

REV. E. COCKBURN, M.A., Paris, assisted at the preparatory services of the Princeton Communion.

On Friday last Rev. Dr. Smith, of Queen's, lectured in Cobourg on "Girls I have known." It was a famous victory.

THE annual report of St. John's church, Dalhousie, N.B., for 1893, shows:—Congregational purposes, \$1,728, of which \$635 were paid on the new churches at Maple Green and Dundee. Schemes of the church, \$392. Other religious and benevolent purposes, \$108. In all \$2,228.

REV. PRINCIPAL McVIGAN preached in Henry's church to large congregations. At the close of the evening service he spoke of his pleasure at recognizing signs of increased spiritual growth, and of a livelier interest in God's work among the congregation.

A DEPUTATION from the Peterboro' Presbytery made a friendly visitation to Baltimore, Ont., recently. The deputation consisted of Rev. J. Hay, of Cobourg, and Rev. Dr. Smith, of Port Hope. Mr. Hay in his address made an eloquent appeal for the maintenance of the rite of family worship in the congregation. Dr. Smith ably seconded the appeal and also urged the advisability of more congregational singing. Both gentlemen spoke in terms of high commendation of the work accomplished during the past year by Rev. J. R. Gilchrist and his congregation, but urged them not to rest upon their laurels, but to let the past be a stimulus for the future.

THE Presbyterians of Blenheim are stirring themselves and have serious thought of erecting a new church building which will be ample for their own requirements and a credit to the town. At a meeting on Monday evening of last week, the committee reported subscriptions so far to the amount of \$4,084. It was decided to prosecute the canvas for four weeks longer. Should there be a disposition on the part of any considerable section of the congregation to take no part in the new building it is not likely that it will be pushed for the present. So for the sake of both congregation and town it is to be hoped that all concerned will help nobly in the good work.

THE congregation of Elmsdale and Nine Mile River raised for all purposes \$1,320.00. Out of this \$323.00 were given to the schemes; College, \$20.00; Home Missions, \$27.00; Augmentation, \$20.00; French Evangelization, \$53.00; Foreign Missions, \$192.00; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$8.00; Assembly, \$5.00; Elmsdale section paid \$175.00 on the principal of the manse debt. The Y.P.S.C.E. and S.S. support a pupil in Pt. aux Trembles. Nine Mile River and Hardwoodland C.E. societies gave about \$6.00 each to Foreign Missions on New Year's night. The pastor and the mistress of the manse were surprised by a party of young people, bringing with them their gifts and good wishes.

A MEETING of the Brampton congregation, called by the Moderator, Rev. Robt. Haddow, of Milton, to consider the pulpit vacancy of St. Andrew's church, Brampton, was held in the church school room on Tuesday evening of last week. The Moderator explained that at a previous meeting a motion had been put to the congregation, in effect extending a call to a Mr. Clark, at present a student at McGill's College, Montreal, and although a large majority favoured said motion, still quite a number showed their disapproval. Mr. Clark, the moderator intimated, was not eligible to receive a call until he had completed his studies and had been duly and properly made a licensed minister; however, that if a call were made unanimous, Mr. Clark, if he so desired, could bind himself to become the pastor of the church when his studies were finished and he had received such proper license, and in like manner the congregation could bind itself to receive Mr. Clark at expiration of such time. The Moderator said the course now required would be a motion in effect that the motion moved at last meeting extending a call to Mr. Clark be made unanimous. Mr. Alexander moved such a motion, seconded by Mr. John McClure. There were nearly 400 members of the congregation present and out of that number about 20 persons objected. So the matter rests just where it began. Mr. Clark has intimated that he

will not accept the vacant pulpit unless the congregation is absolutely unanimous in the matter.

### Dedication of the New Presbyterian Church, Nanaimo, B.C.

SABBATH, the 11th day of February, was a day of great rejoicing among the Presbyterians of Nanaimo. A magnificent brick and stone church, with an auditorium and gallery capable of seating between nine and twelve hundred people was opened and dedicated to the worship of God. The edifice was designed by Warrou H. Hayes, of Minneapolis, and is considered one of the finest and most complete churches on the Pacific coast. The Rev. D. A. McRae, B.A., the pastor, presided at the dedicatory service. On the platform was the Rev. Alexander Young, one of the oldest and best known ministers of our Church, the Rev. Dr. Campbell, late of Collingwood, Ont., and now pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Victoria; the Rev. J. W. McMillan, B.A., of Vancouver, and the Rev. R. R. Maitland, LL.B., of the Methodist church of this city. The Rev. Dr. Campbell preached the dedicatory sermon. That it was filled with the blessed Gospel clearly, forcibly, and eloquently presented need scarcely be said. The Rev. Alexander Young offered the dedicatory prayer. It was a rare treat for those present, especially for the ministers, to have one of the oldest and most faithful ministers of the Church, now retired through loss of health brought on by hard pioneer work in British Columbia, lead in this most solemn part of the service. At 3 p.m. the Rev. R. R. Maitland, LL.B., preached a most appropriate and eloquent sermon to a large and appreciative audience. The Rev. J. W. McMillan, of Vancouver, one of the rising lights of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, preached in the evening to an over-crowded house.

