

MARITIME PROVINCES.

Rev. E. Smith, formerly of Shediac, is supplying Kensington, P. E. I.

The church building at Georgetown, P. E. I., is to be enlarged and improved.

The Moncton Manse and contents were somewhat damaged by fire on the 2nd. inst.

Rev. E. M. Dill has accepted the call to Wolfville and will be inducted on the 10th inst.

The congregation of St. Paul's Woodstock, hitherto augmented, has become self-sustaining.

Mr. W. S. Loggie, an elder of St. Andrew's church Chatham is building a church at Sheppegan at his own expense.

The churches of Campbellton N. B. have been closed for eight weeks on account of small pox. They were reopened last Sunday.

Summerside churches closed for repairs and the pastor Rev. W. H. Smith has gone on a visit meantime to his old home in Nova Scotia.

So far the sum of \$13,746.20 has been subscribed for the Century Fund in the Presbytery of St. Johns. Fredericton heading the list with the \$4,750, St. Andrew's (St. John) coming next with \$3,620.

The congregation of West Bay C. B. is flourishing under the pastorate of Rev. A. M. McMillan, \$329 were subscribed last year for the schemes of the church. The C. E. society supports a Bible woman in Trinidad.

The following on the statistics of Home Missions in the Presbytery of St. John; Churches, 42; preaching stations, 78; families, 1,047; church members, 1,209; baptisms, 117; children in Sunday School, 1,343; raised for church schemes, \$328, for congregational purposes, \$7,856; for all purposes, \$8,427; for stipend, \$8,080.

The following were elected commissioners to the General Assembly from the Presbytery of St. John: Rev. D. J. Fraser, A. D. Fraser, A. W. Mahon, Wm. Peacock and R. G. Vans by rotation. Rev. W. McDonald, W. Ross and T. F. Fotheringham by ballot. Elders, Judge Stevens, A. Henderson, H. A. White, Judge Forbes, D. McLean, L. W. Johnson, John Willet, Dr. J. H. Morrison, Dr. Walker and W. C. Whittaker.

The Presbytery of Miramichi has elected the following commissioners to the General Assembly Messrs F. G. Johnson, W. Aitken, J. D. Murray, John Robertson, and A. F. Carr ministers; and John Menzies, W. R. McMillan, Wm. Anderson, Geo. Haddow and R. N. Weeks, elders. Dr. Pollok was nominated as Moderator. The Presbytery approved of the "Aids to Social Worship" and of the preferred annuity scheme. Mr. McLeod was granted three months leave of absence in order to visit the old country. A public meeting was held in the evening at which the reports on church life and work, Y. P. S., S. S., and Statistics were discussed.

The Literary club in connection with St. John Presbytery met at the close of the quarterly meeting last Tuesday and an instructive essay on "Isks Through nature to God" was read by Rev. A. H. Foster. Two Unitarian ministers Messrs Hunter and Allen were present and doubtless were much interested in seeing how Presbyterians would turn their co-religionists position. The prevailing view seemed to be that natural selection was incompetent to account for the ethical and religious beliefs of savages, these being far in advance of their practice. They were more correctly viewed as instances of degradation of type owing to environment and disuse of the faculty. As the July meeting Rev. Geo. Ireland will lead in a discussion of "The religious teaching of Browning."

Rev. D. C. Hossack, Toronto, will conduct anniversary services in St. John Church, Hamilton, on the 22nd inst.

At a meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Marmora, last week the call to Rev. W. W. McCuaig was cancelled.

Knox College Closing Examination.

Knox College closed its 56th Session on Thursday, and the following are the results of the recent examinations as announced by the Senate. Scholarships are awarded according to general proficiency, and no student can hold more than one scholarship, or its equivalent.

The Degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred, honoris causa, on the Rev. R. P. Mackay, B. A., Secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee.

The Degree of Bachelor of Divinity was obtained by F. H. Barron, B. A., and by H. M. McCullough, B. A.

The following Scholarships were awarded in their respective years:—

In the third year Theology.—1, the Bonar-Burns Scholarship of \$80 to A. W. McIntosh; 2, the Fisher Scholarship (I) of \$60 to J. W. MacNamara; 3, the Fisher Scholarship (II) of \$60 to Hugh Mathieson; 4, the R. M. Thornton Memorial Scholarship of \$60, and 5, the Heron Scholarship of \$30 equally divided between F. J. Maxwell and R. S. Scott; 6, the Cheyne Scholarship of \$80 to A. C. Wishart.

In the second and third years.—The Smith Scholarship of \$50—Essay on "The Realization of God's Love as an element in Christian Experience"—no competition; the Brydon Prize of \$30—Special examination on the subject, "The Effect of Calvinism on the Religious Life," to J. W. MacNamara.

In First, Second and Third years.—The Clark Prize, (Lange's Commentary) New Testament Greek, proficiency in, to F. C. Harper, B. A., of the second year; the Clark Prize, II, (Lange's Commentary) for proficiency in Old Testament Hebrew, to H. J. Pritchard, B. A., of the second year; the John Fenwick Prize, \$20 for Essay on "Confirmations of Scripture from Recent discoveries in Egypt," to F. C. Harper, B. A., of the second year.

