

## Church News.

Messrs. Jas. Adam, Jas. Ruddick and Wm. McDowell have been ordained elders in St. Andrew's church, Ingersoll.

The old Presbyterian church, Tillamook, has been removed and operations will soon be commenced on the new church.

At a meeting of the Foreign Mission Committee at New Glasgow, N.S., Mr. W. L. McKee, licentiate, was appointed a missionary to Trinidad, to take the place of Rev. J. W. McLeod, recently deceased.

A DEPUTATION waited upon Attorney-General Mowat 13th inst., and presented the memorial of the Presbyterian Synod of Montreal and Ottawa praying for Government action for the enforcement of the Scott Act. Mr. Mowat replied that the Government is enforcing the Act, and asked whether the magistrates were not carrying out the law. The deputation, while dissatisfied with the way in which the law is being administered, did not care to mention names, and there the matter rests.

At a recent meeting of the Chatham Presbytery in Bothwell, the union of Florence with Bothwell and Sutherland's Corners, as forming one pastoral charge was consummated, and matters of detail arranged to the satisfaction of all parties. It was agreed that divine service be held in Bothwell every Sabbath evening and every alternate Sabbath in the forenoon, and at both Florence and Sutherland's Corners once every three Sabbaths out of four. The prospects now are that before long a Presbyterian minister will be settled in Bothwell.

On Wednesday evening, 12th inst., some 80 or 90 persons (members and adherents of Melville church), Brussels, surprised their pastor, Rev. J. Ross, B.A., and presented him with a purse containing \$200, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by his people. The gathering was a genuine surprise to the rev. gentleman, for while he and Mrs. Ross were at the prayer meeting at the church a number of the congregation took possession of the manse and had everything ready when the prayer service was over. Mr. W. R. Wilson read the address, and Mr. Alex. Stewart made the presentation.

This congregation of St. Andrew's church, Campbellford, having been obliged to remodel the seats in the church in order to increase the seating capacity, together with other improvements at a cost of \$177.25, a special collection was called for on Sabbath the 9th of May to defray the expenses thereby incurred. At the morning and evening services the collections amounted to the handsome sum of \$33.17, besides \$40 previously raised by voluntary contribution, making a grand total of \$272.24, a hearty response indeed, showing the vigorous and buoyant spirit that exists in the congregation under their new pastor, the Rev. John Fay, B.D.

On the 7th inst. the new St. Andrew's church, Peterboro', was dedicated. Dr. Cochran, of Brantford, preached in the morning, and Rev. D. J. Macdonnell in the evening. The new church is already more than half paid for, though subscriptions are yet to be received from a large part of the congregation. The subscriptions up to date amounted to more than \$12,000. The cost of the church was about \$20,000. At the re-opening the collections averaged \$100 a service, \$300 altogether. The Ladies' Aid Society have a good round fund in hand for the purchase of the new organ, which is to be placed in the choir gallery in June.

The new Presbytery of Orangeville will be composed of the following charges and ministers:—Charleston and Alton, Rev. A. McFaul; St. Andrew's, Orangeville, Rev. W. A. Hunter; Claude and Mayfield, vacant; Cheltenham and Mount Pleasant, Rev. J. Gilchrist; Mono Mills, Adela and Caledon East, Rev. A. Tait; Erin and Osnaburgh, Rev. R. Fowle; Hillsburg and Price's Corners, Rev. W. Armstrong; Grand Valley and Waldemar, Rev. H. Crozier; Shelburne and Primrose, Rev. T. J. McClelland; Markdale and Fetherston, Rev. A. Wilson; Priceville, Rev. M. McLeod; Dundalk, Rev. J. A. Ross; Horning Mills and Honeywood, J. A. McDonald; Mulmur and Rosemont, Rev. R. L. Smith. With Camilla and Mono Centre, Caledon, Osnaburgh and Ballinacraig, and Singhampton and Maple Valley, which are vacant, and Black's Corners and Gaudier, Mission Stations. This will give 19 charges, with about forty stations, etc., territory along the C. & N. of about 60 miles.

