

The induction of Rev. James Abrey as pastor of the Granton Church took place on 3rd instant. Revs. Martin, McIntosh and Grant took part in the service.

Rev. D. L. Campbell, B.D., of Normandy, Ont., has accepted a call to the Moorefield Presbyterian Church. He will be inducted on April 10th.

Rev. Alfred Gandier, B.D., of St. James Square Church, Toronto, preached twice in Hamilton last Sunday—in the morning in the Central Church, and in the evening in St. John's.

Rev. Robert Laird, M.A., has been visiting Hamilton in the interest of Queen's Endowment. He occupied two of the city pulpits last Sunday, preaching inspiring sermons.

Union revival services, commencing February 12, were held for two weeks in the Presbyterian and Methodist churches at Weston. As a result about eighty have become united with the church.

Next meeting of Guelph Presbytery was adjourned to be held in Chalmers Church, Guelph, on Tuesday, 15th May next, at 10.30 o'clock forenoon. To meet for conference in the same place on the day before.

Mr. Glassford was nominated by Guelph Presbytery for the moderatorship of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, to meet in Toronto on the 8th of May, and Mr. W. R. McIntosh and Lt.-Col. McCre were appointed on its committee on bills and covenants. Dr. Dickson was appointed on the assembly's committee on bills and covenants.

Rev. Logie Macdonnell, who has been assistant to Dr. Lyle, Hamilton, for a year, will leave early in May for Scotland, where he will take up a course of post graduate work in Glasgow and Edinburgh. Upon his return to Canada at a subsequent date, he will engage in the work of the home mission field in the new provinces of the Canadian Northwest.

At last meeting of Guelph Presbytery the report on Church Life and Work was presented by Mr. W. R. McIntosh, and contained a condensed exhibit of the answers he has received to the questions issued by the Assembly's committee on the subject, and closing with the following recommendations, which were adopted: 1. That sessions be urged to aid in increasing the devotional life in the home by kindly personal inquiry and encouragement, and by furnishing helps to family worship and Bible study. 2. That sessions endeavor to secure by means of intelligent methods and persistent efforts the co-operation of the home in the religious interests and studies of the Sunday school. 3. That, in view of the scarcity of candidates for the Christian ministry, sessions be earnestly urged to make this important need a matter of special prayer and personal effort. 4. That ministers be urged to lead their people into touch with the revival spirit now graciously manifesting itself in so many places that the peace and power of the Christian life may make our homes the foundation of righteousness and virtue over the world.

It will be seen by the report on Statistics presented to last meeting of Guelph Presbytery that there were 24 pastoral charges, two of which were augmented, embracing 33 congregations and two mission stations, and that there were at present 4 bonafide vacancies. In the different places of worship there were 15,297 sittings; 3,459 families, 8,732 members in full communion and 209 elders. The amount paid by congregations as stipend was \$27,788, and for total ordinary expenditure \$53,260, and for "all purposes" \$74,130. There was raised for the schemes of the church \$18,117, being \$3,203 more than for the previous year; the aggregate debt on church property and floating was \$22,856, being \$6,913 less than the year before.

Pope Pius X has decided on marked changes in the Vatican, both in arrangement of its art collections and its convenience of doing the church's business.

The choir of Maisonneuve church gave an excellent concert and treat to the inmates of the Old Folks' Home at Longue Pointe last week. The choir was occupied by Mrs. E. Pratt, the organizer of the concert, who also took her part in the choruses rendered by the choir. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Peter M. Walker, the pastor of the church. The songs were all Scottish. After a vote of thanks proposed by the Rev. E. McGruchly had been passed and the National Anthem had been sung, refreshments were served by the visitors and all departed with the satisfaction of having furnished an evening's real enjoyment for the old folk.

At a joint meeting of the session and board of trustees of St. Gabriel Church, Montreal, Thursday, Mr. J. W. Woodside, B.A., of the Presbyterian College, was unanimously appointed congregational missionary for six months, beginning with Sunday, April 8. Mr. Woodside's duties will consist in aiding the pastor in the church services, taking charge of the young men's meeting, visiting the members and adherents of the congregation, and seeking out Presbyterians in the district around the church who do not attend elsewhere.

