

watch for the pastor, as a token of th appreciation of the people. Mr. Tibb in replying assured them of his earnest desire to serve them and their Common Master, and that in the work this expression of their appreciation was an encouragement whose value to him he could not estimate. The congregation is more hopeful than ever in its history.

The Presbyterian Church of Indianford in the Presbytery of Glenboro was opened on Sabbath Oct. 25th by the Rev. A. MacTavish of Treherne, who preached morning and evening to crowded congregations. The church is a neat frame structure and is indeed a credit to the congregation. Its erection is largely due to the untiring energy of the pastor the Rev. John Mowat. Both pastor and people are to be congratulated on having such a comfortable place of worship, almost entirely free of debt. On Monday evening a social was held in the new church which was filled to its utmost capacity by the congregation and their friends. The choir of the Presbyterian Church Treherne and the Buchbech family contributed largely to the enjoyment of the evening.

The first of a course of lectures under the auspices of the Gaelic Society of Toronto, was given at Richmond Hall November 3, when Rev. J. A. Morrison of the East Presbyterian Church, spoke on "John Knox and his Times." Mr. A. Fraser, the President of the Society, occupied the chair, and there was a fair sized and appreciative audience. The lecturer dealt in an interesting manner with the life of the great Scottish reformer. After telling of his earlier days and preaching, his temporary imprisonment and subsequent life at Geneva, the speaker recounted the story of Knox's return to Scotland and the work which he then accomplished, despite strenuous opposition. A hearty vote of thanks to Rev. Mr. Morrison at the conclusion of his interesting address brought the meeting to a close.

A service which will long be remembered by those who were present was held in the West end Mission, Deseronto, on the evening of Sabbath, Nov. 1st. The service was an anniversary, a re-opening and a memorial, combined. Just one year ago the congregation was organized by the Session of the Church of the Redeemer, and it has already become a devoted and progressive body. During the past summer it has advanced with rapid strides under the able ministry of Mr. J. K. Clark, B.A., the student in charge. A few weeks ago the congregation lost, by death, one of its most earnest and devoted friends, Mr. Charles H. Day, and it was deemed desirable to erect a memorial of his life and work. It was thought that the memorial most in harmony with Mr. Day's wishes, as expressed by his life, would be the enlargement of the mission hall, which had become quite inadequate to accommodate the large number attending. Accordingly the building has been so enlarged and so beautifully completed that it is now a most commodious and comfortable structure. A tablet, suitably inscribed to Mr. Day's memory, has been placed on the wall. This artistic piece of work was executed by Mr. A. Burns, a member of the mission. At the re-opening service the building was crowded. Mr. Clark presided, and delivered a very instructive and appropriate address. Mr. S. Russell M.A., editor of the *Tribune* and Rev. W. S. MacTavish B.D., also spoke, making touching and eulogistic references to Mr. Day's beautiful young life and his earnest, unselfish work. Many were visibly affected. The service of the choir under the leadership of Mrs. F. H. Sims was highly appreciated. At the close of the meeting many remained to say farewell to Mr. Clark who, after having labored with much success for two summers among them, leaves now to complete his studies in Queen's College.

Y.M.C.A. Recital.

The attention of our readers is called to the announcement in another column of a recital to be given by one of Toronto's favorites, Mrs. Agnes Knox-Bleck. This recital is to be given under the patronage of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the University

College, Y.M.C.A. Agnes Knox is so widely and favorably known that there is no need of commenting upon her ability. The press on both sides of the water is loud in her praises, her name is almost a household word in Canada. But reference should be made to the splendid aims and progress of the Young Men's Christian Association of University College, under whose auspices the recital will be given. The building which the Association occupies was built in 1886, but the necessity is now felt for more ample accommodation, and the students are endeavoring to raise a fund for the extension of their building. It is with this in view that they are conducting a series of three or four concerts; and it is to be hoped that their endeavors will meet with a ready response on the part of the public. The plan of the Hall may be seen at Gourlay, Winter and Leeming.

Whitby Presbytery.

