

A private letter received lately from Rev. Dr. Torrance, records his safe arrival at Moville, Ireland, after a delightful passage by the steamer *Salsman*, of the Dominion Line. After a day or two in Londonderry and vicinity, Dr. Torrance went on to England. He expects to sail for home on August 27th, or possibly Aug. 20th.

We regret to learn that Rev. Dr. Battisby, Chatham, was much more seriously hurt by the recent driving accident than he was aware of. He occupied his pulpit as usual on the succeeding Sabbath. Since then he has been suffering a great deal as a result of the shock. He was not able to conduct the services on Sunday last.

The Rev. W. G. Jordan, B.A., of Strathroy, who is becoming widely and well-known as an instructive and suggestive preacher, has occupied for the two last Sabbaths the pulpit of St James' Square, Toronto, Rev. Louis H. Jordan's with much acceptance. He will always receive a cordial welcome to St. James' Square, where his services are much appreciated.

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Rev. Nathaniel Paterson, formerly minister of the Hanover Presbyterian Church, died at Hanover on Sabbath last, August 2nd. Mr. Paterson was a son of Rev. N. Paterson, D.D., of Glasgow, Scotland, a Moderator of the Free Church General Assembly, who when minister of Galashiels helped Sir Walter Scott to lay out the grounds and woods of Abbotsford, and who was author of "the Manse Garden."

The St. James Church at Scotch Ridge, N.B., has recently been re-opened after renovation both without and within. A very large congregation attended the re-opening service, which was of a most interesting nature. Rev. Mr. Hawley, of Milltown, a former pastor, gave a pleasing review of the history of the church from its foundation over eighty years ago. In the hands of the new pastor, Rev. Wm. Peacock, the work is progressing and promises well for the future.

Rev. R. N. Grant, D.D., of Orillia, it appears from private letters, is having a very pleasant time in Scotland. He visited Glasgow when it was in the midst of a fair; and when last heard from was sailing up the Caledonia Canal, en route to Inverness and the Highlands. Dr. Grant spent a few enjoyable hours with "Ian MacLaren" in Liverpool. He is booked to sail from Liverpool on the 27th inst., and is expected to occupy his own pulpit on the second Sunday in September.

The *Seaforth Expositor* says:—We notice that Rev. Hugh A. McPherson, who was assistant to Rev. Dr. McDonald, in Seaforth last summer, has received a call from the congregation of Knox Church, Acton, and that he has accepted the call. Mr. McPherson's many friends here will be pleased to learn of his preferment by the Acton congregation, who, we are sure, are to be congratulated on their choice, as Mr. McPherson is not only a good preacher, but a most excellent young man.

The *Orillia News* says:—Rev. J. M. Duncan preached two very scholarly and edifying sermons in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday week. There were large and attentive congregations both morning and evening. The pulpit will be occupied by Rev. S. H. Eastman, of Oshawa, for the next three Sundays; on August 23rd, Rev. W. R. McIntosh, B.D., of Allandale, will preach, and on the 30th, Rev. J. Leishman, New Lowell. Mr. Eastman delighted the congregation when here one Sunday in June, and his three weeks' stay in Orillia will be welcomed with pleasure by the many who listened to him on that occasion.

The Presbytery of Toronto met recently at Union Church, Etobicoke, for the ordination and induction of the Rev. W. A. McKay, called to be minister over the Norval and Union congregations. Mr. McKay graduated from Knox College in April of this year, and was licensed by the Presbytery of Toronto in June. The congregations at Union and Norval have been vacant since June of 1895, when Rev. James Argo tendered his resignation of that charge. At the close of the services the moderator of the session during the vacancy, the Rev. J. C. Tibb, of Streetsville, was presented with an address and a purse of money for his services during the term the pulpit was vacant.

The attendance at the monthly Gaelic service in Knox Church, Toronto, on Sunday week was more than double what it was a month ago. Quite a few came several miles to hear the Gospel in their native tongue. Dr. Mackay preached from Eph. v. 14, dividing his text into three heads. I. A Sad State, "asleep and dead," implying (a) darkness, (b) danger, (c) disease, (d) insensibility, (e) inactivity. II. The Gracious Call, "Awake and arise from the dead." (a) Sinners are called by the reading of the Word and the preaching of the Gospel; (b) by the events of Providence; (c) by the voice of conscience, which is God's vicegerent in the human breast. III. A Precious Promise, "Christ shall give thee light," denoting (a) spiritual knowledge, (b) spotless purity and (c) everlasting blessedness. Inferences drawn from the text—(1) God's wonderful condescension. (2) The ample provisions of Divine love. (3) The awful end of those who obey not this call.

