented with an address and a purse containing a hundred dollars in gold by the members of the Bible Class. The address was as follows: Dear Mrs. Glassford,—We are here this evening on behalf of the Bible Class and friends in the congregation, to convey to you this gift as a slight token of the esteem in which you are held by them. During the past weeks you have had the deep sympathy of all. Many earnest prayers have gone up that you might be spared to carry on Christ's work amongst us hand in hand with our esteemed pastor. As far as we can see God has graciously answered these prayers, and it is still the prayer of the whom you represent that He will be with you and that you will return to us fully restored in health and greatly strengthened by the holiday which it is their wish you should take, and that you may long be spared to go in and out amongst those to whom you have endeared yourself during the past year.

THE term of my agreement at Chalk River expiring at the close of March, 1893, and by appointment to the Presbytery, with sanction of the Home Mission Committee, I began my work at Watson's Corners on the first Sabbath of April, same year, and to continue for the same period. While this district has been long settled and the ordinances of religion regularly dispensed for many years past, the congregation composing my present charge is comparatively new. There are four stations in the charge, which, in the summer months, enable me to give three services on the Sabbath and to attend, in rotation, a weekly prayer meeting. As a general thing the members of the church have faithfully attended to the duties of these meetings. In these four districts there

are three churches; two of these are called union churches, and only one built exclusively and used only by our own people. We have just lately given out the contract for a new Presbyterian church at this place, which we hope will be ready for use by the 1st of October. We have had a good number of accessions to the church since our work began. During the first year there were twenty-eight additions in the whole charge. On last Sabbath we had communion at St. James' church for entire congregation, and there were at this service on Saturday and Sabbath, twenty-eight additions—four by letter and twenty-four by profession of faith. Yours truly, J. A. McC.

THE Peterboro' Examiner devotes considerable space to a report of the very successful anniversary services which were conducted in St. Andrew's church by Rev. Thomas Goldsmith, of Toronto, so well and favorably known in Peterboro. It was the third anniversary of Mr. McWilliams' pastorate. It is needless to say that these have been three years of great prosperity in this congregation. The church, almost empty, is now full. The membership has increased from about 130 to 320, notwithstanding that many have been removed by death and by leaving for other parts. The Sabbath school has also had phenomenal growth, now numbering about 350, there being over 100 in the pastor's Bible class. There are also large and active junior and senior Y.P.S.C.E. societies. The prayer meeting is now largely attended. The Ladies' Aid and W.F.M.S. are also large and doing excellent work. In fact the congregation is now large and well organized in every department. The labors of Mr. MacWilliams and his faithful workers have not been without fruit and must be very gratifying and encouraging to all. The congregational social in connection with the anniversary was also most successfully carried out.

Presbytery of Victoria.

THE Presbytery of Victoria met on the 14th at St. Andrew's church, the business being to deal with the petition for the organization of a new congregation at James Bay, to take Mr. R. J. Morrison on probation, and to ordain him in the evening. The induction of Rev. W. L. Clay as pastor of St. Andrew's church had to be postponed, he having been detained by the Midland floods. The members of the Presbytery present were Rev. D. A. Macrae, of Nanaimo, Moderator; Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rev. A. B. Winchester, Rev. Mr. Rogers, of Wellington, and Mr. J. T. Bethune. Rev. Mr. Jenkins, of Melbourne, Australia, by invitation sat as a corresponding member.

The petition of Rev. P. McF. McLeod's congregation to form a congregation in the James Bay District, to worship in the school house on Kingston street, was read, the signatures of fifty-five members and fifty-three adherents being attached. On motion of Rev. Dr. Campbell, seconded by Rev. A. B. Winchester, the petition was in regular course laid on the table and a committee composed of Rev. Mr. Rogers, and A. Sharp, Wellington, and Rev. Mr. Macrae, Nanaimo, were appointed to ascertain all the information necessary and to report at a later date to the Presbytery.

