

vacant on the third Sabbath in November, and Mr. W. A. MacKenzie was appointed Moderator of Session. Mr. Cameron preached his farewell sermon on the 8th inst.—GEO. MACARTHUR, Clerk.

TORONTO: This Presbytery held its regular monthly meeting on the 3rd inst. The Moderator, Rev. Wm. Patterson, presided. A committee was chosen to act with a similar committee from the Presbytery of Lindsay in a proposed union of congregations that are contiguous to these Presbyteries. On the report of a committee it was agreed to defer action for the present in the proposed union of Fern Avenue and Morningside under one charge. In considering the estimates for the Schemes of the Church, it was agreed to specify the amount desired for Manitoba College, apart from the special contribution to colleges. A call to Mr. T. A. Bell, licentiate, from the congregations of Unionville, St. John and Brown's Corners was sustained, and in the event of Mr. Bell's acceptance, it was agreed to meet in Unionville on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at 3 p.m., for the ordination trials, and at 4.30 p.m. for the public ordination and induction, the Moderator presiding. The Presbytery of Winnipeg having agreed to translate Mr. Wm. McKinley, called to Southside congregation in this city, it was agreed to meet on the 26th inst., at 3 p.m., for his induction, the Moderator presiding. The congregation of Cowan Avenue reported as to a permanent site, asking permission to remain in their present place of meeting. The matter will be decided at the next meeting of Presbytery.—R. C. TIBB, Clerk.

JUBILEE OF REV. DR. TORRANCE.

An interesting and profitable service was held in Chalmers Church, Guelph, on Wednesday evening, November 11th, which will no doubt be long remembered as an important event in the religious life of the city. The arrangements were under the management of the Guelph Presbytery, and the purpose of the celebration was to give due recognition to the fact that the Rev. R. Torrance, D.D., had happily completed his fifty years of ministerial service. It is not needful in this journal to specify in detail the varied services which, during the past half century, Dr. Torrance has rendered to the Church and to the community in which his lot has been cast. He has been ready to help any good cause, and all his work has been marked by patient perseverance, good judgment, and kindly sympathy. His brethren of the Presbytery, assembled to celebrate the jubilee, felt that they were called upon to rejoice over a wonderful career of quiet, methodical, useful work.

The proceedings opened at 4.30 p.m., under the presidency of Rev. W. Robertson, Moderator of Presbytery, who stated briefly the purpose of the meeting and began that series of congratulatory speeches remarkable for their cordiality and sincerity. The devotional services were then conducted by Rev. W. A. J. Martin and the Rev. J. C. Smith, B.D., followed with an introductory speech dealing with the work of Dr. Torrance and the appropriateness of the present proceedings. The Rev. J. Mullen, Fergus, preached a sermon remarkable for its simple beauty and freshness, based upon the words of Psalm xxxi. 19, and showing the wonders of God's mercy and the greatness of His goodness to those who acknowledge Him. After the sermon the Rev. Dr. Wardrope bore testimony to the courtesy and kindness of Dr. Torrance during the many years of their personal intercourse, and joined in the general congratulations in his usual chaste, graceful style. Dr. Wallace indulged in reminiscences of the "Old Times," and the little old church which used to stand on the site of the present town hall. At this point an adjournment was made for an hour and a half, that the Presbytery, visitors and friends might partake of the good things so generously provided by the ladies of Chalmers Church. A substantial tea was served in the basement, which was heartily enjoyed by a large number of people.

At the evening meeting the Rev. Dr. Dickson, of Galt, presided, and one important feature was the reading of a number of telegrams, letters and addresses. Some of the latter were lengthy and of considerable significance from the standpoint of the local ecclesiastical historian. The Rev. R. M. Glassford conducted the devotional service and expressed the deep interest of Chalmers Church in the jubilee. Rev. Dr. Hamilton, of Motherwell, in a few words, declared his deep pleasure at being present on such a pleasant yet solemn occasion, and Rev. Dr. Cochrane vigorously spoke of by-gone days and sang the praises of the noble men who had done the pioneer work in this fair Canada. Owing to sickness the Rev. Principal Caven was kept at home, but Mrs. Caven was present and was the bearer of an affectionate letter. On behalf of the Ministerial Association of Guelph, the Rev. B. B. Williams, in a few well-chosen words, presented a portrait of the Rev. Dr. Torrance as seen by that body. Mr. Williams, in courteous and kindly words, spoke of Dr. Torrance as a well-balanced man, ready to do any amount of work and doing all that he undertook well. He also made mention of Mrs. Torrance, and supported all Mr. Mullen had said as to the important influence of the minister's wife.

