

RELIGIOUS.
PRESBYTERIAN.

At a reception recently given to the Rev. Dr. Shaw, of Rochester, N. Y., on his retirement, after a pastorate of forty-nine years, speeches were made from representatives of the different denominations, including Bishop McQuaid, of the Roman Catholic Church, and a Jewish rabbi.

The undergraduates of Princeton College did nobly in subscribing \$1,460 for the support of a college missionary and native preacher. The Princeton Theological Seminary students also subscribed \$650 toward the salary of a missionary.

Rev. P. McF. Macleod, one of the most popular ministers in Toronto, has received a call from a church in British Columbia. In the interest of Presbyterianism in that Province, it is to be hoped that he may accept the position.

St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow, one of the congregations which refused to join the Union, has decided to seek admission to the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Principal Grant, about a year ago, started out to raise \$250,000 towards the endowment of Queen's University, Kingston, and has already raised within \$15,000 of the amount. He deserves the position of Moderator at the next General Assembly.

In Syria, there are 121 Presbyterian Sabbath schools, with a membership of 5,344.

Three vacant churches in Pictou County, connected with the Established Church of Scotland, are endeavoring to obtain pastors. The congregation at Westville have extended a call to the Rev. William McMillan; the one at Stellarton are desirous of obtaining the services of the Rev. James Murray, while the church at Gairloch will call the Rev. J. Fowling, who lately returned to Scotland. It is stated two Kirk ministers are shortly expected from Scotland, to labor in other vacant churches in the county.

BAPTIST.

The death is announced of the Rev. A. Taylor, of Hampstead, N. B., one of the oldest and most prominent ministers connected with the F. C. Baptist Conference of New Brunswick. He had been ill for about six weeks, but shortly before his death it was hoped that he would be enabled to resume his duties.

Still another Baptist minister has left Nova Scotia. The Rev. J. M. Weeks, after occupying the pastorate of the Liverpool Baptist church has removed to Ontario and taken charge of a church.

Rev. Mr. Ford has yielded to the unanimous wish of the Baptist church at Milton, Yarmouth, and will continue as their pastor.

The First Baptist church, Montreal, after a protracted vacancy, has secured as pastor the Rev. Mr. Cressy, at one time assistant pastor of Tremont Temple, Boston.

There are now 2,764 Baptist churches in Great Britain, an increase of 22 over the previous year; 3,701 chapels; 301,385 members; 46,786 Sunday school teachers, 458,200 scholars; 1,860 regular pastors; and 4,118 local preachers.

Rev. John Aldis, Dr. Angus, and Dr. Alexander Maclaren, three ex-presidents of the English Baptist Union, have issued a joint letter, in which they deplored Mr. Spurgeon's secession from the Union.

The Baptists are making rapid progress in Russia, their views respecting baptism, it is stated, being acceptable to the people.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The Rev. A. C. Jones, late of Milton, P. E. I., has been inducted Rector of Hamilton and Smith, Bermuda.

The small body of struggling church people at Hantsport have succeeded, after much opposition on the part of their fellow Christians, in securing a site for their proposed new church. It is to be begun at once.

The new church at New Ross road, Hants, was opened for service on Christmas Day. The S. P. C. K. has given £50 sterling towards the building fund. Rev. John Harrison is the Incumbent of Falmouth and Hantsport.

It has been resolved to raise a Jubilee Cathedral Fund in the Diocese of Capetown, in the hope that it may be consecrated in 1897, the Jubilee year of the Anglican Church at the Cape.

At Balliol College, Oxford, long noted for ultra liberalism of Christian thought, a new movement has appeared in the establishment of the Balliol College Church Society, for the purpose of forming a university settlement in East London. Its three main lines are stated to be:—1. Academical.

Utterly devoted to Christ's poor. 3. Consequently, Christian in name, and Catholic in surname; in doctrine, practice and conception.

METHODIST.

It is said the Archbishop of Canterbury, who is a pronounced ritualist, the son of a Methodist minister.

Rev. J. Strothard will deliver a lecture on "Kingly Men," in the Y. C. A. Hall, on the 24th inst.

The Evangelistic committee appointed by the last conference, have released the Rev. F. Pickles from pastoral work for a short time, and appointed him for evangelistic work. He has already conducted services at Islow and Canning. While thus engaged, the Rev. Wm. Ryan supplies the pulpit of Kaye Street Church.

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