

mental. Mr. Cairns, merchant, of McGregor, supplied carpet for the platform and Mr. Ed. Smith, of McGregor, chairs for the choir. These friends have the thanks of the congregation for their gratuitous support. On Monday night there was a tea meeting. Mr. S. Thomson was moved to the chair. Speeches, songs and recitations were given, in addition to a number of choruses by the choir, which has done so well under the leadership of Mr. Stone. This makes three splendid Presbyterian Churches in the field, viz., Austin, McGregor and Beaver Creek, the latter of which will be known hereafter as Hampden Presbyterian Church.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met on the 1st inst., Rev. G. M. Milligan, Moderator. The Session record of Oakville Church being handed in, a committee was appointed to examine the same and report thereon. At a later stage the committee reported on it as found correctly kept; and it was ordered to be attested accordingly. The Presbytery called for delayed schedules of apportionments for the Schemes of the Church, when these were read and approved of. The other schedules, read at the previous meeting, were also now approved of. And the Clerk was instructed, agreeably to them all, to inform Sessions throughout the bounds what contributions to said schemes are expected of the congregations or mission stations which are under their oversight. On behalf of a committee previously appointed to consider the remits from the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, Rev. R. P. MacKay submitted and read a report. The first recommendation of said report was adopted almost unanimously, viz., that a registrar be in attendance in some convenient place at the meetings of Synod, so that the members thereof may register their names immediately on their arrival, and thus render the calling of the roll unnecessary. Agreeably to the second recommendation, it was moved and seconded, that the regular meetings of Synod be held, as heretofore, in the month of May. In amendment, however, to this motion it was moved and seconded, that the regular meetings of Synod be held in the fall of the year. And the amendment was carried over the motion. The third recommendation was adopted unanimously, viz., that the Presbytery approves of the overture to divide the Synod into two Synods, to be called respectively the Synod of Toronto and the Synod of Kingston. A letter was read from Rev. G. E. Freeman, tendering the resignation of his pastoral charge, and assigning as his reason for taking this step the continuance of personal ill-health. In connection therewith Mr. Joseph Gibson, as one of the elders of the congregation, was given leave to express himself, when he bore unequivocal and strong testimony to Mr. Freeman's labours and the good results which had followed his labours. On suggestion made by the Moderator, the Presbytery engaged in the exercise of prayer, led by Rev. J. Carmichael, in behalf of this indisposed pastor and his people. It was then proposed and agreed to, that the usual course of procedure be taken in this matter, and the Presbytery appointed Rev. William Burns to preach on an early Sabbath to the congregation of Deer Park, to inform them of the step aforesaid taken by their pastor, and cite them to appear for their interests at next ordinary meeting. It was now reported by Rev. R. Thynne that, after due intimation made, he had met with the congregations of Unionville, St. Johns Church, Markham, and Brown's Corners, and had moderated in a call, which was given unanimously in favour of Rev. Peter Nicol, minister of Knox Church, Vaughan, and Caven Church, Bolton. The call, on being examined, was found to be signed by ninety-four members and concurred in by seventy-one adherents. A guarantee for stipend was read, promising \$800 per annum in quarterly payments, together with the use of a free house. Reasons for translation were also read. The conduct of Mr. Thynne in this matter was approved of. Commissioners from the congregations calling were then heard, after which the call was sustained. And Rev. Walter Reid was appointed to preach on an early Sabbath to Mr. Nicol's congregations, to tell them of the action taken by the other congregations in his favour, and cite them to appear for their interests at next ordinary meeting. When some other matters had been dealt with, the Presbytery adjourned to meet again on the first Tuesday of January, at ten a.m.—R. MONTEATH, *Pres. Clerk*.

BOARD OF FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

Evidence of the interest of the young people in many of our Sabbath schools and Bible classes in the work of French Evangelization is not wanting. Fuller information regarding the work will confirm their faith and intensify their interest in it, as well as induce others to lend a hand in giving the Gospel to our ignorant and superstitious fellow countrymen who have otherwise little chance of ever experiencing its blessings. Work among the young is in this, as in every field of missionary effort, most encouraging and pregnant of great results. Recognizing this fact the Board has always sought to establish mission day schools wherever there has appeared a Providential opening. Wherever established, in the backwoods, in the lonely island, in the country, in the city, or at Pointe-aux-Trembles, the large number of Roman Catholic boys and girls found in them, as well as the intellectual and spiritual results obtained, attest the necessity for them and God's blessing upon them.

In Lacou Island, N.B., a school was opened two years ago and closed within two months owing to Romish opposition. The same missionary opened a school there last summer, in a vacant house, which was attended by eleven Protestant and Roman Catholic boys and girls. Nowhere will you find brighter, prettier children than the boys and girls of these simple fisher-folk. But they are doomed to life-long ignorance unless education and the Gospel are thus brought to them.

At La Jeune Lorette, near Quebec, a sub-chief of

the Huron Indians was converted about two years ago. He asked for a mission school among his people. Last May a teacher was sent. She began a mission day school in the home of the sub chief. The daily average attendance has not exceeded five. Evening classes also have been taught, attended mostly by adults. The teacher has spent much time visiting the people in their homes, and as a result there is a general spirit of enquiry; prejudices have been removed; the Word of God has been distributed and the people are reading it. It should be added that much of this success is due to the personal influence of the sub-chief, who is an educated, earnest Christian, anxiously working for the conversion of his people. These are the youngest and smallest of the schools. One of the largest and most flourishing is the school in connection with La Croix Church in the east end of the city of Montreal. Between fifty and sixty scholars have been in attendance, of whom almost two thirds are the children of Roman Catholic parents. There is a large number of schools in which similar work has been done, as shown by the last annual report of the Board. Almost every boy and girl in these schools would either not be at school at all or at the Roman Catholic schools, the character of which is well known, were it not for our mission day schools, where they receive not only an elementary education but also that knowledge which makes wise unto salvation.

