

Church News.

We are thankful for items of Church News...

The pulpit of Knox church, Guelph, was occupied Sabbath evening, 8th inst., by Rev. Dr. Junor, of New York.

The induction of Rev. A. Gander, is to be into the pastoral charge of Brampton, has been fixed for the 23rd inst.

A BRANCH of the Christian Endeavour Society has been formed in connection with the Aylmer Presbyterian church, Quebec.

Rev. W. H. SCOTT, late Principal of Ottawa Ladies' College, it is stated, will accept the call to West Winchester, vacant since the resignation of Rev. Dr. Moffatt.

Rev. W. T. HERRIDGE, M.A., B.D., of Ottawa, who has been holidaying in the North-West, recently delivered his lecture, "Milton," in Knox church, Regina, to a highly gratified audience.

A VERY interesting and enjoyable garden party was held on behalf of the Debt Extinction Fund of the Presbyterian church, Hanover, on Friday, August 10th, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid. Proceeds, \$40.

Rev. J. L. MURRAY, pastor of Knox church, Kincardine, arrived home from Europe, accompanied by Mrs. Murray, on Thursday evening, 3rd inst. A reception and welcome home was given him no the part of the congregation.

At a special meeting of the Presbytery of Quebec, held on the 5th inst., the Rev. D. Tait, B.A., late of Berlin, Ont., was inducted to Chalmers' church, Quebec. The venerable ex-pastor, Dr. Clark, presided and preached. The minister and congregation were suitably addressed by Revs. J. R. MacLeod and A. T. Love respectively. At the close of the service, the Treasurer handed Mr. Tait a cheque for a year's stipend (1,800.)

We clip the following from the Hamilton Correspondence of the Empire. "Last Monday, Miss Fraser, daughter of Rev. Mungo Fraser, D.D., and Miss Maggie Wylie, daughter of A. Wylie, of the Customs Department, left the city, and on Friday morning arrived safely in Los Vegas, New Mexico, where they were met by the Rev. James Fraser, Ph.D., brother of Dr. Fraser, of this city. The two young ladies have gone out as missionaries for the Presbyterian Board of New York."

Rev. JAS. D. MURRAY, of Parramatta, near Sydney, New South Wales, has been in the city this week. Mr. Murray was formerly settled in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, and eighteen years ago went as missionary to Aneiteum as colleague of Dr. Geddie. After remaining over three years in Aneiteum, he was obliged to retire from the island owing to Mrs. Murray's loss of health. Since then he has been settled in Parramatta. His family is at present in Nova Scotia, whither he returns shortly.

On Sabbath, 1st inst., Rev. J. McL. Gardiner, the esteemed pastor of First church, Bramosa, Presbytery of Guelph, announced to his congregation that he has been compelled to leave them, his physicians having ordered his removal to a warmer climate, as the only means of restoring his health, which has become quite shattered. For nearly two years Mr. Gardiner has been the pastor of this church, and has won the esteem of the whole congregation by his faithful ministrations. The church has been very prosperous under his charge, improving to the value of \$1,000 having just been completed, and his loss will be keenly felt. It is to be hoped that the advice of his physicians may lead to Mr. Gardiner's complete restoration to health.

The last day of August was the third anniversary of the induction of Rev. A. K. Caswell to the pastorate of the united charge of Onondaga and Hagersville. During these years there have not been wanting signs of the Divine blessing, especially in the Onondaga congregation. During that time new sheds to accommodate twenty teams have been added to those formerly erected; the church has been recently reopened after extensive repairs and remodelling, so that it is said to look better than when new. But better still, the additions to the roll of membership have brought it up to two hundred, eighty-six having been added during the present pastorate, almost all on profession of faith. At the Communion, Sabbath, 5th inst., one hundred and eighty sat down to commemorate the love of the Lord at His table, eight of these for the first time. At Hagersville fifty-four names were on the roll three years ago, and fifty-four have been added since.

