

TORONTO.

Unfortunately, the one thing he hadn't counted on happened. A north-east gale, with snow, came on, and he couldn't see 100 yards any way. He, himself, got wet and cold, and had to haul up his boat by five o'clock when he considered he was near the land. He drifted along with the ice wherever it liked to take him.

Pulling the cover over the boat he was able to light his oil stove, remove and partially dry some of his clothes and make some hot tea.

During the night, however, the force of wind made the ice raft. Great weird pinnacles rose high many feet out of the water threatening to overrun and engulf his little craft. By dressing hurriedly and shifting his boat from pan to pan he was able to let her jam in between first one piece and then another till daylight, when he again proceeded on his way. He did not make land till half-past one as he had drifted considerably in the night, and the trend of the ice is always towards the Labrador shore. The man, of course, makes nothing whatever of it. For which reason the people around here think all the more of it, and there is no question whatever that it is a very praiseworthy effort.

FIFTY YEARS A MINISTER.

Rev. Robert Laird, of Kingston, recently celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the ministry. At a tea held in Chalmers' church he was presented with an address by the ladies of the congregation.

Mr. Laird is now eighty-three years of age. Two of his sons are Rev. Prof. Alexander Laird, of the Royal Military college, and Rev. Prof. Robert Laird, of Queen's theological faculty.

Rev. Robert Laird, Sr., is a native of New Glasgow, Prince Edward Island. After reaching manhood he obtained a high school education in the Central Academy, Charlottetown, now the Prince of Wales' college. He then attended five sessions of the West River seminary, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, studying also theology under Prof. Drs. Kell and Smith. In the autumn of 1857 he crossed the Atlantic and attended a term of the Free Church college, Edinburgh, Scotland, as also the following autumn a session of the U. P. hall there.

In December, 1859 he was licensed to preach the gospel by the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, and after doing this some time, was called to be pastor of the congregation of Princetown, P.E.I., and ordained to the office of the ministry on the twelfth day of June, 1860, and inducted into the charge of that large and important field. He performed the duties of that old and difficult charge nineteen years, and was afterwards pastor some years of the congregation of Little Harbor and Fishers' Grant in the Presbytery of Pictou, N.S. In October, 1887, he was inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregations of Storrington, Pittsburg and Glenburnie by the Presbytery of Kingston. He occupied this wide field thirteen years, and then retired from the active duties of the ministry, after forty years service, at the age of seventy-three. He has since resided in Kingston.

Rev. R. T. Cookburn, of Southampton, who was the unanimous choice of the congregation of Calvin Presbyterian church, to succeed Rev. H. D. Cameron as pastor, has signified his intention of accepting the call. Arrangements are being made for his induction at an early date.

Rev. Joseph Hamilton, author "The Spirit World," "Our Own and Other Worlds," "The Human Face Divine," etc., is open for occasional pulpit supply. Address: 245 Dunn Ave., Toronto.

Rev. F. F. Maxwell, of St. Andrew's Church, Brantford, has accepted the call of Davenport Road church, in Toronto. Rev. A. C. Justice, of Brantford, is moderator of St. Andrew's.

The church in Toronto experienced a distinct loss through the death last week of the late Lieut.-Col. John I. Davidson, who passed away after a protracted illness. Born in Scotland, the deceased had been, since he located in the Queen City, a member of New St. Andrew's church. He was the organizer and the first commanding officer of the 48th Highlanders, the initial Scottish regiment in Ontario.

An impressive ceremony surrounded the laying of the corner stone for the new Bonar Presbyterian church building on St. Clarens avenue, just north of College street, Toronto. Mrs. E. W. Barton, one of the founders of the congregation, and an ardent supporter, who held the silver trowel, was presented with all illuminated address as a souvenir of the ceremony. Rev. Alexander MacGillivray, the pastor, presided, and Revs. J. McP. Scott, Rev. J. L. Murray and Rev. Dr. Douglas Fraser assisted.

Mr. A. E. Ames, M. P., of Montreal, has reached his home, after having suffered from an attack of typhoid fever at Port Said while on a trip around the world. He is now troubled with sciatica but hopes to recover shortly. Mr. Ames is a prominent member of the American Presbyterian church.

Efforts are being made to secure sufficient funds to remove the debt on the organ in the Presbyterian church at Blenheim, Ont. A recital in aid of the project was given last week.

Rev. William MacMillan, B.A., B.D., late of Prince Edward Island, has been ordained to the ministry and inducted in the charge of Dalhousie Mills and Cote St. George. Rev. N. H. McGillivray, Cornwall, Moderator of the Presbytery, presided. Rev. S. D. MacPhee of Avonmore preached. Rev. John Pate of Lancaster addressed the minister, and Rev. Mr. MacCallum of Ste. Anne de Prescott addressed the congregation.