The central schools at Pointe-aux-Trembles complete the system of mission day schools which are to a great extent their feeders. Never in the history of this institution has its influence been so widespread and its work so encouraging. At present over one hundred and seventy pupils are in attendance; more than one-half of these are from Roman Catholic homes, and all the rest, excepting five who are from Protestant homes, are the children of converts from Romanism. Surely God is placing great responsibility on our Church in relation to our French Roman Catholic fellow-countrymen. Can the young people of our Sabbath schools and Bible classes take part in any missionary work so Christlike and patriotic as helping to give the knowledge of salvation through simple faith in Jesus to the French boys and girls of their own age and country?

The salaries of the missionary teachers are paid in whole or in part by the Board. Fees are collected from the pupils in all the schools, but often these have to go towards rent and other necessary expenses. About \$17,000 are required yearly for the maintenance of the mission day schools, including the schools at Pointe-aux-Trembles. There are about nineteen hundred Sabbath schools in connection with our Church. Last year three hundred and fifty nine Sabbath schools and Bible classes contributed \$8,782 towards our work. Who will say that this money has not been well spent? What of the other 1,541? Will not every one of them consider the matter and give something, be it never so small? God knoweth the heart. Cannot some of the Sabbath schools and Bible classes already interested in this work lay hold with stronger hand? Will they not undertake the support, or even partial support, of a particular mission day school? Will not all of them, at least, make a special collection for the work before the close of the year? At present the Board is in debt about \$12,000.

Will you please submit this letter to the earnest consideration of your Sabbath school and Bible class on an early Sabbath or in connection with your Christmas gatherings and festivities with a view to sending us a liberal contribution. We remain, yours sincerely,

D. H. MACVICAR, D.D., LL.D., *Chairman*.
S. J. TAYLOR, *Secretary*.

Contributions should be sent direct to the Treasurer, addressed Rev. Robt. H. Warden, D.D., Dominion Square, Montreal.

OBITUARY.

REV. W. NEILLY.

I have just noticed by the papers that the body of the late Rev. W. Neilly, of Schreiber, has not yet been found; but that a "fragment of his canoe" has been "cast upon the shore."

I first met Mr. Neilly in 1884 as a member of my congregation within whose bounds he resided and taught school for about nine years, six years in this village and three in the village of Lisle. He was a most successful teacher and a man greatly beloved, warm-hearted, genial and true. In the winter of 1885-6 he was seized with typhoid fever, and was attended by the late Dr. Fisher of Creemore. During this illness I regularly visited him every week, and always found him fully trusting in Jesus. On his recovery he made me for the first time acquainted with what he said was his long desire to enter the ministry; I encouraged him and promised to aid him all I possibly could. His friends here were all pleased with the idea. I accordingly made application on his behalf to the Presbytery of Barrie to receive him as a student for the ministry, and strongly urged that his long experience and success as a teacher, his high literary attainments, his knowledge of human nature, his tact in dealing with men, and what I believed his special fitness for the ministerial work, be accepted as satisfactory by the Presbytery, and that the General Assembly be asked to grant Mr. Neilly the status of a first year student in theology. This the Presbytery unanimously agreed to do, after a special committee had met, and consulted with and examined him. In May, 1886, he preached his first sermon in the Hall at Tory Hill, near New Lowell, where I held regular Sabbath evening service. A large number of his old friends heard that Mr. Neilly was to preach on Sabbath evening, and filled the Hall. For a time he felt a little disconcerted, but as he proceeded with the service he recovered himself fully and delighted his friends with his clear, full statements of divine truth. In June of the same year the Assembly granted the request of the Presbytery of Barrie, and on the opening of next session of Knox College, Mr.

Neilly began his studies in theology, on completion of which he was appointed to Schreiber.

Mr. Neilly was always a welcome visitor to this section of the country. Few men were more highly thought of. Those who knew him best, loved him. We do not wonder that he was so highly respected and loved by the people of all classes to whom he ministered. We all here deeply grieve with them over their loss. He frequently preached for me during his college term. Intimation of his coming always brought numbers of his old friends outside of my congregation to listen to his familiar voice and kind earnest words. The last sermon he preached for me was from Luke xiii. 24. A good man is gone, a true, faithful servant of the Lord has been called to his reward. His ministry was indeed love. We believe it was a ministry of love—love to the Master—love for souls. When he left my home to start to his new field of labour, two years ago last April, none of us thought it was our last earthly parting. We planned very differently. His intention was to visit us again next summer. Now we look forward to meeting him at the Great Ingathering of the Redeemed, when we fondly hope many crowns of rejoicing shall be his. God give us all greater diligence in His service, and greater faithfulness in preaching His glorious Gospel. J. LEISHMAN.

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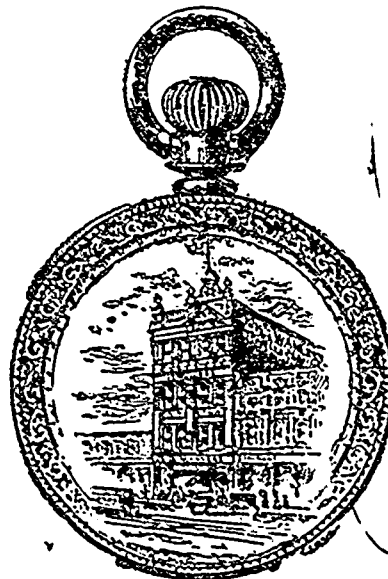
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