

MONTREAL.

The Rev. Peter A. Walker, pastor of Maisonneuve Church, was asked to preside at the closing exercises of the Lansdowne School, in place of the Rev. Dr. Barclay, the commissioner named as chairman, but who is in Europe.

Of the minister of the Scots Presbyterian Church, New York, who has been visiting in the city and preaching in the American Presbyterian Church, *The Witness* says: "Dr. Wylie is one of the leaders in religious life in New York city, and has a reputation as a preacher that has made the Scots Church in the Metropolis the Mecca for many visitors. The Scots Presbyterian Church of New York is one of the historic churches of that city, having been organized in 1756. It has had but six ministers during the past 154 years."

The recently inducted minister at Verdun, Rev. J. W. Johnston, has been given a very hearty reception by members of the congregation and friends. The Rev. K. J. Macdonald, B.A., B.D., of St. Matthew's Church, officiated as chairman, and was supported on the platform by the Rev. J. Chisholm, of Victoria Church; the Rev. J. T. Kirkwood, Verdun Baptist Church; Mr. Lee, superintendent of the Verdun Sunday-school, and Mr. S. S. Bain. Addresses of welcome and encouragement to the new minister were also given by Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Chisholm, Mr. Lee and Mr. Bain, and a very pleasing feature of the evening's proceedings was the presentation to the Rev. K. J. Macdonald, of five volumes of 'Plutarch's Lives,' from the ladies of the church, also a sealed envelope as a personal remembrance from the elders and managers. Mr. Johnston made the presentation thanking Mr. Macdonald for his many kindnesses and efforts on behalf of the church, and Mr. Macdonald suitably replied.

NEWS ITEMS FROM WEST-LAND.

Rev. R. Boyle has been inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's church, Fort MacLeod. A fine new building of stone is being contemplated, and may be erected during the present year.

Alix, Alta., is electing new elders and managers and is looking toward a church building. Rev. R. D. Bird has taken up the work here in succession to Rev. Wm. Hamilton, who has removed to Killam.

Rev. A. and Mrs. MacWilliams were socially farewelled from Grace Church, Calgary, with many assurances of goodwill. Rev. A. D. McDonald is at present supplying the vacancy. Calgary Presbytery has now three vacancies Grace Church, Canmore, and Carstairs. Any of the Calgary ministers will give information.

Owing to the resignation of Rev. Dr. McKee, the charge at Milestone, in the Presbytery of Regina, is now vacant, and the congregation is anxious to secure a pastor. Milestone is a prosperous farming district fifty miles south-east of Moose Jaw. The charge is self-sustaining. Rev. Wm. Waugh, of Rouleau, is interim moderator during the vacancy.

The student missionaries are now nearly all on their fields for the summer's work. Mr. J. G. Bompas is at Lundbreck and Gillingham. Mr. John McColl is in charge of Blairmore and Lyle. Fishburn is in the care of Mr. McLean. Grassy Lake, an important point east of Taber, is in the care of J. Wallace Fraser. Mr. Wm. B. Smith comes from Scotland to the charge of Magrath. He is a graduate of theology of the United Free Church and will be ordained this summer. Milk River is a new district in the south, where many settlers have gone in during the last year. A large number of them have come from the States. Rev. R. W. Griffith has charge of the work in this district. Knox College Missionary Society sends us two men, Mr. William England, who goes to South Bow Island, and Mr. Andrew Sibbald, who will have charge of Warner East.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

As the result of a well organized seven days' campaign the Orillia Presbyterians raised \$38,716.

The Times says: The Presbyterian congregation is not what might be termed a wealthy one, and it will be seen from the schedule printed below that the giving has been very general by the whole congregation. Compared with the recent Y.M.C.A. campaign in Toronto, taking population as a basis, the result was at least twelve times as great as that in the city, where nearly three-quarters of a million dollars was raised. The object for which the money is desired is to pay off all indebtedness on church, erect new Sabbath school building, rebuild pipe organ, make some alterations to church, and establish a mission in western section of the town. The Minister, Rev. D. C. McGregor, and the congregation are to be congratulated on the happy result of their magnificent effort, a result which must prove an example as well as an incentive to other congregations, similarly situated, to go and do likewise." We find the schedule above referred to, too long to reproduce; but in a marked manner it emphasized the uniformly high scale of giving by the whole congregation.

