

Church News.

THE Rev. Dr. Laing and Mrs. Laing, Dundas, are at present on a trip to the Western States.

A new bell weighing 1,695 lbs. has been placed in the tower of the Ridgeway church.

REV. MR. GOODWILLIE is supplying the pulpit of Bayfield road and Berne Presbyterian churches.

REV. L. G. MACNEILL will leave Newfoundland for St. Andrew's church, St. John, N.B., early in October.

THE Presbyterian church, Cambray, Ont., has been repainted inside and presents an improved appearance.

THE Rev. J. P. McElin, Georgetown, Montreal Presbytery, has accepted the call to Providence, Rhode Island.

REV. A. PALCONER leaves England for this side of the Ocean on the 14th inst. He will remain at St. John's, Nfld., for a few weeks, supplying St. Andrew's congregation.

THE new St. Gabriel church on Catharine Street, Montreal, is to be opened on the 26th inst. Principal Grant, Principal Macvicar and Rev. D. J. Macdonnell will take part in conducting the services.

THE Presbyterian congregation of St. John's, Cornwall, so long under the charge of the late Dr. Urquhart and of which Rev. Dr. McNish is now pastor, has resolved to build a new church at once. It is expected to cost about \$30,000.

A LARGE number of the members of the Sabbath school, Sunderland, recently assembled at the residence of Mr. Jas. Tocher, superintendent, and presented Miss Nellie Welsh, one of the teachers in the school, with a handsome piece of plate and an address expressive of their high regard for her and regret at her departure from the school. Miss Welsh is removing to the North-west.

THE Ladies' Aid Association of Pinkerton Presbyterian church have, with commendable energy, succeeded in raising an amount sufficient to clear off the entire indebtedness on the manse, and are now having the interior of the church completely renovated, thus making it more comfortable and attractive. On Sunday, the 12th inst., the pastor of the congregation, the Rev. John Laidie, preached an able and very appropriate discourse on the occasion of the ordination of two additional elders, choosing for his text Acts xx. 28.

THE "Topped Auxiliary" Mission of Knox Church, Toronto, named in affectionate memory of the former revered pastor, the late Dr. Topp, was organized on September 22nd, 1885, with a membership of sixty. The last meeting held on the 14th of September, 1886, shows a membership of 182, including six life members. The meetings are held in the lecture or social room of the church, on the second Tuesday of every month. President, Mrs. H. M. Parsons; Treasurer, Mrs. C. Cockshutt; Secretary, Ina Gordon. There are five ladies on the executive committee.

ON Sabbath, September 12th, Rev. Mr. Leishman, Angus, dispensed the communion in Mining and Knox church, Flos. At the latter place Mr. Leishman ordained three elders and received thirty-two new members into full communion, three by certificate and twenty-nine by profession. This mission field has been, during the summer, under the care of Mr. T. A. Cosgrove, student of Queen's College, who has proved himself a most untiring worker. This is another proof of the great efficiency of our students, and speaks well for the future of our Church. Mr. Cosgrove is deservedly well liked in this whole mission field. Mr. Sturgeon, another Queen's student, has, during the summer, occupied a mission field adjoining Flos. He, too, has proved himself a faithful, zealous worker, and done very much to build up the cause of Presbyterianism in the township under his care. Both these gentlemen have held a series of evangelical meetings during the summer; and to this is attributed their great success in the work. Mr. Cosgrove is from Port Hope. Mr. Sturgeon is a member of Mr. Bryant's late charge, Bradford, etc., and was himself drawn into the Church and led to consecrate his life to Christ and the work of the ministry during revival meetings held under Mr. Bryant's pastorate. His father is an active elder in our church.

ON Friday evening, the 10th inst., a very large gathering composed of members of the three congregations lately under the charge of Rev. James Bryant, Bradford, together with not a few from other denominations in the neighbourhood, assembled at the manse to take leave of Mr. Bryant who is about, as our readers are aware, to devote himself to evangelistic work. After tea was served by the ladies of the congregations Rev. J. C. Rawell, Bond Head, was called to the chair. Mr. E. Garrett, of the Bradford Witness, then read an address to Mr. Bryant, expressive of the high esteem in which the pastor and his family were held by the congregations; and their best wishes for his success in his chosen work. Mr. A. Bannerman, in behalf of the congregations, then presented Mr. Bryant with a gold watch suitably inscribed and a copy of Bagster's Bible. The ladies of the congregations presented Mrs. Bryant with a number of very handsome pieces of plate. Mr. Bryant made a suitable reply. The chairman then called upon Mr. Graham, the village reeve; Mr. Booth, reeve of the township; Mr. G. Evans, ex-reeve of the township; Rev. Mr. Bryan (Church of England) and Dr. Forrest, who each in turn made a few remarks, all eulogistic of Mr. Bryant and his work and the esteem in which he is held by the community at large as evidenced by the assembled gathering. Mr. Bryant, we understand, will still continue to reside in Bradford.

