

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.

Presbytery met in Guthrie church, Harrison, on July 7th. The Presbyterial Y.P.S. met the same day and place. A resolution re Mr. Cameron's removal from Presbytery was adopted. Messrs. Farquharson and Kendall reported their attendance at the General Assembly. The call from Knox church, Harrison, to Mr. W. McD. McKay was sustained and arrangements were made for his ordination and induction on Tuesday the 21st inst. Mr. John R. Wilson was licensed to preach, and his ordination was appointed to take place at Mildmay on Tuesday, 21st inst. Mr. MacNamara gave in a carefully prepared report on Systematic Beneficence and Statistics. It was agreed to print a sufficient number of copies for the families within the bounds. The standing committees were appointed for the year. Mr. MacNamara was appointed leader for the annual Conference. The annual report of the Presbyterial W.F.M.S. was read. The Presbytery expressed gratitude to God for success, and commended the society and its work to the sympathy and support of the congregations. The Rev. Mr. Menzies addressed the Presbytery on the work of French evangelization. The object of his visit was commended to the liberality of the congregations. The Presbytery agreed to take up the work of Sabbath school visitation by an exchange of pulpits.

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

Rev. Mr. Strachan of Ilay has resigned his charge and is returning to Manitoba.

Rev. Dr. DuVal, moderator of the General Assembly, is a busy man just now. No sooner does he return from Vancouver, after taking part in the induction of Principal Mackay, than he is called to Quebec, where he will represent Presbyterianism at the great historic gathering next week in the ancient capital.

The Rev. Dr. DuVal was completely taken by surprise at the close of the prayer meeting last week when he was presented with a handsome silk gown. It was a token of appreciation and congratulation upon his election to the moderatorship of the Assembly. Mrs. DuVal was at the same time given a magnificent bouquet of roses.

Mrs. C. W. Gordon was the recipient of an address from the ladies of St. Stephen's congregation upon her recent birthday. It was the work of an eastern artist, and is a beautiful production of the fourteenth century style. It was sent to the house by messenger upon the morning of her birthday, accompanied by a mass of half-opened June roses.

At the last meeting of Winnipeg Presbytery (Rev. Alexander Matheson, moderator pro tem) the following appointments were made to home mission fields: Revs. H. C. Sweet, Gretna; Alex. Riddell, Niverville; J. Carmichael, East Selkirk; E. Le, Clandeboy; Dr. Hart, Stony Mountain; W. J. Inglis, Salem; E. B. Chestnut, Stuartburn; Thos. McCord, Starbuck; Dr. Iverach, Clear Springs.

The garden party under the auspices of Knox Church, Georgetown, was a success in every way. An interesting programme was presented, and the proceeds amounted to nearly \$50.00.

In the New Glasgow (N.S.) Presbyterian church there were quite a number of additions to the membership of the mid-summer communions. In First church, twenty; in St. Andrew's, ten, and in United, seven.

Arrangements were made by Barrie Presbytery for the induction of the Rev. R. V. McKittrick at Severn Bridge, first week of September next. Rev. A. J. Fowlie to preside, Rev. W. H. Smith to preach, Rev. J. A. Dow to address the minister, and Rev. D. C. McGregor the people.

INDUCTION OF PRINCIPAL MACKAY.

An event of great importance to Presbyterianism in Canada was consummated in St. Andrew's Church, Vancouver, on Thursday evening, the 2nd day of July, in the induction and installation of Rev. John Mackay, D.D., as Principal of the Western College to be known as Westminster Hall.

The ministers on the platform were Revs. Dr. Campbell of Victoria; Jno. Millar of Nanaimo; Dr. DuVal of Winnipeg; J. C. Reid of Vancouver, moderator of Presbytery, presiding; Principal McGill of Halifax; R. J. Wilson, pastor of the congregation. Besides these gentlemen, Drs. Talling and Gilray, both of Toronto, took part in the service.

The moderator of the General Assembly, Rev. Dr. DuVal, neat as ever in form and speech, he of the silver hair and resonant voice, figured largely in the proceedings. Taking for his text, "The life more abundant," he preached an impressive sermon on the glory of life, animal, human and divine. Not the life to come, but the life that is, received the emphasis; not "stocking heaven with human wrecks," but the bringing of the kingdom of heaven to earth is the work of the Son. He came to be the destruction of the destructive forces of life. This was the *raison d'être* of the B. C. Theological College, whose name, "Westminster Hall," was to be a word of renown in Canada, and especially the West.

