

or subscriptions, and not a cent will be spent on office work.

I remain, dear sir,
Yours, &c.,
THOMAS HALL.
Kingston, July 4th, 1881.

CANADA CONGREGATIONAL YEAR-BOOK.

Will those who have any changes or additions they wish made in the Calendar notes, p. p. 11, 13, or in any other part of the Year Book, communicate with the Editor at once. Any suggestions with regard to the general improvement of the forthcoming volume will be thankfully received.

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MANITOBA MISSION.

Treasurer acknowledges with thanks the following sums from G. Armstrong, Esq., Fergus, Ont.:

For Manitoba Mission Committee	\$20.00
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MANILLA.

The following communication we have received from Rev. R. Mackay, Kingston:—

At the close of the Union meetings, I visited Manilla with the view of giving the church there a Sabbath, as they are now without a pastor. My last visit was made three years ago, together with Rev. Professor Fenwick and others, for the purpose of taking part in the ordination of Mr. Donald McKinnon, a young man who came out from Scotland to occupy the position of pastor. During his pastorate of nearly three years a few only were added to the church on profession, while some were dropped, and a number were called to occupy a higher place in the church triumphant. One reason Mr. McKinnon gave for resigning his charge was that he no longer believed in infant baptism.

Arriving on Thursday evening, the 16th June, I was in time to address the weekly prayer-meeting, which was well attended.

During the six days I remained, I preached a number of times, and visited a large number of families. The services on the week evenings were largely attended, while on Sabbath the church was crowded, and some of them had to be accommodated in the vestry. A few professed anxiety and were directed to Jesus. Old memories came crowding upon my mind, especially the seasons of blessing experienced during the winter of 1874. The great majority of the church members are the converts of that revival, and most of the active workers and office-bearers are the fruit of the same blessed outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We have heard it said that the result of such movements, are not lasting. Let those who made such statements accompany me to some parts of this country, or come with me to Scotland, and I can point out churches where three-fourths of the living membership are the results of such movements. While it can be said of some in Manilla that their love has waxed cold, no case can be pointed to where there has been grievous backsliding in the way of open sin. The great majority of the Christians are very devoted to Christ and His cause.

Since my last visit ten members of the church have died, six of whom were the converts of 1874, and most of them

pointed to Christ by myself. All of these are missed by many dear friends, some of them are sadly missed by the church, and could be ill spared: notably Mr. Archibald McFadyen, the village blacksmith, who was a deacon, and took a hearty interest in everything pertaining to the advancement of the cause of Christ. After his conversion he was very diffident, but his devotion to the person and word of Christ enabled him in a great measure to overcome this natural diffidence, and he became an active worker, both in the Sunday school and prayer meeting, as well as in his private intercourse with his fellow men. His death-bed experience was a very happy one; he was only a young man when the Lord called him home. He has left behind him a widow and a devoted Christian, also a convert of 1874, and four of a family, the youngest of whom I baptized on Monday evening, the 20th.

Another who has been sorely missed is Mr. Dugald McIntyre, a young man, who met with a severe accident through the running away of a horse; he died in a few days after. He, and two of his brothers, were converted during the revival already referred to. One of these is the secretary of the church, while the other is Mr. Rector McIntyre, B.A., of McGill College, Montreal, and now in charge of two of our churches in the west—Turnbury and Howick.

Mr. Dugald McIntyre was anxious for a considerable time before finding peace; he was led to rest and peace while reading the hymn, "Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched." The words which were blessed to him are "None but Jesus can do helpless sinners good." He did not hesitate to confess Christ, and made marked progress in the Divine life; he took an active interest in the work of the Church and Sunday school, and has left behind him a sweet savour of Christ. "The memory of the just (though young) is blessed."

The last two who died were Mrs. Condon and Mrs. John Wylie. The former was a widow, who, with four of her daughters, were brought to Christ. She died after a long and severe illness, but was enabled to bear testimony to the preciousness of Christ, and is mourned by her dear daughters, who are seeking to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Mrs. Wylie was a beautiful character, eminent for godliness, and died after a lingering illness; all who came into contact with her were struck with her great love for Christ and her earnest desire that all should know Him. She was resigned to the will of the Lord. A husband and three children, as well as many others, mourn her loss.

Mrs. Donald McLean, and her daughter Mary, were less known, but died in the faith, and are missed by the church. Three aged Christians were also called home—Messrs. McIntyre and McInnes, and godly Mrs. McDonald. There are not very many of the clear aged members of the church left, and others will soon be gathered to their fathers. Rev. Dugald McGregor, the godly aged minister who occupied the field for so many years, has also joined the company in the higher and better world. Never shall I forget his deep solicitude for the salvation of the people committed to his care. How anxiously and prayerfully he watched for their souls no one but God and those associated with him in the work know. We need men like him, who are willing to spend and be spent for Christ. Servant of Christ, well done! thou hast rested from thy labours, and thy works do follow thee.

Complaints are made of want of success in the mission field; we need more consecrated men, more aggressive evangelistic zeal, more of the preaching of the glorious gospel—the gospel of God in power—and success is sure.

