

Church News.

We are thankful for news of Church News from many sources, and we would not of course see the paper published in such numbers, they have been as by the way. A considerable number of letters have been received.

At the annual meeting, of Osgoode Station congregation, Ottawa Presbytery, addresses were delivered by Revs. Messrs. M. D. Smith, M. B. Mac, S. O. and others. The pastor, Rev. R. Stewart, occupied the chair.

The anniversary tea-meeting of the First church, St. Mary's, Ont., was held recently. The Rev. J. A. Murray, of London, delivered a very interesting address on "A Tour through Europe." Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather the church was filled to the doors and over \$105 realized.

Rev. Mr. Howie, of Brussels, gave his interesting lecture "From Canada to Bethlehem" in the Cheltenham Presbyterian church, on Friday evening, Feb. 14. The large audience was delighted with the lecture which was given under the auspices of the Auxiliary Branch of the W. F. M. S. The lecturer wore the Eastern garb, and mentioned many of the manners and customs of the Jews, illustrative of portions of the Holy Scriptures.

For some years past, the Sabbath-school scholars of Erskine church, Montreal, have been offered special prizes for proficiency in reciting the Westminster Shorter Catechism. At the recent annual festival of the school, the prizes for 1888 were awarded to the following successful competitors:—Class 1: Emma Maud Green, Laura Ann Green, and Janie Grant McConnell; Class 2: Helen Hagar and Bihel Marian Hodge; Class 3: Mary Phillips. At the same time, Honour Cards, gained for attending the school without being absent for a day during the last twelve months, were awarded to thirty-six scholars. Silver medals were gained by Angus Christie and Herbert Christie for an unbroken attendance that extended over five successive years.

The third annual meeting of Knox church congregation, London South, Rev. J. Ballantyne, M. A., pastor, was held January 30th, the pastor in the chair, and Mr. James Stewart, Secretary. The report of Session showed the liberality of the congregation to be well sustained. The roll of membership is now 131, a net increase of nineteen during the year. The contributions for Missions have risen from \$126.20, last year, to \$213.55, this year. Encouraging reports were received from the Sabbath school, the Ladies' Aid and the W. F. M. S. Auxiliary. The report of the Board of Managers showed total receipts, \$3,118.64 and expenditure \$3,003.77, leaving balance on hand \$114.87 for the new Sabbath-school building the receipts were \$2,025. Messrs. D. Macfar, John Ferguson, John MacPherson and Thos. Alexander were elected to the Board of Management. A deputation was appointed to wait upon the Board of Managers, St. Andrew's church, in reference to financial assistance.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to the REVIEW.—The anniversary services in connection with the church, Harrison, commenced on the 10th and 11th inst., and continued on the 12th and 13th inst. The services were of a most interesting and profitable character, and were attended by large and appreciative audiences. On the following evening, notwithstanding the drifting snow and heavy rain, the annual service given by the ladies of the congregation was largely attended. Excellent music was rendered by the choir, and Miss Bessie and Dora Waddell. Short and pithy addresses were delivered by Revs. Jas. Little, S. Young, H. Edmondson, M. A., and the two resident ministers. Tuesday evening was devoted to the children of the Sabbath-school, after enjoying a sleigh ride in the afternoon, and partaking of their annual Tea. The audience was entertained by singing from the scholars, interspersed with addresses from the superintendent, Jas. McMurchie, Esq., J. Ritchie, Esq., one of the teachers, and the pastor. Proceeds of the Sabbath collections, and of Monday and Tuesday evenings amounted to the handsome sum of \$321.

THE second annual meeting of the Chelsea (Que.) Auxiliary of the W. F. M. S., was held in the church, on Wednesday afternoon, the 13th inst. After the usual opening exercises, conducted by the President, and the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting, by the Recording Secretary, the reports for the year were read and adopted. The Recording Secretary, Mrs. Davies, reported that eleven regular meetings had been held with an average attendance of ten. Besides these a number of sewing meetings, held at the homes of members, had resulted in the sending of a large bale of warm clothing to the Indians on the File Hill Reserve. The report of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Kirby, was listened to with much interest, as was also the statement of the Treasurer, Mrs. Robert Milne. The latter showed that about \$50 had been raised during the year. After deducting all expenses, which are chiefly those incurred in the making up of articles for the Indians, the Auxiliary will hand over to the Treasurer of the Ottawa Presbyterian Society the sum of \$24 as a result of the year's work. The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. George Dempster; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Church and Miss Pettie; Recording Secretary, Mrs. T. B. Davies; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. P. Kirby; Treasurer, Mrs. Robert Milne.

