St. Andrew's Church, Toronto.

From an interesting article in a recent number of the *N. Y. Scotsman*, descriptive of the opening of the new St. Andrew's Church in this city, we take the following:—

* * * * "The dedication of the new St. Andrew's Church is suggestive of many reflections. It is proof of the great advance made by the people of Canada in taste, wealth and liberality. One single congregation finds itself able to erect a church at a cost of about $100,000, and displays remarkable judgment as to the requirements of such a building for the times in which we live. This they are able to do without pulling down old St. Andrew's and selling the ground on which it stands. They have not the sad reflection, which must weigh heavily upon the late Bond Street Baptist congregation of Toronto, who sold their property to the Roman Catholics before taking possession of the splendid building in Jarvis Street, that they have allowed their property to pass into other hands in order to complete the new structure. Old St. Andrew's still stands as a landmark—as a valuable link between the past and the future. This is the oldest church building in Toronto. While it is thus comparatively speaking hoary with age, it is by no means antiquated. It is still a good building, and it is satisfactory to think that that old spire which has proudly watched the growth of Toronto, from its condition of being a village on the shore of the lake, shall still stand sentinel over the city, as she is attaining truly metropolitan proportions. But it is still more satisfactory to feel that not only is the building preserved, but that a sufficiently influential remnant of the old congregation remains, and that the worship of God will still be maintained on the old site. In the course of last week the (old) St. Andrew's congregation was organized by Revs. D. J. MacDonnell and Prof. McLaren, a committee appointed for the purpose by the Presbytery of Toronto. There were fifty-two regularly certified members and a number of adherents, and as amongst these are not a few loyally attached Presbyterians, there is reason to believe that there may yet be worshipping within these walls as large a congregation as that which has now left it. It would be curious if in the course of time, another powerful offshoot from this old centre should go off to some yet unborn district of the city, to carry thither the fertilizing stream of the Gospel of Christ. Every year witnesses the City of Toronto becoming greater in population, and more colossal in its proportions. It is evident there is a want of church accommodation, and, therefore we believe, that the friendly split which has taken place in St. Andrew's congregation, will in the end prove a blessing, and we trust the *nucleus* left in the old building will enjoy every needed comfort, and the greatest success in their efforts to build up a large and flourishing congregation.

The Rev. D. J. MacDonnell, B.D., is the present pastor of the St. Andrew's congregation. He succeeded the Rev. Dr. Barclay in 1870, who on account of sickness, retired from the charge in which he had so long and faithfully exercised his ministerial gifts. Mr. MacDonnell was called from St. Andrew's Church, Peterborough, over which he was inducted pastor in the year 1866. He was ordained a missionary in connection with the Church of Scotland, in the same year, by the Presbytery of Edinburgh. Having been born at Bathurst, of which Mr. MacDonnell's father was for eleven years the respected minister, in the year 1843, the pastor of St. Andrew's is quite a young man, though occupying a position so influential. He has had every advantage in point of education, having received an excellent preparatory training in Canada, and having studied in Glasgow, Edinburgh, and in Berlin, under some of the ablest professors of that day, and also in having devoted several years to the work of teaching in Canada. Mr. Macdonnell is much beloved by his people. He is free and open in his manners, affable and gentlemanly in his bearing, and affects not the "pompous-clerical" so common in our day. While commanding the highest respect, he is yet kindly familiar in his dealings with men. The minister of St. Andrew's has also attained considerable reputation as a preacher. His eloquence is impulsive and irregular, but still effective at all times. As a rule his preparations for the pulpit are carefully made—his sermons evincing logical acumen in their structure, and containing stimulating and original thinking power. The fact that he has a following such as that which has placed him on the proud eminence of being the first minister in the (new) St. Andrew's Church, is evidence of his being a man of marked and felt ability. Mr. MacDonnell, though a devoted son of the *Kirk*, was an enthusiastic supporter of the movement for union among the several Presbyterian Churches in the Dominion. With the eloquence of tongue and of pen he advocated it, and while his preferences might have so well lain in the direction of adhering to the Established Church, these were thrown aside in order to consolidate Presbyterian interests in the Dominion of Canada." * *

The Welsh Colony in Chupat, Patagonia, is probably one which many of our readers have not heard of. That the Welsh claim to have discovered America centuries before Columbus was born, although none of them ever went back to Europe to tell the story, we all know. But this is a colony of later date, and exists in the southern part of South America. It appears there are a thousand or twelve hundred colonists living down there, with scarcely any thing to eat, which state of things we venture to say could hardly exist among their own native mountains, barren as some of them may be. In 1873, it is said the little colony only numbered 140 souls, so that in one respect it has been flourishing, viz., in an increase of population, although at that period they were only beginning to grow sufficient corn for their needs. The *thriving* condition of the colony has attracted an increased emigration from Wales during the last twelve months—too large it is feared for the limited resources of the little settlement. The Argentine Government is expected to aid the new comers to meet their first difficulties. We hardly think it is necessary to go so far as Chupat in order to be half starved, or to become objects of charity to a foreign government.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

DIED.

At the manse, Innisfil, Saturday, 26th February, after an illness of twenty-nine hours, Mary Porter, beloved daughter of Rev William and Flora McConnell, aged 4 years, 3 months and 28 days "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

At 14 Orde Street, Toronto, on the 28th February, Stephen Balmer, a native of Roxburghshire, Scotland, aged 43 years.

THE PRODUCE MARKETS.

Toronto, Mar 8, 1876.

The English and United States markets are generally unchanged. The local market is not active.