FOLLOWING is the programme arranged for Sabbath afternoon meetings for young people in Chalmers' church, Woodstock:—Sept. 8. "What Presbyterians Believe and What they Don't Believe" Teacher, Rev. W. A. McKay, B.A. Sept. 15. "Canada for Christ." Teacher, Mr. Hugh Sutherland. Sept. 22. "The Wisdom of God Seen in the Plans." Teacher, Mr. T. H. Lennox, B.A. Sept. 29. "A Model Congregation." Teacher, Mr. H. H. Wallace Oct. 6. "The Sabbath School Teacher's Preparation." Teacher, Mr. J. G. Robson. Oct. 13. Address by Principal Garvin, of the Central School. Oct. 20. "Bible Finances." Teacher, C. W. Oliver, barrister. Oct. 27. Address by Dr. Brownlee. Nov. 3. "Church Psalmody." Teacher, Mr. S. Fax, choir leader. Nov. 10. "The Jesuits, Who they are and What they are Doing." Teacher, Rev. W. A. McKay, Nov. 17. "How to Study the Bible." Teacher, Rev. W. A. McKay, Nov. 24. "The Church's Duty to the Temperance Cause." By a Lady.

The anniversary services of the Wellington congregation, Presbytery of Ottawa, were held there on Sabbath 15th inst., when public worship was conducted by Rev. Dr. Kellock, Spencerville, who preached thrice to large and appreciative audiences. The services were greatly enjoyed by the crowds who had gathered, in affectionate recognition of the day, from the sister congregation of North Gower and elsewhere. Their young pastor—

Rev. R. Stewart, B.A.—has been greatly successful since he undertook, four years ago, the pastoral oversight of these congregations, and now finds himself surrounded by many earnest workers who are also zealous supporters of their Church. With commendable spirit they have been adding to their equipment by erecting a hall for prayer meeting and Sabbath school purposes, upon which there rested some little debt, and an effort was determined upon, on this occasion, to remove it. On Monday, 2nd inst., a Harvest Home Festival was held in a grove near the village when an excellent dinner was served, after which instructive and pleasing addresses were delivered by Revs. Dr. Kellock, J. H. Higgins, and J. Connolly and J. B. Hickey, minister of the Methodist church, and the pastor, who presided. The proceedings were at intervals enlivened by music from an excellent choir, and a very pleasant and enjoyable afternoon was spent. It is creditable to the liberality of the people to say that the full amount of their indebtedness was raised.

We clip the following from the Deseronto Tribune. "The church of the Redeemer was filled last night with the congregation who had assembled to extend a cordial 'Welcome Home' to Rev. R. J. Craig, M.A., the pastor, who with his wife and family arrived yesterday afternoon from Old Orchard, Maine, where they had been during the past six weeks. Mr. James A. Davis, Chairman of the Board of Managers, presided, and in a few introductory remarks congratulated the people on the hearty response they had made to the Board, who had the honor of originating the pleasant affair. After opening exercises, the chairman proceeded, on behalf of the congregation, to read an address to Rev. R. J. Craig, in which he was warmly congratulated on his safe return, the hope expressed that he and his family had been invigorated by the trip, and many good wishes expressed for their future welfare. Mr. Craig made a happy reply expressive of his gratitude for such a hearty reception. Members of the choir then contributed a number of musical selections and Rev. A. Campbell, of the Methodist church, gave a pleasing address. During an intermission, coffee and cake were bountifully served in the parlour of the church by the ladies of the congregation. The reception was in every sense of the most cordial description, and testified to the warm esteem and fond affection in which this popular pastor is held by his deeply attached congregation. Such a meeting cannot but strengthen the tie which so closely binds them together. The events of this happy evening will long hold a place in the memories of those present on the occasion."

LADIES' COLLEGE, OTTAWA.

AS our readers are aware, this College was purchased in July last by the Board of French Evangelization and is now the property of the Church. Of the \$22,000 required, only \$1,500 has thus far been obtained. It is hoped that those intending to help this important work will without delay forward their contributions to the Rev. Dr. Warden, Montreal.

