

been time to advertise the lecture as fully as the occasion would seem to warrant. The Rev. R. N. Grant occupied the chair, and the excellent choir of the Church, under the leadership of Mr. H. Cooke, surpassed itself in the quality of the music with which the proceedings were enlivened. Sir Oliver's lecture occupied about an hour and a quarter in delivery, and was listened to with the greatest attention. But still, if one may speak quite frankly of a guest so distinguished, who comes at considerable inconvenience to himself to do a kindly act, the effect was one of general disappointment. To the quality of Sir Oliver's essay no exception could well be taken, though it contained little if anything new or striking. But the disadvantages of a voice not over strong, the closest possible adherence to one's manuscript, a monotonous tone, and the entire absence of gesture or other oratorical accessory, are to be overcome with most hearers only by a quality in the matter itself far beyond the commonplace. Still, it must have been a pleasure to all present, of whatever political affiliation, to see and hear the distinguished Premier of the Province, whose singularly successful career shows him to possess a genius for leadership seldom surpassed in any country. Sir Oliver was looking remarkably well, and is almost as sprightly at seventy-two as he was ten years ago. He was in capital spirits, and appeared to much enjoy his visit to Orillia.

THE Rev. Charles A. Tanner has just been appointed Principal of St. Francis College, Richmond. He is well known in the eastern townships. Many years ago he entered St. Francis College as a student, when Dr. Thorburn was Principal, and was afterwards appointed one of its professors under Dr. Graham's principalship. Since then he has had much experience as a teacher, and for the last six years, he has been teaching in Morrin College, Quebec. Principal Tanner is to be assisted in the College and College School by nine professors and teachers. The buildings have just been put in thorough repair, so that this educational institution, with its ten professors and teachers, bids fair to be more useful than it ever has been, and to become one of the leading colleges in the Province of Quebec. St. Francis College is a non-sectarian institution. The building stands in the midst of high, undulating grounds, nine acres in extent, within the picturesque town of Richmond, on the Grand Trunk Railway, 76 miles from Montreal and 96 from Quebec. The locality cannot be surpassed for beauty and convenience, and in a sanitary point of view Richmond yields to no part of the Dominion. The Board of Trustees is composed of clergymen and laymen of several evangelical denominations, and the design of its management is to conduct successfully a higher institution of learning on the basis of Christian union. All the students and pupils attend religious exercises in the lecture-room of the college every morning, except Saturday and Sunday. Careful attention is given to the promotion of good habits. As parents may direct, pupils attend public worship and Sabbath school at the English Church, Methodist, Congregational, Presbyterian or elsewhere. This institution aims at giving a thorough education at the least possible cost. Principal Tanner hopes the day is not far off when St. Francis College will be in a position to offer as good and as cheap an education to ladies and gentlemen as can now be obtained in Roman Catholic institutions.

THE Petrolea Topic says: Since the opening of the new Presbyterian church here in December, 1890, when the Rev. Mr. Milligan, of Toronto, preached to overflowing congregations, there has been no such concourse of people there as assembled to hear Mr. Beamer preach his farewell sermon on Sunday night week. Every seat was occupied, and chairs were placed in the aisles; all present listened in hushed silence to the eloquent and soul-stirring words of the departing pastor, who preached from Gal. vi. 9: "Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we fail not." He made one last eloquent appeal for Christ and the Church, urging people to "depart from evil and