Dr. Torrance, in rising to reply, showed that he had been deeply touched by all the kind references to himself and his work, and, in a few well-ordered words, referred to his past career and the guidance of God so richly given that whatever little service he had rendered he felt himself still overwhelmingly in debt to the Giver of all good. He closed his address in the words of the 23rd Psalm as indicating his thankfulness for the past and his hope for the future.

Mrs. Dawson presided at the organ, and the choir rendered effectual service, a solo by Miss Macdonald being much appreciated.

The congregation in the evening was large and representative, and altogether it was felt that this was a remarkable and inspiring service.

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

The Committee on French Evangelization, through its chairman, Rev. John Scrimger, D.D., and secretary, Mr. S. J. Taylor, has issued the following circular in reference to the Thanksgiving Day collection in aid of that deserving cause:

All over the field of French evangelization are signs of encouragement and evidences of progress. More doors are open to the missionaries than they can enter and where the Gospel is proclaimed people listen gladly.

Colporteurs and evangelists report easier access to the people and a growing desire for truth. The Bible is still a prohibited book and the mass of the people ignorant of it. Less than two per cent. of eleven hundred and eighty families and persons recently visited had a copy of the Scriptures although the district has been visited often by agents of the Bible Society and others.

The Mission-day-schools are well attended, a large proportion of the scholars coming from Roman Catholic homes, many of whom meet with Junior Endeavor Societies in connection with some of the schools.

The Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools opened on the 15th ult. and are already full, one hundred and fifty pupils being in attendance. These schools have entered upon their jubilee, and Principal Bourgoin the semi-jubilee of his work in connection with them. A celebration of this double event will take place on the 24th inst. under the auspices of the Association of Former Pupils of the schools.

Recent and current movements in the Province of Quebec, so full of promise for the future, are largely, though not wholly, due to the missionary and educational work of humble and devoted representatives of evangelical churches during these years. "What great things hath God wrought!"

Surely what has been accomplished not only warrants but imperatively demands the continuance of energetic and consecrated efforts to give our Roman Catholic fellow-Canadians of French origin the Gospel of the Son of God.

As in former years the Executive of the Board appeals for a special collection on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, in aid of the funds and also for the active sympathy and co-operation of pastors and people in carrying on this department of the Church's missionary work.

The present indebtedness of the Ordinary and Pointe-aux-Trembles Fund is \$9,650.00.

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CHURCH OPENING—BRANDON HILLS, MANITOBA.

A beautiful little church was dedicated on Sabbath, 15th ult., in the picturesque and prosperous Brandon Hills settlement, part of the Roundthwaite congregation. Rev. Principal King, of Manitoba College, conducted the morning service, and Rev. L. Galey, of Brandon, the service in the evening. A service in connection with the Sabbath School was held in the afternoon, and short addresses given by Principal King and the local ministers. On the Monday evening following a very successful opening social was held. Besides local talent, Rev. E. A. Henry, of Brandon, and several members of the Brandon Presbyterian Church choir, contributed to the enjoyment of the evening. This was the first occasion afforded many of the people in the community of hearing Mr. Henry, and all were delighted with his eloquent, witty and practical address. The sum of \$210 was raised at the services on Sabbath and the Monday evening social, and it is expected that in a very short time the new church will be free of debt. Considering that there are only nine or ten Presbyterian families in this settlement, the church is indeed a credit to their liberality and Christian energy. The total cost is \$1,850. A beautiful square tower stands in front of the building forming a porch and belfry. The interior of the church is finished in British Columbia fir; the pews and pulpit of

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DIED.

Suddenly, at noon, on Saturday, the 14th November, at St. Andrew's Manse, Toronto, the Rev. George Smellie, D.D., of Fergus, in his 86th year.

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