THE church building, Port Perry, which has been undergoing repairs since June last, was reopened on Sabbath, 5th inst. Rev. J. K. Smith, M.A., Galt, Moderator of the General Assembly, preached in his usual able style morning and evening, and also addressed the Sabbath school in the afternoon. The proceeds of the collections at the different services exceeded \$100 including a check of \$200 generously given by Mr. Aaron Rosa. The ladies of the congregation entertained a very large company in the basement of the church on Monday evening. The pastor occupied the chair and made a statement as to the amount expended on improvements, somewhere about \$1,800. He reported that the committee of management recommended that subscriptions be solicited to meet the expenses incurred, to be paid in three instalments—the first on the 15th October next, the second on the 15th of April, and the last on October 15th, a twelve months hence. The ladies, he further stated, had undertaken all the internal improvements—the re-

seating, cushioning, painting, and the providing of new chandeliers and lamps; the whole cost exceeding \$500, half of which happily they had already in hand. Subsequently, admirable and highly appropriate speeches were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Carry and Rev. J. A. Carmichael, of Columbus. The choir responded to the frequent calls of the chairman in a manner that gave delight to all present. Upwards of \$600 was subscribed before the end of the evening in the vestry. Immediate steps will be taken to complete the subscription list, and it is sanguinely hoped that by the 15th October, 1887, every claim will be met and satisfied. After cordial votes of thanks to the ladies for their present effort, (which realized about \$30) as well as for their past services, to the choir, the speakers, and the chairman of the building committee for his indefatigable exertions in superintending and bringing to so successful a result the renovation of the church, the very successful and enjoyable proceedings terminated. Mr. Carmichael pronouncing the benediction. One very pleasing incident of the evening was a donation handed in by J. W. McHarry, Esq., to the ladies' aid fund, to encourage them in their noble work. The friends in Port Perry are to be congratulated on these very substantial tokens of prosperity.

THE corner stone of the new building of the Parkdale Presbyterian church was laid Monday afternoon, 13th inst. The building is about to be erected on Dunn Avenue in front of the place of worship which has been used by the congregation for some years past. The congregation has been organized for eight years, and now has a large and increasing membership. The cost of the new building will be between \$38,000 and \$50,000. It will be a brick structure with stone foundations. The seating capacity will be about 1,100. The ceremony of laying the corner stone was witnessed by a large number of the friends of the congregation. Among those present were Revs. Dr. Gregg, H. M. Parsons, John Smith, Dr. Reid, Dr. Thomas, Prof. McLaren, A. Wilson, Wm. Fritzel, A. Gilray, D. J. Macdonnell, P. McP. McLeod, J. Mutch, C. Duff, R. H. Abraham, J. Nell, Mr. William Gooderham and Mr. S. H. Blake. Mr. W. C. Paterson presided. Rev. Alexander Gilray read a Scripture selection and Rev. John Smith offered up prayer. Mr. W. C. Paterson read a copy of the memorial statement which was placed in the corner stone. It stated that, on 4th December, 1878, it was first decided that a Presbyterian church should be erected, and on 4th February, 1879, leave was given by the Toronto Presbytery to form a congregation, which was duly organized, when 34 were enrolled as members and the corner stone of the present building was laid on the 6th August, 1879, by the late Hon. John McMurrich. During the summer of 1879 the Rev. R. H. Abraham, then a student of Knox College, took the charge, and the following summer the Rev. W. A. Hunter, who was subsequently inducted into the pastoral charge on the 16th December, 1880. About three years ago it was found needful to provide more sitting accommodation, and the western section was completed on the 6th June, 1884. Mr. Hunter's removal to Orangeville caused a vacancy and a call was extended to Rev. R. P. McKay, B.A., pastor of Knox church, Scarborough, who, having accepted the same, was inducted on the 1st October, 1884. The memorial then stated that on the 25th of February, 1886, it was agreed to proceed at once with the erection of a church such as would meet the wants of the congregation many years to come, and accordingly the corner stone was laid on the 13th inst. The chairman then called on the Rev. R. P. McKay to lay the corner stone, and presented him with a beautiful silver trowel, which bore the following inscription: "Presented by the congregation to their esteemed pastor, the Rev. R. P. McKay, on the occasion of his laying the corner stone of the church in Parkdale, September 13th, 1886." The stone, having been duly laid, Rev. Dr. Reid engaged in prayer. Hymn 235, "Christ is our Corner Stone," was then sung. Letters of apology were read from Rev. W. A. Hunter, Hon. Oliver Mowat and Rev. Dr. Potts. Congratulatory addresses were delivered by Revs. R. J. Abraham, H. M. Parsons, Mr. Wm. Gooderham, Rev. Dr. Thomas, Mr. S. H. Blake and Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., who all expressed pleasure at the success which had attended the congregation, and wishing it still more for God's glory. A collection was taken up and the handsome sum of \$122 was realized.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY.

