

Ottawa.

The Presbytery of Ottawa will meet in Bank St. church on the 18th inst., at the usual hour.

At the evening service in Stewarson church Rev. R. Herbinson discoursed on the "Biblical Doctrine of Sin." [There was a full attendance.]

Rev. J. S. Loughhead, North Gower, occupied the pulpit of Knox church at both diets of worship, the pastor, Rev. D. M. Ramsey, taking anniversary services at North Gower.

In St. Paul's last Sabbath morning service was conducted by Rev. Principal Wilkie, of India, and in the evening by Rev. J. A. McFarlane. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed in this church next Sabbath.

All our city congregations are getting down to systematic work for the winter months. The Young People's Societies, especially, are displaying renewed activity, in view of the important interests demanding their attention.

Rev. J. A. McFarlane, M.A., is conducting a Bible Study Institute at St. Paul's Church, Daly avenue, every evening, except Saturday, this week. Mr. McFarlane's lectures are so helpful that we could wish to see them very largely attended.

Eastern Ontario.

The Presbyterians of Middleville and Darling have raised the sum of \$35.50 for the Indian famine fund.

Rev. Prof. Campbell, of Montreal, preached in Knox church, Cornwall, last Sunday, morning and evening.

Rev. Mr. Reeves, wife and little daughter, of Campbellford, are visiting at Mr. Jas. Cowan's, Pakenham, this week.

Rev. A. G. Sinclair, Port Hope, returned from his holidays on Thursday evening with Mrs. Sinclair and their children.

Rev. Mr. MacArthur, of Cardinal, preached and conducted communion service last Sunday at North Augusta and Stones Corners.

The Presbytery of Glengarry will meet in Lancaster on Monday, 17th inst., at 11 a.m. The change has been made so that the agent of the Century Fund may be present to address the Presbytery.

Rev. G. B. McLeod, M.A., Newcastle and Newtonville has accepted a call to St. Philip's church, Westville, N.S., at a salary of \$1000 per annum, a free manse and four weeks' holidays. Rev. J. A. McKeen, of Orono, has been appointed moderator of Newcastle and Newtonville pro-tem.

The Rev. John Gillis, of Murray Harbor, North Prince Edward Island, has returned home after spending a pleasant vacation in the eastern part of Ontario. He visited Brockville, Cornwall, Vankleek Hill, Dunvegan, St. Elmo, Marsville, Avonmore and Moose Creek. Mr. Gillis speaks highly of the prosperity of Ontario, and of the moral tone and intelligence of the people. He was greatly impressed with the fine appearance and noble character of the Highland Scotch people whom he met in Glengarry and the neighbouring counties.

Montreal.

Rev. J. G. Shearer, B.A., Field Secretary of the Ontario Lord's Day Alliance, is announced to address, under the auspices of the Protestant Ministerial Association, a number of meetings, as follows: On Saturday, 15th inst., conference in Y.M.C.A. Hall, at 4 p.m.; Sunday, 16th, Knox Church, 11 a.m.; St. James Church, 7 p.m.; Emmanuel Church (mass meeting) at 8.15 p.m. Then on Monday there will be another conference at 4.30 p.m., in Y.M.C.A. Hall, and a mass meeting in the same place at 8 p.m. It is to be hoped that Mr. Shearer's visit may be productive of much good.

The death is announced of Rev. J. I. Bourgoin, principal of the Pointe aux Trembles schools, from consumption, at the age of 52. He was a native of Glay, France. He was descended from Huguenot stock. His father, Pierre Bourgoin, and his mother, Anne, survive him at the age of 84 years, and reside at Pointe aux Trembles, though his father is very frail. He came to Canada at the age of nineteen years as a missionary to the French-Canadians, commencing work by colportage and visitation at Quebec city and the surrounding villages. He entered the Pointe aux Trembles schools as principal in 1875 and has held the position with gratifying success ever since. His wife and six children survive.

Maritime Provinces.

Rev. D. J. MacDonald has been settled at Shelburne N.S.

Rev. F. S. Coffin, of Lower Stewiacke, has returned from his European trip.

The wife of Rev. Geo. E. Ross, of Demarara, has been obliged to leave for a northern clime owing to malarial fever.

Rev. J. G. Shearer preached in Cetenary Methodist church, St. Andrew's church and Main St. Baptist church, St. John, on the 8th inst.

The Truro Presbyterial W.F.M.S. met at Middle Musquodoboit on the 30th ult. 25 delegates were present. The secretary reported an increase in membership of 219 since last meeting.

By a curious turn of the political whirligig, the Hon. Wm. Pugsley, who, as counsel for the tobacco sellers, argued the unconstitutionality of the Sunday Law as being *ultra vires* of the provincial legislature, is now compelled, as attorney general, to maintain provincial rights and defend the act before the Supreme Court of Canada, to which, on his own advice, his clients have appealed. The Lords Day Alliance are thankful that the change has removed such a formidable opponent by transforming him into a friend.

