

## Church News.

REV. DR. MIDDLEMISS, Elora, has been holidaying in Montreal and Quebec.

REV. A. McLEOD, Concession, has accepted the call to St. Andrew's, Brighton.

REV. DR. JAMES, late of Hamilton, has received a call to the united churches, Walkerton.

REV. F. H. DAWY, Richmond, O., has accepted the call to Stanley street church, Montreal.

THE ladies' aid society, Knox church, St. Mary's, raised over \$50 by their recent garden party.

MR. ARCHIBALD OGILVIE, student in divinity, was licensed at the last meeting of the Montreal presbytery.

REV. J. ANDERSON, Ailsa Craig, passed through the city last week on his way to New Brunswick for a holiday trip.

RETURNS so far received from collectors, Trenton church, shows contributions to the schemes this year to be nearly double the amount of last year.

THE REV. PRINCIPAL MACVICAR, Montreal, and family have gone to the sea side. His address till the middle of August will be Lawson House, South Harpawell, Maine, U.S.

ON Sabbath, June 27th, the sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed at Union church, Brucefield, to 141 communicants. Eight were received into the membership of the congregation, three by certificate and five on profession. This is the first communion under the new pastor, Rev. J. H. Simpson. On the preceding Friday an excellent sermon was preached by Rev. P. Musgrave, of McKillop, from the text Rom. iii. 31. Thanksgiving services were conducted on Monday by Rev. Joseph McCoy, M.A., of Egmondville. After the benediction the congregation again became seated, when Rev. Mr. Simpson took the chair. Mr. Wm. Fotheringham, as representing the session and congregation came forward and in a neat speech presented Mr. McCoy with a purse of money amounting to seventy-five dollars, in token of the kind regards of the members and adherents of the congregation, and in recognition of his services as moderator of session during the late vacancy.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Newfoundland, held on June 10th, the Rev. R. Logan, of Harbor Grace, tendered the resignation of his pastoral charge. Though deeply regretting the loss of Mr. Logan's services, the presbytery agreed to accept his resignation, after a careful consideration of the whole circumstances of the case. The principal reason which induces Mr. Logan to take this step, and to remove to a new sphere of labour is the state of his wife's health which renders a removal to a less severe climate indispensable. The presbytery recorded in their minutes their high esteem for Mr. Logan, and their warm appreciation of his faithful, zealous and efficient labours in connection with the church in Harbor Grace, and agreed to furnish him with the usual credentials. It may interest his numerous friends to know that for some time he has been collecting materials for a book which is to bear the title of "Biographical Sketches of the Early Fathers of the Presbyterian Church in the Lower Provinces." This work, which promises to be one of great interest, is now so far advanced that it will probably be issued before the end of this year. It is sure to be welcomed by a large circle of readers. At a meeting of the members and adherents of the church, a farewell address was presented to Mr. Logan by the congregation, accompanied by a purse of money. Says the Harbor Grace Standard, alluding to the event: "In bidding Mr. Logan and his beloved partner and family an affectionate farewell, we feel we are but voicing the sentiments of hundreds of our readers when we wish them many years of health, happiness and usefulness."

ON Sabbath, June 27th, Erskine church, Rev. D. G. Cameron, pastor, Dunkannon, was dedicated. In the morning Rev. W. S. Ball, of London, preached a very appropriate and forcible sermon from Isaiah, lii. 2-3; and in the afternoon, addressed a mass-meeting of children composed of the three village Sabbath schools, and as many of the parents and friends as the church would accommodate. The devotional part of the evening service was conducted by the pastor, after which the Rev. R. Ure, D.D., of Goderich, preached an able sermon from the words "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us." On Monday evening Rev. Mr. Ball delivered his popular lecture, "The men of the war and how they fought." The stalwart chaplain was heartily cheered as he took the platform, rifle in hand, clad in his uniform and adorned by Her Majesty's medal. The audience was very demonstrative in praise of the lecture. A social was held on Tuesday evening which was addressed by the Rev. Jas. A. Anderson and others. The building is a handsome gothic structure of white brick, on a basement of stone. There is a wing entrance at each front corner and a neat belfry with turrets and cresting. The ceiling and wainscoting are of black ash, and the pews and pulpit of white ash. It is neatly carpeted, heated by a furnace and lighted by one handsome twelve-lamp chandelier in the centre and a hanging lamp with shade over the pulpit. The building will comfortably accommodate three hundred persons, but fully four hundred gained entrance on Sabbath. Substantial sheds are built on the rear of the lot which are approached by a neatly graded gravel road on each side of the church. The whole premises present the appearance of neatness and comfort. The pastor and congregation are to be congratulated upon this result of their united energy.