Rev. A. J. McGillivray, of St. John's Vancouver, was called upon to narrate the steps leading up to the induction. He outlined the work done by the joint meetings of the Board of Management and Senate, of which the General Assembly had made him Convener, and voiced the gratification of all concerned that the nomination of the Principal-elect had received such hearty approval everywhere, and had just been confirmed by the Assembly.

Rev. J. C. Reid put the usual questions at an induction, Dr. Gilray offered the dedicatory prayer, and Dr. DuVal in the name of the General Assembly and by authority of the Presbytery of Westminster pronounced Dr. Mackay Principal of Westminster Hall.

After all had settled again in their respective places, Dr. DuVal rose to address the new Principal, called of God to the office. He spoke eulogistically of the work of Dr. Mackay as a student and as a pastor, emphasizing especially the grip he got of young men, and congratulated him he had been called not to an "old college that needs its aperities to be rubbed down with emery paper and sweet oil," but to a new cause whose mould had yet to be made. The need of sacrifice and its gain were urged, proof of which the Principal had already given, though the Dr. argued that the people would measure up to their responsibility both in money and sympathy. His last word would be, "Trust the people."

Rev. John Millar of Nanaimo, the moderator of Synod, was called upon to address the congregation. He besought for the College and its Principal encouragement, sympathy and support. He spoke of the need of a cultured ministry in a Church that believed in the culture of the people. Paying a noble tribute to the work of "unsophisticated enthusiasts," he yet maintained that the leaders of religious thought must to-day be acquainted with the best that has been said or thought in other days. Mr. Millar felt we are approaching a crisis, "standing on the edge of things," and the surest preventive of woe lay in a grasp of those ideas for which the College stood.

Principal Mackay was invited to say a few words, in which he gave expression to the sense of the honor done to him and his desire to meet the require-

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The Princess of Wales makes it a rule to wear none other than British made costumes.

A Masonic temple is about to be erected at Wiehaw, Lanarkshire, at a cost of \$12,500.

A fresh commission is being organized to proceed to East Africa to study sleeping sickness.

The question of Sunday golf at Turnberry was recently again before Ayr United Free Presbytery.

Yetholm's chief interest is that from time immemorial it has been the headquarters of the Scottish gypsies.

While several stacks lying out in a field on the Mains of Edwell were being threshed out, over 400 rats were killed.

The international golf match between English and Scottish professionals was abandoned, owing to bad weather.

"For permitting a terrier to be at large after sunset" was an offence which cost a man a sovereign at Aberdeide.

Thirty-seven children were "lost" in the London parks on Bank Holiday, but all have since been restored to their parents.

There is a plague of adders in Western Ardnurchan, Scotland, and a three-year-old colt has died from the effects of a bite.

Mr. Donald McKenzie retires under the age limit this month from the Royal Bank of Scotland, after nearly half a century of service.

There are now 180,000 members of the Semi-Teetotal Association, all of which are pledged to take not intoxicant drinks except at meals.

No trace has yet been discovered of Francis Segar, aged seven, who vanished after leaving the Queen's Walk School at Nottingham on June 16.

Dr. Howie, of Govan, in the course of his active career, has taken part in starting more than forty new congregations with a combined membership of nearly 22,000.

Besides losing their copy of the first edition of the poet's works, Kilmarnock is threatened with the loss of its Burns statue due to the corrosive effects of the atmosphere.

Benjamin Bell Imrie, noted architect and civil engineer, Castle Douglas, is dead. He belonged to the old Annendale family, but was born at Falford, Tarbolton, Ayrshire, and received his early education at Mauchline school.

At South Africa customs conference, the ministers of Cape Colony and Orange River Colony strongly opposed the retention of the British preference. The Natal ministers made an ineffectual response and the preference seemed doomed when General Booth spoke in its favor. In the end the preference was retained.

A Texas mob hanged and shot nine negroes early last week in Hemphill, Sabine County, in retaliation for the alleged killing of two white men by negroes in a drunken row. None of the lynched negroes were guilty, but the superior race did not trouble itself about a minor matter like that. Two negroes were also lynched at Waycross, Ga., the same week.

ments of the situation. The throb of forces, national and international, could be felt on the Pacific Coast, and he felt no greater contribution could be made to the Church than the fashioning of men alive to the needs of the hour, men of some scholarship and seers with grasp of the unseen.

At the close of the service a pleasant hour was passed in congratulating Principal and Mrs. Mackay, and in such good fellowship as these gatherings engender.