

The Church in Canada.

(Continued).

THE Rev. A. MacGillivray, of Bonar church, Toronto, who is taking a few holidays and staying at Penetanguishene, preached last Sabbath evening in the Presbyterian church there to a crowded house, from the words, "To do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God," Micah vi. 8. The large audience were greatly delighted and edified by the eloquent, faithful and impressive discourse.

On Sabbath, the 9th of July, Rev. D. H. Hodges, preached a special sermon from Exodus xviii. 18-25. The church was crowded to excess. After the sermon the usual questions were put to the following elders. Messrs. Young, McCallum and Grey, which being answered in the affirmative, they were ordained to the office of the eldership of Oak Lake congregation. The congregation is to be congratulated on the progress which the church has made during the past six years.

THE annual picnic of the St. Andrew's church Sabbath school, Peterborough, was held on the 13th inst., to Chemung Park, and was a success. About 225 scholars, with their friends, left here in the morning, and arrived per steamer and row at the Park without accident. At the park a great day was enjoyed. The children put in the day in picnic style, and in the afternoon were given a sail on the lake. Home was reached shortly after six o'clock. Rev. Mr. MacWilliams accompanied the excursionists.

On Wednesday evening, the 5th inst., the members and adherents of the Belmore Presbyterian congregation, with heavily laden baskets, invited themselves to the manse, and presented their pastor, the Rev. A. C. Stewart, with a well filled purse and an address in which they spoke of lasting good being done in their midst, not only in the congregation being built up, but in the Gospel of Christ having come home to many of their hearts, and concluded by expressing a desire, that himself and beloved partner in life may be long spared to go out and in among them. Mr. Stewart replied in appropriate terms thanking them for the gift and the kind words contained in the address; after partaking of an excellent tea, music, singing and general conversation, all retired to their respective homes.

REV. R. M. PHALEN has been the recipient of the following letter.—Rev. and Dear Pastor. At a meeting held at Burketon composed of elders and managers of the three congregations, Enniskillen, Blackstock, and Cadmus, the matter was brought up as to the advisability of granting you a vacation for a period of time. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried, that owing to the large amount of work, and your untiring zeal, and marked success in the grand work to which God in His providence has called you as our pastor, that we grant you a vacation of four weeks to be taken when it may be suitable to yourself. The spirit of love of the three different congregations to their pastor seemed to manifest itself in a very high degree, and it is our prayer that you may be long spared to go in and out among us as our pastor; and with united efforts and God's approval we shall prosper.

AN adjourned meeting of the Wingham Presbyterian Congregation was held in the lecture room of the church, on Wednesday evening, July 12th, Dr. Macdonald, M. P., in the chair. The auditors lately appointed to examine the books of the pew steward and treasurer and report the financial standing of the congregation from January, 1888, to November 1st, 1888, with the close of each year up to January, 1891, submitted their report. After the report had been fully considered, it was unanimously adopted. A vote of thanks was tendered to the auditors, and the following resolutions were submitted, carefully considered and adopted, viz. Moved by S. Gracey, seconded by G. McIntyre, that this meeting deplores and strongly deprecates the unseemly and unwarrantable assertions made by certain ministers and others, both on the floor of the Presbytery of Maitland and outside of it, to the effect that the deputation

from the managers and members of the Wingham Session, who waited on Mr. McQuarrie in the fall of 1888, "went to him with a lie in their mouth." The falsity of such assertions is clearly shown by the report of the auditors—Messrs. W. B. Hutton, Jas. A. Chino and W. O. Stuart—lately appointed to examine and report upon the financial standing of the congregation at the time referred to, wherein it is too plainly shown that the affairs of the congregation were in a much worse state than than the deputation represented them to be; and the Presbytery of Maitland is hereby respectfully asked to enjoin upon certain of its members the propriety of refraining from further circulating false and damaging reports about the Wingham congregation or any particular member thereof. That copies of resolutions, together with the abstract of auditors report, be forwarded to the Clerk of the Presbytery of Maitland, to be read before said Presbytery at its first meeting, and also to Rev. Hector McQuarrie. Moved by John Ward, seconded by D. Sutherland, that, whereas, it has come to our knowledge that unjustifiable and damaging statements are being constantly made against Mr. D. M. Gordon's character by many of those opposed to him on the grounds of his relation to the recent disturbances in the church; attempts are also being made to damage him in his business relations, be it therefore resolved by this congregation, who have known Mr. Gordon's character and work in connection with the Sabbath school and church for the last fifteen years, that said damaging statements are unjust, untrue and undeserving, and that in our opinion, Mr. D. M. Gordon is a man worthy of respect and esteem for his integrity, veracity and Christian character.

A Pastor's Tribute.

