

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Peterborough, is soon to undergo extensive alterations and improvements.

PRINCE ALBERT, N. W. T., has ceased to be a mission station. It has been organized as a congregation and at no distant date will be a self-sustaining one.

THE Rev. Dr. Cochrane has received the sum of £100, for the Home Mission Fund, and £50 for Manitoba College, from the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland.

NEW BRUNSWICK exchanges contain full reports of the services held on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Smith, late of Kingston, into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's, St. John. The Rev. Mr. Burgess presided. The sermon was preached by the Rev. George Bruce; the minister was addressed by the Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, and the people by the Rev. Mr. Ross. The impressive and highly interesting services were brought to a close by Rev. Dr. Bennet pronouncing the benediction.

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed in Duff's Church East Puslinch, last Sabbath. The pastor was ably assisted by the following ministers: Revs. K. McDonald, of Belmont; A. McKay, of Eramosa; J. S. Stewart, late of Manitoba; Wm. Meldrum, of Morriston, and E. McAuley, B.A., of West Puslinch. The attendance was good on all the days, especially on Thursday and Sabbath. On this occasion the pastor was assisted by two of his predecessors. Several names were added to the communion roll.

PROFESSOR GREGG visited last month several congregations in the Presbytery of Huron, in the interests of Knox College Endowment Fund, and met with a cordial reception. The congregations visited have not as yet been thoroughly canvassed, but Seaford has already subscribed \$1,561; McKillop & Winthrop, \$172; and Egmondville, \$361; while one friend in Clinton subscribed \$300. The Professor intends to return to this Presbytery, and, in the meantime, a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. A. D. Macdonald (convener), A. McLean, and Colin Fletcher, have made arrangements to canvass most of the other congregations.

THE funeral of the late Rev. David M. MacLise took place last week at St. John, N.B. Services were held at the house by Rev. Dr. Macrae and Rev. George Bruce, after which the remains were removed to Calvin Church, followed by a large concourse of friends of the deceased clergyman. The coffin having been borne to the church, Rev. Mr. Daniel offered up a fervent prayer, after which Rev. Dr. Macrae preached the funeral sermon. He took his text from 2 Timothy II, 3: "A good soldier of Jesus Christ." After the sermon the remains were removed to the Rural Cemetery, followed by a large concourse of citizens. The services at the grave were conducted by Rev. Dr. Macrae and Rev. Mr. Bruce.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery met at Barrie on Tuesday, 29th of May. Present, seventeen ministers and seven elders. The resignation of the charge of Barrie received at a former meeting was taken up, and, after hearing commissioners from the congregation, and Mr. Leiper, who desired that the resignation take effect, it was accepted. Mr. Moodie was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on the 10th of June, and act as moderator of the session during the vacancy. In prospect of parting with Mr. Leiper a resolution, acknowledging the high value of his pulpit and pastoral labours, his zealous efforts in connection with the Home Mission Committee, and expressive of sympathy with him in the impaired state of his health, and well wishes for his continued usefulness in his Master's service was unanimously adopted. The resignation by Mr. Henry, of the charge of First West Gwillimbury and Cookstown, also tendered at a former meeting, was accepted. The Presbytery expressed regret to part with Mr. Henry after so short a pastorate, commended him for zeal and diligence in the charge, and hoped that he might soon obtain another suitable sphere of labour in the Lord's vineyard. Mr. D. H. McLennan was appointed to preach the pulpit vacant on the first Sabbath of July and to act as moderator of the session while vacant. The resignation of the charge of Gortrie Church, Oro, with application for leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry was tend-

ered by Mr. Smith Hutcheson. Messrs. J. Gray, and G. Crawford, and Mr. S. Horne, elder, were appointed to deal with the Guthrie Church congregation, to make enquiry as to Mr. Hutcheson's health and fitness for ministerial work, and to report. Mr. S. Acheson was appointed moderator of session of Bradford and Second West Gwillimbury instead of Mr. Henry. Provisional arrangements were made for visiting the mission stations in Muskoka and Parry Sound, and administering ordinances during the summer. The work was allotted to five members of Presbytery who will spend from two to four Sabbaths each in the mission field. The arrangement will take effect only if the Assembly Home Mission Committee do not succeed in procuring a superintendent for the district. Mr. Adam Bannerman, elder, was elected commissioner to the General Assembly instead of A. P. Cookburn, M.P., resigned. An application from the congregation of Second Innisfil for leave to moderate in a call was granted, and Mr. Cochrane, moderator of the session was authorized to attend to the duty when required. Circular letters from the Presbyteries of Toronto, London, Owen Sound, Halifax and Sydney were read. The evening session was devoted to a conference on the State of Religion and Sabbath Schools in presence of a not very large audience. Reports based on returns of congregations on these subjects were read. Short addresses on topics assigned to the speakers were delivered. These were followed by remarks from some others and the conference was closed. It was regarded as an improvement upon a similar meeting held two years ago, but it was also felt that for a satisfactory discussion of the subjects longer time and an earlier part of the day would be necessary.—ROBERT MOODIE, *Pres. Clerk*.