Whitby Presbytery held its regular quarterly meeting at St. Andrew's Church, Pickering, on Tuesday October 20th. Rev. J. B. McLaron, moderator in the chair. There was a large representation of both ministers and elders present. Rev. Messrs. McKeen and McLeod and Mr. Renwick Elder were appointed a committee to report at next regular meeting on the remit sent down from the General Assembly. Ministers and Sessions were allowed to make arrangements deemed best for bringing the Home Mission Work before their respective congregations. As statistical information regarding the Y. P. S.'s was not complete, Mr. Whiteman, the convener, was instructed to bring up a full report at next regular meeting of Presbytery. On motion of Mr. Whiteman, seconded by Mr. Eastman, it was unanimously agreed "That Presbytery receive and adopt the Assembly's plan of study and express its gratification that the Assembly has taken such important action and hereby commends said plan of study to our Young Peoples Societies. A circular from Prisoners Aid Association was read by the moderator, discussed, and laid on the table. Rev. John Chisholm was appointed agent on behalf of Manitoba College. "A conference on some practical subjects for the coming winter's work" followed. The questions taken up were first, "How to promote religion in the home," and second, "How to increase the spirituality of the Church." Mr. Eastman introduced the first subject, and Mr. McKeen, the second, in earnest and suggestive addresses. A profitable discussion ensued in which many of the brethren took part. Subsequently it was moved by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Chisholm and unanimously agreed "That Ministers and Sessions be urged to make special effort, during the coming year, to promote family worship throughout the congregations, and to secure, as largely as possible, the attendance of the children at public worship, that the clerk send a copy of this resolution to each Session and request that action be taken upon it." JOHN McMECHAN, Clerk.

Toronto Presbytery.

This Presbytery held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 3. The Moderator, Rev. Wm. Patterson, Presided. It was agreed to transmit the papers of the Rev. D. Campbell to the Presbytery of Mionedosa, that he may be received as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. A committee was chosen to act with a similar committee from the Presbytery of Lindsay in a proposed union of congregations that are contiguous in these Presbyteries. Assessors were appointed to act with the Session of Malton, Dixie, and Port Credit in adjusting certain matters within the bounds of the latter congregation. 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. The committee charged with the separation of Malton from the charge of Malton, Dixie, and Port Credit was instructed to complete its work at as early a date as convenient. In considering the estimates for the Schemes of the Church, it was agreed to specify the amount desired for Manitoba College, apart from the general 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 4.30 p.m. for the public ordination and induction. Mr. Mutch was appointed to preach, Dr. Carmichael to address the minister, Mr. Grant to address the people, 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 Thursday the 26th, inst. at 3 p.m. for his induction. The Moderator presiding, Mr. Gilray will preach, Dr. Warden address the minister, and Mr. Frizzell will address the people. The congregation at Cowan avenue submitted a report as to a permanent site requesting Presbytery to allow them to worship permanently in their present place of worship. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting of Presbytery — R. O. TIBB, Clerk.

Lindsay Presbytery

This Presbytery met at Woodville Oct. 20th. Rev. D. D. McDonald, Moderator. There was a good attendance of ministers and elders. A call was presented from Cannington to Rev. J. A. Mathison B.D., but he having accepted another field of labor, it was regretfully laid aside. A call from Knox Church, Beaverton, and Cambridge was laid on the table in favor of Mr. E. J. McDonald B.D., Licentiate, and after due consideration was accepted. His ordination and induction will take place at Beaverton Nov. 3rd., Mr. McKeen to preach, Mr. Duncan to address the minister and Mr. MacMillan the people. Messrs. V. M. Parry B.A., and J. A. Donnell were examined and certified to Queen's College and Home Mission Board respectively. Other routine business was transacted.—P. A. MacLEOD, Clerk.

Correspondence.

The New Professors' in Cooke's Church.

To the Editor.

The commonly accepted opinion about Theological professors is, that usually they are poor preachers. In the two new professors of Knox, whatever their qualifications as teachers may be, their sermons in Cooke's Church, on Sabbath, showed that they are both good preachers. Sabbath morning a good congregation worshipped in Cooke's. Psalms and Paraphrases were the medium of praise, with organ accompaniment. Professor Ballantyne occupied the pulpit. The Professor is a good looking man, lacking in hair, but the depth and width of the forehead shows mental capacity and is strikingly like that of the late Dean Stanley. As he announced the opening Psalm his clear resonant voice sounded through the whole building, so again in his reading, every word was distinctly heard, and the pronunciation was perfect. The sermon subject—Conversion. Text Ezekiel xxxvi. 26, was a masterly exposition of the passage. Particularly good was his definition of "the heart," as embracing the mind, the affections and the will, and his emphatic declaration that God's plan for the regeneration of the race is the only one possible, while admitting all other efforts as helpful, the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Were we inclined to be critical, we might suggest that regeneration is the true scriptural term to denote the conversion of which the Professor spoke. At the evening service the church was filled in every corner. Professor Robinson was the preacher. The Doctor is a closely shaven man, with a wealth of hair on his head, clean cut sharp features, and his face seems from below the gallery to be sick'ed o'er with the pale cast of thought. His reading is not nearly so good as Professor Ballantyne's, nor his voice so clear. His subject was the Kingship of Christ, and it is not too much to say that Toronto has rarely had a more masterly exposition of this doctrine. His description of the triumph of Jesus as a piece of word painting was simply matchless, and