The Rev. D. M. Gordon, preaching to the 90th Battalion on the anniversary of the Battle of Batoche, in Knox church, Winnipeg, said in the course of an eloquent sermon: "And yet the Indian can be civilized. It is the foulest lie to say, as is often said, that 'there is no good Indian except the dead one.' We have many instances that prove their power to adapt themselves to the new order of things if only a fair chance be given, and a strong hand of help be stretched out to them. But there are changes now required in our dealings with them, for the experience of those years that have passed since the treaties were made has taught many lessons. We need, for instance, if such be possible, to have the appointment of Indian agents, from the highest to the lowest, removed from the reign of party politics, so that men shall be appointed for their fitness for this work and not as the reward of party service. We need to have all our Indian schools taught by those who could give both boys and girls some knowledge of the way to use their hands in profitable work, and each teacher paid a living salary. We need to have all the agents who live among the Indians, and who are to the Indians the representatives both of Government and people, men of honesty and purity, married men who could show them something of what is meant by a Christian home. The people of Canada would not grudge expense in doing their duty to the Indian tribes. Public sentiment would favour a wise, humane and generous policy; but if there is one subject more than another affecting the North-West on which public sentiment needs awakening it is the treatment of our Indian population."

The new Knox church, Owen Sound, is cruciform in shape, the pulpit, which is of handsome modern style, being in the north end, with a commodious organ and choir gallery rising to the rear of it and filling that end of the church. The opposite end and both sides of the church contain commodious galleries, with connections between them, making a passage around three-fourths of the church, protected in front with a handsome iron railing. The ground floor of the auditorium is arranged with seats circling to face the pulpit, and together with the galleries is capable of comfortably seating a congregation of a thousand. The minister's vestry is entered from near the pulpit, and is situated under the choir gallery. Communicating with it is a large room for business meetings, to which access is also obtained from the western vestibule. The lighting is by gasolene, the central chandelier containing eighteen lights, and when lit up in the evening the church presents a brilliant appearance. Altogether, the edifice is one of which the congregation may well feel proud. Principal Grant preached the opening sermon Sabbath, 6th inst., to a large and attentive congregation. On Monday evening, notwithstanding the disagreeable weather, there was a large attendance. The principal feature of the meeting was representatives of other congregations in town congratulating Knox church on the completion of the new edifice. Rev. A. H. Scott, pastor of the church, to whom much of the credit of the new building is due, occupied the chair. Short addresses were given by Revs. J. B. McKee, D. Morrison (the old pastor, by whose exertions the building of the brick church now superseded was mainly secured, a great feat in those days), J. Somerville and J. E. Howell, interspersed with appropriate music by the choir, and the meeting concluded with an eloquent address by Principal Grant.

### OBITUARY.

#### THOMAS MCCALLUM.

MR. MCCALLUM died at Carleton Place on the 11th inst. In the 53rd year of his age. He was born in Paisley, Scotland, on December 20th, 1833; he emigrated to

Canada in 1846, when 16 years of age, and settled in Lanark township. He took to the lumber business at that time, and with that branch of industry has since more or less been connected. He was with the firm of Messrs. A. Caldwell & Son, at Lanark, for a number of years, and for the past sixteen years has been the faithful manager of the saw mill, etc., of Messrs. H. Caldwell & Son, at Carleton Place. On July 13th, 1860, he married Miss Margaret Stoughton, and as a result of this union was blessed with a family of eight children, six sons and two daughters, all of whom are living except the youngest, which died when three months old. Mrs. McCallum departed this life on the 1st July, 1877. Mr. McCallum, by his upright and honourable dealings, and his consistent Christian life, has made for himself a name that will ever be honoured and respected. It is safe to say he has left none but friends behind. He was an elder in Zion Presbyterian church for a number of years, and was ever an active worker in the cause of his Lord and Master, until failing strength at length forced him to retire.—*Carleton Place Herald*.

#### MRS. BOWES.

The *Almondo Gazette* contains an obituary notice, from which we make a few extracts, of a remarkable woman. Mrs. Bowes, departed this life at the family residence at Wabbeach on the 1st March, 1886, in the eightieth year of her age.

