

Church News.

REV. G. MUNRO, of Embro, has not accepted the call from Lucknow in the presbytery of Maitland.

DR. COCHRANE has received £150 sterling from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, in aid of Home Missions.

THE Rev. Thomas Scouler, of Hamilton, has been called unanimously to St. Andrew's church, New Westminster, B.C.

A GRAND Scotch concert was given under the auspices of the Young People's Association, St. Gabriels, Montreal, on Monday, 29th November.

REV. PRINCIPAL MACVICAR is announced to deliver his now famous lecture "What great men know but dare not speak of," in Carleton Place and Hexton.

MR. J. R. CLARKE recently delivered his lecture "To and Fro in London" in the Presbyterian church, Lynedoch, under the auspices of the Lynedoch Lyceum.

THE ladies of the Amherstburgh, Ont., church are actively engaged making preparations for their bazaar, which will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, December 15th and 16th.

REV. DR. KRILLOG, St. James' Square, Toronto, is announced to preach anniversary sermons in Erskine church, Hamilton, on Sunday, Dec. 12th. The anniversary social of the church will be held on the following Tuesday evening.

FULLY \$2,000 has been spent this year by the congregation of Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Rev. J. K. Munro, pastor, in enlarging the church and building a school-room. At the quarterly communion, held recently, forty-eight were added to the communion roll; forty-five by profession of faith and three by certificate.

MR. WILLIAM THOMPSON, a pioneer Presbyterian of North Dorchester, passed away on Saturday, at the age of seventy-three years. Deceased was born in Roxborough, Scotland, and came to Canada about forty years since. He first settled in Westminster, but soon removed to his late home. He was assessor and collector of the township for several years, and also a member of the council.

EVANGELISTIC services have been held for the past two or three weeks in Rev. W. Meikle's church, Oakville, with most gratifying results. A very deep interest in spiritual things has been awakened. The pastor has been assisted by Rev. J. Murray, Streetsville, Rev. J. M. Cameron, East Church, Toronto, and this week by the Moderator of the Assembly, the Rev. J. K. Smith, Galt. The services are greatly helped by an admirably trained and earnest choir.

THE members and adherents of the Manchester congregation assembled at the manse on the evening of the eleventh November, and presented Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard with an address and a handsome silver tea and dinner service, and on the following Monday evening a deputation from the Smith Hill congregation, waited on Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard at the manse and presented them with a purse containing over fifty dollars in gold. We wish Mr. Pritchard much happiness and success in his new charge in Forest.

THE first Protestant church in the township of Ponsonby, Argenteuil, was recently opened on Sunday, by the Rev. James Stewart, of Arundel. Mission work in this township has been carried on by the agents of the Students' Missionary Society, of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, for the past two years. The new church is situated on Montebello road, twenty-three miles from Montebello. The township has all the signs of prosperity. The difficulty hitherto in the way of the township being settled (the want of communication with the railway) has been overcome by the making of the Montebello road.

THE augmentation committee of the presbytery of Prince Edward Island, which consists of Rev. Messrs. McMillan, Carr, Carruthers, Archibald, and Messrs. T. C. James and Thomas Brehaut, recommended that the amount this year required for augmentation purposes be apportioned amongst the congregations as follows: St. James, \$75; Zion church and Pincetown, each \$70; Alberton, \$65; Summerside, \$60; Belfast and Valleyfield, each \$55; Brooque, Tignish, and West and Clyde Rivers and Brookfield, each \$50; Strathalbyn and Cavendish, each \$45; Murray Harbour, Georgetown and Montague and Clifton, each \$40; Long River, \$35; Woodville, Cardigan and Dundas, East St. Peter's and Mount Stewart and West St. Peter's, each \$30; Tryon and Bonshaw and Bay Fortune and Souris, each \$25; and Richmond Bay East and Richmond Bay West, each \$20. The recommendation of the committee was adopted.

On Sabbath morning, 28th November, at the conclusion of his sermon on the text, Acts xiii. 3, Rev. E. P. Torrance, Peterboro', made special reference to the late Dr. Tassie, a former member of his congregation. There were not many men of whom it could be said with greater truthfulness that "After having served his own generation according to the will of God he fell asleep." For years past he had been pre eminently successful as an educationalist. During the time he was Principal of the Galt Collegiate Institute, pupils flocked from all parts of Canada to it. Many of those who were in the very foremost rank in mercantile and professional life in this country have come now to pay their respect and affection towards their late master and to acknowledge the benefit they have derived, and the education which they have received while under him. Dr. Tassie had no ordinary qualifications, and was by no means an ordinary man. He was thoroughly efficient as a teacher and possessed also qualities of a high kind. Force of character, manly dignity such as commands respect, kindness, gentleness, all tended to give him a marked personality and to mould aright the unformed characters of his pupils. He was a Christian man, having a humble trust in his Lord and Saviour. Few of the professions there are which are loaded with greater responsibilities and which admit of a wider sphere of usefulness, than that which the late Dr. Tassie chose as a life occupation.

