

co-operative crusade against intemperance recommended as follows:—That the Synod approve of the present enforcement of the license law, but ask for further legislation towards the closing of bars.

HAMILTON.

At a meeting of Hamilton Presbytery, held in St. Catharines on Tuesday, May 2nd, Rev. J. D. Cunningham, B.A., was unanimously nominated for the chair of New Testament, Greek and Exegesis in Knox College, Toronto.

Rev. Neil Lackie, formerly assistant to Rev. Dr. Lyle in Central church, has received a call to Londonborough and Burns' church in Huron Presbytery.

The induction of Rev. S. B. Russell took place at Erskine church on Friday evening, May 12th inst.

A very successful Christian Endeavor rally and convention was held in Erskine church on Friday of last week. Rev. J. A. Wilson of St. Andrew's church was the speaker of the evening. Rev. Dr. Talling presided.

Rev. D. R. Drummond of St. Paul's church preached at anniversary services in Knox church, St. Catharines, on Sunday last.

Rev. W. H. Brokenshire of Port Dalhousie has resigned to accept a call to a charge in Buffalo.

Rev. L. M. McDonnell, the new assistant pastor of Central church, has entered upon his duties.

Rev. Roy VanWyck of Sherman Avenue church is already getting his work well in hand. He is very popular among his people.

Sunday, April 30th, was a day of church parades in Hamilton, Rev. D. R. Drummond preaching to the "Kilties," and Rev. E. A. Henry to the Oddfellows.

The peony revival is now in full swing and everybody seems to be happy about it, says "Country Life in America." In fact, this lovely flower never really went out of favor, as the dahlia did. Of course, the peony has been greatly improved in the last fifteen years (witness, for example, the increased number of fragrant varieties), but even if it had not been improved it would still rank among the six best herbaceous perennials in cultivation; in fact, it is probably the best "hardy flower" we have, and if the truth were known (and one could ignore fragrance and sentiment), the peony beats the rose "all hollow." This may be a strong statement, but it is not extravagant. The peony is larger than the rose, with as wide a range of color; it lasts longer, the plant is harder, easier to cultivate, has no thorns, and is remarkably free from insect enemies and diseases. A rose-bush has no shape, and what little foliage it has is generally covered with bugs. (For its worst enemy, the rose beetle, there is no practical remedy.) Eleven months and two weeks in the year the average rose-bush in the front yard is an eyesore, while the peony looks well from frost to frost. A rose-bush is generally a short-lived affair; peonies are almost as permanent as trees. Have all the roses you want in your backyard, but if you wish to do the big, strong, simple, masterful thing, put your money into peonies and buy lots of them!

The less a man knows the easier it is to convince him that he knows everything.

Lack of originality in some people's conversation displays their good judgment.

The man who has too little confidence in himself generally has too much in other-both ways.

If there be not a heavenly world to heal the wounds of earth; if beyond the indefinite boundary of life there lies no land where wrongs are righted and sorrows borne away then is life a tragedy indeed and the sweet solace of hope a mockery to us all.

PRESBYTERIAN PARAGRAPHS.

The engagement is announced of the Rev. J. H. Miller, B.A., a recent graduate of Queen's University, and Miss Carrie Johnston, of Whitch, Ont. After the marriage the Rev. Mr. Miller and his wife will leave for Field, B.C., to do missionary work.

The Presbyteries of Barrie, Melita, Toronto, Qu'Appelle, Brandon, Winnipeg, and Kingston have notified the various Presbyteries of the church that they intend making application to the General Assembly at its next meeting for leave to receive twelve ministers from foreign countries into the Presbyterian church of Canada.

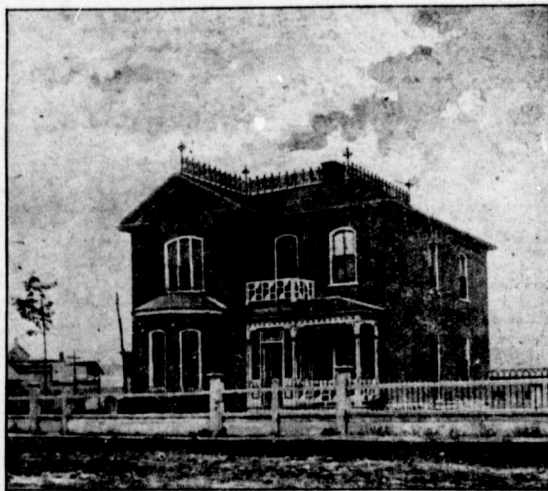
Anniversary services were conducted in St. Paul's and St. Andrew's churches, Peterboro, last Sunday, by Revs. A. Logan Giegge and Alf. Gandier, of Toronto. St. Paul's Church laid \$1,800 on the collection plate towards a reduction of the church debt. A lectureship will be endowed in Queen's University by local citizens in honor of the late Rev. John M. Roger, founder of Presbyterianism in that growing city.

The Kinnear's Mills case, which has caused no little trouble and anxiety to

in the year 1900. He then took charge of Rev. Dr. Magill's congregation in Maghera, County Derry, for five months. Dr. Magill is now Professor of Systematic Theology in Pine Hill College, Halifax. The next year he went and took a post-graduate course in Princeton seminary, and at the same time studied philosophy in the university.

The executive of the Presbyterian General Assembly's committee on Young People's Societies, met, last week in Toronto, Rev. Dr. MacTavish of Deseronto presiding. The report to be presented to the forthcoming meeting of the general assembly was passed. Rev. Messrs. McIntosh, of Elora and Monds, of Glen Allan, were appointed to prepare a course of literary studies for 1906, and Rev. A. Gandier, Toronto, to prepare another course along Biblical lines. The literature published by the committee has had a large sale, and there has been a substantial increase in membership and contributions.

The Rev. Robert Rodgers who was for over half a century a prominent minister of the Presbyterian church in Canada, died last Saturday in his eighty-seventh year. Mr. Rodgers was ordained in



THE MANSE OF KNOX CHURCH, VANKLEEK HILL, ONT.

the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa has been ancestrally settled, and not a single family has been lost to the Presbyterian church. Dr. Kellock, with the help of a committee composed of Dr. Mowatt, the Rev. F. M. Dewey, and the late Mr. Jas. Ross, were thanked by the Synod for the happy termination of this case and for the assistance rendered by them.

The Witness pays the following well deserved tribute to the town in which the recent meeting of Synod was held: The town of Vankleek Hill is a prosperous one. It is the centre of intelligence of the county of Prescott. It has an enviable record as a clean, moral, religious and intellectual town. The County Model School is situated there, and there are several handsome public buildings. There is also a well-equipped Collegiate Institute which has a record second to none in the province of Ontario. There are five churches, the Presbyterian, the Methodist, the Anglican, the Baptist and the Roman Catholic. Good-will and harmony dwell among the people.

The Belfast Witness says: Rev. Samuel Burnside Russell, at present pastor of St. Andrew's church, Hillsburg, Ont., will be the next pastor of Erskine Presbyterian church, Hamilton, a unanimous call having been extended to him. Mr. Russell received a four years' training in Queen's College, Belfast, Ireland, and took a three years' theological course in Assembly's College, Belfast, graduating

1859. During his long term he was minister at Innesburg Presbyterian church for some years; in Collingwood, where he was stationed for twenty-five years, and later at Crossford, Ont. He retired about eighteen years ago, and took up residence in Owen Sound.

As we meet and touch each other
The many threads of our way,
Let every man that contact be
A glorious, helpful ministry.

If we will travel the world over in search of the richest thing it holds for us we will find it at the end of the journey that we have carried it with us all the way—our own immortal soul.

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