THE death of Mr. Shortreed, of this city, has produced a profound feeling of regret wherever the deceased gentlemen was known. His late pastor, Rev. D. D. McLeod, Barrie, on the 27th ult., preached a most appropriate sermon, and drew valuable lessons from the active, useful life and sudden death of his elder. The following resolution of condolence among other public expressions of regret was passed at a meeting of the elders and managers of the Presbyterian Church, Barrie, June 30th. Resolved.—That we, the session and managers of the Presbyterian Church, Barrie, speaking both for ourselves and as representing the congregation, desire to place on record our deep sense of the loss we have sustained, as well as the community at large, in the death of Mr. Shortreed, an elder of this congregation. His recent connection with the congregation as well as his well known interest in its prosperity made us feel that though removed in another place we still had in him a warm friend. We desire also to place on record our appreciation of his character as a Christian man, generous and

active in his service of the Church and possessed of qualities which won the affection and admiration of all who knew him. We desire also in our own name and in the name of the congregation, very specially to express our sympathy with Mrs. Shortreed and her family, as well as with his aged parents and the other members of their family, in this very painful dispensation of Divine Providence, with which they have been visited. We would assure Mrs. Shortreed that the prayers of the congregation have been offered on her behalf that she may be sustained and comforted under her bereavement, and that she may be enabled to bow with resignation to the Divine will in this very painful and unlooked for calamity that has come upon her. We trust that the very warm and widely expressed manifestation of sympathy elicited toward her may be a source of comfort, as it must be a satisfaction to learn the very high estimation in which Mr. Shortreed was universally held, and to be assured that the influence of his life has all been on the side of that which is "worthy and of good report," and that his noble character and his honoured name will ever be held in affectionate remembrance by us and by all who had the privilege of his acquaintance. We would in conclusion again commend the afflicted family to the care of our Heavenly Father, praying that He may watch over and protect them throughout their earthly pilgrimage, and when their work here is accomplished, may receive them into His heavenly kingdom. Signed on behalf of the session and managers.—D. D. McLEOD, Pastor.

### MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY.

PETERBORO.—The Presbytery of Peterboro' met in the Mill street Presbyterian church, Port Hope, July 7th. There was a good attendance of ministers and elders, and a large amount of business was transacted. Arrangements were made for the induction of the Rev. Mr. McLeod, of Concession, into the pastoral charge of Brighton, on Wednesday, 21st inst., at 2 p. m., the Rev. D. L. McCrae, of Cobourg, to preside. Leave was granted to moderate in a call to the united congregations of Warsaw and Dummer, at an early date. The place of holding the stated meetings was considered at length, and it was finally decided that they should be held alternately in Port Hope and Peterboro'. Arrangements were made for the visitation of the missions within the bounds, with a view to the administration of baptism and the Lord's supper, and making the usual returns. The Rev. Messrs. Bennet, Mitchell, Cook and Bell were appointed to this work. A plan of grouping the congregations of the presbytery with a view to their visitation in connection with the augmentation of stipends and other schemes of the church was considered and adopted. Committees on temperance, Sabbath school statistics, home missions and the state of religion were appointed for the year. The Rev. J. E. Trotter who was present at the forenoon sederunt was invited to sit and deliberate as a corresponding member. The Rev. Dr. O'Meara who was present in the afternoon received a similar invitation. The presbytery adjourned at 6 p. m. to meet in St. Andrew's church, Peterboro', at 10:30 a. m. on the 21st September.