The annual meeting of Chalmers church, Woods cove, Rev. W. A. Mackay, B. A., pastor, was held recently. Mr. Peter Craib in the chair and Mr. H. H. Wallace, Secretary. The Session acknowledges with gratitude to God the unbroken harmony and prosperity granted unto the congregation during the past year. The attendance on the Sabbath-day services had been large and steadily increasing. Forty-five had been added to the roll of membership and there had been not a few tokens of the Spirit's presence and power. The anniversary services lately held were undoubtedly the most successful in the history of the congregation. The Sabbath-school had over 300 names on the roll, with an attendance ranging from 200 to 250. The Bible class is conducted by the pastor. Much interest is manifested in it; the attendance is much larger than in

any former year—ranging from seventy to 100. The Session bore testimony to the good work done by the treasurer of the congregation's collections for the Scheme of the Church; also by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Association of the congregation, by the Women's Aid and by the Heart and Hand Mission Band. From the financial report presented by the Board of Trustees, it appears that the total revenue of the congregation was \$2,734, while the expenditure has been \$2,657, leaving balance on hand of \$77.00. Outside the Board of Trustees there were raised for missions, etc., the sum of \$600. The following is the new Board of Trustees: Messrs. D. Dodge, W. G. Mackay, D. Robertson, Jas. Symington, J. S. Mackay, A. Laird, F. Chalmers, J. Weir, W. B. Thornton, Trustees, H. H. Wallace, J. S. Mackay, Auditors.

The annual meeting of the congregation of Crescent street church, Montreal, Rev. A. B. Mackay, pastor, was held January 16th, the pastor in the chair. The report of Session showed the number of names on the communion roll to be 521, and that all branches of Christian activity in which the church is engaged have been carried on quietly and successfully during the year. Proofs are not wanting of deepening interest in spiritual things. The report of the Deacons' court showed a total of weekly offerings \$9,627.55, the average being \$183.15, per Sabbath—an advance on the previous year. During the year there had been extensive repairs to the church buildings at a cost of \$2,500. Three had also been carried to the credit of the building fund the sum of \$1,311.23 to apply in liquidation of the church debt. After providing for the usual fixed charges against the weekly offering fund, as well as for special allocations, the sum of \$1,874 was distributed as follows: Foreign Missions \$300, Home Missions \$300, Augmentation \$300, Presbyterian College, \$300, French Evangelization \$170, A. and I. Fund \$174, Widows and Orphan Fund \$50, Italian Mission \$50, Assembly Fund \$50, Sabbath school \$50. In addition to the above there is added \$416 contributed at Wednesday evening meetings, especially devoted to Foreign Missions. It was also mentioned that in response to the appeal of the pastor for funds to support a missionary of the congregation in the foreign field, the response had been such that this important work could now be undertaken. Highly satisfactory and encouraging reports were presented from the Sabbath School of Crescent street church, and of Nazareth street, the missionary organizations of the congregation, and of the Ladies' Visiting and Aid Society, the whole showing a year of substantial progress.

JUBILEE OF REV. DR. McCULLOCH.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

On the 13th of Feb., 1889, Mr. W. McCulloch was solemnly ordained by the Presbytery of Truro, Nova Scotia, and inducted into the past charge of the Presbyterian church there. On that occasion the Rev. John Spott of Musquodibit, preached from Matt. x. 41. "He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward." Of the ministers who then constituted the Presbytery of Truro, only three remain, leaving behind them the happy memory of a long and useful life in the fair province of Nova Scotia.