Mr. R. G. Murison was then taken on probationary trial, his examination being conducted in private by the Presbytery.

At 8 o'clock the Presbytery met in the Mission hall, Spring Ridge, for the purpose of ordaining Mr. R. G. Murison as missionary in charge of the three mission fields, Cedar Hill, Fernwood, and Spring Ridge. Rev. Dr. Campbell presided, and put the usual questions to the missionary. Previous to this, Dr. Campbell stated that Mr. Murison, had passed a very satisfactory examination, and paid a high tribute to his qualifications for the work he had agreed to enter upon, that of a home missionary. The usual questions having been satisfactorily answered Rev. Mr. Rogers, of Wellington, preached an able sermon on the work of the Holy Spirit. Then Rev. D. Macrae, of St. Paul's, addressed the missionary in eloquent and earnest words, giving him many practical

lessons from his own sixteen years' experience in similar work and offering him wise counsel for his guidance in dealing with his field of labour. The Moderator, Rev. D. A. Macrae, Nanaimo, addressed the congregation, urging them to help their minister and the work on which he is to engage.

Rev. Dr. Campbell then completed the ordination ceremony by invoking the Divine blessing and along with the other members of Presbytery engaged in the "laying on of hands of the Presbytery." This was followed by the missionary's answering the questions put as to his adherence to the Presbyterian form of government.

Presbytery of Brockville.

At a *pro rata* meeting of the Presbytery of Brockville held at Chesterville, June the 11th inst., the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Gloag, of Morewood and Chesterville, was accepted. Mr. Gillespie, one of the elders, spoke in feeling terms of Mr. Gloag personally and as a preacher of the Gospel, and of the high esteem in which he was held by the people. The brethren present expressed the deepest regret at parting with a brother so beloved, a presbyter and preacher so faithful. Many touching allusions were made to the death of Mrs. Gloag's father in England, which was the cause of the resignation, and while all the members were sorry to part with Mr. and Mrs. Gloag, it was hoped that they might have a prosperous journey, and the wish was entertained that they might soon be back again to labor in the Presbyterian Church in Canada.—G. MACARTHUR, Clerk.

THE Independent cites in proof of the excellent fruits of the Parliament of Religious the fraternal interview of the Archbishop of Zante with the Methodist Episcopal Conference in Calcutta. But surely that would have come to pass all the more certainly from a parliament of Christians.

In a scathing address, delivered to an immense congregation in the Balmain Central Methodist Mission Hall on Sunday night, on the subject of a "crisis" in political morality, the Rev. P. J. Stephen said he candidly confessed that he had never had a kind thought for Sir George Dibbs since he first came to the colony, because in nearly the first parliamentary debate he had read Sir George had designated Jesus Christ as "that wretch who was put to death nineteen hundred years ago." The man who spoke thus, he said, was the premier of the colony, who went on Sunday fishing excursions to prepare his bills. What could be expected from a regime led by such a man? Would Christian people rest and let the present state of things longer, or move themselves and wipe out the stain on the country's honor? It was utter selfishness for Christian people to be satisfied with their present condition and not to be caring about the toiling millions around them. It was the duty of every man in the State to give to the State this moral support he possessed and take his stand upon the law of God and righteousness and common decency.—Australian Christian World.

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A SPECIAL train will leave Buffalo on July 11th at 10.30 a.m., via the Nickel Plate Road for the accommodation of delegates to the Christian Endeavour Convention at Cleveland, O. This train will stop at Euclid Avenue, Madison Ave., Willson Ave. and Broadway stations. A souvenir map furnished by addressing F. J. Moore, General Agent, 23 Exchange St., Buffalo, N.Y.

It will doubtless be of interest to our readers to learn that the popular Niagara River Line will, on and after Friday next, run six trips daily from Toronto to Niagara, leaving Toronto at 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 3.30 p.m. and 4.45 p.m. Persons taking any of these boats, with the exception of the 4.45, may return to the city the same day. This is another evidence of the enterprise of this very popular line.