The College is to be conducted as a first-class institution for the Christian education of young women—English and French. French is to be the language chiefly spoken in the school, and every facility is to be given to English pupils to acquire French conversationally. The Rev. Dr. Warden, who last week returned from Europe, has been fortunate in securing for the Principalship of the College a lady with very special qualifications for the position,—Mrs. Crawford, of Waterloo, England. Brought up in the home of her uncle, the late Rev. Dr. Macdowell, of Alloa, and educated in Scotland and on the continent of Europe, Mrs. Crawford speaks and writes with equal facility English, French and German. She is highly recommended by many of the leading ministers in England and Scotland and by Rev. Dr. Wm. Taylor, of New York, who, when settled in Bootle, England, was her pastor. She has had wide experience in teaching in Germany and in England and has been most successful in her profession, having passed about 120 pupils at the examinations for the Degree of A.A., Cambridge and Oxford. She is an accomplished musician and also holds a certificate from Mons. Hanstein, the well-known Royal painter of Germany. Mrs. Crawford sailed from England in a few days and the College is to open on Thursday, October 3rd. Dr. Warden has also secured for the Institution a highly accomplished governess from Europe, who is thoroughly familiar with and speaks and writes English, French and German. She holds the A.A. Degree, University of Oxford; certificate of the Royal Academy of Music, London, with senior honours for pianoforte playing, Harmony, Counterpoint, and Figured Bass; certificate of Trinity College, London, with first class senior honours for Violin, Pianoforte, Harmony, Counterpoint and Figured Bass; and certificate from the International College of Music, with first class senior honours for Harmony, Counterpoint and Figured Bass. This young lady spent last year in teaching music and painting in a large ladies' college in France.

In order to make the Institution known under its new management, and because of the lateness in opening, it has been decided to make the fees for board and tuition extremely low this year. In addition to boarders, arrangements are being made for day pupils and for the establishment of a thoroughly equipped kindergarten.

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OBITUARY.

JOHN IMRIE.

Mr. JOHN IMRIE, a worthy elder, died at his home in Scott, County of Ontario, Ont., on the 30th of July, in the 73rd year of his age. He was born at Millinburg in Lanark, Scotland. Early in life he removed to Strathaven in the same shire. In 1856 he emigrated to Canada and immediately selected the location in which he passed the remainder of his days. By his sterling integrity he won the confidence and

esteem of the whole community. He was diligent and faithful in performing the duties of his office in connection with the congregation of Leaskdale. For many years he led the congregational service of praise. He also taught in the Sabbath school until the infirmities of declining years forbade him. His work was finished. A wife, son and four daughters survive him.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

WINNIPEG.

Met August 27th, in Knox church, to consider the resignation of the Rev. W. Hamilton Spence, of Kildonan. Messrs. Alexander Jeffrey and Hector Sutherland, representatives appointed by the congregation, and Mr. Robert McBeth, a representative of the Session, expressed the high esteem in which Mr. Spence is held by the congregation, and its regret at parting from him; but since the call that has come to him from Grand Forks, Dak., is to a much larger place, they felt unwilling to put any obstacle in the way of his resignation. The resignation was accepted on motion of Professor Hart, seconded by Chief Justice Taylor, the usual Presbyterian certificate was ordered to be given him, and the Rev. James Douglas and Mr. C. H. Campbell were appointed to draw up a minute expressive of the feelings of the Presbytery in parting from Mr. Spence. It was agreed that Professor Hart be Moderator of the Kildonan Session, and that he declare the pulpit vacant on the third Sabbath of September.—ANDREW B. BAIRD, Clerk.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Met in Summerside, September 3rd. Rev. G. McMillan, Moderator, pro tem. Took up the call from the congregation of Campbellton, N.B., to Rev. A. P. Carr, of Alberton. Rev. Mr. Coffin was appointed to exchange with Mr. Carr on the 8th, and cite the congregation of Alberton to appear for their interests at the meeting of Presbytery, to be held on the 16th. The Clerk read the reasons for the appeal of the Rev. Mr. McLean against the judgment of the Presbytery in re the complaint of Mr. A. M. Campbell. Mr. Archibald read the answers to the same, when on motion the Presbytery stood with his answers. Mr. D. B. McLeod called the attention of the Presbytery to the General Assembly's action against Higher Education in our Sabbath Schools. Mr. Coffin reported that he had, in accordance with the instruction of Presbytery, proceeded to West Cape, and moderated a call which came out in favour of the Rev. Ewen Gillis, that the call was hearty and unanimous; that it was signed by ninety communicants and eighty-six adherents and that they guaranteed a salary of \$450. On motion it was agreed to sustain the call as a regular Gospel call. It was thus placed in Mr. Gillis's hands, who intimated his acceptance, and thereupon the Presbytery agreed to meet in the church at West Cape, on Tuesday, the 17th September, at 10 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of inducting Mr. Gillis into the pastoral charge of West Cape and Campbellton. Rev. Neil McKay, of Chatham, was unanimously nominated a Moderator of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, which meets in Pictou, on the first Thursday of October.—JAS. CARUTHERS, Clerk.

