

Acts of our Church.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—An ordinary meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on the 7th ult., the Rev. W. M. Inglis, Moderator. The Rev. Professor Mackerras having produced an extract of his appointment to the chair of classics in Queen's College was admitted as a member, and the Clerk was instructed to intimate this action to the Presbytery of Toronto, to which Prof. Mackerras formerly belonged. Mr. James M. Gray, student of Divinity, having produced certificates of attendance in the various classes of the first year of the course was, after examination, found entitled to the Presbytery's certificate in order to admission to the rank of a second year student. Mr. Joseph Gaudier, the Presbytery's Missionary, read a very interesting report of his labours during the summer, in the field assigned to him on the Hastings Road, and was commended for his diligence, and encouraged to persevere. The agent of the Church being present was admitted to take part in the deliberations of the court. He expressed his intention of visiting, in the course of a few weeks, the several congregations within the bounds, detailed the plan he proposed to follow in so doing, and stated the objects he had in view. The Presbytery approved of his arrangements, and wished him all success in his important labours. The Moderator was appointed general Treasurer of the Presbytery's Funds. After inquiries respecting collections for the schemes of the Church during the preceding three months, the examination of Session Records, and other business, the Presbytery adjourned to meet at Belleville, on first Wednesday of February.

CHURCH AT FERGUS, C. W.—[We give the following sketch of the rise and progress of the Church of Scotland in Fergus, contributed by the esteemed pastor, the Rev. G. Macdonnell, to the local paper. Sketches of this kind would always be acceptable to the *Presbyterian*.]

The members and friends of the Church of Scotland, at Fergus, in 1835, succeeded in erecting what was then justly considered a spacious and handsome edifice for public worship. St. Andrew's Church was opened for divine service on the 23rd of August of that year.

The first minister of the church was the Rev. Alexander Gardner—a good man, and very energetic and active in the discharge of the duties of the ministry. He was ordained and inducted to the charge on the 22nd of February, 1837, and died after a brief illness on the 13th of December, 1841. The mortal remains of Mr. Gardner lie interred in the buryingground of St. Andrew's Church, and over them is placed a marble tomb stone, erected by the congregation.

The original elders were—Messrs. Francis Anderson, Charles Allan, John Munro, George Skene, and A. D. Fordyce—all gone now.

The Rev. George Smellie was inducted into

the charge of St. Andrew's Church on the 13th December, 1843, just two years after Mr. Gardner's death. The secession that had taken place in Scotland from the Church of Scotland, in May, 1843, was followed by a similar secession in Canada, in July, 1844. Mr. Smellie, and the great majority of the congregation in Fergus, joined the Presbyterian Church of Canada at that time.

The small number who adhered to the Church of Scotland in Fergus were kept together mainly by the instrumentality of the late Mr. Fordyce, who himself conducted the weekly service regularly on the Lord's day, in the absence of a minister. They also received occasional supply from the Presbytery of Hamilton. This continued till the settlement of Rev. Dr. Hugh Mair as Minister of St. Andrew's Church, on the 1st of February, 1844. Dr. Mair's pastorate terminated at his death, which occurred suddenly on the first of November, 1854, and occasioned great regret. His people had lost an able and faithful minister, and a warm-hearted and good man.

The present pastor of St. Andrew's Church, the Rev. George Macdonnell, was settled on the 3rd of May, 1855. The congregation having increased considerably during Dr. Mair's incumbency, and still more since the induction of Mr. Macdonnell, measures were taken for the erection of the present beautiful church, the erection of which was successfully completed, and the church opened for public worship on the 28th of December, 1862. In the vestibule of the new church, there is a marble tablet to the memory of the late Rev. Dr. Mair, and one to that of A. D. Fordyce, Esq., testifying to the estimate of their worth and services, entertained by the congregation.

PRESENTATION AT LAPRAIRIE.—The Rev. John Barr, Laprairie, C. E., was presented by the ladies of the congregation with a valuable token of their interest in the welfare of the Church there, in the way of fitting up a study room with carpeting, sofa, tables, study chair, book case, &c. Mr. Barr requested the deputation to express his warmest thanks to the ladies who had shown so much kindness in the gift of the comfortable study-room furnishings which they had arranged; he could not but feel quite at home by the many expressions of kind regard already experienced, and this renewed token of such warm interest was well fitted to give encouragement in our Master's work.

ORDINATION AT FINGAL, SOUTHWOLD.—The Presbytery of London met at Fingal on Wednesday, the third day of October, for the ordination of Mr. Evan Macaulay—the Rev. Mr. Gordon, of N. Dorchester, Moderator. The edict having been returned duly served, the Moderator ascended the pulpit, and preached from Colossians i. 28, after which Mr. Macaulay was solemnly set apart to the sacred office of the ministry, according to the usual forms of