Church News.

A PRESENTIFIED church is being organized near Creeford, N.W.T.

REV. J. SHARRIGHT, Huntaville, discensed the sacrament at Berriedale and other stations on the

RLy J. PROUDPOOL, D.D., London, conducted the opening services, Presbyterian church, Allens ville, on Sanday, 29th August, at 11 s.m. Dr. Proudfootalso preached in the Presbyterian church, Huntsville, at 7 p.m.

CALVEN church, St. John, N.B., has fately been renovated within the last few weeks. Architecturally the interior of this fine edifice is one of the handtomest in the city, and since it has been painted it presents a very fine appearance.

THE many friends of Rev. Andrew Hudson, past tor of the Presbyterian church, Parry Saund, will regret to learn of the death of his son John, which sad event occurred on Tuesday morning 17th ult. The young man has been ill for some time past

On Wednesday night after nine o'clock, a boy of eight years of age, barefooted and very weary, was found leaning against the wall of a house in one of our streets, crying. When spoken to kindly he gave the following information. His father and mother had gone to the Salvation Army. They shut and fastened the door leaving him—the little boy—in the street till they should come home. They would likely be out till ten o'clock. He cou'd not tell when they would be home. He had no shelter, and no one to care for him during those hours of darkness in the street. He goes to Sunday school. His parents regularly attend public worship. We need not dilate on the folly and wickedness of such conduct on the part of parents It is cruel and unchristian, and worthy of the severest reprehension.—Halifas Presbyterian Wil

AT the Grimsby Camp, August 22nd., Rev. Dr. Taimage lectured on the "Absordities of Evolution" before an audience of between five and six thousand people. " If we leave to the evolutionists," said the lecturer, "the question of "where we come from," and to theology to prophesy "where we are going to," we still have left for consideration the fact that we are here." We like to come here to see you, and we do not want to have any trouble between the two countries, and if any scoundrels shall rise up to make war between the United States and Canada let them be accursed. Glory to God; peace and goodwill toward men. Any man, women, or child cannot afford to be uninformed about evolution. It is too late for that. About every two thousand years God turns a leaf in the history of this world. He turned in leaf and the world was prepared for man's residence—Creation. About two thousand more years passed, and God turned another leaf. It was the Deluge. Two thousand more years passed on and then came, the inission of Christ. Almost two thousand more years have passed on, and we may soon expect something stupendous. It might be an overwhelming demonstration to the human race that the God of nature is the God of the Bible." Dr. Talmage, during his discourse, quoted freely from the evolutionists of the past and present, and read passages of Scrip-ture, and used vigorous arguments to refute the theory of evolution.

A CORRESPONDENT writes us from Vancouver :-On Sabbath, July 25th, a new church in Vancouver was opened for public worship, and dedicated to God's service, just six weeks after the terrible fire which consumed the previous one and the entire city. It was a real church opening—for the windows and doors were not yet put in. Mr. Thomson the missionary, conducted the services morning and evening, and preached to large congregations. On the 28th of June, Mr. Thomson took three men on to the church ground and began clearing the debris, after which they set to work framing and building a newchurch the greater partol which has been done by voluntary labour. The undertaking was a great one, especially at a time when carpenters were getting \$4 a day; the people themselves could do nothing in the way of giving and were afraid to risk the responsibility. Mr. Thomson formed himself into an architect, carpenter and building committee, and shouldered the entire responsibility, saying that he had entire confidence in the Church, which had commissioned him to Vancouver, that he believed the appeal he had made would be niet with a hearty response, and to-day we have a church neat and commodious, capable of seating 375 people, the only church in the city to-day, while we have forty; four saloons. The Lord hath done great things for us. May this Euflding be preserved to us. are greatly cheered at the response already given to our pastor's appeal, and trust that it will be equal to the amount he has had to borrow to pay the material for the building. The congregation is now reorganized with trustees, managing committee and three elders. The latter are Edwin Sanders, formerly elder of St. Thomas and Knox church, Winnipeg; William P. Findley, elder of Richmond, Quebec, and John M. Dalgleish, a former member of Knox church, Toronto. It is hoped better and brighter days are in store for us."