LINDSAY.—Met at Woodville on the 31st ult. Rev. E. Cockburn, M.A., moderator. Present ten ministers and nine elders. Arrangements were made in connection with the vacant congregations and supply. Claims of augmented congregation and mission stations considered. Winter supply of mission stations arranged, ministers agreeing to give a day each on having their pulpit supplied by a student. Discourses were given in and sustained by Messrs. Perrin, Perrie, Gilchrist and Bmes, and these students certified to the college. A deputation was appointed to visit Uptergrove and report. Rev. G. C. Patterson, M.A., convener. Congregations were instructed to make their congregational year coincide with the calendar year in giving in their returns. Committees were appointed in connection with the schemes of the church.—JAMES R. SCOTT, Clerk.

LUNenburg and Shelburne.—Presbytery met at Mahoe Bay on Tuesday, 7th September. Reports of supply were dealt with and directed to be forwarded to the H. M. Board with recommendations for payment of \$4 a week on behalf of New Dublin. Several elders' commissions were approved. Report from Riversdale session regarding payment to Mr. Crawford was received to be sent to H. M. Board. Mr. Crawford read his report of work in Riversdale congregation for the year ending August 1st. It was approved, and presbytery expressed gratification at the tokens of encouragement manifested. Mr. Crawford was re-appointed as ordained missionary to the congregation of Riversdale. The clerk made a statement of steps taken at Bridge-water with a view of calling a minister, and was authorized to moderate in a call there when the congregation will be prepared for it. Mr. Crawford made application on behalf of his son that he be examined by presbytery, with a view of being certified to the Board of Examiners, Presbyterian College, Halifax. Application received, and laid over until next meeting to be held during Synod.—D. STILES FRASER, Clerk.

SYDNEY.—The presbytery of Sydney met in Falmouth street church, Sydney, Wednesday, Sept. 1st. Dr. Murray reported for the committee appointed to confer with Dr. McLeod, ancient arrears due from his late charge. The actual arrears at the date of Dr. McLeod's resignation on Sept. 1st, 1886, was \$3,427 50. The amount due on the church at Mira is \$377. The claim of Dr. McLeod

was on motion transmitted to the Mira congregation for settlement. Two calls were laid on the table of presbytery, the one from Mira, the other from Grand River and St. Peters, and both in favour of Mr. William R. Calder. Mr. Calder who was present accepted the Mira call, and arrangements were made for his ordination and induction on the 29th of Sept. in Union church, Mira. An appeal from the decision of the session of Leitch's Creek was laid on the table till next meeting. In connection with the report of the committee to visit Boulardrie, Mr. Donald Campbell, elder, was exonerated from the charge against him. Rev. Wm. Grant with D. McLennan and A. D. McGilvray were appointed a committee on augmentation. Committees were also appointed on Temperance, S. Schools, Statistics and State of Religion. Presbytery adjourned to meet in Falmouth street church, Sydney, on Tuesday, the 28th inst., at 2 o'clock, p.m.—JOHN MURRAY, Clerk.