LINDSAY.

Met at Woodville, on Tuesday, 27th August, Rev. A. G. McLachlin, B.A., Moderator. After the former minutes were read and sustained, the Moderator intimated the close of his year in office, and the court duly elected the Rev. D. C. Johnson, of Beauséjour, who accordingly took the chair, thanking the Presbytery for the honour conferred upon him. The thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to Mr. McLachlin and expressing their satisfaction with the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office. A call addressed to the Rev. D. McDonald, of Glenora, from Lake Megantic, Presbytery of Quebec, was laid on the table. The commissioners being heard the call was placed in Mr. McDonald's hands who, after due consideration, declined the said call and the Presbytery decided not to translate Mr. McDonald. The following special minute was read and sustained—"That in view of the removal of the Rev. J. B. McLaren from the pastorate of the Presbyterian church, Churches of Aylmer and Springfield, the Presbytery expresses its sense of the loss it sustains in being deprived of a worker so zealous and faithful, and of an adviser so prudent and impartial as Mr. McLaren has ever proved himself to be; that the Presbytery also expresses its thankfulness to the Giver of all good for the success with which He has been pleased to crown the efforts of his servant while he laboured within its bounds, and pray that this success may still be granted him in his new field of work, that so the interests of the Church at large may be advanced by the loss which we at present sustain." The Presbytery gave due attention to the claims on the Home Mission and Augmentation Funds, and also as to future supply of the stations of Cobocook and Kinmount, by an ordained missionary. The missionary students, Messrs. Smith, Heron and Morrin gave in discharges which were sustained and the students certified to the Senate of Knox College. Also Mr. D. Hutchison and Mr. N. McLean were examined and certified to the Senate of Montreal College as fitted for admission to the studies leading to the ministry.—JAMES R. SCOTT, Clerk.

CALGARY.

Met in regular half-yearly meeting in Knox church, Calgary, on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 3rd and 4th. The following members were present, James Herald, J. C. Herdman, Robert Johnston, and A. J. McLeod, ministers, and Alex. McElride, representative elder. Mr. Herdman was elected Moderator for the ensuing year. It was agreed to make application for a sufficient number of copies of Assembly minutes to admit of placing one in the hands of each member of the Boards of Management in connection with the charges within the bounds of Presbytery. The Convener of Presbytery's Home Mission Committee was appointed to attend the meeting of the Synodical Committee to be held in Winnipeg on the 17th inst. It was decided to issue a circular to student-missionaries asking for information along certain lines, in the hope that this would aid their suc-

cessors in the work in gaining a speedy and accurate knowledge of their fields. A very interesting and animated discussion (opened by Mr. Herald) took place on the pre-arranged subject: "Whether Prohibition or High License would be the better system for the Territories, and what our duties and opportunities are as a Presbytery in the matter of Temperance." A petition from Medicine Hat to moderate the duly appointed commissioner, the prayer of the petition was granted, and steps taken accordingly. Application was made to the Church and Manse Building Board for a grant of \$125 towards a proposed church in Dunbow district, and for \$100 towards a partly-constructed manse at Donald. The examination committee reported that satisfactory exercises had been received from W. E. Deeks, J. A. Sinclair, and D. McLeod, student-missionaries labouring within the Presbytery's bounds, and recommending that they be certified to their various colleges. This report, as well as the one from the committee appointed to apportion to the congregations the amounts expected from the Presbytery for the different Schemes of the Church, was received and adopted. The total sum expected for these Schemes amounts to about \$1,000. The Session records from Edmonton, Calgary and Medicine Hat were examined, and attested as neatly and correctly kept. Mr. R. Johnston presented his resignation for the mission stations in the vicinity of Calgary, which was reluctantly accepted. Presbytery Committees with the Conveners were appointed as follows:—Home Missions, J. C. Herdman; Sabbath Observance and Temperance, A. Robertson; State of Religion, Alex. McElride; Foreign Missions and Sabbath Schools, A. J. McLeod; Examination of Students, D. G. McQueen; Schemes of the Church and Systematic Beneficence, Chas. McKillop. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the wisest course to pursue for the recovery of the church property at Fort McLeod, the church, by the sanction of its trustees, now being used exclusively as a school, and the church services being held in the Town Hall. Proceedings for ejectment were left in the hands of the Church and Manse Building Board, who hold the deeds for the lots on which the church building stands.—A. J. McLEOD, Clerk.

A PLEASING INCIDENT.

The following pleasing incident in connection with the opening of the Industrial Fair, now being held in Toronto, is reported in the Empire of September 11th. As it refers to an instrument that will affect very considerably a change for the better in the musical service of many churches, we give the article in its entirety:—"One of the happiest incidents of Sir John Macdonald's inspection of the exhibits yesterday, was his visit to the Annex and personal examination of the vocation. This novel instrument was invented by Mr. Charles Warren of this city, the original idea being that of Mr. Hamilton, son of Lord Hamilton, and it so happened that this distinguished gentleman is at present on a visit to Canada with his wife, Lady Evelyn. Lady Evelyn is well known to Canadians as the sister of Lord Lorne. The Premier had heard a good deal of Mr. Hamilton's marvellous instrument, and expressed a strong desire to see it and hear it played. The opportunity came yesterday. In company with Lady Macdonald and Lady Evelyn and Mr. Hamilton, he spent some twenty minutes or more in the Annex, and listened with unfeigned pleasure to the rich tones and varied harmonies of the vocation. Mr. Hamilton kindly explained the construction of the instrument and the principle upon which its novel and distinctive tones are produced. Lady Macdonald's first remark was: 'What a blessing such an instrument must be to small churches.' To understand the force of this observation, something must be known of the vocation, and it may not be amiss to explain briefly its characteristics. In one sense it is a happy medium between the sonorous pipe organ and the less pretentious cabinet organ; and yet, in a wider sense, it has qualities peculiar to itself. Manufacturers of organs had for years sought to produce at medium cost an instrument that would have power, varied tone colouring, and the highest musical excellence for solo, orchestral or devotional purpose, but with indifferent success. The pipe organ was too expensive and the cabinet organ lacked strength, and what musicians call tonal quality. The vocation has solved the problem, and is unique in the sense of combining the advantages of both the greater and lesser organ at a low cost. To produce the inventor followed the teaching of nature, and the process that nature employs in the production of tone is undeniably the best. This will be clear by instancing the tone-making apparatus of the human throat. The lungs are the bellows, the muscles which inflate the lungs are represented by the foot treadles or the bellows-lever of the organ; the vocal chord or the larynx of the throat is a reed; the tube or throat which contains the vocal chord develops the tone and delivers it to the mouth, where it is reinforced and further qualified before its final emission. Tones produced on this plan have purity, sweetness, variety and power, which must be regarded as the supreme requirements of any musical instrument. Having said this much, it may be further explained that the vocation forms one of the striking features of Messrs. Mason & Rich's magnificent exhibit, and has already attracted a great deal of attention. With respect to some other phases of this display, extended reference may be made later on; but before dismissing the matter for the present, it may be remarked that this enterprising firm are now carrying on a large manufacturing business at Worcester, Mass. This is practically carrying the war into Africa. Ten years ago the standard of Canadian pianos was believed to be so low, that to have undertaken to push their sale against the established instruments of Boston and New York, would have been regarded as sheer folly. Sir John noticed the American stamp on one of the vocations, and was quick to express his admiration for the enterprise which that fact displayed. The high standing of the Mason & Rich piano has warranted the firm in pushing their business in every quarter, no matter what the competition may be, and this speaks more potently of intrinsic merit than could any mere words of eulogy."

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