SARNIA.—The Presbytery of Sarnia held its regular meeting in St. Andrew's church on Tuesday, 29th June, at 9 a. m.; Rev. R. W. Leitch, moderator, in the chair. Rev. J. L. Loughhead was appointed moderator for the next six months. There was laid on the table and read a communication from the Presbytery of Huron in regard to a proposition to confer with a committee appointed by them, inasmuch as it effects to some extent the congregation of Parkhill and McGillivray. It was agreed to receive the communication and appoint a committee to confer with representatives of the Huron Presbytery and report at next meeting. The matter of supplying Marthaville was then taken up. On motion of Mr. Cuthbertson, it was agreed that the present arrangement continue to the end of October, and in the meantime appoint a committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. Thompson, McCutcheon and Tibb, to confer with the Marthaville and Petrolia people in reference to future supply. The presbytery proceeded to hear trial discourses and exercises of Mr. R. C. Tibb, M.A., with a view to license. Questions usual in such cases were put by the moderator, and satisfactorily answered by Mr. Tibb, and after solemn prayer the moderator licensed Mr. Tibb to preach the gospel. The next regular meeting was appointed to be held in Strathroy, on the last Tuesday of September next, at 2 p. m. Deputies were appointed to visit aid-receiving congregations and mission stations. At the request of Rev. Mr. Beemer, the elders of Wyoming were appointed assessors with him in the management of Petrolia congregation, with a view of having elders elected and ordained as soon as possible. Standing committees were appointed for the year, first named to be convener. Leave was granted to the Forest congregation to have a call moderated in, if necessary, before next ordinary meeting. The presbytery adjourned to meet at 8 p. m. for the ordination of Mr. R. C. Tibb, at Burns church, and was closed with the benediction. GEO. CUTHBERTSON, Clerk.

TORONTO.—The regular meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto was held Tuesday, July 6th, in Knox church, the moderator, Rev. H. M. Parsons, in the chair. Rev. Herbert C. Ross, of the Methodist Church, and Rev. Wm. Whitfield, M.A., of the Church of Scotland, were received as members of the presbytery, permission having been given by the General Assembly at its late meeting. A call from the congregation of Cook's church, Toronto, to Rev. Wm. Patterson, of Knox College, was presented. The call was accepted by Mr. Patterson and sustained by the presbytery, and July 23rd at 2 p. m. fixed for the induction. Rev. Dr. Kellogg was appointed to preach, Rev. H. M. Parsons to preside and Rev. R. Wallace to address the people. The congregation of Mayfield presented a call to Rev. S. S. Craig, of Knox College. The call having been accepted by Mr. Craig was sustained, and July 19th was fixed for the induction. Rev. J. R. Gilchrist will preside, Rev. T. J. McClelland will preach and Rev. A. McPaul, Charleston, will address the people. The congregation of Camilla and Mono Centre presented a call to Rev. Geo. Ballantyne, of Knox College. The call having been accepted was sustained by the presbytery, July 19th was fixed for the induction. Rev. A. Gilray presented the report of the Home Mission Committee. It showed that all the missions in the presbytery are prospering, and stated that no grants are required for the summer. The hope was also expressed that none will be required for the winter work. The augmentation branch showed a reduction of \$475 in grants. The report was received and adopted. On motion of the Rev. Dr. Reid, seconded by Rev. P. McF. McLeod, the presbytery

resolved, in view of the resolution of the General Assembly, to do all in their power to maintain, and if possible, increase the efficiency of the Augmentation Fund. Rev. Dr. Reid brought up the matter of the restoration of Rev. Robt. McDowell memorial church at Fredericksburg. Dr. Reid expressed the hope that Mr. McDowell having been one of the Canadian pioneers of Presbyterianism the amount required to restore the church as a memorial would be raised, and that the presbytery would contribute. The whole amount required was \$1,200. Principal McIntyre, of the Brantford Ladies' College, addressed the presbytery on the claims of that institution to support by the Church. On motion of Rev. R. P. McKay, seconded by Rev. P. McF. McLeod, a resolution was adopted, commending the college to the support of the members of the Church, and expressing disapproval of the sending of Presbyterian young ladies to convent schools. A circular from the Rev. Dr. Torrance, convener of the Assembly's committee on the supply of vacancies, was read. It set forth the arrangements made by the Assembly at its last session. The machinery provided was discussed, but no action was necessary. Rev. John Muir moved a resolution expressing regret at parting with the members of the presbytery who will now become members of the new Presbytery of Orangeville. The resolution was unanimously adopted. On motion of the Rev. John Smith, the following were appointed to form the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee: Revs. Dr. Reid, Dr. Gregg, Dr. McLaren, E. D. McLaren, James Carmichael, John Muir, R. P. Mackay and A. Gilray, convener. Rev. John Muir reported that services had been commenced and a Sunday school opened at West Toronto Junction. He recommended that the mission be placed under the care of Chalmers church; that authority be given for the purchase of a lot, and that the mission be recommended to the liberality of the city laymen. On motion of Rev. A. Gilray the recommendations were adopted by the presbytery. John McKay, B.A., was then examined for licensure. He read a sermon and a lecture and was examined in Church history and theology. The presbytery was satisfied with the attainments of Mr. McKay. Rev. John Smith, who was moderator pro tem, licensed Mr. McKay in the name of the presbytery and delivered an exhortation to him. The presbytery then adjourned until the first Tuesday in September.

