

Church News.

In Canada.

Rev. Dr. BARCLAY, Montreal, was reported ill with grippé last week.

Rev. D. ROBERTSON, assistant at Knox church, Hamilton, has accepted a call to Knox church, London East, Ont.

Rev. J. C. TOLMIE, of Brantford, has been inducted into the pastorate of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Windsor.

THE Presbyterian Witness draws attention to the fact that the Presbytery of Inverness, N.S., is greatly in need of the services of Gaelic speaking ministers.

A UNION thanksgiving service was held in George street Methodist church, Peterborough, on the 23rd ult. All the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian clergymen of the town were present, each taking some part. The sermon was preached by Rev. A. MacWilliams.

Rev. A. MACWILLIAMS, of St. Andrew's, Peterborough, has completed a course of four sermons on temperance, that were listened to by specially large congregations. These discourses were reported in full by the local papers and so have reached thousands, and will be instrumental in securing many votes for prohibition.

In his sermon on the morning of Sabbath last, Rev. W. T. Horridge, St. Andrew's, church, Ottawa, said that the great practical problem of the religious world was to bring harmony out of the strife which from century to century had rent asunder the two great branches of the Christian Church. "The ideal religion," he said, "is found neither in Protestantism nor in Catholicism, but in a union of the two, which will make us Protestant-Catholics and Catholic-Protestants. We have no right to restrict the title of brother simply to those who echo our opinions and pronounce our shibboleths. Protestant protective associations, with all the mischievous results which are apt to follow them, will not be needed if we learn to combine unswerving faith with fervent charity. We must beware of using the word brother as a cant phrase which has no heart in it. Unhappily, this is sometimes done, and, as a consequence, earnest men keep the 'brothering' fraternity at a respectful distance."

THE Presbyterians of Glenarm arrived at a very pleasant and happy era in their history on the 26th of Nov., when their beautiful new church was opened for divine service. Professor McLaren, of Knox College, Toronto, conducted the dedicatory services, preaching in the morning at 11 a.m. and in the evening at 7 p.m. The church was literally packed with attentive and appreciative audiences at both services, and they were not disappointed in their expectations. Dr. McLaren fully sustained his reputation of being in the front rank of the sound evangelical preachers of the day. An overflow meeting was ministered to in the Methodist church close by, by Rev. D. D. McDonald, of Eldon. At 3 p.m. Rev. A. Ross, of Clinton, who has few equals as an expostulator of Scripture, preached in the new church to a large number of Highlanders in the Gaelic language, while short addresses were delivered by Prof. McLaren, Revs. McAulay, of Woodville, and McDonald, of Eldon, in the Methodist church. The neighbouring congregations closed their churches for the day in order to allow the people to attend these interesting services. On the following Monday evening an old-fashioned tea meeting was held. Tea was served in the old church, and congratulatory addresses were delivered in the new church by several members of Presbytery—Rev. M. McKinnon, of Fenelon Falls; Rev. R. Johnston, Lindsay; Rev. D. D. McDonald, Eldon, and the pastor, Major Hughes, M. P., of Lindsay; T. Southon, chairman of building committee, and C. N. McDonald, on behalf of ladies' committee. Excellent music was rendered during the evening by our own choir (no foreign importations) of over 20 voices. Notwithstanding the driving wind and rain which prevailed all the

evening, the crowd was immense; every inch of available space was filled, and yet not over two-thirds of the people could get even standing room. \$230 was realized from Sabbath collections and tea meeting proceeds. The church is built of white brick, 60 x 40 ft., neatly finished inside in ash, heated with one of Gurney's hot air furnaces, with a seating capacity of 450 or 500; cost, with site, about \$4,200. The pulpit furniture is of quartered oak, finished in dark crimson plush. The carpet, matting, chandeliers, etc., are all of the very best quality, windows of stained glass, with frosted centre lights, and last, but not at all least worthy of mention, is the fact that practically this pretty, neat, comfortable church is opened free of debt, as the trifling amount unpaid is more than covered by subscriptions payable on the 1st Feb., 1894. The congregation has also completed an extensive line of solid, substantial sheds, capable of sheltering 58 teams, all paid for, cost about \$600. The Ladies' Committee acknowledge with thanks the following valuable donations to the church from old members of the congregation: 1. A beautiful pulpit Bible from the McPherson sisters, of Toronto. 2. A very handsome eight-day clock from the Islay section Sabbath school. 3. A set of collection plates (oak) from Mr. D. McEachern, Toronto. 4. A gold-lined silver baptismal bowl from Junior Endeavor Society. 5. Table linen and napkins for communion service from the Y.P.S.C.E.

The Presbytery of Halifax.

