

TORONTO.

Dr. Armstrong Black has been asked by the office-bearers to occupy the pulpit of St. John's Wood Presbyterian Church on his return to England during the months of July and August. The minister of the church is Dr. J. Monro Gibson, who is a Canadian, and who has been during the last twenty-five years one of the most distinguished leaders and preachers in the Presbyterian Church of England.

At the induction of Rev. James Little into the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church, Brampton, there were present Rev. Alfred Grandier, Prof. Robertson, Principal McLaren, of Knox College; Dr. Duncan, of Unionville, moderator of the presbytery; Rev. Mr. Tibb, and others. Mr. Little was warmly welcomed by the members of his new charge.

W. A. McTaggart, B. A., of Wychwood, Presbyterian Church, who has been taking part of his theological course under Prof. Denney of Glasgow, has returned, and will resume his pastoral work on Sunday.

The death is announced at Aberdeen of Rev. Stewart Dinwiddie Fordyce Salmond, principal of the United Free Church college there, and the author of many religious works. The late Mr. Salmond, M. A., D.D., F.E., I.S., was professor of systematic theology and exegesis of the epistles in the United Free Church college, Aberdeen, since 1876. He was principal of the college since 1898. He was born in Aberdeen, June 22, 1838, and was educated in the grammar school university and Free Church college, and at Erlangen university. He was professor of Greek in Aberdeen University for three years, examiner in classics for three years, and at the time of his death was examiner in the B. D. degree. He was a minister of the Free Church of Barry, Forfarshire, Scotland for 11 years. Prof. Salmond published a number of translations from the Greek authors, and wrote a number of commentaries and religious books.

Mr. T. C. Brown, M. A., now a graduate student in Edinburgh University, and an assistant to Very Rev. Dr. Cameron Lees in St. Giles' Cathedral, has been engaged by St. Andrew's church to take charge of the work of the congregation for a period of three months, beginning next week. Mr. Brown is an honor graduate and medalist in philosophy of Queen's University. He took two years in divinity at the Kingston school, and is completing his work at Edinburgh. He is a preacher of exceptional ability. Last year he preached in Lindsay Presbyterian church for three months, and was recognized there and among Queen's students as a brilliant pulpit light.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN NOTES.

Australia pays 200,000 pounds a year in salaries to members of parliament.

The Duke of Argyll has been elected chief of Greenock Highland society.

Many young men from Berwickshire have emigrated to Canada this season.

The health of the Rev. Dr. Black, High Church, Inverness, continues steadily to improve.

Lord Salisbury has requested all the farmers on his estates to remove all barbed wire from their holdings.

Rev. A. B. A. Macaulay, Dundee, is spoken of as a probable successor to "Ian MacLaren" in Sefton Park church, Liverpool.

A "Granite City" elder has given notice of a motion with a view of asking the General Assembly to revise the metrical Psalms.

Twopence a day is the cost at which a member of the Glasgow Health Culture society finds it possible to keep the human lamp burning.

The managers of one of the Kilmarlock churches found a golden sovereign in the plate one Sunday morning. Some one had blundered!

In 1903 Britain paid nearly six and two-third millions of sterling money for imported eggs, the number of which steadily increases from year to year.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.

Kingston, April 24.—There are 103 degrees announced at Queen's University on Saturday afternoon. There were 57 B. A.'s; 22 M. A.'s; 19 B.Sc.'s; 1 M. E. and 4 theological testaments. There were 16 ladies obtaining B.A.'s and 6 M.A.'s. Those in Eastern Ontario who secured degrees are:

B. A.—R. W. Beveridge, Port Elmslev; N. H. Anning, Oxmead, A. Bright, Montreal; Isabel S. Bryson, Ottawa; C. I. Curtin, Brockville; Helena Dodson, Union; W. S. Fleming, Franktown; D. A. Gillies, Carleton Place; W. G. Grove, Rimwood; F. A. Jones, Ottawa; A. J. Kidd, Prospect; Kathleen M. Michell, Perth; Annie K. McGregor, Grace McGregor, Almonte; N. McLeod, Dunvegan; Ethel L. Ostrom, Alexandria; J. F. Pringle, Cornwall.

There are 14 B. A.'s from Kingston.

M. A.—S. E. J. Beckett, Kintail; D. R. Cameron, Lancaster; A. McP. Bothwell, Perth; W. A. Boland, Killaloe Station; Hosie Elder, Elder's Mills; L. M. Macdougall, Brockville. There are six M.A.'s granted to Kingstonians.

B.Sc.—E. A. Collins, Copper Cliff, (mining); A. L. Cummings, Cornwall, (civil); E. W. Henderson, Almonte, (electrical); W. A. Johnston, M. A. Athens, (civil); O. M. Montgomery, W. L. McIlhugham, Lanark, (electrical); H. H. Scott, Perth, (electrical); D. Sloan, Perth, (mining); W. C. Way, Brockville, (electrical-mechanical).