REV. C. B. PITBLADO, Winnipeg, has been writing a series of interesting letters to the Winnipeg Sun, descriptive of his trip through Scotland. In one of date, July 23rd, he says:-" It has been very pleasant to remember some old scenes recalled by the site of old places, nor less so to find some of the old acquaintances who knew me in boyhood. The reception from my friends; has been kind in the extreme. But, an me i these new tenants in the old, houses these ruins where the home of my friends stood, these railways that have removed the old landmarks, these charged circumstances of my companions of early days! On these vacant places, these green-covered graves! This is home, but the illusions of boyhood, the dream of life, is sadly dispelled... I delight in having the melancholy pleasure of walking through the cemeteries of Scotland and bidding good-type to the friends of my boyhood. We left Glasgow for a trip via. Balloch, Loch Lomond, Trossachs, Callender and Stirling. We walked through the streets of Glasgow with a good deal of disappointment. The crowd on Argyle atreet, Tron, Salimarket and such like was largely made up of bareheaded, barefosted women, many of whom seemed to drink. My wife declared and never saw such a crowd of bad looking men and women in her life. I got her away from the crowd to the cathedral and the necropolis. I was pleased to see two of these rough-looking women with bare heads, the little shawl over the shoulders and simply a petticoat for a skirt, in the cathedral reading the inscription on the stones and speaking of them with carnest and joyful thankfulness to Almighty G.d. feeling and intelligence. We went through the crypt and all over that rocky hill where G asgow's who has unheld us in mirry and owned his work

is in the city, but it has the look of a great smoky

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COLLIBITY, B.C.—Met in St. Andrew's church, New Westminster, B.C., on the 3rd ultimo. Rev. R. Jamieson, was appointed Moderator for the next twelve months, and Rev. T. G. Thomson, Clerk. Also the following committees:—Home Mission, D. Fraser, D. McRae, J. A. Chisholm, and W. Ciarke, Elder, State of Religion, R. Jamieson, J. A. Chisholm and A. M. McDougall, and P. McCieery, Elder; Temperance, D. Praser, T. G. Thomson, J. A. Jastray, and M. Clarke, Elder. Sabbath Schools, D. McRae, J. A. Jastray, F. McCeery, John Meston and J. C. Brown, Elders; Finance, J. A. Chisholm, D. McRae, and W. Clarke; Church Property, R. Jamieson, T. G. Thomson, D. Fraser and Thompton Fell; Sabbath Observance, R. Jamieson, T. G. Thomson Sabbath Observance, R. Jamleson, T. G. Thomson and D. Fraser. Reports were presented from the several Congregations and Mission Stations within the bounds, which were received and the following deliverance given: That the Presbytery express satisfaction with the reports. That in the opinion of the Presbytery, Missionaries should be sent to Spence Bridge and Albernl fields with as little delay as possible. Mr. Atmstrong, an elder from Mud Hay, representing the Langley group, asked for instruction as to how they could be received into and supplied with ordinances by the presbytery. Instructions were given, and Mr. Fraser asked to confer with the Rev. Mr. Somerville, delegate from the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, regarding the above application. Mesars, Henderson and Campbell, of Chilliwhack, also appeared before the presbytery and requested that peared before the presbytery and requested that rarangements should be made as soon as possible to send a missionary to that field. Mr. l'raser was asked to visit that field on the 6th ultimo, and Mr. Thomson on the first Sabbath in September, and; if possible, the Lingley group, during the following week, and hold a conference with these congregations and report to the Home Mission Committee. The moderator was instructed to visit Science Bridge, Chinton and Ashcroft, and make fuller entitled to the control of the contr quiry into the prospects of that field, and report quiry into the prospects of that held, and report before September 15th. It was agreed to ask the Assembly's Home Mission Committee to place at the disposal of the presbytery a sum sufficient to pay the expenses of members of presbytery appointed to explore new fields. The Clerk was authorized to correspond with railway and steamboat companies with the view of securing reduced rates of travel for members of presbytery when engaged in mission work. The ministers of the gaged in mission work. The ministers of the Methodist church, New Westminster District, waited on the presbytery, and through Rev. Mr. Watson, congratulated the ministers and congregations of the Presbyterian Church on their erection into a presbytery, and referred to co-operation and harmonious working of various fields by the two churches. The presbytery reciprocated these cordial greetings, and appointed Revs. Jamieson and Fraser to hold a conference with two of the Methodist brethren as to co-operation in certain fields and report. On their report being received, it was agreed that owing to the differences in the methods of working and appointing missionaries to mission fields by the two churches, it was deemed better to enter into no special arrangement at present. The Rev. Mr. McElmon, of Belingham Bay, W.T., being present was asked to sit and corres W.T., being present was asked to sit and correspond. Mr. Jamieson was appointed treasurer of presbytery fund. Mr. Fraser reported having moderated in a call in St. Andrew's church, New Westminster, to Rev. S. J. Taylor, BA., Moose Jaw, N.W.T., stipend \$1200 and a manse; the call was sustained and ordered to be forwarded to the presbytery of Regina. The Rev. Mr. Urquhart was appointed to prosecute the call before that presbytery. Mr. Fraser resigned, the moderatorship of St. Andrews, New Westminster, and Mr. Thomson, Vancouver, was appointed in his stead. The Presbytery referred the session of S. Andrews to the Assembly's regulation anent the amount to to the Assembly's regulation anent the amount to be paid to probationers supplying the pulpit during the vacancy. That in their case it should not be less than \$20 00 per Sabbath, and expressed satisfaction on fearning that the congregation have re-solved to ask no further aid from the congregation fund, and prayed that God would prosper them more and mure, and build them up in all knowledge Mr. Jamieson was appointed a and goodness. member of the supply committee, and to supply the pulpit till the call was disposed of. On motion of Mr. Fraser, the presbytery expressed their deepest sympathy with Mr. Thomson and his congregation in Vancouver in the fiery trial through which they had recently passed, and would most earnestly commend their case to the liberality of the church at large and trust that: a speedy response will be given to their appeal for assistance, that they may soon be re-established, and that the work of the Lord may very greatly prosper among them. The temperance and Subbath observance committees were instructed to collect all possible in their wisdom they' deem proper and in accordance with the views of the Church.