Young People's Societies.

Rev. Alfred Gaudier, B. D., convener of the committee, writes:

Might I, through the medium of THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN, announce that the committee on Young People's Societies have decided to prepare a plan of study for young people's meetings during 1901 similar to that of previous years.

The Shorter Catechism will be studied, the order followed being the same as in the Sabbath-schools.

The Topics of the United Society of Christian Endeavor will be adopted, with such modifications as will admit of one Special Topic each month.

During 1901 there will be four Studies from the Gospels, with special reference to the teaching of Jesus: four Historical Studies, viz., "Luther and the Reformation in Germany," "Calvin and the Reformed Churches," "Knox and the Reformation in Scotland," "The Presbyterian Churches—Their Gift of Liberty to the Modern World"; four Missionary Topics, beginning with "Our Missions as Christian Patriotism."

Articles on these Topics will be prepared by leading men of the Church and appear in the Record each month, and all the Church papers will be requested to give special attention to the Topics of our own "Plan of Study." Books will be suggested for reading and reference, and all that is possible will be done to make this course of great educational as well as practical value to our young people.

British and Foreign Items.

Rev. A. B. Grant, B.D., is to be ordained at Garelochhead on the 13th September.

Seventy-four applications are before the vacancy committee of Logie parish, Fifeshire.

The fifty-eighth anniversary of Rev. H. A. Paterson's ordination was celebrated in Stonehouse U. P. Church.

Lord Provost Macgregor, of Perth, opened a bazaar at Pithchrie for the extinction of the debt on the Free Church there.

Rev. Robert M. Watson, M.A., is to be ordained minister of the parish of Clova on 20th September, by Forfar presbytery.

The Rev. John Macaskill, son of Rev. Murdo Macaskill, Free Church minister of Dingwall, has been appointed assistant to the Rev. Dr. Black, of the Free High Church, Inverness.

The Rev. G. Campbell Morgan preached in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, on the first Sunday of the month. The church was crowded at both diets of worship.

The death has taken place of Rev. John Reid, M.A., F.R.P.S., of Wigtown. Mr. Reid was a noted Burns scholar, and published a complete word and phrase concordance to the poet's works.

As a memorial to the eighty-two Polynesian teachers who, between 1824 and 1889, have laid down their lives in the work of Evangelising New Guinea, a new church has been erected at Vatoratu, where Dr. W. G. Lawes has his training substitute. The memorial results from the joint action of the London Missionary Society and the Government.

An interesting ceremony took place in the Auchindoir (Aberdeenshire) Free Church on Sunday week, when Dr. Robertson Nicoll was admitted to the eldership in the church of which his father was minister for many years.

A Bazaar in aid of a fund for erecting a mission church at Crianlarich, in connection with the Parish Church of Strathfillan, was opened at Killin by Rev. Dr. Donald Macleod, Inverness, Moderator of the Church of Scotland General Assembly.

It is suggested, says the London, "Free Church Chronicle," that the Albert Hall should be taken for the services to be conducted by the Rev. John McNeill in connection with the London Simultaneous Mission. Should this arrangement be carried out, Mr. McNeill will preach in the City Temple at noon each day, and at the Albert Hall in the evening.

Literary Notes.

The September Ladies' Home Journal is a special Autumn Fashion Number, the greater part of it being taken up with articles on what is to be worn during the coming winter by the well-dressed woman, and also by her small children. The illustrations are all suggestive and helpful, and altogether the number will prove of great interest to those who have to think how the new frocks shall be made and decide on the materials. The Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia.

The article on the "Boxers" in the September Open Court is doubtless the most authoritative statement of the origin of the Chinese troubles that has yet been published in English. Dr. Candlin, its author, is a Christian missionary of wide Oriental experience, an authority on the Chinese language and literature, and has resided for many years in the remotest parts of the Flowery Kingdom. He has been latterly in the far north of China, which for some years past has been the seat of violent Boxer disturbances, and just managed to escape to Japan, via Tientsin, on the eve of the present outbreak. His article is accompanied by illustrations from native Chinese newspapers, and translations of Boxer placards.

Education in China.

Education of a certain type is very general, but still there are vast numbers of countrymen in China who can neither read nor write. There is a special literary class who alone know the literature of their country, to the study of which they devote their lives. There are boarding schools, day schools, and colleges. Examinations mainly confined to moral philosophy and literature are held in the prefectorial cities of each province twice in three years for the lower degree necessary as a passport to the public service, and of the six or seven thousand candidates who have come forward, not more than sixty can be admitted to the degree of Literary Chancellor. For the higher degrees, other examinations are necessary. There is a "College of Foreign Knowledge" at Peking, where European languages, mathematics, sciences, etc., are taught by European, Japanese, and American professors. There are besides many Christian mission schools, where the English language and lower branches of western sciences are taught. The government also maintains naval and military colleges and torpedo schools at the various arsenals to teach the young Chinese modern methods of warfare.