

THE induction of Rev. Mr. Bradley to Knox church, Mitchell, took place on the afternoon and evening of December 17th. Rev. Mr. Leitch, moderator of Stratford Presbytery, presided. The sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Cooper, of Listowel, who was the last minister inducted in this Presbytery. Rev. E. W. Pantou, of St. Andrew's church, Stratford, gave the address to the minister. The address to the congregation was delivered by Rev. T. A. Cosgrove, of St. Mary's. In the evening service, Rev. Mr. Leach was again in the chair. Addresses were given by Rev. Dr. Hamilton, of Motherwell; Rev. Dr. Williams, Mitchell; Rev. A. Henderson, Attwood; Rev. J. T. Kerwin, Mitchell; Rev. T. A. Cosgrove, St. Mary's, and Mayor Hood, after which Rev. Mr. Bradley addressed the congregation. Mr. Leitch was presented with a purse of gold for the able manner in which he had watched over the interests of Knox church congregation during the period in which they were without a pastor. He spoke very feelingly in reply, after which the benediction was pronounced. Rev. Mr. Bradley was born in the township of North Easthope. He graduated from Toronto University in 1888, and from Knox College in 1890. He afterwards preached in St. Thomas, North Dakota, for three years, and for the past two years has been preaching in Alvinston, Ont.

Presbytery of Victoria.

THIS Presbytery held an adjourned meeting in St. Paul's church, Victoria, on Monday evening, 10th ult., for the induction of Rev. D. MacRae, to the pastoral charge of St. Paul's church, Victoria, and other business. Mr. W. L. Clay, moderator, presided, Mr. J. C. Forster preached the induction sermon and Messrs. D. A. MacRae, Nanaimo, and A. B. Winchester, Victoria, addressed the minister and congregation on their respective duties. A letter was laid on the table by Mr. D. A. MacRae, for the past five years minister of St. Andrew's church, resigning his charge of the congregation, in consequence of the state of his wife's health, necessitating an immediate removal to a warmer climate. Regret and sympathy having been expressed by several members, it was agreed to hold an adjourned meeting in St. Andrew's church, Nanaimo, on Monday, the 23rd ult., for the purpose of dealing with the resignation and other business.—D. MacRae, Clerk.

Presbytery of Owen Sound.

THIS Presbytery met in Knox church, Owen Sound, on the 17th inst. Dr. Fraser moderator. The Remit on representation in the General Assembly was not approved. Mr. P. McNabb reported for the committee on Knox Sydenham that a connecting point had not been secured. The committee was re-appointed. The Presbytery agreed to supply Knox church till the meeting in March, the salary, at the rate of \$350 per annum, to go to Mrs. McLennan. Deputations from Daywood, Woodford and Johnson, asked that the congregation be made a pastoral charge. The request was granted, subject to the approval of the Augmentation Committee. Mr. Smith was re-appointed till March. Rev. Jas. Anderson was appointed ordained missionary in Crawford, etc., for one year, to date from Oct. 1st. The treasurer was instructed to levy a rate of three cents per member for the Presbytery Fund. Rev. Mr. Thompson was appointed to conduct the opening exercises at next meeting. The Presbytery then proceeded to make nominations to the vacant chairs in Knox College. It was resolved "that in the judgment of this Presbytery the interests of Theological Education will be best furthered by filling the chairs now vacant in Knox College with men of ability and promise, who are in close touch with the life and work of the Presbyterian church in Canada." It was then moved by Dr. Somerville, seconded by Mr. D. A. McLean, and agreed:—"That the Presbytery represent to the Board of Knox College that in its judgment the Rev. D. M. Ramsay, B.D., is eminently qualified by character, scholarship and ability to teach, to fill the Chair of Old Testament Literature and Exegesis now vacant, and it respectfully nominates him to that position." It was moved by Dr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Acheson, and agreed:—"That the Rev. J. Somerville, B.D., an honoured alumnus of the College and member of this Presbytery, is, by reason of his scholarly attainments, his experience and

success as a teacher and a minister, his valued services on the Senate and Examining Board of the College, his great interest in and influence over young men, and the high esteem in which he is generally and deservedly held throughout the Church, eminently qualified for the work of teaching and training students for the ministry of the Word. The Presbytery, therefore, respectfully nominate Dr. Somerville for appointment to the Chair of Apologetics and Church History in Knox College, in the assurance that if appointed he will fill the position for which he is so well fitted by his natural gifts and graces, as well as by his education and experience to the satisfaction alike of the College Board, the Senate and the students, and to the credit of the Church."—J. SOMERVILLE, Clerk.

Subjects for Week of Prayer.

THE subjects allotted by the Evangelical Alliance for the week of united and universal prayer, (January 5—12) are as follows:—

SABBATH, January 5.—Sermons on the Holy Spirit.

MONDAY, January 6.—Thanksgiving and Humiliation. Ps. ciii. 2; Ps. cxvi. 12; Eph. v. 20; Rev. ii. 4; Rev. iii. 16.

