

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. Malcolm Gordon, B.D., supplied the pulpit of Rev. J. C. Smith, B.D., Guelph, on Sunday.

THE induction of the Rev. J. A. Ross in the Meaford Presbyterian Church will take place on Friday, 28th inst.

MR. L. C. EMES, a graduate of Knox College, was licensed by the Presbytery of Orangeville, at a special meeting held on June 4.

A UNION between the Blackstock and Cadmus Presbyterian congregations has been effected. It is to be hoped that the bond will be an indissoluble one.

At the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church, Providence, Rhode Island, of which the Rev. J. A. F. McIlain is pastor, it was resolved to add \$200 to his salary.

THE Rev. T. A. Nelson, of Windsor, Nova Scotia, occupied the pulpit of the Uxbridge Presbyterian Church on Sunday week, and preached two most excellent sermons.

THE Rev. P. R. Ross, of St. Andrew's Church, Ingersoll, officiated at Chalmers Church, Woodstock, Sunday week, on which occasion he delivered two powerful and eloquent sermons.

A SUCCESSFUL bazaar was held lately at Deseronto, in connection with the Church of the Redeemer, of which the Rev. Robert J. Craig, M.A., is pastor. The sum realized was \$300.

THE Rev. Andrew Wilson, minister without charge, is open to engagements for pulpit supply. He is an able and acceptable preacher. His address is 402 Huron Street, Toronto.

THE Rev. G. D. Bayne, of Pembroke, Renfrew county, occupied the pulpit of MacNab Street Church, Hamilton, Sunday week and preached able discourses which were much appreciated.

THE faculty of Cornell university have awarded the fellowship in classics to A. G. Laird, B.A., Dalhousie College, Halifax. Mr. Laird is a son of Rev. Mr. Laird, Presbyterian minister at Sunbury.

A CALL to Rev. D. McLeod, B.A., of Priceville, from the congregation of Kenyon, in the Presbytery of Glengarry, will be considered by the Presbytery of Orangeville, at its next meeting, July 9.

THE Rev. A. L. Mitchell, M.A., has accepted the call given him by the Presbyterian congregation of Waterloo. His ordination and induction will take place in the Church there on Wednesday, July 3.

THE United congregations of Chalmers Church, Kincardine Township, and Knox Church, Bervie, Presbytery of Maitland, have given a unanimous call to the Rev. D. A. McLean, of Kemptville, Owen Sound Presbytery.

THE Rev. J. C. Smith, B.D., Guelph, has left for a month's stay in Winnipeg and Manitoba. The pulpit of St. Andrew's Church will be occupied in his absence by Rev. D. B. Gordon, Principal of Groton College, Dakota.

THE *Acton Free Press* says: Mr. John A. Clark, assistant editor of the *Dundas Banner*, will shortly forsake newspaper work to enter the Presbyterian ministry. He will try his 'prentice hand on mission work in the west end of Hamilton.

THE Rev. Dr. McLeod, of the Maritime Provinces, occupied the pulpit of the St. Andrew's Church, London in the morning, and Rev. Dr. Stevenson, of New York, in the evening of Sunday week. There were crowded congregations on both occasions.

IN the absence of the pastor Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, Rev. A. Beattie conducted the services Sabbath week, preaching two able and instructive discourses in Knox Church, Galt. Mr. Beattie will shortly leave for his new field of labour in China.

THERE was a large congregation in the Presbyterian Church, Brooklin, on Sabbath week, Rev. J. B. Edmondson of Almonte, a former pastor of the Church preached. At the close of the service the Sacrament was dispensed by Rev. J. A. Carmichael.

THE Rev. A. Blair, B.A., of the Presbyterian Church, Campbellville and Nassagaweya, is esteemed an eloquent and powerful preacher, and the congregation are prospering under his ministry. At last communion twenty-seven new members were added to the church.

THE Carleton Place *Herald* says: The Rev. D. McDonald went to Admaston on Saturday to "preach in" the Rev. G. Lang on Sabbath, an old Scotch custom when a clergyman is married. Mr. J. R. Johnston, M.A., conducted the services in St. Andrew's Church.

THE directors of the Brantford Ladies' College have appointed Miss Mary Francis Lee Lady Principal of the College. Miss Lee is a graduate, after a seven years course, of Houghton Seminary, Clinton, New York, and has had large experience in such Ladies' Colleges.

WE learn from New York papers, that at the "commencement exercises" of the university of the city of New York, of which the Rev. John Hall, D.D., is chancellor, that the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon the Rev. Andrew Burrows, of Boston, formerly of Truro, Nova Scotia.

MR. DAVID MILLAR lectured on Tuesday evening of last week, on "Reminiscences of Irish Travel and Character" to a very large and enthusiastic audience in the lecture rooms of West Presbyterian Church, Toronto. Miss MacGregor and her excellent choir rendered several of Moore's Irish melodies.

THE Rev. R. Anderson, D.D., St. George's Road U. P. Church, Glasgow, Scotland, addressed a large and interested congregation, on Thursday last, in East Ashfield, on Scottish Presbyterianism. His son, the Rev. R. S. G. Anderson, B.D., pastor of the congregation, was chairman of the meeting.

MR. HAMMOND CANNELL, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee in a note says: The Committee's action in rescinding the resolution recalling Mr. Jamieson was sustained by the Assembly and Dr. Mackay was called as follows: "Jamieson stays." To this he has answered "All grateful. God bless Canada."

THE Rev. W. McKibbin, M.A., of Millbank, is absent on a four weeks' holiday trip. He intends visiting Ottawa and Montreal, and enjy a voyage on the St. Lawrence. He richly deserves a good holiday, for a more devoted and zealous pastor there is not in the Presbyterian Church, and he is an able and interesting preacher.

THE pulpit of Wentworth Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, was occupied Sunday week morning and evening by Rev. Mr. Murray, of Sydney, N.S., brother of Rev. James Murray, B.A., B.D., the respected pastor of the Church. He is says, the *Hamilton Times*, a fine specimen of muscular Christianity and a preacher of eloquence and ability.

THE Stratford *Daily Herald* says: Mr. D. M. Buchanan, B.A., a student of Knox College, Toronto, preached two good sermons in Knox Church Sabbath week. Mr. Buchanan, it is understood, will assist Rev. Mr. Wright in his ministerial labours during the summer. Mr. Buchanan was formerly a resident of Goderich, and attended the High School there.

THE Ottawa *Free Press* says: The newly elected elders were ordained Sabbath week at Knox Church, Ottawa, by the Rev. Mr. Farries acting as moderator. The four elders were Messrs. J. W. Wardrope, J. McJanet, A. Chisholm and J. Kennedy. The pastor then preached an appropriate sermon on the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church with special reference to the duties of elders.

THE Dundas *Banner* says: The Rev. George Chrystal, M.A., who was formerly pastor of the Christie appointment, preached on Sunday week. He had many a warm shake of the hand. In the evening he conducted a prayer meeting at Mrs. George's, on the town line, and left early on Monday morning for Toronto. The reverend

gentleman looks as well as he did when among us, and is in his spirits.

MISS CAMPBELL, one of Rev. J. Hudson Taylor's band of workers in the China Island Mission Field, addressed the members of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour of Erskine Church, Hamilton, last week. The lady, who is a fluent speaker, gave a very interesting account of the manners and customs of the people of inland China, and also of the good work being done by Rev. J. Hudson Taylor and his co-workers in that field.

THE *Waterloo Chronicle* says: The handsome Presbyterian Church of Waterloo has been still further beautified by the addition of a window, presented by Mrs. Moore, of Galt, as a memorial to her deceased husband, the late Wm. Moore, of this town. The window, which is placed immediately to the rear of the choir gallery and facing the street, consists of three parts, the centre piece containing the figure of St. Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland. The design is a most artistic combination of various figures, the colouring rich and the finish almost faultless.

DURING the past month, the congregation of Mr. Morrison, Presbyterian Missionary for Alexander district, has so increased that the Methodist church, where service is held, had proved too small to accommodate the number who meet to hear him. On several occasions, persons have been compelled to stand outside. To meet the requirements of the people in this respect, a meeting of the Presbyterian congregation was held, and they decided to build immediately a church to cost about \$1,500; over \$1,000 was subscribed at the meeting, several parties giving \$100 each.

THE Rev. C. A. Tron, pastor of the Waldensian Church, Turin, Italy, a delegate from the Church in the Piedmont valleys to the General Assembly, preached in Knox Church, Toronto, on Sabbath morning last, and in the evening in St. James Square Church. He gave some vivid and interesting passages in the history of this grand old historic Church, which, according to him, took its rise from the teaching and influence of Archbishop Claudius, of Turin, in the ninth century. He gave an account of the evangelistic and educational work now energetically carried on by the Waldensian Church.

THE many friends of Mr. James Gilchrist were present in the Presbyterian Church, Sebring, on the evening of the 4th inst. to witness his setting apart to the work of the holy ministry by the Lindsay Presbytery. Rev. J. B. McLaren presided, Rev. Mr. Johnston addressed the minister and Rev. Mr. McKinnon the people, after which the newly-ordained minister was heartily welcomed by the people. Mr. Gilchrist, who has laboured in Sebring for the past three summers, is highly esteemed in the locality both on account of his work and his character, and it is hoped that he will prove even more successful than in the past.

THE Vancouver *Advertiser* says: The strawberry festival held lately in the Wilson Hall by ladies of St. Andrew's Church in aid of the new building, the corner stone of which was laid the previous day, was largely attended, about 400 being present. The hall had been beautifully decorated for the occasion and arrangements in connection with the entertainment had been completed with so much skill and foresight that the evening could not have failed to be successful. The chair was occupied by Rev. D. McLaren, the pastor, who made a brief address of welcome. A delightful programme of music was rendered during the evening and the edibles which had been prepared were enjoyed. These consisted of strawberries, ice cream, lemonade, etc. A neat sum was netted for the good purpose which was had in view. The committee of management were Miss Macintosh, Mrs. Twilford, Mrs. McCraney, Miss Allen and Mrs. Dunn.

THE Manitoba *Free Press* says: A large number of members, adherents, and friends of the Presbyterian Church at Manitou, assembled at the residence of the Rev. J. A. Townsend, to bid him farewell on his departure to take charge of a congregation in Oregon, U.S., through failing health. Mr. Donald Campbell, on behalf of the Manitou group of stations, read an address regretting his departure, testifying to the earnest and able manner in which he had ministered to the Manitou district, and wishing him every spiritual and temporal success in his new sphere of labour. Mr. David Lawrence then presented to him, on behalf of the congregation, a purse containing \$112. In acknowledgment, Mr. Townsend spoke of the great grief it was to Mrs. Townsend and himself, to have to sever the ties which had subsisted for the past seven years between him and his flock. He bore testimony to the warm sympathy which he had invariably met with in his work, and to the great liberality of the district in supporting the various schemes of the Church. He bespoke for his successor the same help and sympathy which he had experienced, warning his hearers that the success of a pastor largely depends on the hearty co-operation of his flock. Mr. Campbell then spoke a few words on behalf of the Sabbath school, and the pastor in reply, urged all present to continue their interest in this all important branch of the work. The Rev. Mr. Barber (Episcopal) being present, expressed the regret of himself and congregation at Mr. Townsend's departure, testifying to the unvaried courtesy and kindness which he had evinced towards them. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend then bade farewell, invoking God's blessing upon them all, and the people went to their homes, regretting the loss of their beloved and Christian pastor.

THE *Orillia Times* says: At a special meeting of the Barrie Presbytery and of the Presbyterian congregation in the Church, Gravenhurst, presided over by Rev. Dr. Gray, of Orillia, Rev. Mr. Bethune was ordained and inducted as minister of the Gravenhurst congregation. There was a large attendance, and the whole services were of the most interesting, solemn, and deeply spiritual character. An excellent sermon was preached by Rev. J. Hunter, of Guthrie Church, Oro, from the words: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Gray, and after the solemn service of setting apart the minister by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery to the "Divine work," a most admirable and well prepared address was delivered to the newly ordained minister in a very affectionate and paternal manner by Dr. Clark, of Bracebridge. The meeting was brought to a close by the Rev. Mr. Dobson, of Willis and Eason Churches, Oro, giving an interesting and practical address to the people. In the evening another meeting was held when welcoming and congratulatory addresses were given by a number of clergymen. The Rev. Mr. Noble, of the Anglican Church, Gravenhurst, spoke eloquently on the power of the truth. Rev. Mr. Hunter, Oro, on the practical duties and relationship of pastor and people. Rev. R. N. Burns, Methodist minister, a neat combination of compliment, congratulation, and fraternal sympathy in the work. Rev. R. N. Grant, of Orillia, had heard so much congratulation that there was nothing in that line left, he would take the line of admonition, and in his own inimitable humorous way he delivered an excellent and highly practical address, commencing by saying: "Now that you have a minister what are you going to do about it?" He then proceeded to tell the people some things that they should not do, and finished by telling them some of the things which it was very desirable that they should do. Rev. Mr. Bethune was then called upon, and in a few words expressed his pleasure and love for the people, for the very hearty expressions of sympathy and co-operation which he received since coming amongst them, and his intense desire that they might grow in holiness and Christian character under his ministry. The congregation is very much indebted to Rev. Dr. Gray, of Orillia, not only for so happily and ably presiding over these meetings, but for the loving care, the paternal oversight, and the indefatigable interest he has taken in the congregation during its vacancy, and it is largely to his wisdom and counsel that matters are now so favourably settled. We trust that a new era of substantial progress and increased power for good has set in for the Presbyterian Church in Gravenhurst.

Sabbath School Teacher

INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

July 7, 1888.

SAMUEL CALLED OF GOD.

1 Sam. iii.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Then Samuel answered, Speak, for Thy Servant heareth. 1 Sam. iii. 10.

SHORTER CATECHISM.

Question 27. The humiliation began with His being born, and ended with His death and the passage of His soul into the invisible or spirit world. (1) "In His being born, and that in a low condition." It was an act of infinite condescension upon the part of the Second Person of the glorious Trinity, and of transcendent and permanent interest to the whole intelligent creation, that all the fulness of the Godhead should be contained in Him bodily, and so revealed under the limitations of a finite nature. For it is only thus that the Infinite One can be "seen and known," "tested and handled," and that of "His fulness" we may all receive, and "grace for grace" (John i. 16, 18, 1 John i. 1). (2d) In His being "made under the law," and rendering perfect obedience to it. The law lays its claims upon persons. But the person of Christ was eternal and divine. Personally, He was the Law-giver, and not under obligation of obedience. His supreme perfections are spontaneous, and are a law to all the dependent universe. The law was conformed to Him, not He to the law. But when He undertook the office of Mediator He voluntarily assumed, as the second Adam, all the legal responsibilities of His people. By His life long suffering and death Christ endured in our stead the punishment due to our sins. By His life long obedience, even unto death, He merited for us the favour of God and eternal life, a happy and glorious immortality, and all the means thereof, and so purchased for us an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven. Christ was therefore "made under the law" (Gal. iv. 4, 5) - (a) not as a rule of righteousness, but as a condition of blessedness (to us), "to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons;" (b) not for Himself, but officially as our Substitute; (c) His whole obedience to that law was vicarious, in the stead of our obedience. "By the obedience of One shall many be made righteous" (Rom. v. 19).—A. A. Hodge, D.D.

INTRODUCTORY.

The studies in Jewish history are resumed. The period covered by the present series begins with the last of the Judges, and extends over the rise and progress of the Hebrew kingdom. Samuel combined in Himself the twofold office of Judge and Prophet. He was the ruler of the people and their inspired instructor.

