

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. J. R. McLeod and Mrs. McLeod, of the Presbyterian Church of Kingsbury, Que., on their leaving for a few weeks' holidays, were presented with a purse of money by the ladies of the congregation.

LAST week a deputation from St. Andrew's congregation, King, waited on their pastor, the Rev. James Carmichael, and presented him with a purse of \$125, with the request that he would take a few weeks' holidays.

THE re opening services at Parkdale Presbyterian Church were continued last Sabbath. The Revs. Walter Reid preached in the morning, P. McF. McLeod in the afternoon, and the Rev. H. M. Parsons in the evening.

ON Sabbath last the Royal Scots of Montreal attended divine service at Old St. Andrew's Church. The pastor, Rev. G. M. Milligan, selected for his text Matthew viii. 8, 9. The sermon was practical, eloquent, and appropriate.

THE ladies of Knox Church, Winnipeg, have entered upon the work of furnishing the edifice just now approaching completion. They expect to have it ready in about three weeks, at which date it is thought the dedication service will be held.

MRS THIRDE, Huntsville, gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following additional sums per Rev. Dr. Cochran: Friend, Niagara, \$5; anonymous, \$10; friend, London, \$2; anonymous, Westminster, \$10; A. McGill, Brantford, \$2.50; A. Robertson, Perth, \$5; total, \$34.50.

THE pulpit of Charles Street Presbyterian Church was occupied on Sabbath last by the Rev. E. D. Miller, of Lunenburg, N.S. Rev. John Tomson, Sarina, preached in St. James' Square Church in the morning and exchanged with Rev. D. J. Macdonnell in the evening.

THE Rev. F. R. Beattie, M.A., B.D., has returned from Bloomington, Ill., where he attended the commencement exercises of the Western University. The Rev. gentleman has been writing for Ph. D., a degree for proficiency in philosophy, and secured only by examination, not honorary. Mr. Beattie passed his examination most creditably and handed in his thesis, the real test, securing the degree.

A MOST interesting meeting of the Toronto Women's Foreign Mission Society was held in the Central Presbyterian Church last week. There were present Rev. J. Fraser Campbell and Mrs. Campbell, from Central India, and Rev. H. Robertson, of Eromanga. Much valuable information was communicated by these missionaries as to the difficulties, progress and prospects of the work in their respective fields.

THERE were thirty-nine delegates to the General Assembly entertained at Knox College, and they can never forget the delightful Christian fellowship they had one with another. Before parting, they met to give expression to their high appreciation of the hospitality received from Mr. and Mrs. James Fullarton, and appointed the Rev. Thomas Bennett and Mr. D. McGregor, to communicate the same to them; and also to give public expression through THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN, of their deep sense of gratitude to their Christian friends in Toronto for their great kindness.—COM.

ON Tuesday evening a most interesting meeting was held in Knox Church, Toronto. The Presbytery met for the ordination and induction of Rev. J. S. Mackay, M.A., to the pastoral charge of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, B.C. The sermon was preached by the Rev. M. C. Cameron, Milton. Rev. Robert Wallace, moderator, presided and addressed the minister, and Rev. D. J. Macdonnell the congregation. Mr. Mackay who has just concluded a most successful course of study, goes to fill the vacancy in New Westminster caused by the resignation of Rev. R. Jamieson, who has laboured faithfully for many years in that important sphere. Mr. Mackay is about to enter on what is cordially hoped will prove a valuable and efficient service in the cause of the Gospel.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—A meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 4th inst. in the usual place. The attendance of members was good, and various commissioners to the General Assembly were present as corresponding members. A minute and

the late Rev. D. Coutts, drafted by a committee, was read and adopted. An application of Rev. Hugh Rose, late of Manchester, England, asking to be received as a minister of the Church, was sent up with relative documents and with recommendation in his favour to the General Assembly. A paper was read anent the offer of an appointment to Mr. J. S. McKay, M.A., probationer, and the acceptance of the same by him to become the minister of St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, B.C. Subjects of trial for ordination were assigned to Mr. McKay; and provided that these were satisfactory, it was agreed to meet for his ordination in Knox Church, Toronto, on the 17th inst. at eight p.m. The clerk, as substitute for Dr. Caven, reported on the moderation of a call from the congregation of Deer Park in favour of Mr. G. E. Freeman, probationer. The call was sustained, and the same was accepted by Mr. Freeman. A subject for trial sermon was assigned to him, and his ordination was provisionally appointed to take place on the 8th proximo, at eight p.m. Rev. R. P. McKay reported in a call from the congregation of Stouffville to Mr. T. Nixon, probationer. This call was also sustained and accepted, and provision was made to ordain Mr. Nixon on Thursday, the 19th inst, services to commence at two p.m. A telegram was read from Victoria, B.C., respecting the resignation of Rev. R. Gamble, minister of the First Presbyterian congregation there, and the desire of the congregation to have a good minister sent to them by the Presbytery. On motion made, the selection of such minister was referred to the Assembly's Home Mission Committee, with provision that if said person be unordained the Presbytery shall duly see to his ordination. An extract minute was read from the Presbytery of Owen Sound anent the declination by Rev. A. F. Colter of the call from the congregation of Streetsville, and authority was given to moderate in another call. Rev. A. Gilray, convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, read the annual report of said Committee, showing that ten stations have been regularly supplied during the year, two of which are about to be settled, and that putting together the contributions for Home Mission purposes and the Augmentation Stipend Fund, the Presbytery has this year nearly doubled the amount of its contributions for the previous year (\$6,157), for the present year \$12,167.05. Various other matters were brought up and disposed of. The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held in the usual place on Tuesday, the 8th July, at eleven a.m.—R. MONTEATH, Pres. Clerk.