On the evening of the 4th inst., pursuant to adjournment, the presbytery met in Temperance Hall in response to an invitation by the congregation of St. Andrews, to a social gathering in honor of the erection of the presbytery and its first meeting, when the following address was read by Mr. John C. Brown:

" To the Reverend the Presbylery of Columbia,-In name and by the appointment of the Congregation of St. Andrew's church, we most heartily bid you welcome to New Westminster, and extend to you and to our brethren represented by you out warmest congratulations on the formation in this Province of a preabytery of that church by whose wise daring our congregation was called into existence, and by whose large-hearted liberality it has been sustained through nearly a quarter of a century. Twenty-four years ago, some of us were privileged to take part in founding here the first congregation of our Church in British Columbia, a congregation dependent for its existence on the liberality of our Eastern brethren. Pew in number and with small resources called upon at the very outset to witness the fading of these bright hopes of temporal prosperity which had lured us to this then isolated land, our faith was often near to failing; but to-night as we meet to hail the formation

princely merchants the buried, and which is crowned with the folty statute of Knox, who seems to be fact that we have represented here a chain of Prespecting to the city over which he locks. There is no doubt the love of truth, of learning, of virtue ing and others rapidly approaching that point ing and others rapidly approaching that point - which extends almost from the one end of the Province to the other. Especially do we deem it matter of thankfulness to God that he has been pleased to spare Hisservant who as the pioneer of our church in this Province, organized our congregation not only to witness the formation of the presbytety but to preside over its first meeting, and to constitute it by invoking the Divine blessing on its labouts. We pray that that blessing may rest upon you in all things, that the great Head of the Church may mightily advance His work and manifest his Glory in and through you, and that when our work in the thurch militant is accomplished we may meet in the church triumphant to ascribe blessing and honour, and glory and power unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and

