

CALLS, PRESEY MEETINGS, Etc.

CALLS.

Mr. A. J. McMullen to Springville, and Bethany.

Mr. M. McLennan, of Kirkhill, to Free St. Columba, Edinburgh, accepted.

From St. Andrew's Ch. Tor., to Mr. McCaughan, of Belfast, Ireland.

INDUCTIONS.

Mr. Alexander Miller, formerly of Mosau, into, Ashfield, Maitland Pres., 30 Nov.

Mr. Bryce Innis, into Bobcaygeon and Dunsford, Peterboro' Pres., 8 Dec.

Mr. A. J. McMillan, to be ordained and inducted at Springville and Bethany, Peterboro' Pres., 1st Jan.

Mr. P. F. Langill, called from Bridgebury, to be inducted into St. Andrew's Ch., Martintown, Glengarry Pres., 31 Dec.

MINISTER'S OBITUARY.

Rev. J. M. Boyd, was born near Ottawa, and after completing his studies for the ministry, was settled for a time at Demorest, Prince Edward County, Ont. From this he was called to Beauharnois and Chateaugay, in the Province of Quebec, where for fifteen years he labored faithfully, though in weakness the last year or two, until the home call came, when, but three weeks absent from his pulpit, he passed away, 15 Dec., aged 55 years.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

Algoma, Thessalon, 3 Tues. Mar. 7.30 p.m.

Brandon, Brandon, 1 Tues. Mar.

Edmonton, Ed., 2 Mar., 10 a.m.

Glenboro', Glen., 2nd Mon. Mar., 7.30 p.m.

Glengarry, Cornwall, Knox, 9 Nov.

Huron, Blyth, 19 Jan., 11 a.m.

Inverness, Whyco., 3rd Wed., Mar.

Kingston, Stirling, 12 Jan. also.

Kingston, King., Chal., 16 Mar., 10 a.m.

London, Lon., 1st., 12 Jan., 10.30 a.m.

Miramichi, Newcastle, 30 Mar.

Maitland, Wingham, 19 Jan., 9 a.m.

Melita, Mel., 1st week, Mar.

P.E.I., Charlott't'n., Zion, 1st Tu. Feb., 11 a.m.

P. la Prairie, Neepawa, 1st Tu. Mar., 4 p.m.

Peterboro, Fort Hope, 1st, 9 Mar.

Stratford, Strat., Knox, 12 Jan., 10.30 a.m.

Regina, Moose Jaw, 3 Mar.

Superior, Sup., 1st Tu. Mar., 10 a.m.

Tor., Tor., St. And., 1st Tu. ev. mo.

STATED COLLECTIONS FOR SCHEMES.

The General Assembly has directed that the Stated Collections for the Schemes of the Church, in congregations where there are no Missionary Associations, be made as follows:—

Augmentation Fund, 3rd Sab. January.

Directed also, that all congregations and mission stations be enjoined to contribute to the schemes of the Church.

Further, that contributions be sent to the agents of the Church as soon as possible after the collections are made.

Our Foreign Missions.

"I have been rather busy, being the only ordained man at this station, and having so many patients in the hospital and dispensary to preach to daily, besides visiting in the country,"—casually remarks Rev. W. H. Grant, of Honan, in a private note. A casual remark, but it gives a little glimpse into the busy life of a missionary. And much of it is not very encouraging preaching. Much of it is seed by the wayside, among thorns, and in stony ground; but thanks to the Spirit's blessing upon patient toil, the acreage of good ground is getting larger, and harvest prospects brighter.

THE GROWTH OF OUR F. M. WORK.

Just fifty years ago, see Sir Wm. Dawson's paper in this issue, our first Foreign Missionaries, Rev. John Geddie and his wife, sailed from Halifax for the South Seas. Now we have missionary men and women, six in the New Hebrides, thirteen in Trinidad, one in Demarara, four in Formosa, twenty in Honan, and thirty-nine in India;—see their names on next page;—besides hundreds of native helpers.

It is fitting that as our Church enters her second fifty years of F. M. Work, Dr. Geddie's picture should brighten the title page of our Church's missionary paper, and that the stirring story of his faith and work should be retold. Our readers will be thankful to have that story from one so closely identified with that movement of long ago, and who himself along a different line, has done so much by his influence and work to make the world better.

But it is more important that we should seek to be animated by the spirit of those men who have passed and are passing away, and whose works do follow them, and that with our larger means and opportunities we should do so much the more to hasten the final triumph of Christ.

THE FAMINE IN INDIA.

Rev. J. Wilkie, our missionary in Indore, writes to Rev. R. P. Mackay, of the famine. He says:

"Wheat is selling at two cents a pound and north of us at two and a half cents a pound and yet we are just on the edge of it. What it will be when it has time to assert itself it is hard to realize.

Mr. Parr, the Agent General, asked if we would be willing to take charge of the children that will in large numbers probably be deserted by their parents.

To this I said that so far as we have means we would do so, and that I would write to ask you how far you thought should undertake this work. He has ready sent us two boys, whom we are going to train as best we can. Will kindly let me know as soon as you what you as a committee think of the matter?