

### A Missionary's Return.

REV. DR. J. F. SMITH, of our Honan mission has been obliged on account of ill-health to give up his work for a time and return to Canada. He is now on his way and is expected to arrive in Hamilton about Oct. 10th.

Last April he was prostrated with typhus fever, that deadly disease, which claims six out of seven of its victims. After a hard struggle he was on a fair way to recovery when he took a severe attack of pneumonia. This affected his system to such an extent that after a period of four months from his first illness he was not able to walk. He was obliged to go to Japan for the summer, but even there his recovery was so slow that five doctors, after consultation, advised his return to Canada.

What makes the home-coming still more sad for Dr. and Mrs. Smith is the fact that in the midst of their preparations for home, their three-year-old daughter May Bell, took sick and after only a few days illness died.

Dr. Smith has been for six years in Honan and intended to come home on a visit next year. He feels disappointed in being obliged to come home before the full term of seven years. Both he and Mrs. Smith have the sympathy of the whole Church in the loss of their child, and all will hope and pray that the Dr. will be restored to health and strength and be enabled after a period of rest to return to his beloved work in Honan.

## Church News.

### In Canada.

KNOX church, Kincardine, has a magnificent new pipe organ.

REV. F. H. LARKIN, B.A., officiated at the anniversary services of the Tilbury Presbyterian church.

PRAYERS were offered in several London churches last Sabbath for the recovery of Rev. J. A. Murray.

MR. PECK, in charge of the Presbyterian church, Tweed, will spend his final year in divinity at Queen's.

REV. ROBERT AYLWARD, late of London, will be inducted to the pastorate of the Park-hill Presbyterian church on Oct. 16.

REV. J. ALLISTER MURRAY, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, London, was reported critically ill last week.

MR. McCULLOUGH who has had charge of Waubuno for the past six months has returned to Toronto to resume his studies.

MONTREAL COLLEGE was opened on Wednesday last, by a lecture on "The Excellence of Christianity," by Prof. Campbell.

THE anniversary services in connection with St. Andrew's, Sherbrooke, Que., took place on Sabbath, the Rev. A. McWilliams, B.A., of Peterboro, being the preacher.

REV. R. J. CRAIG and family will locate for the next three years at Wurttemberg, Germany. His congregation at Deseronto presented him with a handsome gold watch on his retirement.

THE anniversary services of St. Andrew's church, Brampton, were preached on Sabbath, Sept. 30th, morning and evening, by Rev. A. Gandier, formerly pastor, now of Fort Massey church, N.S.

BOTH the sacrament of Baptism and the Lord's Supper were administered by Rev. M. P. Talling in St. James' church, London, last Sabbath, and eleven new members were added to the church.

REV. MR. DRINNAN was inducted as the new pastor of Camlachie, on Oct. 1st. Rev. Mr. Elliott, of Nairn, and Rev. George Cuthbertson, of Wyoming, preached appropriate sermons on the occasion.

ON Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 4th, a large congregation assembled in the Presbyterian church, on the occasion of the ordination of Rev. A. C. Reeves, B.A., and his induction to the pastoral charge of Lakefield and North Smith.

OWING to some misunderstanding regarding the date, Rev. Mr. Robinson, of Edinburgh, did not occupy the pulpit in Knox

church, Burns, on Sabbath, but Rev. Mr. Cameron, North Mornington, conducted the services very acceptably.

MR. T. DODDS, at Berriedale, Ely, Harkness and Hartfell, leaves shortly, to return to Knox College. These four stations have been left to Revs. Garriock, Burks Falls, and Cochran, Sundridge, to provide Sabbath or week-night services for them, as can best be arranged.

THE Bonshaw Presbyterian church, which has been closed for repairs during the greater part of the summer, is to be re-opened on Sabbath, the 14th inst. The services on that day will be at 11 a.m. and 3 and 7 o'clock p.m., at which the pastor will be assisted by brother ministers.

MR. M. J. LEITH is returning to Knox College from his field of labour in the Parry Sound District. He reports having had a very successful summer's work as Presbyterian missionary. A new church was recently erected at Edgington, one of his stations, and was opened last month by Rev. Prof. Campbell, of Montreal. The donations at the opening amounted to nearly \$100.

KNOX church, Cornwall, was recently the scene of successful re-opening services conducted by Rev. R. E. Knowles, B.A., Ottawa, assisted at the concert on the Monday evening by the Methodist and Baptist local clergymen. Rev. James Hastie has been over ten years minister of Knox church, during which time peace and harmony and prosperity have obtained. About two years after his settlement the present edifice was erected. His second decade is noted by the present enlargement of the building. He is assisted by a body of earnest and able co-workers, while the Sabbath school is conducted with marked efficiency.