Mrs. Bowes was a native of Bathgate, Scotland, and emigrated with her parents, Mr. James Dick, wife and family, to Canada in 1821. The first great trial of the family was the death of their father, who was drowned three days after their arrival at Prescott. Mrs. Dick took the loss of her husband so hard that she died six weeks after, leaving five sons and six daughters to find a home in the unexplored woods of Canada, but leaving with them a strictly religious training, according to the good old Presbyterian rule. The second son, now Rev. James Dick, of Davenport, Iowa, took the father's place in the family, being then a youth of sixteen, and wisely guided the helm, whilst the second daughter, being eighteen, became a second mother to the family. In 1837 three of the brothers, William, Robert and Alexander, went to Ulster to obtain a college education, after which they each entered the ministry and preached the Gospel first to their own people in the county of Lanark. Rev. Robert and Alexander Dick are still in the active work at Buffalo. The three brothers and two sisters are now the only surviving members of the family, all of whom led pious and exemplary lives.

John Dick, the eldest brother, engaged in clearing the woods, assisted by his young brothers, and was owner of one of the two first oxen of men in the township of Lanark, and these oxen gave him a power for good that he could not otherwise have possessed. All the settlers had to call upon them to help in clearing the land, and it was a time when no such work could be done without the use of alcoholic liquor. A most painful circumstance occurred at one of these bees. The liquor had been freely used, and before going to dinner the party fired the log heap. An unfortunate man named Wm. Gordon had fallen asleep near one of the heaps and was not missed; and to the horror of the party when they returned they found him still lying there with one arm literally roasted. The arm had to be taken out at the shoulder, and John and James Dick and Willie Anderson resolved on the spot never to go to another bee where alcoholic liquor would be used.

Rev. Mr. McCallister, Presbyterian minister, was soon induced to form temperance organizations, which was the origin of the temperance work in Canada, and the late Mrs. Bowes was the first woman in Canada who had her name on a temperance pledge, she and her sister, Mrs. Thos. Bowes, and the two brothers, Thomas and John, and a man whose name we cannot give, being the first names attached to the pledge in the township of Ramsay in 1830. This pledge was kept till death by three of the number who have passed away, and we believe is still kept by the survivors. She also made the first quilted bed-cover in Lanark, perhaps in Ontario, in 1836. The temperance pledge and quilted bed-cover were both introduced from the United States, where Mrs. Bowes had spent several years of her early life.

The township of Ramsay became the headquarters for total abstinence, and the county of Lanark returned the Hon. Malcolm Cameron in 1840 as a total abstainer from alcoholic liquor, and afterwards Robert Bell, Esq., of Carleton Place, was chosen on the same platform. About 1848 the pledge was required of candidates for municipal elections, and several public houses were closed by a by-law of the Council, and the county of Lanark became noted for morality.

### MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY.

KINGSTON.—This presbytery held an adjourned meeting at Kingston on the 11th of May. It appearing that the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew were willing to transfer the congregations of Dalhousie and N. Sherbrooke to this presbytery, with a view to union with the Snow Road Station, it was decided to ask the Assembly to sanction the proposal. A petition from the Rev. A. McKay, M.A., of Collingwood, to be put on the Aged and Infirm Minister's list, on the ground of ill health, was regarded favourably. Rev. James Fowler, M.A., ruling elder, was appointed a commissioner to the Assembly, vice Mr. Northrup, resigned. Messrs. Andrew Patterson, B.A., Arpad Givan, B.A., Robert Gow, B.A., Alexander McAlay, B.A., James A. Grant, Neil Campbell, B.A., William Allan, John McLeod, B.A., and Roderick McKay, B.A., B.D., were after due examination licensed to preach the Gospel. Mr. David Millar was transferred to the Presbytery of Owen Sound. On the evening of May 13th Mr. Givan was ordained, and placed in charge of the mission district of L'Amable and York River.—*THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, Pres. Clerk*.

