

## Church News.

REV. J. LAMBERT, Harrison, conducted the anniversary services of Elma Centre church, 19th inst.

FATHER CHINIQUE has been lecturing lately to large audiences in Stellarton, Pictou, New Glasgow, Halifax, and other places in Nova Scotia.

MRS. HARVEY, of Toronto, says the *Witness*, will represent the W. F. M. S. of the Western Section at the meeting in Pictou on the 30th inst.

THE lawn party held at Mr. D. G. Wilson's in aid of the Ridgetown Presbyterian church, for paying the debt on their new bell, was a great success.

REV. T. McKNE, Public School Inspector, recently filled with much acceptance the Rev. A. Dawson's pulpit in the Presbyterian church, Gravenhurst.

THE congregation of St. John's church, Chatham, N.B., is prospering and flourishing. They have purchased a comfortable manse for the pastor at a cost of \$2,600.

MR. JAMES CROIX, editor of the *Presbyterian Record*, who lately left Dunoon, Scotland, for Lucerne, will spend the winter at Montone or Cannes, and proceed to Rome early in the spring.

REV. G. M. MILLIGAN, B.A., pastor of old St. Andrew's, city, who has recently returned from a trip to Great Britain, at the Wednesday evening prayer meeting, 22nd inst., gave a most interesting lecture on "Sundays Abroad." He introduced a large audience to some of the most noted preachers of the time.

MR. DAVID WRIGHT, a student of the Church of Scotland, who has completed his Arts course, and has had considerable experience as a catechist, has recently arrived in Halifax. He is at present employed by the Presbytery of Halifax. He will prosecute his theological studies in the Presbyterian College there.

THE contract has been let for the enlargement of St. Andrew's church, Gananoque, Rev. H. Gracey, pastor, so as to give 200 additional sittings. The work is begun; and it is expected to be ready for service by the first of December. The enlarged church will be in the form of a cross, and will be when completed a commodious and beautiful building. The contract is let for \$4,500, which sum is practically covered by a subscription list.

ON Sunday, 12th Sept., the Communion of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in St. Andrew's church, Sherbrooke, the Rev. A. Lee, B.A., pastor. The number of communicants present was the largest in the memory of this congregation, 102 partaking in the Feast of Remembrance. Ten new members were received on profession of faith, and two by certificate. The weekly prayer meetings are well attended, and everything in St. Andrew's bears signs of increasing interest in the work of the Lord, and the promise of greater blessing in the future. The church has lately been repaired and neatly and tastefully decorated in the interior, and furnished with a furnace for heating purposes.

THE sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed in the Langside congregation on 19th Sept. The weather being unfavourable the attendance was not so large as it usually is. The pastor was assisted by Rev. Mr. Linton, of Culross, and Rev. Dr. Mackay, of Fushinch. The latter conducted all the English services on Sunday, the evening service being specially for the youth of the congregation, which was well attended. Rev. Dr. Mackay preached in both languages on Saturday and Monday. Rev. Duncan Davidson has been pastor of this congregation for fourteen years. By his faithful and indefatigable labours the young attend church very well. It is to be hoped that many of these will see their way clear to become members.

ON the arrival of the Rev. A. McTavish and bride from the east they were met at the station in Chater by a number of friends, who accompanied them to the house of Mr. R. Richards, which was filled with friends from the several stations of the congregation. Some friends also from the city of Brandon were present to offer their congratulations. After a sumptuous repast Mr. Hume read an address of welcome, and three young ladies presented Mrs. McTavish with a handsome silver tea service. Although completely taken by surprise Mr. McTavish replied in a few fitting words, thanking the many friends for their kind expression of regard for himself and his bride, and assuring them that it would be their joy to advance the spiritual interests of the people among whom their lot is cast.