On Monday evening, the 12th, a grand dinner was served by the ladies in the old church. After dinner a sacred concert was given in the new church. The auditorium and gallery were filled with people who listened with rapt attention to anthems, choruses and solos. The audience was completely carried away with the vocal solos of Mr. J. G. Brown, director of Dr. Campbell's church choir, Victoria.

On Tuesday evening the 13th, between two and three hundred children assembled in the old church where dinner was served by the ladies. Dinner over, they entered the new church to listen to a well chosen programme prepared by Mrs. McRae.

This is the third Presbyterian church that has been dedicated upon the same site within twenty-eight years, the first was dedicated on July 22nd, 1866, the second on Nov. 25th, 1888, the third on Feb. 11th, 1894. The late Rev. R. Jamieson organized the first Presbyterian church in Nanaimo in the old court house, on the 26th November, 1865. He was followed by Rev. J. Aitken. After the pastorate of Mr. Aitken had terminated the congregation by its own request was taken under the care of the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland. This committee sent out in succession, the Rev. J. Clyde, the Rev. A. H. Anderson and the Rev. J. Miller. All these ministers received aid from the Colonial Committee; even the last minister received aid up to the time he left in Dec., 1890. After Mr. Miller had left there followed a long and trying vacancy. The congregation dwindled down to a mere handful. At last at the unanimous appeal of the congregation, and at the request of the Presbytery of Columbia, the Rev. D. A. McRae, minister of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, was induced to take charge of the work on the 25th December, 1891. Upon application to the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian church, he was received into the Church in which he was born and educated, and was installed pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Nanaimo, on August the 4th, 1891. By the hearty co-operation of the members and adherents of the church as well as the citizens of Nanaimo in general, he has been enabled to do a great and grand work for the Lord in this city. May the Lord of all grace own and bless the work.

### Presbytery of Quebec.

THE Presbytery of Quebec met in Morrin College on the 27th and 28th February, Rev. D. Tait presiding. There was a large attendance of ministers with a fair number of elders. Rev. Jas. MacLennan was invited to sit with the Presbytery. Rev. A. T. Love submitted the Home Mission report showing the state of the fields, the supply given and the grants needed. Grants to augmented congregation and mission stations were considered and revised. The following were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly, viz.: ministers, Prof. Macadam, D. Tait, J. R. MacLeod, A. McColl, A. T. Love, and John Turnbull; and elders Messrs. Robt. Brodie, J. O. Thompson, Jas. Davidson, Dr. Thompson, Jno. Whyte, and G. B. Ramsay. Rev. Dr. G. L. Mackay, of Formosa, was nominated for the moderatorship of General Assembly, and Rev. Dr. Lamont for that of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa. On the recommendation of the committee appointed to consider the accounts of the late congregation of Richmond and Melbourne, the Presbytery expressed its judgment that Melbourne owes Richmond \$168.16. Reports on the state of religion, Sabbath schools and temperance, were received, considered, and ordered to be transmitted to the Synod of the bounds. On motion of Rev. Hugh Craig, it was resolved to invite the Quebec District of the Methodist Church to meet with the Presbytery to consider the best ways and means of advancing Christ's work within the bounds. Rev. H. Craig and D. Tait were appointed to convey the Presbytery's fraternal greeting to the said district meeting. The committee appointed to receive the remits from the Assembly presented and read their report, which was considered at length. The Presbytery resolved to adopt the report with slight emendations, which is in brief as follows: 1. Hymnal.—(a) That the present hymnal be enlarged and versed. (b) That the entire Psalter and paraphrases be incorporated in the proposed book of praise. (c) That psalms, if necessary, be with new versions. (d) That some hymns in the present Hymnal should be dropped and others added. The Presbytery recommends that hymns 43, 53, 109, 198 and 309 in the present Hymnal be retained; that hymn 172, Children's Hymnal, be dropped, also verse 3 of hymn 16 among the proposed additions; and that the hymns beginning "God be with you till we meet again," and "Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears" be added. (e) That a sufficient number of hymns suitable for the young, including selections from, and additions to those in the Children's Hymnal be incorporated in the revised Hymnal, it being understood that this is not to do away with a separate Hymnal for the young. 2. Appointment of professors.—This Presbytery is of opinion that the best method of appointing professors is that the same be nominated by the college boards and appointed by the General Assembly; at the same time the Presbytery does not consider it necessary to have absolute uniformity in the method of appointment so long as appointments cannot take effect without the approval of the Assembly. 3. Representation of mission stations.—The Presbytery recommend that mission stations in which there are organized sessions, be represented in Church courts. 4. Enlarged powers of Synods.—The Presbytery disapproved of the remit. Leave was granted to the congregations of Lanark and Hampden to moderate in a call when ready. A very interesting and encouraging report was read by Rev. D. Tait, convener of the Presbytery's committee on French work, showing the fields occupied and the encouragements and difficulties met with in the work. Rev. N. Macphoe tendered his resignation of Maraboro congregation. The resignation will be dealt with on the 14th March. It was resolved to take no further steps in the meantime, to bring about a union between Lake Megantic and Maraboro, and Hampden and Winslow. It was resolved to ask the General Assembly to grant Mr. Wm. E. Asho the standing of second year in theology, Messrs. J. R. MacLeod and H. T. Love to support the application.—J. R. MacLeod, Clerk.