> To which the clerk read the following reply : We the ministers and elders of the Presbytery of Columbia have a special pleasure in accepting the kind invitation of the people of St. Andrew's church to the entertainment to-night. We heartily join with you, in giving thanks to God for his many kindnesses. in years gone by and for what our eyes are permitted this day to behold. We have heard of the struggles and anxietics of by gone days, and we rejoice with you on entering what we believe to be a brighter era. We look upon the erection of a presbytery of our Church in this province, not only as an event of importance in the history of Presbyterianism, but as of great importance to the cause of Christingeneral. While we rejoice in the work being done by other Christian churches, we believe there is a special work for us to do; we believe there are fields of labour which we can occupy to more advantage than any other denomination, and we are thankful to be able to say that the way is being opened for the occupation of these fields one after the conductive with your in rejoining another. We cordially unite with you in rejoicing that our venerable moderator has been spared to see this day. You know better than we can tell you, how faithfully he has laboured during these long years, how clearly and eloquently he has presented the great saving truths of the gospel and from first to last maintained a high Christian character. And we are sure you will earnestly join with us in And we are sure you will carriestly join with us in the prayer that God-may long spare him to aid in carrying on the Church's work in this province. We pray that grace, mercy and reace may be upon you and remain with you, that you may soon have a paster not only of your own choosing; but 'the choice of the great Head of the Church. And that as you have been one of the pioneer churches of the province, you may always continue to take a prominent and honourable place in carrying on the Redeemer's work in our land. Redeemer's work in our land.

The presbytery then adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian church, Victoria, on the first Wednesday in March, at 10 a.m.—T. G. THOMSON,

EVANGELISTIC WORK.-III.

[To the Editor of the PRESBYTHRIAN REVIEW.]

SIR,-One obstacle to the proper conduct of this work by the Church remains to be noticed. It is limitity. Many good men are convinced of its excellence and importance under the direct super-vision of the Church, but they see difficulties in the vision of the Church, but they see difficulties in the way and are waiting, like the simpleton at the stream, till the water shall subside. Was it thus that place was found among the schemes of the Church for Foreign Missions, Colleges, French Evangelization, etc.? No. The obligation and interest involved in these undertakings was felt, duty urged, faith led the way, and the thing was done. So must it be here. The Church has already suffered incalculably from the timid inaction which has left her solendid fields unoccupied.

adjusted in our Church machinery?

To take the last point first, its natural place would be in connection with Home Mission Work; but in our Church the present demands upon the resources and attention of that department, to say nothing of other hindrances, render this arrange ment impracticable. Besides the special nature of the work justifies a separate management. In the Churches of the mother country we find it provided for and more or less vigorously prosecuted as a department of "Christian Life and Work," under the cate of a committee corresponding to ours upon the "State of Religion." Why not extend the functions of this committee and charge them with the conduct of evangelistic work? It is true this would call for a new fund, which to the timld is an exceedingly grave aspect of the question. To this we have no hesitation in saying, and the right men for the work and the money for their support will be readily obtained. Already a large number of evangelists are in the field, and to our certain knowledge those who are competent find ready information and watch legislation in these points, aupport, and there are not wanting men amongst and make such representations to the legislature as a ourselves of courses and zeal equal to the risk. O ourselves of courage and zeal equal to the risk. Of their other qualifications this Committee, assisted perhaps, by the nominations of Presbyteries, would be the judges. We Presbyterians believe in doing things "decently and in order." While we believe in special gifts of the Holy Ghost, as sincerely as brethren from Plymouth or elsewhere, we must confers that we are often slow, and timid in "discovering' and utilizing these gifts. But, as in the case of college professors, we are already practi-cally committed to the employment of specialists. In the providence of God, the time seems now roe for action in this exceedingly important matter. Evangelists and their services it is evident our people will have, and the question must now be faced and settled. Shall they be self constituted, irregular and irresponsible, or shall they be care fully chosen, duly guided, sustained and honoured by the Church? One would think there could hardly be hesitation as to which was the wise and right course." Let the path of duty become plain and the lions will be found to vanish from it as we advance. Instead there will be a widening horizon of aim and power in the land scarcely yet dreamed of. we have stood upon the conservative tack long enough. It is time our Church as well as others should wake up to its mission and boldly take to an aggressive policy. We have long been tinkering at our tackie; now let the Master take the helm

and every man be ready for the order, "Launth out

into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught."

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