AT the meeting of Hamilton Presbytery held at Burlington recently, a very hearty and unanimous call was tendered to Rev. A. K. Caswell, from the united charges of Oneida, and Hagersville. The call was signed by all the 194 members, except eight, some of these being away from home, and also by 88 adherents. Salary offered was \$800, paid half-yearly in advance, with manse and glebe of ten acres. The induction took place at Oneida on August 31st, when Rev. R. McIntyre preached, Rev. Mr. Wells addressed the people, and Rev. T. Black presided and addressed the minister. At the close of the services Mr. Caswell was cordially welcomed at the door by a very large congregation. Both pastor and people look forward very hopefully to the future. Mr. Caswell's friends of the Wentworth Street Mission church in Hamilton, where he had laboured for a year, presented him with a well filled purse on the eve of departure.

THE sacrament of the Lord's supper was observed in the Presbyterian church at Little Current on Sabbath, September 12th. The Rev. A. Findlay, superintendent of missions, conducted the services and delivered a very impressive discourse from Romans viii. 32. This field has been under the charge of Mr. A. E. Mitchell (Knox), this summer and his success has been, by God's blessing, very marked. Twenty-two new members having joined the church through his earnest ministrations, and if he only will return next summer to resume his work upon the foundation laid the structure will be real and permanent. The congregation being so largely and rapidly increased it was deemed advisable to appoint another elder. Mr. T. J. Patten (of the firm of Patten & Malpas) being the choice of the people was duly appointed and ordained at the close of the preparatory service held on the Thuis day evening preceding the communion.

A SHORT time since the steamer British Queen landed her cargo in Halifax. Part of it consisted of what seemed half a dozen large coffins, which from

their weight appeared to be freighted with their usual burden of useless clay. They proved indeed to be human forms, not in clay, but in stone, "graven images," "carved saints," consigned to a prominent ecclesiastic of that city, and will no doubt occupy a prominent place in some of the chapels and in the devotions of some of their worshippers. Another part of the cargo of the same ship consisted of a dozen casks of arrowroot, manufactured and sent by the Christian natives of the New Hebrides as a contribution to the Presbyterian Mission Funds. Can there possibly be a stronger or sharper contrast? In the boxes graven images, to aid the people of Nova Scotia to worship! In the casks, the thank-offering of the natives of the South Seas who have been turned from idols to worship the living and true God—*Christian at Work*.

A FAREWELL meeting to Rev. W. L. and Mrs. Macrae, arranged by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, was held in Association Hall last evening. The gathering was a large one, consisting principally of ladies, which after tea completely filled the association lecture room. Rev. Dr. Burns presided, and appropriate addresses were made by Dr. McIlhatte, of Antigua, and Revs. Principal McKnight, P. M. Morrison, Anderson Rogers, R. Laing, J. C. Cattanach, and Mayor McIntosh. A very pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation by the ladies of the Foreign Missionary Society of a beautifully bound copy of the revised version of the Bible to Mr. Macrae, and a copy of Stormonth's Dictionary of the English Language to Mrs. Macrae. The volumes were nicely and appropriately inscribed, and were presented to Mr. Macrae on behalf of the president of the society by Rev. Mr. McPherson. The recipient replied feelingly, thanking the ladies for their mark of regard, and expressing his appreciation of hosts of Halifax friends during the seven years he has been in this city. He referred to the work in Trinidad in which he and Mrs. Macrae are about to engage. He was sure that next to the presence with him of the Master, that which would encourage him most in his labours was the knowledge that he would be followed by the sympathy and prayers of very many in Halifax. Rev. Mr. Simpson, as pastor of the church which Mr. Macrae had attended, offered prayers on his behalf. What was a most successful and enjoyable farewell missionary meeting was brought to a close at ten o'clock with the singing of the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds." Rev. Mr. Macrae and wife leave for Trinidad, via New York, on Monday next.—*Hal. Chron.*, 15th.

