

## Church News.

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### In Canada.

REV. R. LEITCH has had to resign his charge at Delhi.

REV. A. W. MAHON, of P.E.I., has been inducted to the pastorate of Greenwich church, St. Andrew's.

THE Sabbath school anniversary at Greenbank, Ont., was a great success. The gross proceeds amounted to \$101.

THE Rev. A. B. Winchester is the moderator of the session for Central Presbyterian church, Victoria, during its vacancy.

REV. G. B. GREIG, formerly of Paisley, has been inducted as pastor of the Presbyterian congregation of Cookstown, Simcoe county.

THE death is announced of Mr. John Watson, of Kincardine, an old and esteemed member of the church there, and a much respected citizen.

THE following have been elected elders of Knox church, Kincardine: Messrs. F. E. Coombe, D. L. McKay, R. Donald, Wm. Millar, Donald McLennan and John Montilaws.

REV. R. E. KNOWLES, of Stewarton church, received a cordial welcome and a complimentary address from his congregation on his recent return from the south where he had spent some months recuperating.

REV. J. CAMPBELL, of Graton, met with a most unfortunate accident the other day. While driving near the Sauble river, north of Lucan, his horse took fright at a gypsy camp and shied. Mr. Campbell was thrown ten feet out of the buggy, falling heavily on his right side, and sustained serious injuries.

On the evening of Wednesday, the 29th ult., about fifty young people belonging to the Mandamin congregation, assembled at the manse, and during the course of the evening, a kindly worded address, and a handsome and costly secretary were presented to Miss Lochhead, as a token of the high esteem in which she is held by the young people of the congregation.

AN admirable little manual on temperance has been issued by the Assembly's Committee on Temperance, which ought to be widely circulated, especially among the young. It contains much interesting information regarding the Assembly's "plan of work," and a copy of the pledge is reproduced. The suggestions for beginning temperance work in a congregation will be found especially helpful.

VERY interesting services were held on May 25th, on the fifth anniversary of Mr. Fairlie's settlement over Lansdowne, etc. On Sabbath the services were conducted by Revs. Dr. Ross, of Queen's, and J. J. Wright, of Lys. On the Monday a gathering social and musical was held. Appropriate addresses were given by Dr. Ross, J. J. Wright and Mr. Gracey, of Gananoque. Mr. Fairlie and his estimable wife are very greatly beloved by this people.

DR. SMITH, of Kingston, conducted the anniversary services in the St. Andrew's church, Peterboro, on June 2nd. The services were much appreciated by very large congregations. It being just four years since the induction of the Rev. A. MacWilliams, flattering reference was made to the exceptional growth of the congregation during these years. On Monday evening the Doctor delivered a most interesting lecture to a large audience on "The boys I knew at home."

REV. JOHN W. TANNER, B.A., late of Windsor Mills, Que., was inducted to the pastorate of Omemoossee church, on the 25th ult. There were large attendances at the various services. Rev. John Ewing, who resigned the pastorate of this congregation in December, 1893, after being their minister for forty-four years, was present. He gave a brief resume of his pastorate which was very interesting. During the forty-four years that he labored among this people there was nothing

but harmony and the most kindly feeling between him and the members of the congregation and also the ministers of other denominations.

MR. W. G. SMITH, recently appointed to Callender field by the Presbytery of Barrie, was ordained to the work of the ministry by the Presbytery on the evening of the 4th inst. Rev. A. Findlay, Superintendent of Missions, presided and gave the charge to the minister. Rev. J. J. Cochrane, M. A., of Sundridge, preached the ordination sermon, and the Rev. J. McMillan, of North Bay, addressed the people. Mr. Smith's appointment forms an important link in the chain of ordained missionaries in the northern part of this Presbytery, and as the appointment is by the request of the people, much good is expected to result from Mr. Smith's labors in this important field.

ABOUT two score of clergymen attended the meeting of the London Presbytery at Delaware, when Mr. Patterson, a student of Montreal College, and who supplied in St. Andrew's church last year, was inducted. At two o'clock the members of the Presbytery and a large representation of the congregation assembled in the church to witness the induction of Rev. M. Leitch, from Paris Presbytery. Rev. Alex. Millar, of Moss, presided. Rev. Dr. Johnston, of St. Andrew's, delivered an excellent sermon. Rev. J. A. McDonald, of St. Thomas, dwelt on the duties of the people, and Rev. Mr. Little, of Birr, confined his remarks to the new pastor. Rev. Dr. MacKay, the Formosan missionary and moderator of the General Assembly, made a brief address.

REV. A. F. TULLY, pastor of Knox church, Mitchell, for the past fourteen years, and who has just severed his connection with his congregation, was presented with a gold watch, accompanied by a kindly worded address at a congregational social. Mrs. Tully was also presented with a handsome photograph of the church by the Ladies' Aid Society. The address which accompanied the presentation referred to the zeal and earnestness displayed by Rev. Mr. Tully in the conduct of the affairs of the church, and also his good qualities as a citizen, always showing a fearlessness and courage in the discussion of matters affecting the moral welfare of the people. Mention was also made of the beautiful edifice, which stands as a memorial to his energy and labors. Rev. Mr. Tully on behalf of himself and wife responded feelingly to the address.

