

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The Cedarville Presbyterian had a great treat on Sabbath in splendid sermons from the Rev. Dr. Robinson, of Knox College. He preached in Cedarville both in the afternoon and evening to crowded congregations.

On a recent Sunday Mr. Kerr McLeod, Queen's College, Kingston, occupied the pulpit in Knox church, Embro, for Rev. Mr. Patterson, preaching at both the morning and evening services.

At the last meeting of Guelph Presbytery there was a full attendance of ministers and elders, Rev. H. R. Horne, LL.B., Elora, taking the chair in the absence of the stated moderator.

After due examination Mr. G. W. Carter, B.A., was licensed by the Guelph Presbytery, and was addressed by Rev. Dr. Wardrope in an appropriate and solemn manner, meanwhile Mr. Carter will continue his labors at Huntsville and Linwood.

Guelph Presbytery having been informed that 16th May was the eighty-sixth anniversary of the birth of Dr. Wardrope, engaged in devout thanksgiving and prayer to God for the sparing mercies he had exercised to His servant, for the degree of health and vigour he still possessed, and for the measure of Christian influence he was still putting forth over those among whom he was going out and in. At the same time it was mentioned that, if spared till the 13th August next, the Doctor would reach the sixtieth year of his ordination to the Gospel ministry. A committee was appointed, composed of Mr. Glassford, Dr. Torrance and Mr. Robertson, to consider in what manner the event could be most suitably observed, and report at the meeting in July.

Mr. J. T. Hall of Guelph Presbytery, having resigned his appointment as Commissioner to the General Assembly, Dr. Torrance was appointed in his place.

The committee appointed by Guelph Presbytery to suggest subjects of lectures in Church History, reported the following, with names of lecturers: I.—Presbyterianism is Scotland previous to the First Reformation, by Rev. Dr. Dickson, Galt; II. Prominent Leaders of the Reformation Period, Rev. R. W. Ross, M. A., Guelph; III. John Knox, His Life and Times, Rev. W. R. McIntosh, B.D., Elora; IV., The Covenants and Their Times, Rev. J. H. MacVicar, B.A., Fergus; V. The Established Church in Scotland, Rev. W. A. Bradley, B.A., Berlin; VI. The Creed of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. A. Blair, B.A., Nasagaweya.

Mr. Andrew Tilley, who is retiring from the choir-mastership of Knox church, Stratford, has been presented with an appreciative address along with a handsome solid leather suit case, fitted with ebony and cut glass accessories, as tangible proofs of the esteem in which he is held by members of the choir.

The Rev. S. B. Russell, the newly inducted minister of Erskine church, Hamilton, was warmly welcomed at a church social held in his honour on a recent evening. Speeches were delivered by Rev. Dr. Lyle, Rev. W. H. Crews, Rev. Dr. Talling, Rev. Robert Martin, and Rev. Mr. Russell, the new pastor. On the same occasion, Rev. Dr. Talling was quietly presented by the treasurer, James Turnbull, with a cheque for \$40, and Rev. Dr. Lyle, who has filled the position of Moderator on several occasions in the past, was presented with a cheque for \$100 by the chairman of the Board of Management, A. M. Souter.

Mr. Mosher, P.S.I. for West Lambton, took the services in Wyoming church on a recent Sunday in the absence of the pastor.

Rev. W. J. Clark, of London, preached in Stratford last Sunday on behalf of the Caven Library fund, and Rev. W. J. Knox, of that town, took both services in the First church in his absence.

A very successful concert, the proceeds of which amounted to \$100, was given on Friday evening of last week by the choir of Division Street church, Owen Sound.

Rev. S. B. Russell, the new pastor of Erskine church, Hamilton, was given a cordial reception by his flock at a social. Tea was served in the early portion of the evening, and later on a short musical programme and addresses of a congratulatory nature were given. Mr. George H. Richardson presided. Addresses were given by Revs. Dr. Talling, Dr. Lyle and R. Martin of Stratford, the immediate predecessor of Rev. Dr. Russell, and the new pastor himself.

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

Before leaving Sidney for Winnipeg Rev. Clarence McKinnon was presented with a handsomely engraved gold watch and Mrs. McKinnon with a diamond ring by members of St. Andrew's congregation. Nova Scotia regrets the loss of this brilliant young Presbyterian, who is probably the most popular preacher in the Province.

Rev. R. J. Hutcheon, of Ottawa, a former pastor of St. Andrew's, Almonte, surprised his congregation last Sunday by announcing his resignation of the charge. It is said he intends accepting a scholarship at Harvard University.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (North) at Winona Lake, Ind., has voted to unite with the Cumberland Presbyterians.