The annual spring meeting of the Presbyterian Athletic and Literary association was held at Knox church Winnipeg, recently. Addresses were given by Rev. C. W. Gordon and Dr. F. B. DuVal. The financial statement showed a credit balance of \$1,108.25. The Rev. C. H. Stewart was elected honorary president.

Rev. W. M. Martin, B.D., and Mrs. Martin, London South, announce the engagement of their daughter, Anna Elizabeth, to Dr. John Nesbet Gunn, of Calgary, Alta., son of Mr. and Mrs. Hector Gunn, of Toronto.

At a meeting of the trustees of Queen's University Lieut.-Col. W. A. Logle, of Hamilton, was appointed a trustee, to succeed Dr. Malloch, who resigned, and Hon. W. A. Charlton was elected to succeed his brother, the late John Charlton.

Rev. Dr. David S. Dix, of St. James' Presbyterian church, Dartmouth, N. S., has accepted the call to Chalmers church, Guelph, and will probably preach his first sermon there last Sunday in May. Dr. Dix preached in Melville during its last vacancy, and would have at once been accepted by the session, but stated that he was not prepared to consider a call then, as he purposed further pursuing his studies in the old country.

The choir of the First Presbyterian church, Brockville, recently sang Gounod's "Gallia" in a manner most acceptable to the large audience present. Mrs. Stagg took the solo parts.

Rev. W. G. Jordan, D.D., of Kingston, preached the anniversary services in Calvin church, Pembroke, last Sabbath.

The Rev. Dr. Barclay, who went to Halifax to address the Canadian Club in that city on Friday evening last, was the guest of the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Fraser.

The Rev. Principal Gordon, of Queen's University, and Miss Gordon, will be guests of Senator and Mrs. MacKeen, at "Maplewood," while in Halifax for the meeting of the General Assembly, and will afterwards call for the Old Country.

Rev. W. W. Peck, of Annapolis has been elected a member of Queen's University Council to hold office till 1916.

The young men of Knox church, Perth, have presented Rev. Currie with a handsome study chair and address and Mr. Cowell, the organist and choirmaster, with a unique music cabinet, and an address. Both were taken by surprise.

Rev. E. A. Earchman, B. A., of Toronto, is supplying the pulpit of Knox church, Acton, during the holiday trip of Rev. J. C. Wilson, B. A., the pastor, across the continent. Rev. Mr. Earchman graduated this year from Knox College.

Rev. T. Albert Moore, Toronto, had so long recovered from his recent operation that he was able to leave the hospital for home last week.

The French Presbyterian workers held their fourth annual convention in Ottawa this week. The first meeting for organization purposes was held on Tuesday in Bank street church. In the evening a banquet was given to the delegates by a committee of the Ottawa Presbytery. Wednesday the opening address was delivered by the retiring president, Dr. Amaron, of Joliette. Lectures and discussion constituted a large part of the convention and on Thursday evening there was an evangelistic meeting in St. Mark's church. The Ottawa Presbyterians spared no pains to make the convention a great success.

Dr. Russell Marshall has been appointed organist and choir director of Deer Park Church, Toronto.

Next week the congregation of the Royce Avenue Church, Toronto, will start work upon the erection of a manse for their pastor, Rev. R. M. Dickey. The congregation has grown so rapidly of late that the managers have taken under consideration the enlargement of the church. Upon the manse the sum of \$3,500 will be expended.

Rev. Robert Martin, pastor of Knox church, Stratford, is one of the official delegates appointed by the Foreign Mission Committee to attend the World's missionary convention at Edinburgh in June next.

Rev. F. J. Maxwell, of Brant avenue Presbyterian church, Brantford, has received a call to Davenport Road church, Toronto, at a stipend of \$1,700 per annum. It is not yet known whether Mr. Maxwell will accept the call.

Rev. Donald M. Martin tendered his resignation at the pastorate of the church at Bolton at a meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto last week.

An institutional building has been added to Parkdale church, Toronto. It cost \$18,000, has reading rooms, shower baths and a gymnasium, and will be open every night. There are two tennis courts and a bowling green on its grounds.

The annual banquet of the Adult Bible Class of the First Church London, held Monday evening in the schoolroom, was very successful.

Rev. J. Gibson Inkster, the pastor, delivered a short address on the political situation in Britain. He pointed out that he was opposed to the hereditary principle in any legislative body, but no effort had been made, nor would it be made, by any party to attack the principle of hereditary as applied to the monarchy. It would be impossible to obtain support for any policy that had for its object the abolition of the hereditary monarchy in Great Britain.

April 26th was the occasion of the happy conclusion of a somewhat protracted vacancy in Allenford and Elsinore in the Presbytery of Owen Sound by the induction of the Rev. Donald M. Matheson, called from the congregation of Westminster church, Horne, N.Y. The testimonies borne to Mr. Matheson's zeal, devotion and efficiency by his charge and Presbytery, leave no room for doubt that he is a real acquisition to Canadian Presbyterianism, and to the Presbytery of Owen Sound in particular.