### HOME MISSIONS IN THE PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.

THE Presbytery of Winnipeg organized five new mission fields last year.

#### FORT WILLIAM

Lies about seven miles west of Port Arthur, and promises to be a place of some importance. The C. P. R. Company seem to like the place. They diverted their main line so as to run through the town, built an elevator there with a capacity of 750,000, and maintain the workshops built by the Mackenzie Government. They avail themselves also of the Kamistiquia for heavy freight. The congregation organized has a communion roll of 58, and the people pledge themselves to give \$600 for the support of ordinances. Two Sabbath schools are organized, one at Ft. William proper and the other at what used to be called the Town Plot.

#### FORT FRANCES.

Rainy River is the outlet of the lake of that name. The river is about 80 miles long, and forms part of the boundary between Canada and the United States. On the Canadian side there is said to be good land for 40 or 50 miles back of the river and along its entire length. The district suffered much in the past by its isolation and distance from market. The Ontario Government seem disposed to build a railway to Rainy River, and in that case much mineral and agricultural land will be rendered accessible. The farms taken up front on the river—French-Canadian fashion—and extend for a considerable distance to the rear. All the land is heavily timbered, and a good deal of lumbering has been carried on. Fort Frances is a village prettily situated at the falls, near the source of the river. The most of the settlers are within 15 or 20 miles of Fort Frances, although scattering houses are found along the whole length of the stream. The river empties into the Lake of the Woods, the mouth being about 80 miles from Rat Portage. About 50 families adhere to our Church in the district, and there are 17 communicants. Services are conducted at three places farther down the stream than Fort Frances. A neat frame church was built at Fort Frances last season. This is the beginning of work in what may yet prove a wide and important field.

#### GREYNA

Is a village on the railway, about 18 miles west of Emerson, and quite close to the international boundary. There are about 25 families in the place, but the surrounding country is taken up by Mennonites. The people unitedly and liberally support ordinances. Our own Church is the only denomination ministering to the people. There is a good Sabbath school, and the people are preparing to build a church this summer.

#### WHITEMOUTH

Is a village on the C. P. R., east of Selkirk, and derives its importance from being the centre of a lumbering territory. The place was supplied last winter from Manitoba College, but a student was put in charge this summer, and Brokenhead associated with Whitemouth. Ranchmen are taking up land along the Brokenhead, and there is a prospect of a good settlement.

#### WINNIPEG NORTH.

In the northern part of Winnipeg a mission Sabbath school was started in connection with St. Andrew's church. Services were held in the afternoon. The attendance increased, and the people interested set about building a mission church. This has been done, the congregation possessing a neat frame structure free from debt. The presbytery recently gave the mission an independent existence, and there is a prospect of growth. So far no aid has been asked from the funds of the Church.

That five new fields should have been occupied in the Presbytery of Winnipeg during the past year is significant. As the vacant lands within the boundaries of the presbytery are taken up, there will be room for continuous activity on the part of the presbytery in meeting the wants of new districts.

"Specially do Thou bless this portion of Thy vineyard." "Specially bless the pastor of this congregation." "Specially bless the church Thou hast established in our midst." These phrases sound strange ever since I heard George MacDonald say, "God knows no 'specialties'."

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