REV. ROBERT CAMPBELL, Montreal, preached his farewell sermon in St. Gabriel's church, Sabbath evening, 19th inst., taking for his text Psalm cii, 12-14: "But Thou, O Lord, shalt abide for ever; and Thy memorial unto all generations. Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion; for it is time to have pity upon her, yea, the set time is come. For Thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and have pity upon her dust." In the course of his remarks he said—"The last parting word is necessarily a sad one. This building is associated with the names of eight ministers who have preceded me—Messrs. Young, Somerville and Eaton, Drs. Black and Leshman, Mr. Rintoul, and Drs. Inglis and Kemp; but my term of service has exceeded that of any of them except Mr. Esion's, covering nearly one-fourth of the period since the church was erected. It has been the fortune of this church to be a feeder to all Protestant churches of the city throughout the greater part of its history. Not to speak of St. Andrew's church, St. Paul's church, the American church, Crescent Street church, and more recently Knox church, which drew off large bodies from this building at a great crisis in the history of Presbyterianism, in the case of Knox church the great bulk of the congregation leaving these walls—a very considerable proportion of the members of Christ church in former days, as well as several excellent families that have been prominent in St. James Street Methodist church and in Zion church, were formerly in communion with the congregation worshipping here. The building may be said, therefore, to have been a training school for the Church Catholic in this city. And this is one reason why it is regarded with great respect by every denomination in Montreal. They have all owed something to it, and have had reason to be grateful for its existence. And there are very many, I doubt not, both in Montreal and in the distant parts of the country, through whose hearts a tender thrill of regretful emotion will pass when they learn that the voice of praise and prayer and preaching is no longer heard in St. Gabriel street church. Oh St. Gabriel's! many an anxious thought has been spent on thee during nearly a century, and not the fewest or them in the last score of years; but there has been much happiness and joy mingling with the cares and trials. Thy venerable presence, and thy history, rich in incident, have always lent a charm to the labours manifold that have been performed within thy walls. Old St. Gabriel's, farewell!"

### NOTES FROM NOVA SCOTIA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

WHILEST another missionary is going forth from Nova Scotia to Trinidad, the Foreign Mission Board did not secure the services of a lady teacher.

Annapolis congregation has again become vacant after another short pastorate by the Rev. Wm. Maxwell. Through removals this little charge has become so weak that it has lately asked that it be allowed to become a mission station.

A member of the Halifax Presbytery lately gave the sad record that whilst he had admitted 50 to the membership of the Church during the past four years, all were females except one man and a boy. How such a state of affairs must tend to depress a faithful pastor.

At a meeting of the Halifax Presbytery on the 14th Sept., pleadings were given by the commissioners representing Montreal Presbytery and Melville Church, St. Antoine, Mo. real, and also the commissioners from Yarmouth, N.S., concerning the translation of Mr. Anderson Rogers. Mr. Rogers felt inclined to go, but his brethren of the Halifax Presbytery thought he should remain longer and continue the good work he has been carrying on during the past four years.

A local Sabbath School conference was held at Shubenacadie on the 16th Sept. The conference comprised the Presbyterian congregations of Shubenacadie and Lower Sackville, Gay's River and Milford, and Elmsdale and Nine Mile River. Papers were read on three important subjects: "Teaching," "How to keep the Young Men in the Sabbath School," and "How to interest the young in the Church's work, especially Missions." Local conferences are likely to be held within the bounds of the Halifax Presbytery during the year,

and there is no doubt they will give an impetus to Sabbath School work.

A Presbyterian minister in the United States spent a part of his vacation this summer in Sarnia, and speaks thus of it—"The Presbyterian Church in Sarnia is strong. The congregation is large and compels much of the wealth, social standing, and personal power of the place. And this is about the way things go through the entire Province. The Presbyterians may not be in actual majority, nor do they seem to be the fashionable people altogether, but when one looks over such a congregation as that I saw at Sarnia yesterday, he sees a people, who have both brains and brawn. A strong people, a conscientious people, a stable people are they, making up the very backbone of the whole country. We call Canada an English appendage, but it is much more a granite boulder brought in from the Grampians."

### NEW BRUNSWICK NOTES.

(From our own Correspondent.)

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Woodstock, is still without a pastor. It is a promising charge in the loveliest corner of New Brunswick.

A new church is to be built at Oak Mountain, and the missionary in charge, Rev. J. Ross, will likely be called before the expiry of this year.

Three have been added to the church at St. Martin's. The people talk of trying to secure their ordained missionary, Rev. Willard Macdonald, as settled pastor.

The strains of the organ now blend with the voices of the worshippers in the Kirk at Richmond (Rev. K. McKay's), and the Sabbath School, a model one, is larger than ever before.