Barrie Saturday Morning, a neatly printed weekly, hailing from the pretty town on Kempenfeldt Bay, contains an interesting historical article on "Fifty Years of Church Life with Elmvale Presbyterians", to which reference was made in these columns last week. Illustrations are given of the barn in which service was first held, the first church erected in 1864, a homely looking wooden structure. The present handsome brick building, and the comfortable brick manse just across the street from the Church, both forming a complete and valuable asset for this prosperous congregation. Portraits are also given of Rev. George Craw, the father of Presbyterianism in the neighborhood, and of Rev. G. J. Mackay, M.A., pastor of the congregation since June, 1903, under whose faithful pastorate the congregation continues to flourish. The article concludes: "The congregation at the present time is in a most flourishing condition, having a membership of 230, representing 102 families, the church lighted with electricity and hot-air heating, has a seating accommodation for over 600. The basement is large and comfortable, well fitted up for the needs of the congregation. The various Church Societies are represented and do noble work. The Session and Board of Management are keenly alive to the spiritual and temporal wants of the congregation."

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

On account of the great heat the evening service of the Elmwood church was held in the open air on Sunday on the Martin school grounds and was largely attended.

Rev. E. A. Henry farwelled from Knox Church, Regina, on June 12, and next Sunday begins a new ministry in Vancouver, having accepted a call to Chalmers' church in succession to Rev. J. Knox Wright. Rev. W. A. Guy, of St. Andrew's Church, Regina, is moderator of the Knox Church vacancy.

At a *pro re nata* meeting of the Winnipeg presbytery held in Manitoba college to consider a call from the congregation at Balmoral to the Rev. J. W. Whillans, of Manitoba college, Rev. D. A. McLachlan, moderator, occupied the chair. Messrs. McLure and McDonald represented the congregation, and stated that the call, which was very largely signed, was enthusiastic and unanimous. After some discussion regarding the preaching stations, it was decided to reduce their number, and a committee consisting of Messrs. H. J. Robertson and Hugh Hamilton, was appointed to deal with the matter. Pending the report of the committee the call was held in abeyance.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

It is proposed to erect a statue to King Edward at Marischal College, Aberdeen.

Fenwick Parish Church, in some respects, is the most interesting martyr-memorial in Ayrshire.

Dr. Barnardo's Homes, which have since 1882, sent out 22,017 children to Canada, on the 28th of May dispatched 189 others.

Little Prince Edward Albert, who now becomes Prince of Wales and heir apparent to the British throne, was sixteen this month.

Cloudbursts at Berlin and at Oberammergau have done great damage. Berlin streets were flooded three feet deep and twenty persons were hit by lightning.

Ireland derives a revenue of nearly £500,000 a year from foxhunting. She has managed to get nearly four times as much as that in the form of old-age pensions, however.

Glasgow will be no longer the second city in the United Kingdom. Birmingham's provisional Order for extending the boundaries will raise the population to nearly 900,000.

The World's Missionary Conference of all Protestant churches opened at Edinburgh, Scotland, with 1,200 delegates present. Lord Balfour presided. King George sent greetings to the convention.

King George has been busy from morning till night, and those brought into contact with him are quite astonished at his capacity for work. The King knows his own mind, and can on occasions be very decided.

An Edinburgh report says: "The United Free Church continues to make progress. The membership last year increased by 835, of whom 789 are located in the Lowlands and the remainder in the Highlands."

The centenary of late Rev. Andrew A. Bonar, D.D., was marked by a commemorative service held on the first inst., in Finnieston United Free Church, Glasgow, of which he was for many years the minister.

At a meeting of the board of studies of the National University of Ireland in Dublin, it was decided to recommend to the senate that the Irish language should be made a compulsory subject for matriculation in the university after the year 1913.

A pair of robins have built their nest and are rearing five young ones in a classroom at a Dover school, where forty to fifty children assemble daily. The birds show no sign of fear while feeding their young in the presence of the class.

In Great Britain there are close upon 250,000 Boy Scouts, while during the last three months an average number of 110 new troops a month have been formed, or 2,000 boys a month. Last year it cost £13,481,117 to educate the children of the United Kingdom.

Recently a cremation society was formed in Edinburgh to promote the practice of cremation and burial reform by means of meetings, lectures and publications or otherwise. There are already about 180 members, including many prominent persons.

A great auk's egg was sold at Stevens' auction-rooms, London, the other day for 250 guineas. The egg, under the impression it was only a penguin's egg, had been at one period in its history left neglected in the loft of a private chapel for more than forty years. The highest price paid for a great auk's egg so far is 315 guineas.

Rev. Thomas Spurgeon has accepted temporarily, the pastorate of the Baptist church at Paignton, in Devonshire. He finds it desirable to reside in the South of England, and this is an attempt to combine a gradual return to the work he loves with care for health not yet fully restored.

The engagement is announced of Miss Violet Douglas MacRae, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Donald MacRae, D.D., and William Alfred Patterson, M.A., of Western Canada College, Calgary, Alta. The marriage is to take place in St. John, N.B., early in July.