The Rev. Dr. Chiniquy, who is an expert angler, and now in his eighty-seventh year, has been visiting his native county of L'Islet, and has been surprising the people by his climbing mountains like a young man. He says he has experienced great kindness, even from the Cures, who are also surprised to see him visit their churches. This he does to look up old registers of his friends long since departed. He sees in his native place the sons, grandsons, and even great-grandsons of the men who were companions of his youth; and he speaks to them of their ancestors. They are surprised to hear him. Some of them having heard false reports of Father Chiniquy being dead are surprised greatly to see his sprightly vivacity, and they say to him, "You are not dead—we have been deceived by false reports." Dr. Chiniquy praises greatly the people and scenery of L'Islet County, and says Canada shall yet see the French-Canadians achieve great progress toward liberty of conscience and a knowledge of the true gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Recently a largely-attended meeting was held of St. Stephen's Church, St. John, N.B., to bid farewell to the Rev. Dr. Macrae, who has been pastor of the congregation for 22 years. previous to his departure for the city of Quebec to enter upon the duties of Principal of Morrin College. The chair was occupied by Mr. A. Chipman Smith, who in a brief address referred to the many changes which had taken place in the congregation during Dr. Macrae's pastorate, and of the kind feeling which had always marked the relations between pastor and people. An affectionately worded address was presented to Dr. Macrae, which was signed by the members of the congregation. Addresses were delivered by several clergymen of the city, all expressive of regret at the departure from the city of Dr. Macrae, and of good wishes for his future success. After refreshments had been served, an address was presented by the chairman on behalf of the ladies, who presented their late pastor with a study table and a handsome chair, and an address was also presented by the officers and teachers of the Sunday-school. Dr. Macrae returned thanks to his friends for their kindness, and replied in very suitable terms to the addresses with which he had been honoured. We join with the doctor's friends by the sea in wishing him a long and successful career in his new, arduous and responsible field of service.

The tenth anniversary of the day upon which the Rev. J. K. McLeod first occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Brighton, as pastor, was Sunday, the 26th ult., and he then took occasion to preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion, at the conclusion of which he gave some interesting statistics which we quote from the *Brighton Ensign*:—"The number of families composing the congregation in 1886 was 68, while the present number is 65, but 28 families have removed during the interval, so that while there is an apparent loss of 3 families, there is really a gain of 25. In 1886 there were enrolled as communicants 76, and at the present time there are on the roll 112, although during the period 62 have been removed through certificate or death. That the reverend gentleman's position has been so secure is shown by the fact that during the ten years of his pastorate he has prepared and delivered no less than 1035 sermons, and has made 1025 prayer-meeting addresses. During all these years he has had but eight weeks' holidays, and at no time during his absence has his congregation been without a substitute. Fifty-one couples were married during the period, and baptism administered 55 times, 18 being adults and 37 infants. The number of burials amounted to 83 of which 37 were not connected with the congregation, and there has been no death in the congregation since December 1894." During the ten years the church debt has been so reduced that the balance now existing amounts only to \$700; and during the whole period the managers have never had to report a deficit at the end of the year.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

BRANDON: This Presbytery met in Brandon on Tuesday, July 14th, at 10 a.m., members present:—Messrs Carswell, Beattie, Moore, Chestnut, McDiarmid, Shearer, ministers, and Todd, Elder, Ives, Richards, elders. A unanimous call was presented by Mr. McDiarmid of Oak Lake congregation in favor of Rev. J. M. Gray, of Stirling, Ont. It was sustained and ordered to be forwarded, and arrangements were made for prosecuting call before Kingston Presbytery. The stipend promised is \$900 with free use of manse. Mr. Wm. Tennant was enrolled as Presbytery elder for Carberry. Standing committees were appointed with conveners as follows:

—Home Mission and Augmentation, W. Beattie; Sabbath Schools, W. H. Irwin; Statistics and Finance, T. R. Shearer; Young People's Societies, E. A. Henry; Church Life and Work, D. Carswell; Examination of Students, A. Moore; Maintenance of Manitoba College, T. C. Court; Foreign Missions, W. Beattie. Mr. John Gray was taken under care of Presbytery as students with ministry in view. Allocations were made for Schemes of the Church; the accounts of the Treasurer of Presbytery and of Home Mission Committee were audited and several other items of business transacted.—T. R. SHEARER, Clerk.