THE December meeting of the Presbytery of Halifax was held in Chalmers' Hall, Halifax. Mr. John Murray, Moderator, in the chair. The catechists' reports (10) were considered and passed. In almost all cases the balances due, to be paid by the H. M. Board, are smaller than in previous years. The Presbytery expressed its satisfaction with the work done by the young men. The clerk was instructed to secure an ordained missionary for the congregation of Waterville and Lakesville, if possible. Mr. Distan was appointed to moderate in a call at Bedford, at an early day. Mr. Gordon, as representing the Foreign Mission Board, called the attention of the Presbytery to the debt resting on the Foreign Mission fund and requested brethren to consider at what time and at what manner they can best move for its reduction and liquidation. The sum of \$1350 asked from this Presbytery by the Augmentation fund committee was allocated among the different congregations very much as last year—the largest allocation to one congregation being \$275, and the smallest \$10. Messrs. Gordon, McMillan, McPherson, Fowler, Stewart, Gandier, Fraser, Robert Murray and the clerk were appointed a committee to consider the remit of Assembly as to the proposed changes in the Hymnal and report to next meeting. The next meeting was appointed to be held in Chalmers' Hall, Halifax, on Tuesday, Feb. 5th, 1894, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. As far as possible the Presbytery will deal with the remits of Assembly at that meeting. Sessions will oblige by sending for the proceedings of the Assembly, the Blue book for 1893, which they will find at Mr. Morrison's office, Duke St., Halifax. A. SIMPSON, Clerk.

Presbytery of Glengarry.

THE Presbytery of Glengarry met at Vankleek Hill, on Tuesday, 12th inst., with a good attendance. Rev. Jas. Cormack, B.A., was elected Moderator for the ensuing term. The case of Mr. Russell, licentiate, was then taken up. He had been charged with following a divisive course within the bounds of the Presbytery. After considerable deliberation it was finally resolved that the charge was proven, whereupon he was formally enjoined not to labour within the bounds of the Presbytery of Glengarry unless under the direction of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, or invited by some one of the sessions of the bounds. The members respectively reported that the missionary meetings appointed by the Presbytery were held in the respective charges. It was resolved to instruct Mr. Givan to deposit the surplus in his hands—left over after making up the deficit in the

matter of augmentation grants to the augmented charges within the bounds—into the hands of the Treasurer of the Presbytery and Synod Fund to be expended subject to the direct instruction of the Presbytery. Rev. R. MacLeod took up the motion, notice of which was given at last meeting, namely, that the Presbytery shall visit all the congregations in the bounds annually, by committee or otherwise. The motion was passed after being duly discussed and a committee appointed to consider the best means for overtaking the work proposed. Assembly remits were sent to committees for consideration and report to next regular meeting. Deputations to visit augmented charges were then appointed. A call to the Rev. J. W. MacLeod, of Finch, from Russelltown, was placed on the table. It was resolved to cite the congregation of Finch to appear in their interests at an adjourned meeting of Presbytery to be held at Maxville, on the 27th inst., at 11:30, a.m. A petition from the mission station of South Finch, asking the Presbytery to apply to the H.M.C. for aid to the extent of \$3.00, per Sabbath, so as to enable them to secure the services of an ordained missionary. It was resolved that the petition lie on the table and that a committee, consisting of Revs. A. K. MacLennan, convener, Thos. Mitchell, R. MacLeod, A. Russell and Jas. MacKenzie, be appointed to meet and confer with the Mission of South Finch, and the congregation of St. Luke's.—First, with a view towards securing union. The treasurer submitted a statement showing that a large number of congregations were still in arrears to the Fund. It was accordingly resolved to instruct the treasurer to notify the defaulting congregations again, urging payment. Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Maxville, on the 27th inst., at 11:30 a.m.—M. MACLENNAN, Clerk.

Presbytery of Ottawa.

THE Presbytery of Ottawa met on Dec. 12th to present an address of welcome to His Excellency, the Earl of Aberdeen, the new Governor-General of Canada. The members assembled in Bank Street church, whence they proceeded to the Government House. Those present were the Rev. Chas. A. Doudiet, Moderator of Presbytery; Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rev. M. H. Scott, Rev. E. F. Seylaz, Rev. R. E. Knowles, Rev. A. McGregor, Rev. R. Williams, Rev. J. L. Gourlay, Rev. T. W. Winfield, and Rev. Jas. H. Beatt, Mr. Geo. Hay, Mr. Wm. Korr, Mr. A. Devinney, Mr. C. Dewar, Mr. J. J. Byrnes and Mr. J. Keane. The Rev. Dr. Wardrope, of Guisph, who was present, accompanied the Presbytery as a corresponding member. Arrived at Rideau Hall the Presbytery was graciously received by His Excellency and Lady Aberdeen, when the address, which was couched in loyal and complimentary terms was presented and read by the Moderator, Rev. Chas. A. Doudiet.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

"Mr. Moderator and gentlemen," said the Earl of Aberdeen in reply, "I beg you to accept my best thanks for this address, in which you express in dignified and graceful language your deep loyalty to the illustrious Occupant of the Throne and your hearty greetings to Her Majesty's representative. Such a welcome from such a source cannot fail to be a gratification, and ought to be an encouragement. I appreciate also your thoughtful allusion to my ancestry. You doubtless refer, amongst others, to Baillie, of Jerviswoode (himself a descendant of John Knox) from whom, on the maternal side, I claim descent. He was a man who took a noble part in that struggle for civil and religious liberty, which most members of the Presbyterian Church regard with pride and gratitude. Nor do I wish to disguise the fact that another ancestor of mine at about the same period took no small share in the public affairs of those times, but, on the opposite side to that on which Baillie was ranked. That such was the case is sufficiently indicated by the fact that a transept of the ancient cathedral of St. Giles in Edinburgh was, until quite recently, known by the name of 'Haddo's Hole,' referring to