At the recent meeting of the presbytery of Hamilton, was accepted the resignation of the Rev. James Black, of Caledonia, who has been for the past thirty-six years in charge of the Presbyterian churches of Argyle street, Caledonia, and the Allan settlement, Ancaster East, and is one of

the oldest and most highly-esteemed members of the presbytery. The resolution accepting his resignation was in the following terms: Moved by Rev. R. J. Laidlaw, seconded by Rev. Wm. Robertson, That the presbytery express profound regret that the steps taken by members of the churches at Caledonia in the direction of a union of the two congregations there resulted in causing Mr. Black to tender his resignation, but inasmuch as Mr. Black cannot see his way to withdraw his resignation, and inasmuch as there is a prospect of union should both pastors resign, and inasmuch as (in the event of Mr. Black's resignation being accepted) M. Wilson has expressed his intention of resigning his charge in order to facilitate union; Therefore, resolved, That the resignation of Rev. James Black be accepted, to take effect on the last Sabbath of the present month, and that a committee be appointed to draft an appropriate expression of the mind of the presbytery regarding the services Mr. Black has so faithfully rendered in his field of labour at Caledonia and Ancaster East, during the last six and thirty years. Carried unanimously.

DR. MARION FAIRWEATHER, who is about to return to India, recently delivered an address to the students of McGill normal school, Montreal, Hon. Senator Ferris, in the chair. In the course of her address Dr. Fairweather said: "During my first year in India I did not learn much of the language, as I was engaged in observing the new and strange customs. The men sewed and attended to the cooking and washing, and the women to the labour in the fields and granaries. Everything seemed to be turned wrong side up. As an instance, it might be said that in carving the operator holds a large knife between his toes and then rubs the meat against the knife instead of placing it on a table as we do. In teaching there you have to acquire the vernacular, as you cannot use illustrations, all their customs being so different. The natives study Europeans and are constantly watching them, and after you have once established faith in them they will show you great respect. Straightforwardness has charms for them and though they are not always straightforward themselves they admire it in others. You must never get angry with them or show any trace of annoyance. Dr. Fairweather concluded a most interesting address with an expression of hope that some of those who saw before her might go out to India as medical missionaries. The field was large and the labourers few. There is, she said, no reason why they should go there as menials, but as leaders, and the opportunities for woman's work are far greater than any of you can believe.

OBITUARY.

ALEXANDER ORR.

THERE are few laymen more worthy of grateful remembrance by our church than Alex. Orr, of Bobcaygeon, who died November 20th, 1886. He was born in Scotland, January 29th, 1817. His family settled on English River, Quebec, about 1840. Twenty six years ago he came to Bobcaygeon, then a rough, whiskey-ruled, back-woods village. He set up a store and temperance house. For some time he encountered violent opposition, because of his decided views in regard to temperance. But he persevered, overcame all obstacles, and succeeded in establishing one of the largest and most flourishing temperance houses in the province. As more than one has remarked to the writer, Mr. Orr introduced law and order into Bobcaygeon. Chiefly through his efforts the Presbyterian congregation was organized about a year after he came to Bobcaygeon, under the care of the late Rev. Mr. Patterson, of Dundas. He became one of its first elders, and for 25 years faithfully served the church, a wise counsellor, and willing helper. His death was caused by cancer of the stomach. He was a patient sufferer, and frequently expressed his gratitude that his mind had been enriched in his youth by stores of Bible knowledge, then his comfort and support. He leaves a widow, a son, and two daughters to mourn his loss. His career has shown conclusively that a temperance house on strict total prohibition principles can be successfully conducted in a Canadian village, and also that family worship can be maintained morning and evening even amid the disturbing circumstances of a large and engrossing business. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, 'at they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.'"

MEETING OF PRESBYTERY.

LANARK AND RENFREW.—The presbytery met in St. Andrew's church, Carleton Place, on Tuesday, 25th November, with a good representation of both ministers and elders in attendance, Rev. J. G. Stuart, moderator, in the chair; Rev. J. Crombie, clerk. Elders' commissions were read and approved. Minutes of the previous meeting were also read and approved; and the docket of business as presented by the clerk was adopted. The chief items of business were reports of missionary deputations of the various meetings held in the presbytery. Report of the Augmentation Committee; Home Mission Report, on the various items of which there arose a good deal of discussion, arrangements being made for the winter supply of mission stations. Dr. Campbell, the convener, intimated that owing to the state of his health he would be compelled to discontinue his work in the capacity of convener. Rev. Mr. Crombie tendered to the presbytery his resignation of his charge, Union Church, Smith's Falls, conditionally, that it is the wish of his congregation he should do so. A deputation of presbytery was appointed to meet with the congregation and report to next meeting of presbytery. Rev. Mr. Balaityne introduced a motion seeking a division of the presbytery. After a warm and lengthened discussion the motion was carried and it was agreed to apply to the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa for such division, a number of ministers entering their dissent. A letter was received from the secretary of the W. F. M. S., asking for members of presbytery to address them at the presbytery meeting in February next, when their annual report will be presented. Messrs. Dr. Campbell and Graham were appointed for the required duties. The presbytery appointed and are ranged for the annual Conferences on Temperance, Sabbath Schools and State of Religion, to be held at the next regular meeting. The presbytery then adjourned, to meet again on the fourth Monday of February next, at 5 o'clock p.m., in Zion Church, Carleton Place. —J. CROMBIE, Clerk.

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