TORONTO.				
Wheat, fall, per bushel	$0 99	@	$1 03	
Wheat, spring, do	0 97	"	1 00	
Barley, do	0 58	"	0 78	
Oats, do	0 34	"	0 35	
Peas, do	0 70	"	0 00	
Rye, do	0 00	"	0 60	
Dressed Hogs per 100 lbs	8 50	"	8 75	
Beef, hind quarters	6 00	"	7 00	
Beef, fore quarters	3 50	"	5 00	
Mutton, by carcass	6 00	"	8 00	
Chickens, per pair	0 50	"	0 60	
Ducks, per brace	0 50	"	0 75	
Geese, each	0 60	"	0 90	
Turkeys	0 70	"	1 50	
Butter, lb rolls	0 22	"	0 25	
Butter, large rolls	0 21	"	0 22	
Butter, tub dairy	0 20	"	0 22	
Eggs, fresh, per doz	0 20	"	0 21	
Eggs, packed	0 17	"	0 19	
Apples, per brl	1 50	"	2 25	
Potatoes, per bushel	0 40	"	0 50	
Hay	13 00	"	18 00	
Straw	7 00	"	8 50	

LONDON.			
White Wheat Deihl ₱ 100 lbs	$1 60	@	$1 75
" Treadwell "	1 55	"	1 65
Red Winter	1 50	"	1 60
Spring Wheat	1 55	"	1 65
Flour	2 75	"	3 00
Oats	0 80	"	0 82
Peas "	1 05	"	1 06
Corn "	0 90	"	1 10
Barley "	1 00	"	1 40
Rye "	0 80	"	1 00
Buck wheat "	0 80	"	1 00
Beans "	0 90	"	1 25
Eggs, Store lots, ₱ doz	0 17	"	0 18
" Farmers'	0 17	"	0 18
Butter, crock	0 16	"	0 18
" roll	0 18	"	0 22
" firkin	0 17	"	0 18
heese, dairy ₱ lb	0 10	"	0 11
" factory	0 10	"	0 11
Lard, ₱ lb	0 11	"	0 13
Sheep Skins, each	0 80	"	1 00
Calf Skins, green, ₱ lb	0 09	"	0 10
" dry, "	0 15	"	0 18
Hides, green, ₱ lb	0 04	"	0 05
" dry, "	0 10	"	0 00
Wool	0 30	"	0 31
Mutton, ₱ lb	0 06	"	0 07
Beef, ₱ lb	0 04	"	0 06
Live Hogs, ₱ cwt	6 00	"	6 00
Dressed Hogs	7 50	"	8 50
Chickens, ₱ pair	0 30	"	0 35
Ducks, ₱ pair	0 40	"	0 60
Geese, each	0 35	"	0 50
Turkeys, each	0 50	"	1 25
Apples, green, ₱ bush	0 50	"	1 00
Hay, ₱ ton	10 00	"	12 00
Straw, ₱ load	3 00	"	4 00
Potatoes, ₱ bush	0 25	"	0 30
Cordwood, No. 1 dry, ₱ cord	4 00	"	0 00

OTTAWA.			
Wheat, fall	$1 05	@	$1 15
Wheat, spring	1 05	"	1 10
Peas	0 60	"	0 65
Oats	0 37	"	0 39
Corn	0 57	"	0 65
Buckwheat	0 45	"	0 00
Potatoes	0 25	"	0 30
Turnips	0 00	"	0 30
Fowls, per pair	0 50	"	0 60
Turkeys, each	0 00	"	1 50
Apples, per barrel	3 50	"	4 00
Butter, tub, per lb	0 00	"	0 24
Butter, in lb. rolls	0 24	"	0 25
Eggs, per doz	0 25	"	0 30
Hay	12 00	"	14 00
Straw	6 00	"	8 00

Official Announcements.

ARRANGEMENT OF PRESBYTERIES IN QUEBEC AND ONTARIO, AND APPOINTMENTS OF MEETINGS.

Chatham.—In Adelaide street Church, Chatham, on Tuesday, 28th March, 1876, at 11 a.m. Elders commissions will be called for at this meeting.

Paris.—The Presbytery of Paris will meet in River Street Church, Paris, on Tuesday, 28th of March, at 11 a.m. Elders commissions will then be called for.

Kingston.—The next meeting to be in John Street Church, Belleville, on the second Tuesday of April ensuing, at seven o'clock p.m.

Whitby.—At Oshawa, on the second Tuesday of March, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

Toronto.—This Presbytery meets on the first Tuesday of April, at 11 a.m. Draft act for the constitution of General Assembly to be considered.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

Western Division.

The Home Mission Committee of the Western Division, will meet in the Deacons' Court Room of Knox Church, Toronto, on Monday evening, 3rd April next, at 7 p.m.

Claims of Presbyteries for the current six months, and all documents intended for the Committee, should be sent to the Convener, not later than the 31st March.

A full and punctual attendance of members is earnestly requested.

WM. COCHRANE, D.D.,
Convener.

SYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON.

The Synod of Hamilton and London will meet in St Paul's Church, Hamilton, on Tuesday, the second day of May next, at half past seven o'clock, evening.

Rolls of Presbyteries and all other papers intended for presentation to the Synod, should be sent to the Clerk *at least* one week before the date of meeting.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, consisting of the Synod and Presbytery Clerks with a representative Minister and Elder from each Presbytery, will meet at 2 p.m. on the said day of Meeting, to arrange the business of the Synod.

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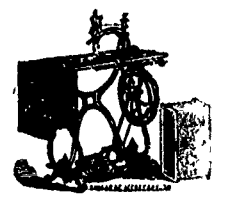

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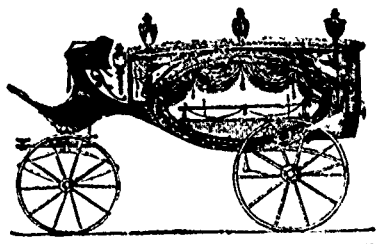

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