TUESDAY.—Prayer for the Church Universal. Eph. iii. 14-19; Gal. v. 22.

WEDNESDAY.—For nations and their rulers. Ps. xc. 1-7; 1 Tim. ii. 1-4; Titus iii. 1; Romans xiii. 7.

THURSDAY.—Foreign Missions. Rev. vii. 9-17; Job. iii. 6-8.

FRIDAY.—Home Missions and the Jews. Mark xii. 36-7; Matt. xxii. 9-10.

SATURDAY.—Families and Schools. 2 Tim. i. 5-6; 2 Tim. iii. 14-17.

In accordance with the wish expressed in many lands the general headings remain the same from year to year, the details to be varied as circumstances require.

Fifty Years Ago.

ONE of the most interesting accounts received for many a day, was that sent lately of the semi-centenary celebration of the Egmondville church. Rev. Dr. Gregg was the preacher, and he presided over unique services. As described by the local press the attendance was large. At the morning service, out of respect to the older members of the congregation, the fathers and mothers of the flock, these were all seated in the central pews. All the modern innovations were dispensed with. The choir and organ were laid aside, and were replaced by the old time precentor, who led in the psalms with the good old tunes which in days gone by so stirred the hearts of the worthy patriarchs. The congregation also sat when singing and stood a prayer. The sermon, also, was exceedingly appropriate for the occasion. Many who belonged to the congregation in earlier days, but who have since joined other communities, were present and took their places with the veterans. The singing was led by Mr. Hugh Stephenson. No doubt it was a time of refreshing to many. On the Monday following a very interesting meeting was held. The chair was occupied by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Shaw, who, after devotional exercises, opened the meeting by reading an admirable memorial poem, and an historical sketch of the congregation, both from the pen of Miss Graham, daughter of the first pastor, the late Rev. William Graham. The historical sketch, which is quite lengthy, must have cost Miss Graham much painstaking research, and, as a literary production, fully sustains the reputation which this young lady has been acquiring during the past year or two. Dr. Gregg gave an address on the history of Presbyterianism in Canada. Short addresses were also delivered by Mr. Andrew McCas, now of Toronto, who is in his eighty-third year, and is the only surviving member of the first session of the congregation; by Mr. George Walker, of Tuckersmith, a member of the first session of Brucefield congregation, an out-post of Egmondville, and by Mr. John Kerr of McKillop, one of the pioneer members of the congregation. Congratulatory addresses were also delivered by Rev. Mr. Bond, of the Methodist church, Seaforth; and Rev. Dr. McDonald, Seaforth; and Rev. Mr. Muirgrave, McKillop. A very pleasant, profitable and long to be remembered meeting was brought to a close about 5 o'clock. The following is the memorial poem, by Miss Graham, above referred to:

These lines are written on the jubilee of the Egmondville Presbyterian church, and are

affectionately dedicated to a generation fast passing away:

We pause to note the history

Of half a century's flight,
And bring the records of the past
Once more into the light

They pass along with noiseless tread,
Those old, forgotten years,
So rich in sacred memories,
All gemmed with smiles and tears.

But while we meet to celebrate

The days of long ago,
Let's not forget Auld Scotia's sons,
Who sleep beneath the snow.

Those sturdy souls who crossed the sea,
Without a thrill of fear,
That in the wilds of Canada
God's temple they might rear.

Their pathway lay through blazed woods,
Their comforts then were few;
Grim want and trials sore beset,
The hearts so brave and true.

But still their courage faltered not;
They fought for God and right,
Until the earth's great giant kings
Were levelled by their might.

And in the place where the red men trod,
In the quiet even calm,
There floated to the throne of God
A glad thanksgiving psalm.

Then, see the Scottish settler,
His Ebenezer raise,
Till the broad and fair Dominion
Repeats its Maker's praise.

Grand noble sires; whose blessing rests,
Upon this very place,
May God, their God, the father be,
Of their succeeding race.

ON Friday afternoon last His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario visited the British American Business College, Confederation Life Building, Toronto, and distributed the gold medals awarded the successful students in the various departments. The principal medal, donated by Mr. S. Caldecott, President of the Toronto Board of Trade, was awarded to Mr. J. H. Chinn, of Uxbridge, for general proficiency in commercial subjects. Mr. S. F. McKinnon, wholesale milliner, presented a gold medal for improvement in penmanship, which was awarded to Miss Curlewa Boswell. The handsome gold medal given by the directors of the College for shorthand and typewriting was won by Miss Alice Hall. Brief speeches were delivered by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Prof. Goldwin Smith, Dr. James Beatty, Q.C., Mr. Stapleton Caldecott, Mr. J. Herbert Mason, Mr. Edward Trout, President of the College, and other prominent business men. The College then closed for the holidays after the most successful term in its history. It reopens on Monday, January 6th, 1896.

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