In the second year.—1, the Elizabeth Scott Scholarship of \$75 to Richard Davidson, B. A.; 2, the Knox Church, Toronto, Scholarship of \$60, to J. H. Lemon, B. A.; 3, the Knox Church, Toronto (II.) Scholarship of \$60, and 4, the Loghrin Scholarship of \$50, equally divided between H. J. Pritchard, B. A., and W. G. Russel; 5, the Jane Mortimer Scholarship of \$5, equally divided between N. R. D. Sinclair, B. A., and F. C. Harper, B. A.; 7, the Dunbar Scholarship of \$30, to J. H. Bruce, B. A.

For First and Second Years.—The Prince of Wales Prize of \$60, for Essay of "The Ethical Results of Pantheism," H. Munro, B. A.

In the First Year.—1, The Central Church (Hamilton) Scholarship, \$90, E. G. Robb, B. A.; 2, the St. James' Square Church, Toronto, Scholarship, \$60, A. J. Hunter, B. A., M. B.; 3, the Eastman Scholarship of \$60, H. E. Abraham, B. A.; 4, the John King Scholarship of \$60, and 5, the Bloor St. Church, Toronto, Scholarship of \$50, T. O. Miller and J. J. Morris B. A., equal; 6, the Goldie Scholarship of \$40, and 7, the Gillies Scholarship (I) of \$80, equally divided between A. L. Burch, B. A., and Wm. Morris; 8, the Gillies Scholarship (II) of \$30 not awarded.

The Bayne Scholarship of \$50, for proficiency in Hebrew on entering theology, E. G. Robb, B. A.

The Post graduate Travelling Fellowship of \$400 was not awarded.

The following is a full list of those who have graduated and received diplomas: W. Beattie, W. J. Booth, H. Broad, Geo. Currie, G. M. Dunn, D. J. Ellison, J. F. Johnston, B. A.; Geo. Kendall, W. J. Knox, M. A.; N. H. MacGillivray, A. W. McIntosh, J. W. MacNamara, H. Mathieson, F. J. Maxwell, P. Reith, W. B. Ronald, B. A.; R. S. Scott, M. A. Shaw, M. A.; A. C. Wishart, F. S. Wrinch, B. A.

The following have passed in all departments of Second Year.—J. H. Bruce, B. A.; R. W. Craw, B. A.; Richard Davidson, B. A.; F. C. Harper, B. A.; J. H. Lemon, B. A.; R. J. McAlpine, M. CaArthur, W. C. Mercer, Hugh Munro, B. A.; H. J. Pritchard, B. A.; W. G. Russell, D. Taylor, N. R. D. Sinclair, B. A., and Jas. Wilson, B. A.

Home Mission Shortage.

A special appeal has been issued by the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee, for a collection on or before the 22nd April, to remove the existing deficit. It will be remembered that when the Committee met in March, there was a shortage of about \$14,000. An estimate was made, showing that of this amount \$5,000, or 6,000, would likely be received before the close of the church year, leaving a shortage of \$8,000 or 9,000. Instead of reducing the grants due missionaries for the past half year, it was resolved to pay these in full, and to ask from every congregation of the church a special contribution during the month of April. The Committee resolved to trust the church, believing that when the facts were known, there would be a prompt and hearty response to their appeal, and the entire deficit wiped out before the end of April.

In connection with similar appeals in former years a considerable number of congregations failed to respond leaving the burden and privilege upon a comparatively few. It is hoped in connection with this effort that every minister and kirk session will see to it that a contribution is got from their congregation.

The Home Mission work is dear to the heart of the church. No congregation should be deprived of the opportunity of contributing. The policy of office bearers, who stand in the way of their people giving, is a very short sighted one, and it is hoped that in connection with this effort no congregation or mission station throughout the entire church will be deprived of the privilege of contributing towards the reduction of the existing deficit in the Home Mission Fund.

Literature For Tourists.

The Grand Trunk, ever alive to the possibilities of increasing the tourist travel to Canada, is again to the fore in this matter.

The latest publication issued by the advertising department is a very handsome piece of work and an artistic brochure. The title of the pamphlet is Kawartha Lakes, and it deals principally with that portion of Canada in the counties of Victoria and Peterboro which lie north of Lake Ontario, and which embodies the chain of lakes reaching from Lakefield to Cobocook, known as Trent Valley water route. Judging from the illustrations, which are direct reproductions from photographs, and engraved in the half-tone process, the country is a magnificent one, and there is no doubt that with the usual energy which is displayed by the Grand Trunk management, this district will become a very popular one with the tourist.

The fishing is without equal, and weighty mackinonge of from 20 to 30 pounds are a daily catch, while the black bass are numerous and run from three to seven pounds.

During the hunting season in the month of November hundreds of sportsmen make this district their haven, as the deer are numerous and each hunting party can always depend upon getting full limit allowed by the law.

Copies of the pamphlet may be had from any agent of the Grand Trunk railway system, or on application to W. E. Davis, general passenger and ticket agent Montreal; M. C. Dickson, district passenger agent, Toronto.

TORONTO.

The pulpit of Knox Church, which Dr. Parsons has just resigned, will be declared vacant on April 15 by Dr. Maclaren, and during the vacancy Dr. R. P. Mackay will act as moderator.

Rev. William Patterson of Cooke's Church has promptly settled a matter which might have caused no little anxiety in that church. He has been made a tempting offer to accept a unanimous call to the pastorate of the Mutchmore Memorial Church, Philadelphia, but has declined the call.