On Thursday, Feb. 14th, 1889, the Presbytery of Truro met in the beautiful and spacious First Presbyterian church, Truro, to celebrate the jubilee of the above event. Rarely has a similar event occurred in the history of the Church. For forty-seven years Dr. McCulloch was in the active pastorate of the congregation, until he was succeeded by the Rev. J. Robbins. Since that time he has held the position of *Pastor Emeritus*, so that his whole ministry has been within the bounds of one congregation. A ministry of fifty years amongst one people is not common; hence the great interest in this auspicious event. During his pastorate Dr. McCulloch was honoured with his degree by the University of Aberdeen. Never was a degree more worthily bestowed upon one who, in every sense of the word, was a faithful pastor and preacher.

The day fixed for the jubilee proved to be a beautiful winter day. Large numbers arrived by incoming trains from different parts of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, many Presbyteries of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces being represented. At 3 p.m., the services commenced, the large church being well filled; Rev. John Robbins, Moderator of Presbytery and minister of the congregation presiding. The 100th Psalm was sung by the choir and audience with fine effect. Rev. E. Smith B.A., read the seventy-second Psalm, and Rev. Geo. Christie, one of the pioneer ministers, and the oldest ordained minister in the Synod now engaged in the active work of the ministry, led in prayer.

After an opening address by the Moderator, Mr. Robbins, in which he paid a tribute of affection and esteem to his predecessor in the ministry in whose honour they had gathered, he read a sheaf of congratulatory telegrams, including a cable from the Bridge of Allan, Scotland, followed by a letter from Sir William Dawson, Principal of McGill College, Montreal, breathing affectionate regard for Dr. McCulloch; and also a letter from Rev. W. Fraser D.D., of Barrie, Ontario, Joint Clerk of the Assembly, his only surviving fellow student. This letter, which was a model of composition, expressing the deep feelings of the venerable writer, both regarding his fellow-student of days gone by, and the inspiring hopes of the future, produced a deep impression on the audience.

Rev. Alexander McLean, Convener of Foreign Mission Committee (E. D.) then presented the resolution of the Board, and Rev. Dr. Burns of Halifax, on behalf of the College Board of that city, performed a similar service. James K. Blair, Esq. then read an address on behalf of the Presbytery and congregation of Truro.

Colleges in fifty years." Rev. E. Scott, "Our Missions in fifty years." Our space forbids even a brief outline of these addresses which were eloquent and effective.

At the close of the afternoon session the ladies of the congregation entertained Rev. Dr. McCulloch and family, the Presbytery and visiting friends, at tea in the hall adjoining. Suffice it to say that everything was done that willing hands and loving hearts could devise. The centre table in the hall was presided over by Mrs. Robbins, the pastor's wife, and Mrs. Alexander Milne, wife of the senior elder, and waited upon by grand-children and great-grand children of the former minister, Rev. D. Cock and Rev. J. Waddell. The evening meeting was attended by a very large audience. Rev. J. Robbins opened the exercises by giving out the ninety-eighth Psalm, which was sung with a hearty acclaim that made all feel the power of the Psalms when sung with the spirit and understanding also. Rev. Mr. Moore, (Methodist) led in prayer, after which Rev. Dr. Burns of Halifax delivered an address thoroughly characteristic of the speaker. Quoting from Malachi, he applied to Dr. McCulloch the words: "The law of truth was in his mouth, and in equity was not found in his lips, he walked with me in peace and equity and did turn many away from iniquity."