To the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, Ont.:

MY DEAR PEOPLE,—As a congregation we were bereaved in the providence of God, on Sabbath last, by the death of one of our much beloved and most highly esteemed members, Mrs. (Judge) John C. Malloch. To some who have recently come in with us, Mrs. Malloch was perhaps not known by face, having been confined to her bed for the past two or three years with a painful illness, yet even to them her name was familiar and her worth not unknown.

To those who have been longer associated in Christian work here the removal of our friend Mrs. Malloch means more than can at present be told. When I began my work as pastor of this church over fifteen years ago, on meeting Mrs. Malloch for the first time, and observing her cheerful countenance, her cultured speech, her chastened spirit and her deep interest in the work of the Lord, I said to myself, "Here is one who will remember me daily in her prayers, and to the utmost limit of her strength will loyally aid me in every good work." During all the years since that time the promise I then read in her marked Christian character and bearing has been abundantly and unceasingly fulfilled. As long as she had strength for the work—yes, and much longer—she was ever active in visiting the sick and the poor, in welcoming strangers, and in faithfully discharging all other duties that lay within her reach as a devoted member of this congregation and community—for her Christian activities were not limited to her interest, deep as it was—in the welfare of St. Paul's, nor even to her interest in the cause of Christ at home and abroad as represented by the various benevolent organizations of the Presbyterian Church. To her the field was the world, and wherever she saw an opportunity of doing good, there she saw her duty. We will always think of the Young Women's Christian Association of the city as owing its existence and success largely to her Christian zeal and self-sacrificing generosity. It owes its present spacious home to her prompt forethought, and that home will always be the more sacred to us because she chose it as the scene of her closing years of service and her last hours of suffering. To the circle of earnest Christian friends who gathered around her from week to week, and sometimes often during the week

to take sweet counsel together with one another and with their Lord, one bright room at least, in that well known home must ever be peopled with hallowed and happy memories. It may perhaps not be known to many present that, notwithstanding her great weakness and almost ceaseless pain, Mrs. Malloch found pleasure up to within but a short time of her death, in having a class of young women gathered about her. But it was in indirect and, perhaps, to her, almost unknown ways, that her influence was most helpful to others during her years of enforced retirement. Her pastor never called on her without feeling as he left her room that he had received a blessing, yet she always claimed that the blessing was hers. So much did she prize the services of this her beloved church that on learning that the Sabbath services were greatly enjoyed through the telephone by another suffering member between whom and herself there was much love and much in common in many respects, she had the same means of worshipping with us established between this pulpit and her own sick room. I feel that it is due to her memory that I mention that two months ago, at a time when she was much in need of her pastor's sympathy—knowing that he was prevented from visiting his people by affliction in his own home, forgetful of her own sufferings she hastened to minister to him, both in word and deed in ways that betokened the greatness of her kindness, and that were no doubt all the more pleasing to her in the light of the words "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me." I would hardly have dared to advert to this here were it not that I remember that the Master Himself said of one who had done Him a kindness, "Verily I say unto you, whosoever this Gospel shall be preached in the whole world there shall also this that this woman hath done be told for a memorial of her."

But our beloved friend is gone to her heavenly rest and her reward, and it is our privilege to be glad for her—to rejoice at the thought of her blessed reunion with other sainted ones in the happy land, there to be forever with the Lord. What a comfort to every Christian heart, and especially at this time to the bereaved relatives of our departed friend, is the thought that there is a day coming when all God's children shall meet again in peace, to part no more. Not until that day will the value of such a life as the Lord enabled Mrs. Malloch to live be fully known. Let us pray that her meek and Christ-like example may be a blessing to us all. Let us value with renewed affection those of her dear companions in Christian work who are still with us, and let us be thankful that among the young people of our church there are being trained for Christian service those who, by God's grace, will follow in the footsteps of the sainted one to whose revered memory we to-day pay our tribute of loving regard.

My dear friends since I last worshipped with you I have twice had the privilege of commemorating the death of our Lord—once in the Metropolitan Methodist church of Washington, D.C., of which the Rev. Hugh Johnson, D.D., known to many of you, is at present the pastor, and again in the N. Y. Avenue Presbyterian church of the same city in company with members of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. These were seasons I greatly enjoyed, but it would have been, if possible, a still greater pleasure to me to have sat with you all at the table of the Lord to-day, had this been deemed advisable by those who have of late had special oversight of my health. But though not present with you in person I am with you in thought and spirit. May we be alike happy to-day in meditating upon the communion of saints—may we be richly blessed in enjoying our present share in that goodly fellowship, and above all the fellowship of the Lord—and as he is lovingly and solemnly speaking to us let us consecrate ourselves anew to His service.

As ever, your affectionate pastor,
R. J. LAIDLAW.

June 16th, 1893.