

RELIGIOUS.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The resignation of Rev. F. H. Murray, Rector of St. Luke's, has taken the community by surprise, as it was not generally known that his health was failing. It will be remembered that Mr. Murray sustained a serious injury at the burning of the poor house some five years ago, by inhaling heated air and smoke, from which he has never thoroughly recovered. It is to be sincerely hoped that the change to a warmer climate may effectually restore him to his former activity. The loss of his energy and enthusiasm will be much felt in the Diocese.

The Revs. T. C. Mellor and F. Woolcott will present themselves for admission to the Holy Order of Priests, and Messrs. A. T. Tucker, A. Slipper and F. Mellor to the Diaconate, at the Advent ordination to be held in St. Luke's Cathedral on Sunday morning next by his Lordship the Condujtor Bishop of Fredericton.

The Sacramental Rite of confirmation will be administered by the same Bishop in St. George's church on Sunday evening.

The Church in Scotland is increasing at a faster rate than the population. Since 1801 the population has increased two and a-half times; the Church six-fold. Since 1881 her clergy have increased by sixty-seven.

The question of the extension of the Episcopate in England is receiving much attention at the present time, the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol having devoted a portion of his late charge to its discussion.

PRESBYTERIAN.

At the communion lately held in Erskine church, Montreal, forty-two names were added to the membership roll. Rev. Mr. Jordan was inducted into the charge of the congregation less than three years ago, and since that time about 250 have been received into the church.

Mr. Donald McLean, a licentiate of the presbytery of Glengarry, Ont., was ordained and inducted into the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Earlton.

The presbytery of Halifax will meet on the 27th inst. in St. Andrew's church, to induct the Rev. D. M. Gordon.

In the Presbyterian Church in Ireland there are 620 ordained ministers, 555 congregations, 30 assistant ministers, and 56 licentiates. The General Assembly represents a Presbyterian population of 420,000.

Dr. Francis L. Patton, the new President of Princeton College, is a worthy successor to the Rev. Dr. McCosh. He is in the forty-fourth year, and a native of Bermuda. After attending a course at University College, Toronto, he attended at Princeton Seminary, and graduated in 1865. His first pastorate was in New York, and was afterwards pastor of prominent churches in Brooklyn and Chicago. In 1873 he became editor of the *Interior*, and held that position till 1876. During that time and up to 1881 he was a professor in McCormick Seminary. He became Moderator of the General Assembly in 1878, and accepted a professorship in Princeton Seminary in 1881.

METHODIST.

The centenary of the organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church has just been celebrated in all the churches of that denomination in the United States. It has now 2,500 travelling preachers, 6,300 local preachers, 3,000 church edifices, and a membership of 500,000. Connected with it is a publication department, and a quarterly magazine.

Rev. F. H. W. Picklee, of Kaye St. church, will in all likelihood remove to Portland, N. B., at the termination of his pastorate here, he having accepted an invitation from the church at that place, subject to the consent of the transfer committee.

Rev. R. S. Ackman, of Point de Bute, N. B., will become pastor of Kaye St. church after next Conference.

Two ladies—Miss Leake, of Parrsboro', and Miss Morgan, of Brantford, Ont.—have been sent out as missionaries by the Woman's Missionary Society, the former going to Victoria, B. C., to take charge of a Home for Chinese girls, and the latter to teach a girls' school in Tokio, Japan.

Bishop Taylor, the great Methodist missionary, has reached the goal in the depths of Africa toward which he has long been struggling. Before his pioneer band of missionaries started the Bishop declared his intention to plant stations among the tribes along the Upper Kassa and its tributaries, and he has lately succeeded.

BAPTIST.

Rev. R. M. Hunt, of St. Stephen, N. B., has accepted the call extended to him some weeks ago by a Baptist church at Jamaica Plains, Mass. It is to be regretted that so many of the able young ministers of the denomination are leaving the provinces.

The Baptist church at Carleton, N. B., have secured the Rev. George Howard as pastor.

On Tuesday last the ladies of the First Baptist church held a sale of fancy articles and refreshments at Spring Garden Hall, which was elaborately decorated for the occasion. During the afternoon and evening a large number attended, and purchased articles suitable for the approaching season.

Ex Congressman Thos. B. Peddie, a member of the First Baptist church at Newark, N. J., has made a gift of \$75,000 to build a new edifice, and has also contributed \$40,000, the value of the lot on which the church is to be built.

Mr. Spurgeon has stated that at the close of the present year he shall have preached two thousand sermons.



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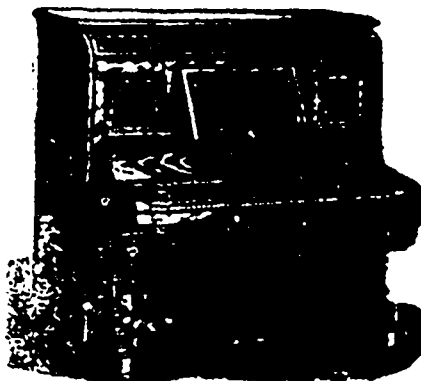
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