Church union was the subject discussed at a meeting of the Congregational Church held on Friday night in the lecture hall of Emmanuel Church. The Rev. Hugh Pedley was the principal speaker. He stated that there had been of late a feeling growing in strength that the old system of individual church independency was not the most successful method of doing the work of the Christian Church. He declared that while the work of the Congregational Church had been fairly strong and successful in England and Wales, and the eastern part of the United States, the fact had to be faced that in the colonies there work had been conspicuously inferior to that of more closely allied congregations. The question of church union was the great problem of a newer Canada, and would be followed by signal advantages in the extension of church work in the large areas of the Northwest now being settled. Mr. Pedley did not think that the Congregational Church in entering into the proposed union would be asked to surrender anything of vital value.

The Witness of the 2nd inst announces the death of Mr. J. L. Morris, K.C., for many years a prominent member of the Montreal bar, as well as a leading Presbyterian layman. Deceased was born at Perth in 1835. His father was the Hon. Wm. Morris, at one time Receiver General for Canada, and a brother, Hon. Alexander Morris, will be remembered as Lt.-Governor of Manitoba. Mr. Morris was a staunch Presbyterian, and was never backward in setting forth the tenets of his church. In 1875 he especially distinguished himself by the part he took in the union movement. He was counsel for his church for many years, and represented her successfully in the litigations concerning the Temporalities Funds, both before the Privy Council and the Parliamentary committees of Canada. Of this case Mr. Morris was especially proud, and frequently related to his partners many of its interesting circumstances. His great opponent in connection with the Temporalities Funds suit was the Rev. Gavin Lang, now of Inverness, Scotland. The case went before nearly every court, but Mr. Morris triumphed in the end, and carried his suit to a successful conclusion. For many years he was an elder of St. Paul's Church. Not only was Mr. Morris connected with the church for legal purposes, but, as superintendent of the Sunday school of St. Paul's Church he became intimately associated with the various church organizations throughout the city, and last year he was the representative elder. Rev. Dr. Barclay paid a fitting tribute to the sterling worth of the late Mr. Morris from the pulpit of St. Paul's Church on Sunday evening.

Rev. J. J. Patterson of Regina has accepted the call to Sarnia.

Rev. Dr. DuVal of this city has been nominated by the Presbytery of Regina as moderator of the General Assembly.

Manitola College has conferred the degree of D.D. on Rev. Professor Ballantyne of Knox College, Toronto.

Rev. George Loughheed, of Douglas, Man., has been called to Macgregor, and has signified his intention of accepting. Mr. Loughheed has been in charge of Douglas for four years. He was formerly pastor of the Douglas Presbyterian Church in Renfrew county.

Rev. Dr. McQueen, of Edmonton, has left for an extended tour through England, Scotland and the Orkney Islands. The board of management of his church has granted the doctor further leave of absence of two or three months. Continuous heavy work for many years has impaired Dr. McQueen's constitution, but it is hoped that a period of rest and travel will restore him to wonted health.

Although Knox Church, Regina, has offered Rev. E. A. Henry, pastor of Knox Church, only \$2,500, the same salary that he is getting here, says the Hamilton Herald, the feeling among his congregation and other Presbyterians of the city is that he will accept the call. One reason given is that the western climate agrees with him better than the climate here. Another is that he has been somewhat disappointed in his efforts to make Knox Church a missionary church.

The congregation of Knox Church, St. Mary's, received a very pleasant surprise last week, in the form of a gift of \$1,500 from an unknown friend in the old country. One thousand dollars of the gift is to go towards the organ fund, and the other five hundred is for the Ladies' Aid fund. All the particulars obtainable at present are that the gift comes through a friend of Mrs. (Dr.) Mathieson. While abroad last summer, Mrs. Mathieson was telling her friend about Knox Church having been burned so often, and the above donation comes as a result. This will reduce the debt on the new church to about \$5,000.

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