THE PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—This Presbytery met at Woodville, 29th May, Rev. A. Ross, M.A., Moderator. Ten ministers and ten elders present. Mr. Ross reported having moderated in a call at Beaverton, on the 8th May, addressed to the Rev. G. C. Patterson, M.A., Summerside, Glengarry. The moderator's conduct was approved, the call sustained, and forwarded to Glengarry Presbytery. The clerk reported having moderated in a call at Scott and Uxbridge, on the 22nd May, addressed to the Rev. James Bryant. The moderator's conduct was approved, the call sustained, and forwarded to Mr. Bryant. Mr. Robert Myers, student, was examined and the Presbytery agreed to apply to the General Assembly for leave to take him on trials for license. Subjects for trials were given out to Mr. Myers in the event of his coming up for license. Also subjects for discourses were prescribed to the students within the bounds of the Presbytery to be given in next regular meeting of Presbytery. The Rev. Joseph Elliot's resignation of the pastorate of Knox Church, Cannington, was read. Mr. Elliot and representatives from the congregation were heard and the resignation was accepted to take effect after the last Sabbath of June. Mr. Acheson to preach and declare the church vacant on the first Sabbath of July. Mr. Currie to act as moderator of the session. The Presbytery agreed to record the following minute: "On receiving and accepting the resignation of the Rev. Joseph Elliot of the pastorate of Knox Church, Cannington, after a ministry of four years, the Presbytery would, and hereby do, place on record their deep regret that they must now lose the presence and services of their venerable co-presbyter. They would moreover assure Mr. Elliot of their high appreciation of his many social and ministerial qualities, his urbanity, mature experience and sound judgment, his broad mental culture and unobtrusive yet persuasive piety, in a word those varied gifts and graces which constitute an able minister of the New Testament of which he has given ample proof during a ministry of forty-six years. In commending their brother to the love and protection of the Divine Master they would, at the same time, commend his wife and family to the same gracious keeping, and would pray that he may be spared yet many days to serve Christ and the Church in other fields of usefulness. And further the Presbytery would pray that his late pastoral charge soon to be vacant may speedily secure another pastor, and may meantime be suitably supplied with the means of grace." The Board of Management of Knox College, having obtained leave from the last meeting of the General Assembly to secure an endowment of that institution as soon as they consider advisable, have resolved to proceed at once to secure an endowment of \$200,000 deeming that the efficiency of

the college urgently demanded such action. The Presbytery would endorse the action of the Board of Management and commend the scheme to the hearty and liberal support of the united members and adherents of the Church within our bounds, and resolve that, at next regular meeting of Presbytery, steps be taken for the active canvass of the congregations to be completed if possible by the close of the year. Next regular meeting of the Presbytery to be held at Woodville, on the last Tuesday of August, at eleven o'clock a.m. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Beaverton on call of the moderator.—J. R. SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk*.

SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHER.

INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

LESSON XXV.

June 24.]

REVIEW FOR THE QUARTER.

[1883.]

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

The following outlines are mostly from Peloubet:—

This Quarter has been a history of the Development of the Christian Church.

I. THE WORKERS IN THIS DEVELOPMENT.—Draw out the story of Paul; of Peter; of Philip; of the Ethiopian; of Cornelius; of the good Governor, Paulus; of Barnabas, and how he turned missionary.

II. DEVELOPMENT BY MEANS OF SIGNS AND WONDERS.—Paul's conversion; visions of Peter and Cornelius; deliverance from prison; prophecy about famine; Dorcas; two struck blind.

III. DEVELOPMENT AGAINST OPPOSITION.—Persecution at Jerusalem; what came out of it? Death of James; Peter imprisoned; two Magicians.

IV. THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE CHURCH.—Trace the stages by which the "door was opened" to the Gentiles.—Peter's vision; Cornelius; "men of Cyprus and Cyrene"; Barnabas; Saul; Antioch.

V. MISSIONARY WORK.—Trace Paul's first journey. Philip, Peter, Barnabas, first missionaries. The Holy Ghost originated missions! (Acts 13:2.)

VI. RESULTS OF TWENTY YEARS.—How far had the Gospel now been carried? How does this compare with the first twenty years of renewed mission work, beginning with the century?

[OPTIONAL LESSON INSTEAD OF A REVIEW.]

June 24.]

PAUL'S TEMPERANCE PRINCIPLES.

Gal. 5: 13-26; 6: 7, 8.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth or is offended, or is made weak."—Rom. 14:21.

CENTRAL TRUTH.—Christians are to use their liberty for their brother's good.

OUTLINE TOPICS.—(I.) Drunkenness and its Companion Sins. (II.) Temperance and its Companion Fruits.

I. DRUNKENNESS AND ITS COMPANION SINS.—(13-21) Liberty: the Christian is free; should not be in bondage to any sin. Use not as abusing the liberty. Love thy neighbour: this law of love to govern us. Drunkenness; has sixteen companions in text (vers. 19-21); twice as many as temperance; sin multiplies faster in this world than goodness. Not inherit; are not, and cannot be, Christians.

II. TEMPERANCE AND ITS COMPANION FRUITS.—(22-24) Temperance: has eight companions (see their names in vers. 22, 23). Are Christ's: he will keep them. Lusts: crucified—that is, are dead.

DR. KENNEDY, of Dingwall, has published in pamphlet form his presbytery anti-organ speech, in which he takes up a thoroughly non-possessive position. "It is not constitutional," he says, "to introduce such an innovation unless there first be a revision of the Confession of Faith." And yet he admits that the Free Church is only being asked to do what the Established and U. P. Churches have already done without revising that venerable document.

A MEMORIAL window has been erected by the publishers and printers of London in St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, to the memory of Caxton, on which is the following inscription by Tennyson, founded by Caxton's motto: *Prat lux*—

Thy prayer was "Light—more Light—while Time shall last!"

Thou sawest a glory growing on the night,
But not the shadows which that light would cast,
Till shadows vanish in the Light of Light.

It is not by constraint or by painful effort that we make real progress. On the contrary, it is simply a question of yielding up our will, of giving from day to day whithersoever God may lead us, disinterested by nothing, satisfied with the present moment, thankful to let Him do all who has made all, and to leave our own will immovable within His will. How happy is it to abide in this condition! How satisfied is the heart, even though it may lack all else.—*Fenelon*.