The Roll of Presbytery of Truro was then called by the Moderator, and each member came forward in turn grasping Dr. McCulloch's hand and speaking words of congratulation and love. Revs. E. Ross, James McLean, Alex. Cameron, E. Smith, J. Robbins, Dr. Bruce, J. A. Logan, J. A. Cahill, D. S. Fraser, A. L. Gieggle, W. S. N. S. Alex. Ross; on behalf of Presbytery of Wallace, Rev. T. Sedgwick, Clerk of Synod, Rev. E. A. McGurdy, E. Scott and Mr. Thompson, Presbytery of Halifax, Rev. E. Burns, J. McMillan, M. G. Henry, E. S. Barnes, T. C. Jack; Presbytery of St. John, Rev. J. McG. McKay; Presbytery of Miramichi, Rev. Isaac Baird, Rev. F. C. Simpson. When the present pastor, Mr. Robbins, congratulated Dr. McCulloch he did it in the words of Numbers vii. 26. "The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace." Elders, on behalf of the Sessions of the three Truro congregations, then offered their congratulations: First church Session, Alex. Miller; St. Andrew's Session, Hugh McKenzie; St. Paul's Session, Donald Fraser. Rev. J. A. Kaulbach (Episcopal) J. E. Goucher, (Baptist), E. B. Moore and P. Prestwood, (Methodist), on behalf of other churches in Truro then grasped Dr. McCulloch's hand, breathing words of fraternity and love. F. A. Laurence, Esq., Recorder of Truro, on behalf of the town; Israel Longworth, Esq., on behalf of the legal profession; Hon. D. C. Fraser, on behalf of the Government of Nova Scotia, all honoured the venerable man. And lastly, Mr. Samuel Archibald, the only surviving male member, who was enrolled when Dr. McCulloch was ordained, spoke a few words of affection.

After the sixty-seventh Psalm had been sung and the benediction pronounced by Rev. E. A. McCulloch, the services terminated.

The congregation of Truro, established 1770, and since that time has had the following pastors: Rev. D. Cock, 1772 to 1803; Rev. J. Waddell, ordained assistant and successor, 1798 to 1837; Rev. W. McCulloch, 1839 to 1886; Rev. J. Robbins, 1886. Descendants of Messrs. Cock and Waddell are identified with the membership of the church to-day. Although 119 years old, this church is in most aggressive and prosperous—the last year being one of the best, financially, in its history. It has a large Sabbath school and Bible class, well-equipped missionary organizations, and a most commodious and comfortable church edifice. Preceding the jubilee demonstration, on Sabbath, Feb. 10th, Rev. E. Ross, Rev. Dr. McCulloch and Rev. Dr. Forrest, of Dalhousie College, Halifax, preached. The following Sabbath, Rev. J. Robbins preached from the same text taken by Mr. Spott fifty years before: "He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward."

OBITUARY.

REV. DUNCAN M'ILLAN.

In the passing away of the late Rev. Duncan McMillan, who died in London, Ontario, we have another proof of how rapidly the early pioneers of Presbyterianism are departing, and how the remaining ones are few and far between. The following notice may be of interest to some of the readers of the REVIEW.—An early emigrant writing of Mr. McMillan's ordination under the heading of Caledon, June 11th, 1833, among other things, observes: "The place of ordination was about thirteen miles from Caledon. It was a fine day and a good many went from this neighbourhood, as well as from the neighbouring townships. There were a great many wet eyes in the congregation, and some of the clergymen were also observed shedding tears. That prophecy was fulfilled in its most important sense. 'The wilderness shall blossom as the rose.' In this place where lately nothing was heard but the howling of wolves and the raging of the elements, is now heard the joyful sound of salvation, and where the Indians lately bowed to their imaginary gods, the ambassadors of Jesus Christ proclaim the triumphs of His cross." Mr. McMillan was the last survivor of the three ministers who officiated at his ordination in 1835, in Tuckersmith. After leaving Caledon he settled in William's Township, and subsequently in Aldboro, and also in Lobo. And though he had sins and infirmities like other men he was a faithful minister of Christ, a man of piety, and of a genial disposition, whom to know was to love. The excellent work of the late Professor Binnie on the Psalms was a great favourite of his. And it were well for us if in our time the Psalms were more perused than they are. Two years past last Fall was the last time I saw him. It was interesting to hear him recount and expatiate on the missionary scenes of former days, and to join with him in the exercises of devotion. He brought forth

fruit in old age; and may we be seeking to follow him in as far as he followed Christ. To quote from a communication of a near relative of his. She says:—"The loss of our dear father has brought deep sorrow to our hearts. We shall miss him very much, but when we think of him now in his new home 'forever with the Lord,' we should not wish to have him here. His great desire was to go or patiently wait until God should call him away. In speaking on that subject, a few weeks ago, he said that he had trusted in God in his life, and he was not afraid to trust him in death."

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MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES. PETERBORO.