OBITUARY.

THE LATE ALEXANDER GORDON.

Services in St. Andrew's Church, Ingersoll, were lately held in memory of the late Mr. Alexander Gordon, elder. The Ingersoll Chronicle states that an able and instructive sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. P. R. Ross, from Prov. iv. 18: "The path of the just is as a shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Mr. Gordon was born in Sutherlandshire, Scotland, in 1809. When he was but two weeks old his father was accidentally drowned. His mother, a devoted Christian woman, with more than ordinary sagacity, early taught him to walk in wisdom's ways. When young he was thoroughly trained in the principles of the Word of God and the Shorter Catechism. At the age of seventeen he left his home in the Highlands for the city of Glasgow, where he remained for about twenty-one years. He did not as many young men do upon leaving home, throw off all pious restraints and become careless and indifferent in religious matters. He regularly attended divine service, first in the old Tron Church, then in Duke Street Church and afterwards sat under that celebrated man of God, Jonathan Anderson. Having shared in the glorious quickening which produced and accompanied the disruption, he naturally cast in his lot with the Free Church people. Leaving Scotland, he came to Canada in the year 1847, coming west as far as Embro. Settling in Hamilton for a time he enjoyed the ministrations of the late Dr. Irvine, with whom he had been very intimate while in Glasgow. Leaving Hamilton, Mr. Gordon commenced business in Beachville in 1849, but moved to Ingersoll in 1850, where he remained until the close of his calm and peaceful life. As a citizen he enjoyed the confidence and respect of his fellow townsmen, but owing to his

retiring disposition he never took a prominent part in civic matters.

As a Christian he was a humble follower of the meek and gentle Jesus. Upon coming to Ingersoll he at once connected himself with Knox Church which at that time was under the pastoral care of the Rev. Robert Wallace, now of Toronto.

The congregation soon found out Mr. Gordon's excellent qualities and at once elected him to the eldership of the church, a position which he held with increasing usefulness for the last thirty-four years. As an elder, it may be truly said of him, that he was "sober, just, holy, temperate, blameless, vigilant and of good report of them which are without." He took a lively interest in temperance work and for thirty years was closely associated with the Bible Society as a member of the local committee and latterly as vice-president. He entered with great heartiness into negotiations with the late Erskine Church for the union of both Presbyterian congregations and rejoiced to think, that after much trouble, peace, harmony and concord was again restored to this congregation. His piety was quiet, deep, unaffected, humble, reverent and full of sunshine. He had clear views on all doctrinal subjects, strong faith in God, bright hopes for the future, and was pre-eminently a man of prayer. Long may the Church be blessed with such elders. His summons from the Master came suddenly at last. For a year he had complained of a pain in his breast, continuing for a short time and then getting relief without interfering with daily duties. While sitting in his son's office on Thursday, 22nd ult., a severe attack of this pain, which proved to be heart disease, set in, with difficulty he walked home, and medical skill proving of no avail, he passed quietly into his rest on Saturday morning, 24th ult. His place is now vacant, absent from the body, he is present with the Lord. Goodness and mercy followed him all his life, but now he dwells in the House of the Lord for ever, and all we would say is: Rest brother, rest from thy labours, thy works do follow thee.

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SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHER.

INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

June 29th.

REVIEW.

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Our lessons during this Quarter have been partly from the Acts of the Apostles, and partly from four epistles written during the time covered by the narrative, viz.: the First and Second Epistles to the Corinthians, Galatians and Romans. There are so many methods and plans followed in reviewing that it is difficult to map out a course that will commend itself to any large number of Teachers. Some will rest with a recitation of the Topics, Golden Texts, etc., others will follow the plan of our last Review Lesson, questioning on each lesson, endeavouring to bring out the facts and truths taught, while yet others will take places, men, etc., and group around them the questions and teachings of the hour. Suppose that this Quarter we follow somewhat this plan and, taking the lessons under four heads the Places, the Churches, the Epistles, the Doctrines and Duties, endeavour to recall some of the facts we have learned and the truths we have been taught.

1. THE PLACES.—What places have we read about in these lessons? While other places are mentioned, the action and interest centres on Ephesus. How long did Paul labour there? Three years. (Acts 20:31.) What miracles did he perform? (Ch. 19:11, 12.) What special circumstances are narrated of his stay in Ephesus? (a) The finding of the disciples who were ignorant of the gift of the Holy Ghost. (Ch. 19:3.) (b) Breaking away from the synagogue and preaching in the school of Tyrannus. (19:9.) (c) The vain attempt of certain vagabond Jews to cast out an Evil Spirit. (19:13.) (d) The burning of the books of curious arts. (19:19.) (e) The mighty growth of the Word. (19:20.) (f) The uproar headed by Demetrius. (19:23-41.)

2. THE CHURCHES.—What Churches are mentioned in this Quarter's lessons? Ephesian, Corinthian, Galatian and Roman. What were the special characteristics of each of these churches? (For answer to this question see the "Introduction" to the various lessons.) Who were Paul's hosts at Ephesus? Aquila and Priscilla, who laboured with him there; Apollos had preceded him, and we find that there were with him Timothy and Erastus, Acts 19:22; Gaius and Aristarchus (vs. 29), and possibly others whose names are in the next chapter.

3. THE EPISTLES.—What Epistles did Paul write from Ephesus? (See above.) What lessons have we had from these Epistles? From 1 Cor., four: Lesson 3, Paul's Preaching; 4, Abstinence for the sake of others; 5, Christian Love; 6, Victory over death. From 2 Cor., one: