

Church News.

DR. HAYNE of Nova Scotia is very seriously ill. The congregation of LeRoy, Ont., has purchased a new organ.

THE manse, Amherstburg, is undergoing extensive additions and repairs.

REV. ISAAC CAMPBELL and family, Listowel, have been spending their holidays in the neighbourhood of Newmarket.

REV. GEO. HAIGH, pastor of the Hespeler congregation, has fully recovered his health and has resumed his pulpit duties.

ON Thursday 19th ult., a honey social was given by Mr. Cowan in aid of the new Presbyterian church, West Hill, Scarborough.

MR. J. H. GRAHAM was ordained and inducted into the congregation of Bristol, Lanark and Kenfrew presbytery on the 8th inst.

THE proceeds of the lawn party on Mr. John McLeod's grounds, Amherstburg, in aid of St. Andrew's church, amounted to over \$60.

A REMARKABLE revival of religion has lately taken place in Cape Breton chiefly through the labours of Mr. Pans, a Scotch evangelist.

FATHER CHINQUY is now in Nova Scotia. He preached recently to large congregations in Halifax, Windsor, Dartmouth and other places.

WIMBOR, Annapolis, has been supplied for the last three months by students from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, U. S. No supply is now given.

THE Harvest Home Festival, St. George church, will be held on Sept. 14th. The Rev. W. Wylie, Paris will preach the anniversary sermons on the 12th inst.

REV. W. FRASER, D.D., Barrie, in the absence of the pastor, his son Rev. R. D. Fraser, occupied the pulpit of St. Paul's, Bowmanville, on the 29th ult.

THE Rev. T. J. McClelland, pastor of Knox church, Shelburne, and Mrs. McClelland are spending a month's holiday with their friends in Meaford.

LEGAL proceedings have been taken to set aside the will of the late Alex. McLeod, Halifax, who left among numerous charitable bequests, a large amount to Dalhousie College.

IN 1870 from Lake Superior to the Rocky Mountains, there were but four Presbyterian ministers, with but nine preaching places. In 16 years the number has increased to between 60 and 70.

MRS. MILLER, who has been organist of Knox church, Portage la Prairie, for eight years, has resigned, and Mr. Low, of Carberry, has been engaged to succeed her and also to act as leader of the choir.

THE death of Mr. Alexander Cranston of Galt, which was announced a short time ago, was followed in a few days by the death of his mother, at the age of 90 years, and of his sister, Mrs. Veitch, at the age of 66 years.

THE Synod of the United Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces, meets in St. Andrew's church, Truro, the first week in October. Arrangements are being made for the entertainment of ministers and others who will attend.

REV. R. THYNNE and Miss Thynne, Port Dover, have returned home after a visit to the old country of about three months, which was spent in a very enjoyable manner. Many of the congregation met them at the station and accompanied them to their home, where a warm welcome was extended to them. Mr. Thynne occupied his own pulpit on Sunday last. Mr. Duncan, who has been filling his place, has left for St. Mary's.

THE new St. Andrew's church, Carleton Place, will be of native stone, trimmed with Beckwith stone facings. The seating capacity is to be 500 on one floor, orchestra for choir in the rear of the minister's platform. Basement to be finished for Sabbath school purposes, with suitable class rooms, committee rooms, library, furnace room, kitchen, etc. The style of architecture chosen is early English Gothic, adapted to our modern wants and our climate. The cost is to be kept as near as possible to \$8,000.

THE Presbyterians of Seaford have secured an organ for their church, against an opposition vote of quite a large minority. According to the Sun, one of the town councillors, of course an Irishman, gives the following anecdote by way of advice to the advocates of the organ: "An Irishman, who happened to be a Catholic, met an Orange drummer on the 12th, and he raised his stick over the drummer and said, 'Bate up 'The Protestant Boys,' and bade it aisy to see if I can stand it.' If he could not stand it, of course he intended to knock the drum into 'smitherens.'—Local Paper.

THE Presbyterian church at Little Current, which has been in course of erection for the past two years has been completed and was dedicated to God's service on Sabbath, 8th ult., a day which will be long remembered by the Presbyterians of Little Current and surrounding country. In the morning the Rev. J. K. Smith, M.A., Moderator of the General Assembly, preached a very effective and edifying sermon from Ezekiel xvii. 22, 23, representing Christ as the "goodly cedar." The afternoon service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Findlay, superintendent of missions. In the evening Rev. D. Cameron, of Manitowaning, whose heart must have burned with joy, preached to an audience of over 200 people, where twelve years ago he organized a station at Little Current, then a village of four or five houses. On Monday evening tea was served by the ladies of the congregation in the grove adjoining the church, after which a meeting was held in the church, when the chair was taken by I. Turner, Esq., Reeve of Howland. Addresses were delivered by Mr. A. B. Mitchell, student in charge, Rev. Messrs. Arkell, Cameron and Findlay, interspersed with music furnished by the choir of the church. During the evening Mr. T. S. Potts, elder, gave a very interesting sketch of the rise of Presbyterianism on the Island and closed by paying a high tribute to the ladies, but for whose untiring zeal, ambition, and energy, the Presbyterian church of Little Current would not be where it is to-day. Mr. Findlay taking advantage of this, thought it time the men were doing something and as a result before the meeting closed the debt was reduced to \$150. The chairman, who is never behind in a good work, came nobly to the front on this occasion with his accustomed liberality. The building is a neat frame 30x40, 18ft. ceiling with a seating capacity for 150 people. The cost of the building was \$1,000 all of which has been paid except \$150. The proceeds of the opening service and tea amounted to \$150.

PRESBYTERIANISM IN THOROLD.

BY "VIATOR."

FULLY fifty years ago occasional public services were held by the few Presbyterians then resident in the neighbourhood. But, though a beginning was then made, yet for the next twenty years, Presbyterian services were held only at very irregular intervals, there being no regularly settled pastor amongst the people.

The first minister in charge of a Presbyterian congregation in Thorold was the Rev. Wm. Dickson, whose induction took place some thirty years ago. After remaining in charge some five years, Mr. Dickson returned to his native land, Scotland. Mr. Robert Wallace, now of the West Presbyterian church, Toronto, was next pastor. Mr. Wallace remained about five years in Thorold, and then accepted a call to his present charge, Toronto, in 1867.

A vacancy of over two years intervened, and then the Rev. S. C. Fraser, M.A., became pastor. Mr. Fraser's pastorate, in Thorold, lasted some seven years, i.e., from 1869 till 1876. In 1877 the congregation called the Rev. C. D. McDonald, then of Point Edward, in the Presbytery of Sarnia. Mr. McDonald's pastorate in Thorold has now extended over fully nine years. The population of Thorold is now nearly a thousand less than when he settled there, but the number of members in the church is considerably greater; in other words while the population of the town has fallen from about three thousand down to two thousand, yet the number of members in the church has risen from about ninety-nine up to one hundred and eighty.

The population of Thorold is of a very fluctuating and migratory character. This fact is very evident by a glance at the church roll. During the nine years of Mr. McDonald's ministry in Thorold there have been added to the membership of the church about three hundred names, yet there have during those same nine years been removed by death some fifteen, and by change of residence some 205 names. This leaves a net increase of eighty names in the nine years.

During those nine years the Thorold congregation has greatly increased in the scriptural "grace of giving." Nine years ago the church raised for all purposes about six hundred dollars a year. This year and for the past several years this church has raised for all purposes about three thousand dollars a year. Nine years ago the congregation by great effort and urging raised for stipend \$500. Now this congregation by envelope and with ease does raise for stipend \$900. Nine years ago this congregation gave for missionary purposes from \$20 to \$40 a year. Now this same congregation gives every year for missionary purposes from \$100 to \$150 a year. Three years ago this congregation was accustomed to worship in a little uncomfortable building, measuring less than 30x50. Now it worships in a fine, new, commodious and comfortable church, built of solid and excellent masonry, measuring some 50x70, and capable of accommodating, with galleries, between 600 and 700 people.

This new church, opened two years ago, and said to be the most substantial, commodious and comfortable in the Niagara peninsula, was built at a cost of about \$12,000—of which fully \$8,000 has already been paid. The architect was Mr. W. R. Gregg, of Toronto, and the builders were McDonald and Lawson of Thorold.

From the foregoing it is quite evident that the Thorold congregation is largely made up of the very best material; that they are a people who are bound to succeed, and that by the blessing of God must succeed.

In this connection too, we may add that the pastor also is evidently a man of push and perseverance. When he first went to Thorold, nine years ago, it was with his health almost destroyed by malarial fever. Since then his health has slowly returned to him. With restored health he again resumed his former studious habits, with what success the following record will show. Two years ago he passed the examinations required, and obtained the diploma of the Chautauqua degree. Since then he has successfully passed all the requisite examinations and obtained in rapid succession the following additional degrees:—B.A., B.D., and M.A.; and not only so but he has also passed the first half of the examinations necessary to the obtaining of the B.Sc., and the Ph.D. All this with the care and oversight of a fair-sized congregation, implies that Pastor McDonald is a firm believer in the doctrine of perseverance, and gives attention to Paul's injunction:—*Intentus esto lectioni.*

THE NEW ST. GABRIEL CHURCH.

[To the Editor of the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW.]

SIR,—I notice that in a paragraph you speak of the purchase of "Zion church" by my congregation. This word is misleading. The historical Zion church has been turned into a theatre. It is not this church we have purchased, but one that was erected by certain seceding Methodists, who sympathized with Mr. Roy when he left that communion nine years ago. For the last couple of years a few of the old members of Zion church, that survived Mr. Bray's ministry here, have held service in the building, and they were permitted to call it Zion church by the private owner. But it never belonged to them; they had not even a lease of it.

In this connection, if any of your readers are interested in having a picture of the old St. Gabriel street church, I have a few left of those printed at the time of the centennial, which I shall be glad to send free to any address. Yours truly, MONTREAL, Aug. 28, 1886. ROBT. CAMPBELL.

WALLACE.—Presbytery met at Wallace, August 3rd. The principal items of business were as follows: Rev. J. A. McKee of Bermuda and Rev. E. Thorpe were asked to sit and correspond. Elders' commissions were received and sustained. The Rev. J. M. Robinson was appointed moderator for the current year. The clerk reported that he had moderated in a call at River John, which was cordial and unanimous in favour of the Rev. G. L. Gordon. The stipend offered was \$500 per annum with a manse. The call was laid on the table, signed by 230 communicants and 182 adherents. Messrs. J. Henry and A. Munro appeared as commissioners from the congregation. The call was sustained, and the clerk instructed to forward it to Mr. Gordon. Mr. McGregor reported by letter in behalf of the committee appointed to visit New Annan and Earlton—the former congregation in terms of the resolution of the augmentation committee. The report which as regards New Annan was an encouraging one—was adopted and the committee's diligence approved. Mr. Quinn and the clerk were appointed to arrange for the dispensation of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Earlton, and to deal further with the congregation. —THOS. SEDGWICK, Clerk.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE YEARS 1880 AND 1886.

Table with 3 columns: Category, 1880, 1886. Rows include Synods, Presbyteries, Candidates, Licentiate, Ministers, Licensees, Ordination, Installation, Pastoral Dissolution, Ministers Received, Ministers Dismiss, Ministers Deceased, Elders, Deacons, Churches, Organized, Dissolved, Received, Dismissed, Added, Examinati, Certificate, Communicants, Baptisms Adults, Baptisms Infants, Sunday school Membr.

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REGINA.—This presbytery met in Regina on the 10th ult. There was a good attendance. Messrs. A. Currie, D. H. Hodges and W. Nicholl, were licensed and with Mr. Robert Goudie, licentiate of the Church of Scotland, were ordained in the evening when there was a fair attendance. Mr. Robson preached, Mr. Taylor presided, Mr. Herald offered the ordination prayer, Mr. Urquhart addressed the ordained, and the Rev. Jas. Robertson addressed the people. The resignation of Mr. McWilliam of the Prince Albert charge was accepted, and a committee consisting of Messrs. Taylor, Hamilton and Urquhart, was appointed to draw up a suitable minute. Mr. Campbell appointed to preach and declare the pulpit vacant, and the Home Mission Committee instructed to correspond with the congregation and the Assembly's Home Mission Committee with a view to procuring a suitable successor. Mr. A. Urquhart resigned the clerkship. The resignation was accepted and a hearty vote of thanks tendered Mr. Urquhart for his services. Mr. A. Hamilton was elected to fill the office. Applications for leave to elect elders at Wascana, Lethbridge, Battleford and Medicine Hat were granted. The appointments of Messrs. McLeod and Cameron to points along the Canadian Pacific Railway were confirmed, and a missionary is sought for work in the mountains. Arrangements were made for the dispensing of ordinances in several fields. The presbytery approved of the recommendations of the Foreign Mission Committee that teachers be sent to Fife Hills and to Muscowpetung's and that a building to cost about \$1,000 be erected at Round Lake. Satisfaction was expressed that the Indian Department has agreed to establish an industrial school and place it under the charge of the Presbyterian church. A call to the Rev. S. J. Taylor from the congregation at Moosejaw was declined and being set aside, the Rev. H. McKay was appointed to intimate the fact to the congregation and confer with the people. The next meeting is appointed to be held at Moosomin, on the first Tuesday of November.—ALEX. HAMILTON, Clerk.

A MEETING of the congregation of Riverview was held recently to decide whether to complete the church, which is now about half finished, or only partially finish it and let it go for this year. It was carried by a majority of three votes to finish it this year.

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