At the last ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of Peterboro held on the 15th. Jan. in Peterboro, there were nineteen ministers and eight elders present. The congregation of Havelock was permitted to sell their present church. And her church is now in course of erection in the village. Mr. Orr Bennet, a student of Queen's College, appeared before the Presbytery, asking to be taken on trial for license. His examinations were sustained. Minden and Haliburton Mission fields are to remain under the charge of the Peterboro presbytery. The motion for a fund to pay travelling expenses to meetings of Presbytery was not adopted. Arrangements were made for greater uniformity in the keeping of Session records. Congregations were to be notified as to the sums expected from each one on behalf of Augmentation. An adjourned meeting was appointed to be held on the 29th of January, to consider the resignation of the Rev. G. McKay. Arrangements were made for the visitation of augmented congregations and the mission fields of Minden and Haliburton. Committees were appointed to examine the several ramble of Assembly with instructions to report at next ordinary meeting. Mr. Wm. Moffett, of Grafton, was certified to the Home Mission Committee as a catechist. The Presbytery and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery held a joint meeting in the evening. The report read showed marked progress. The contributions for 1887 were \$1,300, and for 1888, \$1,440. There are fifteen Auxiliaries and seven Mission Bands numbering in all 666 members; 172 members have been added during the year. Messrs. Lord and Hay gave very enthusiastic addresses on the subject of Missions.

TORONTO.

Met in the usual place on the 5th inst., Rev. A. Gilray, Moderator. Committees were appointed, as in other like cases, to look after the matter of supply for the vacant charges of Brampton and Queensville, with Rev. G. M. Milligan as convener in the former case, and Rev. W. A. Smith as convener in the latter. It was reported by Revs. D. J. Macdonnell and W. Frizell, that, in terms of appointment, they had held a meeting with the petitioners, and that after dealing with the twenty-three of them as church members and thirty-nine of them as adherents, they had organized them as a congregation of our Church.

The report of the committee was read and adopted. There was read a communication from Rev. G. Barnfield, stating for the information of the Presbytery, that he would not interfere further, at present, with the action proposed to be taken concerning him. It was then moved by Dr. Parsons and agreed to, "That the report of committee in regard to Mr. Barnfield, submitted on the 4th of December last, be now adopted by the Presbytery, and the whole matter, involving the question of jurisdiction, be referred to the next General Assembly."

The committee appointed at last meeting to organize as a congregation of the Church, certain petitioners of Dovercourt Mission, reported, through Rev. J. Mutch, that they had held a meeting with said petitioners, and that after receiving from forty-one of these certificates of church-membership, and examining other eight of them, they had formed these forty-nine persons into a regular congregation, to be known as the Dovercourt Presbyterian congregation. The report was received and adopted, and an interim Session was also appointed, consisting of Mr. Mutch as moderator, and Messrs. Christie, Tennant, Scroggie and Mitchell, elders. Successive proposals were made to the Presbytery for the erection of new mission stations within the bounds, the places referred to being these: The Five Points, (two days and a half miles N. W. of Bloor Street,) Mimico, Eglinton, and Doncaster. Committees were appointed to visit these localities, to make advisable relative enquiries, and report to the next meeting of Presbytery. The following ministerial brethren were appointed to visit supplemented congregations, viz.: Rev. J. Mackay to visit Melville church, Markham and Unionville, Rev. G. M. Milligan to visit West Toronto Junction and Dixie, Rev. W. Frizell to visit Queensville and Ravenshoe, and Rev. G. E. Freeman to visit York Township and East Toronto; and all of them to report to next meeting. Petitions to the Houses of the Dominion Parliament (received from Rev. Dr. Laidlaw of Hamilton) were duly submitted by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell; the said petitions having reference to the passing of measures in favour of the better observance of the Sabbath on the Welland Canal. On motion made by Mr. Macdonnell, seconded by Dr. Caven, it was unanimously agreed that said petitions receive the endorsement of this Presbytery. The next meeting of Presbytery is to be held on the 5th of March, at 10 a.m. at which meeting the report of the General Assembly's Committee on the Revision of the Book of Forms is to be dealt with; and probably in the afternoon of said day commissioners will be appointed to the next General Assembly. R. MONTEATH, Clerk.

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