

## News of the Churches.

SHERBROOKE.—Iowa College, Iowa, has conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity on the Rev. Henry E. Barnes, who is B.A. from Yale University, and B.D. from Chicago Theological Seminary. The council, called by letters missive, met here on July 7 for the purpose of taking part in the installation services of the Rev. H. E. Barnes, D.D. The following churches with their ministers were invited: Rock Island, Granby, Danville, Eaton, Melbourne, Cowansville, Fitch Bay, Waterville, Charlestown, Mass., and Johnsbury, Vermont. Nearly all were fully represented, and each minister was assigned a part. Rev. J. G. Sanderson, of Danville, was chosen Moderator, and Rev. J. J. Hindley, of Granby, Scribe. A letter was read setting forth the call to Sherbrooke and its acceptance. The pastor-elect then gave a written statement of his theological and ecclesiastical views, going into these matters very fully and clearly. The various members of the council propounded many questions to him on doctrine, temperance, church unity, etc., and all were answered in the most candid and satisfactory manner; and Dr. Barnes winning the fullest confidence and highest esteem of the brethren. The installation services were proceeded with in the evening. Opening prayer, Mr. Adams; reading Scriptures Mr. Hindley; reading hymn, Mr. Skinner; sermon, Dr. Barbour; charge to pastor, Dr. Lawson; right hand of fellowship, Mr. Dunlap; installation prayer, Mr. Sanderson; address to the people, Mr. Wells; closing prayer, Mr. Purkis. The choir discoursed delightful music, and the church has been refitted and rendered much more beautiful. We believe we speak for all the brethren and sisters present (and the church was well filled), when we say, all were greatly pleased and helped by the services. The sermon by Dr. Barbour was a masterly effort, and full of Christ; and all the addresses were excellent and inspiring. We came away expecting grand results from this pastoral settlement, and feeling personally thankful that Canada has gained such a man as Dr. Barnes. We also felt that, if all installation services were of this character, a rich blessing must be in them.—J. J. HINDLEY, *Scribe*.

## Personal.

Dr. Jackson and Mrs. Jackson are attending Union meetings at St. John. We wish them all the health-sea breezes bring.

Mr. D. McGregor, of Guelph, is also there, and the ubiquitous Missionary Superintendent. They will find warm welcomes in that hospitable city.

Dr. Cornish and family are in the Old Land. Mr. Warriner expects to sail soon. May they all return "giants refreshed" with salt water air, English scenery and friendly greetings, better than wine or ancient good cheer.

Our friend, Rev. George Whyte, late of Manilla, is settled at Huntsburg, Ohio, over a church whose membership numbers 145, with an average attendance of 250. Peace and prosperity to our brother, his wife and little Eva.

The body of Mr. John S. McLachlan, of Montreal, whose name so often appeared in our records of liberality, and who was drowned while taking a holiday last November, was found on the 4th inst. floating at the foot of the Lachine Rapids. To his smitten wife and bereaved friends, heartfelt sympathy goes out. God bless the widow and the fatherless.

## Official Notices.

### CONGREGATIONAL YEAR-BOOK FOR 1887-8.

The Year-Book is in the press, and will be issued in August. Blank forms for orders will be sent to the churches immediately. It is hoped these will be attended to as soon as possible. Much of the value of the book depends upon its early issue and early distribution. The price (far below the actual cost of issue) is 15 cents per copy for any number. *We pay the postage or express charges.* The book will be bound, as last year; will comprise about 250 pages, including a frontispiece portrait of the late Mrs. Currie, missionary; and will be in every respect as good a book as we can make it. Cash must accompany the order. All orders to be addressed to REV. W. W. SMITH, editor, Newmarket, Ontario.

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### FINANCES OF THE CHURCHES.

By an error in transcribing his notes, our reporter makes the statistical secretary say that \$1.50 *pro rata* was contributed by the membership of the churches for all purposes. It is just ten times that. The secretary said, "The churches contributed, for all purposes, \$15 *pro rata*; but it ought to be \$20." A cipher makes all the difference; but a cipher in its right place is important.

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Received since last acknowledgment: Woodstock, \$50; Middleville, Hopetown and Rosetta, \$35.72; Cornwallis, N. S., \$11; Belwood, \$17.06; Yorkville, \$36; Kingston Bethel, \$120.56; Sarnia, \$21; Toronto Western, \$17.05; St. John, N. B., \$23; St. John, N. B., \$26; Richmond and Melbourne, \$10; Parkdale,