

TORONTO.

The dedication services in connection with the opening of the new edifice of the St. Paul's Presbyterian church, corner of Bathurst street and Barton avenue, were begun last Sunday. Rev. W. A. J. Martin of Zion church, Brantford, the first pastor of the congregation, who left about nine and a half years ago, preached in the morning and also in the afternoon, while the evening service was conducted by Rev. D. C. Hossack, Moderator of the Presbytery of Toronto. The new church is built of brick with stone fittings, the inside being finished with plaster. The pews and the woodwork furnishings generally are of oak. The gallery is reached from the front vestibule by stairs and also from the auditorium by broad staircase sweeping up from each side of the pulpit platform. The pulpit is handsomely carved, and behind is the choir gallery with seating for about thirty-six. The seating capacity of the church is about one thousand. The cost is approximately \$35,000.

Arrangements have been made by the authorities of St. Andrew's church with Rev. Thomas Eakin, formerly of Guelph and now lecturer in University College, to become assistant to the Rev. T. Crawford Brown, the recently-inducted minister of St. Andrew's. It is understood that Dr. Eakin, who has preached in St. Andrew's church frequently and with great acceptance during the past few months, will share the pulpit work with Mr. Brown, and that a student will be secured to assist in the work of the St. Andrew's Institute.

Rev. A. B. Winchester of Knox church preached on Sunday evening from Amos iii., 6, and Luke xiii., 1-3, seeking to make a solemn and judicious use of the San Francisco calamity, guarding against the unwarranted conclusion that such a catastrophe was a special judgment of heaven upon the city for its special sinfulness, showing what a terrible condition of things would result if fanaticism were encouraged to hold such beliefs. He pointed out that the present time is one of probation, not of judgment; of grace, not of reward or punishment, and endeavored to show the part and exhibit the design of God's hand in "providences" of this kind, warning not San Francisco only, but all the continent; not to trust in arms of flesh or earthly possessions, but in eternal riches, which neither earthquake could shake nor fire burn away.

The department of Oriental literature in University College will be strengthened next session by the appointment of Dr. Richard Davidson to be assistant to Prof. J. F. McCurdy, in the place of the late Dr. Murison. Dr. Davidson is a graduate of the University of Toronto, having distinguished himself as a brilliant scholar in several departments, but especially in Oriental literature. He was also equally distinguished as a theological scholar at Knox College, and a post-graduate course in Germany added to his academic laurels the degree of doctor of philosophy. Dr. Davidson is a great linguist and is certain to bring distinction to his department and to the Provincial University. He is at present supplying the pulpit of Knox church, St. Thomas, with great acceptance.

Rev. J. U. Tanner, B.A., spent a portion of the Easter-tide with his father, Rev. Charles Tanner, Windsor Mills, Que.

Zion church people, Carleton Place, will go on with their proposed church extension if a subscription list of \$10,000 can first be secured.

Rev. E. L. McKnight, from Allegheny, Penn., preached in the Reformed Presbyterian church, Almonte, last Sunday and will remain for the next three Sundays.

WHITBY PRESBYTERY.

The last meeting of Whithy Presbytery was held at Oshawa, Rev. Hugh Munroe, moderator. There was a good attendance of ministers and elders.

The congratulations of Presbytery were extended to Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, D.D., a former member of this Presbytery upon his having received from Knox College the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Mr. Hodges reported for the Home Mission Committee and spoke of the progress of the mission at Kendal and Oakhill. Reports were received from the committees on young people's societies, church life and work and Sunday schools. These were each followed by a conference, and in connection with church life and work the wish was expressed that this report by conference or otherwise might be brought before every congregation of the Presbytery.

Mr. McKeen, interim moderator of session, laid before Presbytery a call from the congregation of Newcastle and Newtonville to Mr. A. V. Brown, B. D., licentiate. It was signed by ninety-four members and thirty-five adherents, duly attested, with guarantee of eight hundred dollars yearly stipend, the free use of a rented house, and two weeks holidays annually. The conduct of the moderator was sustained. Messrs. Gray and Thompson were heard on behalf of the congregation. The Presbytery then agreed that the call be sustained as a regular gospel call and be forwarded to Mr. Brown.

Messrs. Hodges and Harper were appointed a committee to nominate standing committees and report at the July meeting of Presbytery.

Notices from several Presbyteries were read of applications that would be made to the General Assembly for leave to receive certain ministers from other churches.