PICTOU.—Presbytery met at New Glasgow on the 7th inst. Messrs. James Murray and D. L. McCrae were present as corresponding members. Representatives were present from the congregation of Banerly's River and Green Hill, who intimated that amicable arrangements had been made between the two sections of the congregations by which the manse should be located at Durham, instead of at Green Hill as contemplated at the time of this union of the congregations, and the sanction of the presbytery was sought for these arrangements. Satisfaction was expressed with the proposed arrangement and the sanction of the presbytery was cheerfully given. A committee consisting of Messrs. Scott (convener), R. Cumming, A. B. McLeod and R. A. McCurdy, was appointed to consider the question as to the propriety and desirability of having a small collection of hymns authorized by the presbytery for the use in the prayer-meetings of congregations within the bounds which may require the same. The presbytery unanimously agreed to nominate Mr. Alex. McLean of Hopewell as moderator of synod. An interesting report from Rev. B. J. Dey, of a month's labour in the congregation of Scotsburn, Hermon, and Salt Springs, was read indicating that during his stay with the congregation, special services with good results had been held at Scotsburn, and recommending that the sacrament of the Lord's Supper should be dispensed there at an early day. The report was received and very cordially approved and the clerk was directed to correspond with the session respecting the proposal to dispense the sacrament. The Centennial committee reported their conduct in connection with the recent celebration. Their report was received, and they received the thanks of the presbytery for their diligence in this matter.—B. A. MCCURDY, Clerk.

HURON.—This presbytery met at Exeter on the 14th September. It was agreed to certify Messrs. John McGillvray, M.A., and D. M. Buchanan to Knox College. It was agreed to organize a mission station at Corbet, in the event of a favourable reply thereabout being received from the Presbytery of Sarnia. Messrs. Fletcher and Martin were appointed to attend to this matter, as also to the arrears of Grand Bend. A scheme for holding missionary meetings was submitted and adopted, and said meetings are to be held next month (October). After a lengthy deliberation on Mr. Thos. E. Calvert's application for being received as a minister of this Church the following motion was unanimously agreed to: "The presbytery having resumed consideration of Mr. Calvert's application to be received as a licentiate of this Church, having heard that the clerk had written to the parties in the case as instructed at last meeting, and having heard the letters, etc., received in reply, deem it unwise to proceed further in the case, especially in view of a letter just received from Mr. Calvert, and agreed to refuse to entertain the application, instruct the clerk to communicate this decision to Mr. Calvert, and send back to him his certificate of license." Letters from Drs. Torrance and Middlemiss, the former respecting the supply of vacancies, the latter respecting the aged and infirm ministers' fund, were read, and action taken thereon. The following motion was unanimously agreed to respecting Mr. Thomson's appointment as Lecturer in Knox College: "The Presbytery having learned through the public press that the Rev. R. T. Thomson, B.D., of Rodgerville, has been appointed by the Senate of Knox College Lecturer in said college, would record their approbation of such appointment, and their appreciation of the honoured recognition of their brother, and express their wish that he may be eminently successful and greatly blessed in this new sphere of labour.—A. MCLEAN, Clerk.

ST. JOHN.—Presbytery met on the 7th inst. in St. John's church, Rev. A. McDougall, moderator. A request from the Shediac portion of the Shediac and Shemogue congregation that a division of the two parts should take place, was presented. It was agreed that it should lie on the table, and measures were taken to enquire what were the wishes of the Shemogue district before taking any further action. Call from St. Andrew's church, St. John, with a guarantee of \$2,000 stipend, was presented in favour of Rev. Mr. McNeill, of St. John's, Newfoundland, was sustained and ordered to be forwarded to the clerk of the Newfoundland presbytery. In anticipation of its acceptance by Mr. McNeill, members of presbytery were appointed to officiate at induction, the moderator of presbytery to fix date. Rev. William Millen tendered his resignation of Bocabec and Waweg congregations on account of age and infirmity. Resignation to lie on the table, and committee appointed to visit congregation, Mr. Millen to be aided with such supply as presbytery could give. Rev. James Gray, also tendered his resignation of Sussex congregation, to lie on the table till his congregation was visited. Rev. Mr. Allen, was restored as a minister to his former status. Rev. Mr. Stuart, as convener of Home Mission Committee, presented report. The several missionaries in the various fields addressed the presbytery which was much gratified with their reports. The care of various fields was taken into consideration and appropriate action adopted. Application for work has received from Mr. McClelland. Convener to correspond with him. Dr. Macrae and Mr. Bruce were appointed to present Home Mission report to synod. Several bills were presented and recommended to Board for payment. Mission to lumbermen was agreed on. Mr. Willet read a report of a committee appointed to prepare a motion regarding appointment of standing committees. Memorial from Hampton church, asking sanction of presbytery to its constitution was presented and prayer thereof granted. A memorial regarding Sabbath desecration from St. David's church was ordered to be sent to the convener of synod's committee on that subject. The presbytery adjourned to meet on call of moderator of synod. Next regular meeting to be held on the last Tuesday in October.—JAMES BENNET, Clerk.

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