P. S.—The following is the correct form of motion adopted in re Mr. Beattie versus the Presbytery of Kingston:—"Having heard the petition of Rev. D. Beattie in reference to the dealings of the Presbytery of Kingston towards him, this synod finds that it is not necessary to make any further investigation into the statement against the Presbytery of Kingston, which statement it does not sustain, and expresses its sympathy with Mr. Beattie as one who has, for a long period, laboured faithfully in the service of the Church."—*T. S. C.*

BRANDON.—The presbytery met at Portage la Prairie, on May 4th, Rev. Mr. Smith, Moderator. There were present Revs. Messrs. Douglas, Robertson, Mowat, Kelly, Duncan, McKee, Todd, Flett, Murray, Bell, McKellar, ministers and Messrs. Grant, Aikenhead, Steele, Hay, and Dr. Fleming, elders. Rev. Mr. Todd was appointed delegate to the Assembly in room of Mr. Douglas, who has resigned. The Home Mission report was then read by the Superintendent, and was substantially adopted. It was agreed that application be made to the synod to license Messrs. John McArthur, D. Henderson, K. Gow, and Haig; that application be made to the Assembly in favour of Mr. A. S. Simpson, on his passing an examination satisfactory to the presbytery. Mr. McTavish reported that he had elected elders in the second congregation of Brandon. Dr. Fleming made application for grant to build a church and Mr. Murray asked for a grant to build a manse at Neepawa. Both were recommended to the church and manse building committee. Mr. Todd moved the transmission of an overture on H. Missions to the General Assembly. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the overture be transmitted. Messrs. Todd and McKellar were appointed to support it at the synod and assembly. The reports of the standing committees were then considered; Mr. Todd read a report on Statistics, Mr. McKellar read the report of Foreign Missions and that of Religion and Morals, Mr. Sutherland read that of Sabbath Schools, Mr. Douglas that of Temperance. Mr. McKee asked leave to transmit a memorial to the General Assembly asking that the grant appropriated to his field be paid. It was unanimously agreed

that the memorial be transmitted, and Messrs. Robertson and Todd were appointed to support it at the Assembly. After some discussion on the subject of Sabbath observance the proceedings closed. The next meeting is to be held at Brandon, July 2nd.

PICOU.—The presbytery met at New Glasgow on the 4th inst. Mr. Donald's demission, which was on the table by letter from California, was accepted with feelings of deep regret on the part of members of the presbytery as well as of the congregation. Catechists were appointed to labour for the summer in the several mission fields within the bounds. The committee on Augmentation reported that the whole amount of \$1,600 asked for from the presbytery by the synod had been realized. Much gratification was felt at this result. The Sabbath School report presented by Mr. Sinclair on behalf of the committee was considered, and after conference it was agreed to urge ministers, sessions and superintendents to exercise increased diligence in the selection of books for the Sabbath School libraries. Mr. Laird, on behalf of the committee on Statistics, presented a report, showing that 118 communicants have been received by profession, in excess of the former year, that 117 fewer had removed than during the preceding year, that the average attendance at prayer meetings had increased by 256, that the contribution to French Evangelization, Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, Synod Fund, and College Fund had slightly increased; while those for the other funds had diminished. Received and adopted. Mr. Cunningham on behalf of the committee on Temperance reported, recommending: 1. That sessions be encouraged to see to it that all the people under their oversight be educated in regard to the magnitude, far reaching and withering effects of the liquor traffic. 2. That we endeavour to get all the members of our congregations to be out-and-out pronounced total abstainers. 3. That while we will do what we can to have our present restrictive laws carried into effect we will not rest satisfied, until we obtain legal and practical prohibition. These recommendations were adopted. The committee appointed at the last meeting of presbytery, to consider the propriety of celebrating in some way the centenary of Dr. McGregor's arrival in Picou, reported, recommending that the ministers of this presbytery be requested to direct the attention of their people on Sabbath, July 18th, to the fact that Dr. McGregor arrived in Picou on July 21st, 1886, and preached his first sermon on the following Sabbath. The recommendation was unanimously approved. It was further proposed that the presbytery celebrate the centenary of the arrival of Dr. McGregor by a public meeting in James Church, New Glasgow, on Sept. 15, 1886, but after deliberation it was agreed to celebrate the centenary without fixing definitely the time or place, and to appoint a committee to make the necessary arrangements for carrying this resolution into effect, with the understanding that this committee confer with the committee of James Church Session, at present preparing to celebrate on the 17th of September ensuing, the one hundredth anniversary of their history as a congregation, with a view of considering the feasibility and propriety of co-operation in the projected celebration. The presbytery approved of the proposal in the Remit of Assembly and the printing of reports of Assembly's committees and acts and proceedings. The presbytery adjourned to meet in New Glasgow on the first Tuesday in July, at half past nine o'clock a.m.—*E. A. McCURDY, Pres. Clerk*.

### ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

THE sittings of this body began April 26th, in Regent square church, London. Mr. Taylor of Upper Norwood, the retiring moderator, being on a tour in Palestine, the opening sermon was preached by Mr. Lundle of Liverpool, his predecessor in the moderator's chair. Dr. McEwan of Clapham was elected moderator, Dr. McLeod of Blykenhead, who had accepted the Board's nomination for the chair, having in the interval been ordered to the south of France on account of impaired health. In his inaugural address Dr. McEwan noted the tendency of other churches to come nearer them, in the care of the nonconformists by improved organization, and in that of the Establishment by conferring increased power upon the laity. It was one of the most sincere desires of every Presbyterian that all the great evangelical denominations of England should approach more nearly to each other so that in time a measure of confederation or co-operation might be reached. Scotland at the present day Dr. McEwan regarded as not worse but rather better for the religious controversy of which it had been the scene. If Presbyterianism had witnessed some extraordinary disunions it had also witnessed no less remarkable unions; and he hoped they had not seen the last of these. Dr. Hutton of Paisley, in replying to the welcome given to the deputies from the U.P. Church, made a humorous reference to the recent visit of Dr. Donald Fraser to Scotland. Dr. Fraser had told them in the north what a happy family the English Presbyterians were, with all their differences; but the U.P.'s were in a better position for they had no differences. The motion of Dr. Oswald Dykes in favour of ordaining fit persons to be missionary ministers, who should work in necessary districts at home without becoming thereby eligible to a call from any regular charge, led to a spirited debate; but ultimately the matter was remitted to the home mission committee to be sent down to presbyteries for further consideration. The statistical report showed that the entire income of the Church for the past year had been £216,106, which, however, but for legacies and special donations, would have been a falling off compared with the previous year. The membership is 61,021 against 59,691 in the previous year. The congregations number 286, an increase of 30 since the union 10 years ago. It is just fifty years since the first synod was held, when the congregations numbered five. The sustentation fund showed that an equal dividend of £200 had been maintained. An Irish deputy, referring to the Home Rule question, was interrupted by a member, but the moderator ruled that he was in order. Mr. Dykes presented the report of the committee on the confession of faith, and moved "that the synod record its entire approval of the terms of the declaratory statement, with the additions suggested by the presbyteries, as expressing the sense in which this Church understands the Westminster confession." Dr. McGaw of Manchester seconded the motion, which was opposed by Mr. Valence of Horncliffe, who characterised the declaratory statement as favouring universal redemption; but only four voted for Mr. Valence's amendment, so that Dr. Dykes's motion was carried all but unanimously amid applause. The committee were re-appointed, with instructions to proceed with the draft compendium of doctrine. Members of synod, together with such representative nonconformist divines as Drs. Parker and Allon, attended a breakfast at the Holborn restaurant in celebration of the ministerial jubilee of Principal Chalmers. Dr. Donald Fraser presided, and the guests exceeded 250. Prof. Graham in presenting a congratulatory address from the college, remarked that we were living in an age of grand old men. Mr. McCall, a *Marylebone* elder, dating back to Dr. Chalmers' pastorate, in the name of friends from far and near handed the principal a cheque for £600. Dr. Chalmers glanced at his life's work since he was ordained at Aberdeen fifty years ago; and referring to the proposed legislation in the interest of the Scottish Establishment, remarked that the new cloth with which it was intended to piece the old garment would not repair the breach but rather make the rent worse. At the invitation of the temperance committee nearly 300 members of synod breakfasted at Exeter Hall to hear an address from Archdeacon Farrar. The temperance report showed that there are now within the Church 240 societies with 23,471 members. It was reported that a site has now been procured both at Oxford and Cambridge for the proposed churches, and a hope was expressed that towards the £15,000 required substantial help would be received from Scotland, as the churches will be largely used by undergraduates from the North. A commission was appointed to try the case of Rev. J. Craig of Blyth against whom an affiliation order was recently made. The synod will meet next year at Manchester.—*Christian Leader Report*.

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