do good," and extolled the beauty of the Christian's life and the peace of the Christian's death. He referred to his work here during his pastorate; besought the people to sustain their new pastor, whoever he might be, by their prayers and consecrated lives, and concluded his last remarks to the congregation, for which he has laboured faithfully and well, with Numbers vi. 24, 25, 26: "The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace." The choir then sang in a very tender and touching manner "God be with you till we meet again." During the singing of this hymn and at different points in the sermon, there were few if any dry eyes in the audience, everyone being visibly touched at the thought of the cord being broken, which has bound pastor and people together for the past six and a-half years. The service throughout was eminently impressive; the seed sown on the occasion of the divine's last entreaty, as in all previous sermons, being of that nature which bears an abundant harvest and for which the credit will be given in that day when the Lord acknowledges His own and rewards His followers.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—This Presbytery, at a meeting held on August 16th, accepted the resignation of Rev. W. K. McCulloch, and loosed him from the charge of Elphin, etc., (Dalhousie, Snow Road and North Sherbrooke). The Rev. Mr. Gracey, of Gananoque, was appointed interim Moderator of the Kirk Session, and Rev. Mr. Houston and the Clerk of Presbytery were appointed to act in conjunction with the Session, as a Committee on supply of the pulpit during the vacancy. The Clerk was instructed to furnish Mr. McCulloch with a Presbyterial Certificate when required. A pro re nata meeting of the Presbytery is appointed to be held in John Street Church, Belleville, on Thursday, September 1st, at 4 p.m., for the examination and licensure of T. B. Scott, B.A., M.D., who has received an appointment from the American Board of Foreign Missions to labour in Ceylon, and whose ordination, in the event of his being licensed by the Presbytery, will take place in John Street Church, Belleville, at 8 p.m. of the same day, September 1st; the Moderator of Presbytery to preside, Rev. Mr. Houston to address the newly-ordained missionary, and addresses on the subject of Foreign Missions to be delivered by representatives of our own Foreign Mission Committee and of the American Board, the pastor of John Street Church, Belleville, being appointed to arrange for the presence of such speakers at the meeting. The Clerk intimated that the Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, Rev. M. W. Maclean, had been advised by the physicians to accompany his son to California, and would have to set out before the next meeting of Presbytery, at which it was his intention to apply for three months' leave of absence. Provisional arrangements were made for the Rev. H. Gracey, assistant Convener, to take charge of Home Mission matters within the bounds of the Presbytery, during Mr. Maclean's absence; and after the first of September all communications on Home Mission matters in the Presbytery of Kingston, should be addressed to Rev. H. Gracey, of Gananoque, until intimation is made to the contrary.—WM. THOS. WILKINS, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—This Presbytery met at Beechwood on the 26th of July. The Presbytery took up consideration of the resignation of Rev. Mr. Beamer, which had been laid over on the table on July 6. The Clerk intimated that according to instructions he had cited the congregation of Petrolea to appear for their interests in the matter. Parties were called. Compared Messrs. Robson and Gibson from the session and congregation of Petrolea, and Mr. Beamer for himself. There was read a resolution from the congregation of date 19th ult., intimating that the congregation offered no opposition to the acceptance of the resignation by the Presbytery. Parties were heard in the above order; the commissioners expressing regret that circumstances seemed to indicate the necessity of the pulpit again being left vacant, but expressing respect for Mr. Beamer. Mr. Beamer having intimated that he still adhered to his resignation, it was agreed, on motion of Mr. Jordan, that having heard parties in the matter and also taking into consideration the resolution of the congregation in reference to Mr. Beamer's action, the Presbytery accept the resignation; express their estimate of Mr. Beamer's worth, acknowledge the good that he has done during the past six years in Petrolea and also his readiness to efficiently take his share in the general work of the Presbytery, and further, while regretting parting with Mr. Beamer, they have full confidence that a new field of usefulness will be opened up to him by the Church's head. The Presbytery ordered the resignation to take effect on the 31st day of August, and appointed Mr. Cuthbertson to preach and declare the pulpit vacant on the first Sunday in September, and thereafter act as interim Moderator of Session. The Presbytery proceeded to the induction of Rev. James Elliott into the charge of the East Williams congregation. The edict was returned with certification of having been duly served. No objections being offered, Rev. William Lochead proceeded to the pulpit and preached an excellent sermon from 1 John iv. 19. Sermon being ended the Moderator gave a narrative of the various steps taken in the call, and then the questions usual in such cases, which were satisfactorily answered. After induction prayer the Moderator inducted Mr. Elliott into the charge of East Williams congregation, in token whereof he gave him the right hand of fellowship as did the other members present. Mr. McLennan addressed the minister and Mr. Cuthbertson the people in suitable terms in regard to their respective duties. Mr. Elliott was allowed one month's vacation during the year. Mr. Lochead, interim Moderator of Session, was then presented with a well filled purse in recognition of his services. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Andrews Church, Strathroy, on Tuesday, September 20, at 9 a. m.

Arrangements to be made for a public meeting on Monday evening prior, when addresses will be delivered on the State of Religion and Temperance, by Rev. Dr. Thompson, Revs. McKee and William Lochead. Messrs. Graham, Jordan and McKinnon were appointed a committee to draft a programme of proceedings for the evening.—GEO. CUTHBERTSON, Pres. Clerk.

#### HIGHER RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

##### OUR HINDU CANDIDATES.

The report of the marks of our Hindu candidates has been delayed through unavoidable circumstances. We have now much pleasure in laying it before our readers. The papers were, on the whole, most excellent; the best were fully equal to the best of our home papers. The examiners note interesting indications of having studied the Bible from a new point of view. One says: "And he appointed the priests of high castes at Bethel." Another: "Tarshish" (which is called Ceylon, some say Spain); but another more positive "some think it Spain, but in reality it is Ceylon;" another: "When Naaman saw Gehazi he came down from the elephant," etc., and the dishonest servant of Elijah is made to ask for "two talents and two white dresses." Occasionally we have the Scripture narrative supplemented, as when we are informed that, by following Christ, Nicodemus "became poor and got much trouble." Is it not touching to find that the Hindu mind this is such an inevitable consequence? The midnight arrest of our Saviour becomes orientally illumined as we read in one of these papers: "When the Sepoys came to catch Him." Recollections of Lucknow and Cawnpore cast their lurid light on the page.

The answers of one candidate are in Hindi and those of another in Urdu. Any minister or superintendent wishing to show them to his scholars may obtain a leaf by writing to Rev. T. F. Potheringham, St. John, N. B.

The following are the names of candidates and their marks:—

##### SENIOR BIBLICAL.

92. Pooran Lal, 326 (82 p.c.); P; 90. (Mrs.) Rachel Pooran Lal, 172; 89. Sanno, 128; 91. Herbert, 100.

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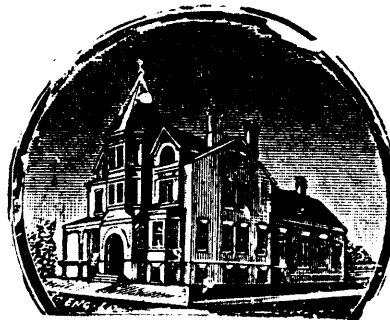
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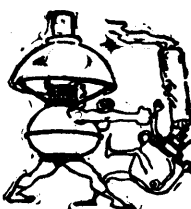
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