Ten were added to the church at Harvey at the last communion. The manse, with barn and out-buildings, are approaching completion. The church will also receive a new roof. Rev. J. A. McLean is much encouraged in his work.

Rev. Wm. Miller, of Bocabec, demits his charge. The lines did not fall to him in such pleasant places as Sussex, but he has nobly sustained a laborious missionary pastorate of nineteen years. He will continue to reside among the people who are so warmly attached to him.

Rev. J. A. Cahill is pushing the work vigorously in Springfield. A new Sunday school outgrew the private house in which it met, and led to the building of a church in a new corner of his parish. A hundred communicants sat down at last Communion. S. S. teacher's meetings are regularly held.

Rev. P. Langill has been lengthening the cords of the church tent at Hampton, and at the same time strengthening its stakes not a little. The new church is approaching completion, and services have been commenced at Rothesay, where they were much needed. God send us more men of like missionary fervour and robust bodies to keep it up with.

In Shediac the good work is progressing. Prayer meetings and Sabbath school well attended. At the Communion in June, eight members were added on profession. The Sabbath school, averaging about 35 scholars, raised \$105 during the last year. Four elders were ordained in the congregation this summer, one in Shediac and three in Shemogue. The manse in Port Elgin will soon be completed.

Rev. Jas. Gray has resigned the charge of Sussex, etc., after a pastorate of nearly 30 years, at the ripe old age of 69 years. A maturity which in him is hale and hearty, with no abatement of natural force, nor dimness of eye other than is common to all men of his age. Thirty years ago he came to a few families scattered throughout the district, without organization or a dollar's worth of property, now they own two comfortable churches, a manse and a glebe, on which rests not one dollar's debt. With an independence which surprises no one who knows him, Mr. Gray declines any retiring allowance either from the congregation or from the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. His congregations were never so prosperous as now. May they find a worthy successor.

### PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

HALIFAX.—Presbytery met in St. Matthew's church, Halifax, 14th inst. Rev. A. B. Dickie, moderator, presided. Rev. Dr. McLeod, of Vale Colliery, and Rev. D. L. McCrae, of Cobourg, Ont., who were present, were invited to correspond. The resignation of Rev. Mr. Maxwell, of the Annapolis congregation, was accepted. The presbytery expressed the highest regard for Rev. Mr. Maxwell and the strongest attachment to him, while they regretted inability, through failing resources, to retain his valuable services. The Rev. John Cameron is to preach and to declare the congregation vacant on the 24th October. A call to Rev. Anderson Rogers, of Yarmouth, from Melville church, to Cote St. Antoine, Montreal, was read with accompanying papers. Commissioners on both sides were heard, and Rev. Mr. Rogers placed himself in the hands of the presbytery, whereupon it was agreed *nem. con.* not to remove Mr. Rogers from Yarmouth. This ending of the case gives great satisfaction to the Yarmouth congregation, where Mr. Rogers is deservedly held in very high esteem. Rev. M. G. Henry asked and obtained leave from the eastern committee of the presbytery to visit the congregations of Noel, Gore, Kennetcook and Elmsdale. The next meeting will be held at Truro, on the call of the moderator of the synod.

PARIS.—The ordinary meeting of presbytery was held at St. George on Tuesday, 14th ult., Rev. D. M. Beattie moderator. There was a large attendance of ministers and elders. The session records throughout the bounds came up for examination, were sent to committees and afterwards attested by the signature of the moderator. The committee appointed to visit Old St. Andrews, B. Oxford, reported the discharge of that duty and gave an account of the state of the cause in that congregation. The committee was continued with further instructions. Messrs. Leeming and Nichol appeared for examination with a view of admission to Knox College, and their examination having been sustained as satisfactory they were certified to the College Senate. Mr. James E. Brown, a student entering in the third year in theology, read a sermon before the presbytery which was also approved as satisfactory. A letter from Dr. Midlemis, Convener of the Assembly's Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, was read and a resolution was passed strongly urging the claims of said fund on the generous consideration of congregations, and sessions were requested to interest themselves in this matter. Next meeting was appointed to be held in Brantford in First Church, November 9th, at 11 a.m.—W. T. McMULLAN, Pres. Clerk.

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