I. God's Call to Samuel.—Samuel was the child of godly parents. His father, Elkanah, was a Levite, and in consequence of that position had to take his part in the Tabernacle service. Hannah, his mother, was a woman who sought to live near to God. The young Samuel, therefore, had many advantages in his early years. His mother had dedicated him to God from the time of his birth. He had a happy home, on which God's blessing rested. While still young he was placed under the care and training of Eli, the high priest and judge of the people. While a resident with Eli, his mother came to the tabernacle and showed her motherly care for her boy so full of promise. The young lad "ministered unto the Lord." What services he could perform were cheerfully rendered. He would also be helpful to Eli. Valuable as were the privileges enjoyed by Samuel in his young days, he did not have the Bible, the law of God was given, but that was all. The word of the Lord was precious (that is scarce) in those days. There was no open vision, no distinct revelation of God's will immediately to men. God taught His people at that time largely by providential events. The fidelity of their services was rewarded by the blessings of personal and national prosperity. And their sinful departures from the living God were marked by His displeasure in the calamities that befel them. The lesson of to-day refers to a memorable event in the life of Samuel and in the history of the nation. Eli was a good man, but he had a wicked family. Sin abounded everywhere. Eli was old and his eyesight had failed him. He lived in the court of the Tabernacle, and young Samuel abode with him. Samuel had retired to rest, and during the night the voice of God called him. Promptly he answers, Here am I. Thinking that Eli had called him, he ran to the aged high priest, who told him that he had not called. He returned to his rest. Again Samuel heard the divine voice, and again went to Eli, who now understood the meaning of the call. Samuel did not know the Lord. That does not mean that he was ignorant of Jehovah, but that as yet he did not comprehend God's method of revealing His will to men. It was a new and grand experience to hear God's message directly addressed to himself. Eli instructed him how to answer if again the call came to him, and in the stillness and solemnity of the night the voice of God once more came to him.

II. God's Message to Samuel.—Once more, but now with a perception of the importance of the call, Samuel's name is repeated, and in the words he had been taught, words expressive of the attitude in which God's message should always be heard, he answers, "Speak: for thy servant heareth." The message delivered to the young lad was one of terrible import. The words were for Eli, but Samuel was to be God's messenger to carry them to the aged priest. God hates sin everywhere, but sin in high places is still more abominable in His sight. The evil behaviour of Eli's sons, who also served in the Tabernacle, brought disgrace upon themselves, dishonour to their father, and caused God's name to be blasphemed. Already God had warned Eli by "a man of God," who clearly foretold the impending punishment that was to befall his house, because of the wickedness of his sons, and his own neglect in not restraining them (1 Sam. ii. 27). The calamity when it came was to be terrible, as the first words of the communication to Samuel indicate. "I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of everyone that heareth it shall tingle." The coming disaster was to be the defeat of the Israelites by the Philistines, the sudden death of Eli's sons, his own sad end, the capture of the ark, and the desolation of the sanctuary. Eli had a distinct warning of God's displeasure, and the terrible consequences to which it would lead. There is deep significance in the words spoken by God, "When I begin I will also make an end." God's threatening, as well as His promises, are certain of fulfilment. We do not deserve the blessings that God so freely bestows, but His judgments never come without cause. Here He gives the explanation why this awful calamity is about to descend on the house of Eli. "I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth, because his sons made themselves vile [revised version] did bring a curse upon themselves, and he restrained them not." So deep was their guilt, because of the enormity of their sin in itself, because of the prominent position they occupied in the Tabernacle service, because of the many faithful warnings they had received and disregarded, there was now no escape for them. "The iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever."

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

The boy Samuel is an example to every age of what a beautiful thing a young life consecrated to God can become.

What a contrast between the life of Samuel and the lives of Eli's sons!

God still calls the young to His service. Like Samuel, they should ever be ready to say, "Speak: for thy servant heareth."

It was a hard thing for Samuel to tell to Eli the awful message that God had given him, but he did not neglect the difficult duty laid upon him.

A wicked life persisted in, unrepented of in spite of warning, brings down the judgments of God.