The Hon. G. W. Ross disapproves of the proposed university residences in Toronto. He says McGill has none, the Scotch universities have none and he believes the same could be said of the universities of Germany.

The Vancouver World says: "Rev. Dr. Miligan, moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, preached two very eloquent sermons in the city yesterday, occupying the pulpit of St. Andrew's in the morning and that of St. John's in the evening. At both services the churches were crowded to the utmost capacity. During the morning service he referred to the fact that fifteen years ago he was present at the opening of the present St. Andrew's edifice."

After an agitation lasting for several years, the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church decided last week that instrumental music might be used in the services of churches of the denomination. This body of Presbyterians, who are generally known as "covenanters," is one of the less numerous branches of that church in the United States and Canada, but it is notable for its stern adherence to ancient ideals.

TORONTO.

The Presbytery of Toronto is about to lose one of its bright young ministers by the resignation, which will take place almost immediately, of Rev. H. G. Crozier of West Hill, Scarborough township, who purposes going to Manitoba. Rev. Mr. Crozier has been doing excellent work among the young people in his church districts, and his resignation was not expected for some time, but he feels that this is the opportunity to go back to his native west so as to be ready to help meet the growing demand for ministers.

Rev. Dr. Warden, Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church, has been compelled through illness to absent himself from his office for the past week. His condition, while not alarming, is regarded as serious, and has not yet shown any signs of real improvement. It is believed, however, that a rest from the constant application and strain of his heavy duties will make possible a restoration of his accustomed health and energy.

The publication of a cut of the proposed new Caven Library building to be erected on the Knox College grounds has given a fresh start to the question, so often discussed, of removing the Knox College buildings from the present site on the Spadina circle to a site on the university grounds near Wycliffe College. No action has been taken by the authorities of the college, but the question is being discussed.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Dr. Barnado has had to leave England under imperative medical orders for at least one month of absolute rest.

Formerly the property of John Wesley, an Elizabethan oak bedstead, beautifully carved, realized £147 at Christie's on the 18th ult.

Scotland, in the eyes of his neighbors, has long been famous for its distillation and notorious for its consumption of "mountain dew."

The old practice of "reading the line" was witnessed in St. Ninians Parish Church on the 16th ult., on the occasion of the Gaelic sermon there.

Principal Salmond was one of the Advisory Committee of the United Free Church. He is survived by a widow and a grown-up family of two sons and three daughters.

In the sudden death of the Rev. Wm. Kane, B.A., of Dunfanaghy, the Irish Presbyterian Church has lost one of its most zealous, hard-working, and successful ministers.

The most equable climate in the world is to be found at Surinam, Dutch Guiana, where the thermometer shows only half a degree of difference between the average readings in summer and winter.

A Cheviot ewe on the farm of Ettrick has given birth to her 26th lamb. She is 15 years old, and has been blind for 5 years. She has given birth to pairs eleven times, and to single lambs four times.

What would be thought of any city minister of the present day who should venture to pray as Mr. Eskine did in the Tron Church in 1699, "Lord, have mercy on all fools and idiots, and particularly on the magistrates of Edinburgh?"

The Senforth Highlanders have been pronounced the best British battalion in the Western command of India in the war training tests. They are in the running for the Commander-in-Chief's Cup in India.

Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary who was kidnapped and held for ransom by brigands in Macedonia several years ago, has decided to go back to that country to resume her work. She will go at her own risk, according to an agreement with the State Department.

Greenock Presbytery (Established Church) will urge the General Assembly to amend or rescind the present laws governing the admission of ministers and probationers of other Churches to the Church of Scotland, as they had not served the purpose for which they were passed and had been injurious to their own probationers.

The following are the names of the six elders who signed the memorial suggesting the formation of an Elders' Union, to watch any lapses from orthodoxy—Mr. James E. Mathieson, Dr. Maxwell, Mr. Robert Morton, Mr. James Robertson, Mr. W. B. Sloan, and Mr. E. Moody Stuart. The memorial, to which we referred a few weeks back, has attracted very little notice.

The question of successor to the Principalship of the United Free Church College in Aberdeen, has naturally emerged since the death of Principal Salmond. Several names are being mentioned in connection with it. Dr. Stalker, says the "Christian World," has the advantage of some years' close association with the college, and there is no doubt that he has gained golden opinions among Aberdeen people. On the other hand, the world-wide reputation of Professor George Adam Smith would ensure his election to the Chair should he become a candidate, though it may be conceded that greater things, perhaps, than even this are held to be in store for Dr. Smith. Dr. Denney's is a third name mentioned in connection with the position, and those who are conversant with the work of this acute theologian will know that the highest interests of the Chair would be well preserved in his hands.