

A grant of \$100 was made by the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew to the congregation at Cobden on certain conditions being filled. The new minister of St. Andrew's, Arnprior, was appointed to address the presbytery of the W.F.M. S. in January, and the next meeting of Presbytery was fixed for the third Monday of February next.

After an inspiring address by Rev. Thomas Bennett, in connection with the B. and F. B. S. branch at Martintown, the following officers were elected: President, Rev. P. F. Langill; first vice-president, D. J. McGregor; second vice-president, James Urehart; secretary, A. C. McArthur (re-elected); treasurer, D. T. Crosswell. The collectors for the different districts were re-appointed.

On the 23rd ult. the manse at Kirkhill was visited by a number of members and adherents of St. Coloma congregation, headed by Rev. Deacon MacKenzie, who took this means of showing their good will to Rev. Allan and Mrs. Morrison, to whom they presented an affectionate address along with a handsome parlor suite and Morris rocker. Mr. Morrison replied in suitable terms, and after partaking of refreshments an hour was pleasantly spent in social intercourse. It is interesting to note that of the nine names appended to the address, four were McGillivrays and five MacLeods.

Kington Presbytery met in John street church on the afternoon of the 14th inst., to consider the call made from St. Andrew's church, Picton, to Rev. E. W. MacKay, B. S. Peter's church, Madoc. Rev. S. A. Burns, Stirling, was acting Moderator. A large delegation from Madoc, including Magistrate A. F. Wood; William Cross, father of the new Attorney-General of Alberta; W. J. Allen, ex-M.P.P.; Alex. Milne, and others, urged against the call. The delegation present from Picton made a strong plea. Mr. MacKay decided to remain in his present charge, much to the delight of the whole congregation of Madoc.

St. Andrew's Mission Band, Almonte, held their annual thankoffering service on Tuesday evening. The attendance was fairly good, and the offering very gratifying. It amounted to over thirty-eight dollars. After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Orr Bennett, a programme of music by the choir, a recitation by Mrs. R. M. Patterson, a solo by Mr. R. Lees, a male quartette by Messrs. J. Illingworth, Dr. Oliver, A. C. McPhail and Alex. McPhail, and an address by Rev. Mr. Anderson, of New Edinburgh, was given. The address was an excellent one, delivered in a telling manner, and of such material as to make it appeal specially to almost every person.

Says the Perth Courier: "An important meeting of the congregation of Calvin Church was held on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 10th, when Rev. John G. Greig was formally inducted as minister and pastor of Bathurst and South Sherbrooke. The sederunt was Revs. J. M. Miller, moderator, A. H. Scott, J. S. McIlraith, D. Currie, and J. G. Greig, ministers, and And. Palmer, elder. Rev. Mr. McIlraith conducted public worship, preaching from Matt. vii, 24-27. Mr. Currie having narrated the steps taken, the moderator then put to Mr. Greig the prescribed questions, all of which he answered satisfactorily. Having offered prayer, the moderator giving him the right hand of fellowship, inducted Mr. Greig into the pastoral charge of Bathurst and South Sherbrooke. Mr. Miller then addressed the minister and Mr. Scott addressed the congregation. Mr. Greig was cordially welcomed by the congregation as they retired.

Christian unity can only come with a proper adjustment of doctrines. So long as the fences are regarded as of more importance than the farm, there will always be those to whom unity is schism.

ROBERT HARVEY WARDEN.

That a Prince and Ruler departed from the active ranks when Robert H. Warden, D. D., laid down the burden of life is recognized universally by the Presbyterians of Canada. The Presbyterian Church realizes that she is richer, that her ability to fulfill the mission entrusted to her to carry out the Divine command is greater, that her sphere of usefulness and the scope of her operations has been enlarged, and that the future contains brighter promise of greater aggressiveness in spreading the Gospel of the Divine Master because of the devoted labors, the untiring energy and the consistent Christian life of Robert H. Warden. His name is writ large in the history of Presbyterianism in Canada during the past quarter of a century. That the Presbyterian Church today rests upon a solid financial foundation, that its enhanced revenues not only insure greater efficiency and permanency in the well-settled fields of Ontario and Quebec, but permit a more liberal response to the constantly increasing demand from the new fields of our Dominion, and more aggressive and vigorous occupation of the foreign mission fields, is due in no small degree to the great financial ability, the splendid faculty for organization, the keen perception, the untiring energy which he displayed, and, above all, the zeal and earnestness with which he devoted himself to the advancement of his Master's Kingdom upon earth. His was the master mind which at critical points in the history of the various branches of church effort to which he gave his services organized and directed the material forces lying dormant within the denomination, and brought them into usefulness; his the dynamic force which the design conceived, the plan formulated, the goal set up, impelled and with irresistible force drove to a successful issue the projects undertaken. Knox College, the Montreal Presbyterian College, the Presbyterian Ladies' College Ottawa; the great work of French evangelization the Kankakee mission, all have experienced the benefit of his able assistance, and each is more solidly established and able to do better work because of his association with it and of the wise counsel he imparted. The whole ministerial body has reason to remember with thankfulness his services as secretary of the augmentation fund. Lonely missionaries in distant fields have experienced the benefits arising from the skillful business management of the resources provided by a people earnest and loyal in their support of missions. Because of the strength imparted by the development of her financial resources, sound business management, and thorough organization, the influence of the Presbyterian Church today is greater and her power for Christianizing and uplifting fallen humanity is more potent. Yet it will not be for his great business abilities alone that Dr. Warden will be remembered with affection. While recognizing the importance of a proper administration of the temporal affairs of the Church of Christ, he ever kept before him the spiritual side as all-important. Only once early in his career did he hold a charge, and the surviving members of the congregation recall with pleasure the spirituality of his discourses, the fervency of his zeal for the spread of the Master's Kingdom and the kindly and sympathetic disposition which characterized his ministrations.