Mr. Cooper laid before Presbytery a call from the congregation of Enniskillen, Cadmus and Blackstock to Rev. J. A. Mustard. The conduct of the interim moderator was sustained. Messrs. Henry and Byers were heard as representatives of the congregation. It was thereafter on motion agreed that on account of lack of unanimity on the part of the congregation the call be not sustained. Mr. Cooper was authorized to place a student in charge of the congregation for the summer if a satisfactory arrangement could be made.

Messrs. Tait and Wood, ministers, and Messrs. McMurtry and Henry, elders, were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly which meets in London on June 6th. As the Presbytery's representatives on the committee on Bills and overtures, Mr. Wood was appointed for the Assembly and Messrs. Borland and Anderson for the Synod.

Mr. Wood was appointed to give the opening address at the next regular meeting of Presbytery, which was appointed to be held at Brooklyn on July 17.

The congregation of Indian Lands, in bidding farewell to their late pastor, Rev. H. D. Leitch, made him the recipient of a purse of \$135, \$25 being from his Grenville friends. The presentation was made by D. McGregor, and a kindly, well-worded address was read by Mr. Arkinstall. The minister's wife and mother were not forgotten by the congregation, both receiving handsome gifts. Mr. Leitch carries away with him the love and respect of a large circle of Glengarry friends.

The historic St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, which has done service for half a century, is to be replaced by a new and modern house of worship that will be adequate for the needs of the congregation for some years to come. It has been decided to spend an amount not to exceed \$25,000 on a new church and a building committee has been appointed with power to proceed. The building committee is composed of Messrs. W. M. Cram, chairman, C. K. Hagadorn, R. Smyth, H. J. Sims, G. DeBus, W. Metcalfe and R. Reid.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The steepest railway in the world was up Vesuvius, now destroyed by the eruption.

An attempt is being made to capture Lochlee United Free Church by the "Wee Frees."

The income last year of Queen Anne Street U. F. Church, Dunfermline, was over £1,000.

John Alexander Dowie has secured an injunction which permits him to enter his home at Zion City.

At present French battleships are to German battleships at 11 to 18, and in 1908 they will be as 17 to 24.

Germany is the largest producer of potatoes in the world, growing as high as 45,000,000 tons in one year.

An old man, ill in the Hudson Street Hospital, New York, claims to be the Sir Roger Tichborne who disappeared in 1854.

The religious population of the German Empire now consists of 35,231,104 Protestants and 20,327,913 Catholics.

At a meeting held in Perth on the 3d inst. the removal of the embargo on the importation of live Canadian cattle was strongly urged.

With the object of selling Jordan water for the purpose of baptism, a company has been started in Berlin called the Jordan Water Market.

Philadelphia is the only city in the land which has reared in a public park a statue of a Presbyterian minister—the illustrious Witherspoon.

John Wannamaker's great new store, occupying the entire block south of his old store in New York, was formally opened to the shopping public last week.

Rev. Dr. Hutton, Paisley, has been presented with a Moderator's robe, a D. D. hood, a John Knox cap, cassock and a box of bands from his congregation.

More interesting discoveries have been made at Culross Abbey, where the restoration work is going on. These consist of stone coffins and a very fine Celtic cross.

On being presented with an address on attaining his ministerial jubilee, Rev. Dr. Blair, Dunblane, is to be entertained to dinner by Stirling and Dunblane U. F. Presbytery.

Lord Lister, the great discoverer of the antiseptic treatment which has revolutionized surgery and saved the lives of countless thousands of men and women, was 79 years old on April 5th.

India has a staff of mounted army nurses. This corps of nurses are all ladies of good social position, and have to undergo three years' training in a general hospital before qualifying.

Rev. D. Butler, M.A., minister of the Tron Kirk (author of "Life and Letters of Archbishop Leighton"), is engaged on a large volume entitled "The Tron Kirk and Parish, Edinburgh."

The British workman spends a much larger proportion of his income in drink than either the American or the German. There is, however, a great deal of drunkenness in all three countries.

The Prince of Wales has a very interesting collection of posters, many of which have been especially printed for him in miniature to paste into a book, the large originals being carefully rolled up.

Considerable inconvenience has been caused to planters and traders throughout British Central Africa by the precarious condition of the Zambesi waterway, which is gradually drying up at many parts.

The death was announced in county Tyrone on Monday of George Fletcher, the oldest British subject, so far as known. He was 118 years old. King Edward recently presented Fletcher with a gold snuff-box.

Sir Donald Currie, who last year gave £20,000 to Queen's College, Belfast, has written to President Hamilton, of the college, from Venice, offering £2,000 to the Royal Academy, Belfast, for the foundation of scholarships, and also £1,000 to the Royal Academical Institution, Belfast, at which he received his early training.