TUESDAY, May 25th, was a happy day in Athens. The occasion thereof was the induction of the Rev. J. J. Cameron, formerly of Woodlands. Owing to some difficulty between the two stations that form the congregation, viz., Toledo and Athens, they refused to call a minister. Mr. Cameron was then placed over them in the capacity of an ordained missionary. So satisfied were they of his ability, prudence and Christian deportment that he was called to be their pastor with the hearty approval of every one in the congregation. Mr. Wright presided and inducted. Mr. Kellock conducted divine service, and the minister and people were suitably counselled by Messrs. Mackenzie and Burns, respectively. The church was well filled with an intelligent congregation. The pulpit was adorned with the choicest plants and flowers. The church itself is a handsome stone structure once the property of the Methodists, and stands near the centre of the town. It is almost clear of debt. A new manse is already spoken of. Your correspondent is of opinion that the Gospel which Paul preached to the Athenians of old is bound to flourish among the Presbyterians of Athens and Toledo of the Presbytery of Brockville.

At the last meeting of the Port Elgin Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society an address was read to the President, Mrs. Gourlay, and a presentation made of a life membership certificate on the General Society, which was regarded as a suitable expression of the feelings of the local members on the eve of her departure from the country on an extended visit. It is now twenty years since Mr. and Mrs. Gourlay have been doing the Master's work in the Port Elgin congregation with much consecrated

ability and earnestness. They leave in a few weeks to spend a year in Europe before taking another charge. Mrs. Gourlay's zeal and energy have been a constant source of life and strength to the cause of missions in the congregation, and she has been President of the Auxiliary since its organization eight years ago. The well attested success and harmony of Mr. Gourlay's long pastorate in Port Elgin has been greatly promoted by the wisdom and wide sympathies of his excellent partner. This the congregation has always recognized and the ladies expressed in their kind and flattering address. The place of Mr. and Mrs. Gourlay in the affections of the people will not soon be filled. We trust they may return to Canada in good time and be spared to give as faithful service to another church that they have given to Port Elgin.

THE Rev. Alex. MacKay, D.D., Toronto, officiated at the laying of the corner stone of the new Duff's church, Dunwich, on Queen's birthday. The weather was all that could be desired, and there was a very large attendance. After the laying of the corner stone, the people adjourned to a neighboring grove, where suitable and able addresses were delivered by the following clergymen: Rev. W. R. Sutherland, pioneer minister of that district; Rev. A. McDiarmid, first pastor; Rev. D. Kelso, Wallacetown; Rev. T. Wilson, Dutton; Rev. J. Milloy, Aldboro; and Rev. J. McNell, present pastor, all congratulating the congregation in the efforts that are being put forth in building a larger and more handsome church than the former. The brass band from Dutton conducted largely to the enjoyment of the day. The Crinan choir discoursed very choice music. After the speeches were ended, excellent tea was provided by the ladies of the congregation. The tables were loaded with the good things prepared for the occasion. The old church was built early in the fifties, and was at the time of its erection considered one of the largest and best frame churches in that district. The new church is built of white brick, with a stone foundation and a large basement in it. Dr. MacKay was pastor of this congregation some years ago.

### Presbytery of Toronto.

At the regular meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto, held on Tuesday, the 4th inst, there was a very heavy docket, and the seditments were prolonged till about 11.30 p.m. The Rev. J. W. Bell, as moderator, at times tried to expedite matters, but the items were too important to admit of rushing through. The Rev. Robert Haddow tendered his resignation of the charge of Knox church, Milton, and that session and congregation are cited to appear in their interests at next meeting of Presbytery. The Presbytery of Toronto was notified to appear at the Assembly in respect to the reference re the complaint of Rev. D. C. Hossack and his session against a grant from the Augmentation Fund to Fern avenue congregation. St. Paul's congregation, Toronto, obtained an extension of the limits within which a site may be chosen at some future period. The Rev. J. A. Grant accepted the call from Richmond Hill and Thornhill, and it was agreed to release him from his present charge and to meet for his induction on Tuesday, the 25th day of June, instant, at 2 p.m., in the Presbyterian church, Richmond Hill. The moderator was appointed to preside, Rev. J. A. Morrison to preach, Dr. Carmichael to deliver the charge to the minister, and Principal Caven to address the people. The Presbytery is glad to retain Mr. Grant within its bounds still. The pulpit of Toronto Junction will be declared vacant on Sabbath, the 23rd inst., and Rev. John Mutch was appointed moderator in the interim. The Rev. John Young accepted the call addressed to him by St. John's congregation, and Presbytery agreed to release him from his present charge of St. Enoch's, Toronto, on and after Sabbath, the 23rd inst, on which day the pulpit of St. Enoch's will be declared vacant. Rev. John Neil was appointed moderator in the interim. The Rev. James Argo pressed his resignation of the charge of Norral and Union congregations, and Presbytery reluctantly agreed to accept the same, the resignation to take effect on and after the 7th day of