Granted B. D.—Hugh Cowan, B. A., Shakespear; James C. McConachie, B. A., Demorestville; William H. McInnes, B. A., Vankleek Hill; D. M. Solaridt, B. A., Kingston; Charles C. Whiting, B. A., Toledo.

Honorary degrees of D.D.—Rev. Eber Crummy, B. A., B.Sc., Kingston; Rev. J. R. Battersby, Ph. D., Chatham; Rev. Jos. A. Fleck, M.A., Montreal.

Honorary degree of LL.D.—J. J. Bray, M. D., Chatham; D. D. McBeam, New York, builder of the subway in that city, and an eminent inventor.

Sunday afternoon in Convocation hall Rev. Eber Crummy, B. A., B.Sc., pastor of Brock Street Methodist church, preached the baccalaureate sermon on the theme "The Fundamental Element in the Resurrection."

CALL TO PRAYER.

The following letter has been sent to all the sessions in the Presbytery of Guelph with the request that special emphasis be laid upon it in the pulpit:—

"As a result of the spontaneous spiritual awakening in Wales and other regions, tidings of which constantly reach us, an intense desire was expressed at a recent Conference of ministers and elders in connection with the Presbytery of Guelph that all the lives touched by the church services within the bounds of the Presbytery may be visited as never before with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit."

The movement in Wales is known to have had no visible origin, no human direction, but to have started in the believing prayer of expectant hearts. Prayer—unceasing, direct and earnest—sustains it.

The Presbytery would therefore urge that in all our congregations—in secret, at the family altar, at stated services and prayer meetings, in Sunday Schools and at Teachers' Meetings, as well as at special gatherings, pre-arranged or spontaneous—the hearts of our people unitedly approach the Throne of Grace to plead that Christ may show Himself in quickening, saving, power: in order that those who know Him not, may know Him; and those who know Him, may know Him better.

This call to prayer is issued in the persuasion that the Holy Spirit will manifest Himself among us in response to definite pleading and consecrated action. If ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?

Indore College Prize Distribution.

The annual prize distribution at the Indore College and School, which was held on March 18th, was attended with more than usual ceremony. The agent to the Governor-General with his suite, members of council, the principal of Daly College for chiefs, and many other officials were present. On the platform were Major and Mrs. Daly, the Prime Minister of Indore, Rev. W. A. Wilson and the principal, Rev. R. A. King.

The Principal in welcoming Major Daly spoke at length on the Government's educational policy. The adverse criticism of the native press had been concentrated upon the matter of higher education, which did not hold the most prominent place in the policy. Infinitely more important were primary and secondary education, and it was astonishing to find that the broad, same foundation which the Government had laid, had been almost overlooked. The paragraphs dealing with this showed a splendid grasp of detail and an intimate knowledge of what was best in methods of teaching.

To put these suggestions into effect, organization was a necessity. This also was provided for in British India where Government had full control. But this could not be urged in the case of native states where each regulated its own internal affairs. Here was one of the peculiar educational problems of Central India. A uniformity of grading, of examinations, of interschol laws might commend itself to all, but it could not be effected without organization.

The Principal thought that much might be done in this direction by mutual agreement. The week before, he had presided at a meeting of the headmasters of Central India. They recognized that one had no authority over the other as representing different states, but they also recognized the necessity of coming to an understanding on many subjects. If one might take the unanimity and good feeling which existed as an indication of the future, he might safely say that much could be done along this line. He trusted that all in authority would look favorably on this effort to further the cause of education in Central India.

The agent in reply said that as a newcomer he must be guided mainly by what his predecessors had left on file. He found it recorded that the mission at Indore had done efficient work, medically and educationally. Replying to the Principal's remarks on the Government's policy he stated that the Viceroy had the matter of education very much at heart and it followed that all officials must do what was in their power to put into effect.

Mrs. Daly then distributed the prizes won in college and school on the year's work. The proportion of these captured by boys in the Christian Hostel was very gratifying.

The greetings of the presbytery were conveyed by Mr. Wilson who seized the opportunity to give the students a word of advice on success in school and out of it.

The college enters upon another session's work. It has been decided to give no mid-summer vacation, but to continue classes until the annual plague outbreak in August. Then holidays will be taken and a serious loss of time prevented. It means, however, trying work for the staff during the hot months. Lectures now begin at half-past six in the morning.

In another way the work of the next session is going to be particularly heavy. Application for affiliation with the University of Allahabad was made according to the new Universities' Act and was granted unanimously by the Syndicate and Senate. Those who begin the course now will take that of Allahabad. But those who are in the college already must finish their work in Calcutta. This means practically the teaching of two courses during next session—not a very light undertaking. The new University of Allahabad will be opened in 1905.