In recent years Dr. Warden was a member of Bloor street Presbyterian Church, of which he was an elder, and sometimes filled the pulpit. He married Jimima, daughter of the late Wm. McCaskill, Rhedunan, Skye, Scotland, who survives him. Two daughters, Mrs. R. E. Dunton and Mrs. F. W. Fairman, both of Montreal, and three sons, William McCaskill of Smith's Falls; Alexander, deputy financial agent of Presbyterian Church, Toronto, and Lyle, attending St. Andrew's College, mourn the loss of a loving father.

From many tributes to the worth of the departed we glean the following:

Rev. Principal McLaren, D. D.:—"The late Dr. Warden was distinguished in a marked degree for his remarkable business capacity and sagacity, which, together with his unflinching integrity, won him the entire confidence of all business men. He took a comprehensive view of the needs of the church in all its influences, and threw into all his efforts a strong enthusiasm and a regard for details. I think there are very few men, in the Presbyterian Church at any rate, whose loss will be more felt than his. He coupled the gift of administration and initiative with tenderness of spirit and an earnest, simple Christian belief. His place will, no doubt, be difficult to fill.

In Old St. Andrew's Rev. Dr. Milligan paid a warm tribute to the high Christian worth of deceased. After referring to the fact that he and Dr. Warden had been for several years both members of the Chatham Presbytery, Dr. Milligan said only those who knew deceased intimately could fully appreciate his real worth. He was always firm and did things which might seem hard at first, but which after events fully justified. He was a man who had large conceptions of things and could grasp and master broad ideas. He was invaluable to the Church, and had he gone into financial affairs he would have been very wealthy. He had always been the warm friend and the wise counsellor of ministers and others who came to Toronto and sought his advice.

Rev. J. W. H. Milne, of the Glebe Church, Ottawa, said: "Dr. Warden was a man of pre-eminent ability. Had he turned his attention to politics, he would have been the financier of the Dominion; had he studied law, he would have adorned the bench; had he turned to commerce, he would have been the foremost leader. In addition to these rare gifts there was a genuineness of soul and warmth of spirit that made his addresses to the assembly upon special occasions intensely eloquent.

Rev. P. W. Anderson, MacKay Church, Ottawa:—"I had the pleasure of entertaining him in my home three years ago when he kindly consented to lay the corner stone of our new Knox Church in Shelburne. It was then I saw his keen and kindly interest in the church life as a whole and in each individual church and minister. He inspired you with his own faith and high sense of duty."

TAKING HIS PLACE.

An old man who, late in life, was obliged to earn his living with his violin, one morning found himself too feeble to play. As he sat by the roadside window, a gentleman approached him and said, "My friend, you are old and feeble; give me your violin." The stranger played the most exquisite music, and the crowd gathered and threw coins into the old man's hat until it was full. Then he gave him back his violin and went away. "Who was it?" they whispered. "That is the great violinist, Rucher," said they who knew him. He had taken the sorrowful man's place and assumed his burden and accepted his poverty and earned his livelihood. So Christ comes to us in the midst of our troubles "and across the strings of his own broken heart he strikes a strain for us that wins for us the attention of heaven." It hears our sins, our sicknesses, our sorrows.

Rev. W. M. Rochester, minister of the Presbyterian church in Kenora, has decided to decline the invitation extended to him to become western secretary of the Lord's Day alliance. The salary attached to the position is \$2,000 per annum, and all travelling expenses, with headquarters in Winnipeg.

The fruits of genius grow on the tree of toil.