BARRIE: This Presbytery met at Barrie on 28th July at 10.30 a.m. There was a smaller attendance of members than usual, and a short docket of business. Mr. Henry was elected Moderator for the next six months. The Rev. Messrs. Carruthers, of Dovercourt, and Ross of Glenoe, were present and invited to sit with the Presbytery. The resignation of the charge of Airle, Blackbank, and Banda, tendered by Mr. Gallagher at former meeting, was taken up, and after lengthened discussion accepted. The Moderator (Rev. J. K. Henry, of Creemore), was appointed to declare the congregations vacant on Sept. 20th, and to act as Moderator of Session during the vacancy. Applications for hearing should be addressed to Mr. Henry. Mr. Smith, Moderator of Session of First West Gwillimbury and Monkman's, reported that these congregations were expected soon to give a call. The resignation of Huntsville and Allansville was tendered by Mr. Sieveright, and laid over to a special meeting to be held at Barrie on Aug. 11th, at 2.30 p.m., to be then disposed of. A committee was appointed to visit Banks, Gibraltar, and St. Andrew's Church, Nottawasaga, to ascertain what supply will be suitable for them after the missionary now on the field shall leave. Leave was granted to the congregations of Towline and Ivy to sell the manse property at Thornton. Dr. McCrae gave notice of motion that the Presbytery hold four regular meetings during the year instead of six as at present.—ROBT. MOONIE, Clerk.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

(From Winnipeg Tribune.)

Rev. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of Presbyterian missions, returned recently from an eastern visit in connection with the raising of funds for mission work.

Interviewed as to his success, Dr. Robertson prefaced his reply with a short explanation. He said that the Board of Manitoba College had asked the General Assembly to be allowed to go back to the old arrangement in having theological classes conducted at the same time that the arts classes were in session. Those interested in the home mission work, however, opposed this resolution strenuously before the Assembly, because it would deal a serious blow to the work. From the outset it has been difficult to get men to supply the missions in winter, and as the work has grown the difficulty has increased. At the end of September next, for example, between 70 and 80 missions west of Lake Superior will be vacant, and it will simply be impossible to get men to take the places of the students returning at that time to college. Students attending the summer session at Manitoba College will likely occupy 24 or 25 of these fields, but if there should not be any summer session, it would be safe to say that 40 at least of the missions would have to go without supply, and this would be a serious hindrance to the progress of the work.

The sole reason the Board had for asking for a change was a financial one. It is evident to any person that to keep a college open for eleven months in the year instead of seven or eight months means a very material increase of expenditure, and the Principal is anxious that the income and expenditure should nearly equalize; as the summer session arrangement threatened a deficit he was anxious to effect some change by which financial affairs could be properly adjusted. After discussion in the assembly, a committee was appointed to raise the sum of \$1,500 a year, special subscription, and arrangements were made for which at least \$3,000 more should be secured from collections in Ontario and the Maritime Provinces. Dr. Robertson was appointed convener of the committee for special subscriptions.

In the east Dr. Robertson met with great encouragement. In Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton and Ottawa, he came in contact with a number of prominent supporters, and although many others from whom subscriptions are certain were away for their holidays and could not be seen, his list shows promises of \$1,350 of the \$1,500 per year required. The amounts have been promised for three years, by which time it is hoped that some permanent adjustment may be considered advisable.

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The Girl's Mission Band of Knox Church, Winnipeg, held their annual lawn social on the 27th ult., at the residence of Mr. Robt. Bryce, Assiniboine street. The evening was a perfect one, and a large number attended the social, enjoying the delights of ice cream and music amid the most pleasant surroundings imaginable. Rustic seats were placed about the lawn, which was lighted by Chinese lanterns, and those present who preferred it were able to sit under the trees, and listen to the programme given inside the house. The receipts were liberal, and go to assist the ladies in their mission work.—*Winnipeg Tribune*.

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Guelph, July, 1896.

JAMES MILLS, M.A., President.