### Presbytery of Kamloops

MET at Enderby, September 11th. Good attendance of members. Rev. Dr. Robertson and D. G. McQueen, B.A., and Mr. D. Matheson were invited to sit with the Presbytery. Rev. A. Lee, B.A., was appointed moderator for the next twelve months. The name of Rev. G. A. Wilson, B.A., Cariboo, was added to the roll. Rev. James Robertson, D.D., was nominated for moderator of next General Assembly. The report of Home Mission Committee presented by Rev. Paul F. Langill, B.A., convener, was carefully considered. Claims for past six months were approved as follows: Kamloops, (Aug.) \$125.00; Donald, \$181.71; Nelson, \$181.71; Spallumcheen, \$155.79; Vernon, \$155.79; Nicola, \$194.67; Kettle River, \$207.90; Revelstoke, \$135.00, with application for supplementary grant of \$1.50 per Sabbath; Kaslo, \$207.90; Upper Kootenay, \$154.00; Okanagan, \$192; Ashcroft, \$181.71; Cariboo, \$325.00. It was agreed to make application for grants, as follows:—Field, \$6.00 per Sabbath for next six months. Special—\$50.00 to make up balance due Mr. Stewart for work at Fairview during 1893. Mr. Langill reported that \$50 had been kept back by Presbytery's Home Mission Committee from the grant to Revelstoke last March because no satisfactory account of moneys received on salary could be obtained. He stated however that such an account had been presented to-day. Agreed to approve action of Home Mission Committee in keeping back \$50 from the Revelstoke grant because of failure on the part of Mr. Baylis to give satisfactory statement on salary, but which now since Mr. Baylis has satisfied the Presbytery as to this matter, the Home Mission Committee be instructed to pay him the money. On motion (Messrs. Langill and Wright) it was agreed—that the Presbytery represent to the Home Mission Committee of the General Assembly the difficulty experienced in securing suitable supply for its Home Mission fields during winter, and the loss sustained through the lack of winter supply; and also the large outlay involved for travelling expenses in sending students for short periods to distant Presbyteries like that of Kamloops, and that the Presbytery urge the Assembly's Home Mission Committee to take steps to secure if possible, students in Theology to labour continuously in the mission field for at least twelve months. Further, that the Superin-

tendent of Missions be requested to support this resolution before the committee, with the view of getting immediate relief. Moved by Mr. Wright, duly seconded and agreed to—that the Presbytery inform the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee that several of the student missionaries appointed for summer service in past years as well as in the current year, have left their fields before the expiration of the term for which the Presbytery thought they were appointed, and by their leaving seriously interfered with the prosperity of the work, especially in fields which received supplies during the summer season only; and request the Assembly's Committee to take care that missionaries receive appointments for definite periods so that fields may be occupied for full six months at least, and that heavy travelling expenses may not require to be paid for short terms of service. Mr. Black resigned the charge of Nelson. Mr. Langill obtained leave of absence from Vernon for three months. Mr. Wilson gave an interesting report of his work in the Cariboo district. Standing Committees were appointed—conveners as follows:—Home Missions, Rev. Paul F. Langill, B.A., Vernon; Foreign Missions and French Evangelization, Rev. W. R. Ross, Donald; Temperance, Rev. A. Lee, B.A., Kamloops; Systematic Benevolence, Colleges, Synod and Assembly Funds, Rev. A. Lee, B.A.; Sabbath schools, Rev. J. Knox Wright, B.D., Spallumcheen; Sabbath Observance, Mr. A. L. Fortune, Enderby; State of Religion, Rev. Geo. Murray, M.A., Nicola Lake; Church Property, Rev. J. Knox Wright, B.D., Spallumcheen. Mr. Lee presented treasurer's report which was received and adopted. On report of Committee for Examination of Students, it was agreed to certify to their colleges Messrs. R. Laird, John Burnett, A. D. McKinnon, G. R. Fasken and J. L. Miller. It was agreed also to certify Mr. D. M. Martin to Knox College. Presbytery expressed very high approval of the excellent work done by Mr. Martin. Applications for grants from the Church and Manse Fund were approved as follows:—Fort Steele, \$240; Windermere, \$200; Galena, \$150; Revelstoke, \$250. The Presbytery having been entertained by the ladies of Enderby at a complimentary tea meeting on Tuesday evening passed a hearty vote of thanks. Next meeting to be held at Revelstoke on December 11th at 10.30 a.m.—JOHN KNOX WRIGHT, Clerk.

### Presbytery of Rock Lake.

The Presbytery of Rock Lake held its regular meeting at Pilot Mound and in Knox Church, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 11th and 12th days of September, inst. The majority of the ministerial members present, with a few elders, a large amount of important business was transacted. Mr. Robertson, formerly of Quebec, and now laboring as ordained missionary within the bounds, presented a Presbyterial Certificate and his name ordered to be placed on the Presbytery Roll. Mr. White, of Melita, reported having ordained elders in the Antlers mission field. Mr. Lowry, student at Curtwright, read a sermon with a view of being certified to college, and other students presented sermons with the same object in view. A Presbyterial Conference was held in the evening. A good attendance of the Christian public present. The subject discussed was "Sabbath Observance." Mr. Hodnett, Killarney, presented the legal aspect of the question. Mr. Buikie, Minnie, spoke on the Church's need of the Sabbath, and Mr. Rumball, of Morden, on the Divine Authority for the Sabbath. Other members took part in the discussion. Mr. D. A. Stewart, son of Mr. Stewart, missionary in the Ravenswood field, made application for work as a Catechist and was recommended for work to the Home Mission Committee. A considerable time was given to the consideration of Home Mission work in the bounds, and supply arranged for the coming six months. The station, at Altawood, in the Swan Lake field, made application for a grant from the Church and Manse Building Board to help build a church. The next regular meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held at Morden and within Knox Church there, on the first Tuesday in March, 1895.—W. McCAYEN, Clerk.