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two years: Cephas Brainerd, William E. Dodge, Jr., Morris K. Jesup, Robert R. McBurney, Elbert B. Monroe, Moses Taylor Pyne, James Stokes, Jr., Cornelius Vanderbilt, Benjamin C. Wetmore, of New York; John S. Maclean, of Halifax, N. S.; S. H. Blake, of Toronto, Ont.; Russell Sturgis, Jr., of Boston, Mass.; Henry M. Moore, of Somerville, Mass.; William Libby, Jr., of Princeton, N. J.; William G. Warden, of Philadelphia, Pa.; James McCormick, of Harrisburg, Pa.; H. K. Porter, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; H. Thane Miller, of Cincinnati, O.; John I. Wheat, of Louisville, Ky.; T. W. Harvey, and Cyrus H. McCormick, Jr., of Chicago, Ill.; Thomas Cochran, Jr., of St. Paul, Minn.; George S. Brown, of Baltimore, Md.; William P. Munford, of Richmond, Va.; Joseph Hardie, of Selma, Ala.; Augustine T. Smyth, of Charleston, S. C.; Frank L. Johnston, of St. Louis, Mo.; W. F. Hardie, of New Orleans, La.; A. E. Guthrie, of San Francisco, Cal.

Among the other topics considered the following awakened unusual interest: "The Advantages of the Study of the Bible by Books, with illustrations."

"The Importance of a Bible-class for Young Men Exclusively," opened by Alfred Sandham, secretary of the Toronto, Ont., Association.

"Social and Religious Work for Youths," presented by S. A. Taggart, State Secretary of Pennsylvania.

"The Daily Prayer Meeting and how it can be made more effective as a means of leading young men to Christ," opened by Rev. J. M. Warrall, of Chicago.

Of the other subjects discussed, and the earnest devotional spirit which characterized the whole gathering and was manifested throughout the sessions, in the open air services, the Consecration meeting Sunday morning, the Gospel meeting for young men Sunday afternoon, and in many other special services, we cannot speak in any detail, but the profitable Bible readings conducted by Secretaries Orr, of Pittsburgh, and Bowes, of Washington, and Judge Lowe, of Dayton, O., were a feature worthy of special mention. The Farewell meetings on Sunday night, crowding the largest churches, were remarkable in their spiritual power, and were a fit close for a convention from which its 600 delegates will certainly go to their homes with broader views of this great work for young men and with warmer zeal to devote themselves to it in their local fields.

The Secretaries' Conference will meet again in New Haven, Conn., next summer, and the International Convention in Milwaukee, Wis., two years hence.

News of the Churches.

WHITBY.—Rev. Mr. Eadie, student, late of Montreal, now of Yale, supplies the church at Whitby now vacant, until Sept. 15th. May his labours be blessed and the struggling church encouraged!

ST. JOHNS, Nfld.—A Bible-class, conducted by the Pastor of the Congregational Church, St. John's, Newfoundland, held weekly meetings in that city throughout the winter and spring of the present year. This class was largely attended by young men and young women of the church, and also by friends who were interested in the topics chosen for study and attracted by the method of treating them, were heartily welcomed by those already enrolled.

The attendance averaged 70 or 80 and was well sustained even during the busy season; the interest of the members increasing as time went on, so that a general feeling of regret was experienced at the last meeting, and two members spontaneously expressed their gratitude

to the Pastor and spoke of the benefit they had derived from his instructions and explanations of the Scripture.

The principal subject under consideration was "The Life and History of Abraham," and from this history many practical lessons were drawn, and their bearing on matters connected with everyday life clearly pointed out, but the first half hour of each evening was given to some topic which, while intimately related to the Bible, and closely bearing upon it, was not always drawn directly from it. The study of the state of the Roman, Greek and Jewish Worlds at the birth of our Saviour occupied the first part of the evening, as also the Development of the Messianic Prophecy, and papers were written on these subjects by the members. The class is suspended during the summer. The subject for next winter is to be "Woman's Influence and Work in the cause of Christ."

The advantage of such a class as a means of intelligent Christian instruction and permanent influence on the character is so great that the importance of such an institution must be felt by all who thoughtfully consider the matter, and it is much to be desired that such classes might be formed in connection with every Christian Church.

MATHIDA GOOD.

St. John's, Nfld.

MINAS BASIN ASSOCIATION.—The June meeting convened at Economy, on Friday, the 10th inst. Rev. E. Rose, Chairman of the Association, presided. A very enjoyable season of conference, prayer and praise. Saturday, 9.30 a.m., prayer for an hour, our much beloved Brother Huntley, of four-score years, of Cornwallis, presiding. The chairman took his place and business entered upon. Officers elected for the coming year:—Rev. J. Cox, Chairman, A. K. Moore, Secretary, Committee, Messrs. James Hill, Robert Faulkner, B. P. Weaver and Capt. McDougal. Rev. J. W. Cox read a paper on the Holy Spirit, which was evidently the production of much thought, and followed by a discussion of much interest. Afternoon session, also one of deep interest. Rev. E. Barker read a paper worthy of the subject, "The Early Training of Children," which elicited a very interesting, and, we feel safe in saying, profitable discussion. Reports of the various churches were received, which were pleasing and encouraging, each report showing a good interest, not only in the spiritual growth of the churches, but the financial as well as the mission funds is quite in excess of any previous year. I would also note that the reports from Sabbath-schools were of great interest. Paper writers for autumnal meeting of the Association:—Rev. J. W. Cox, Rev. E. Rose and C. E. Hill. The Association adjourned to meet in Cornwallis in September, 1881.

A. K. M.

Economy, Nova Scotia, June 25, 1881.

KELVIN.—The people of Kelvin are building a shed, and have it nearly finished. A tea-meeting was held on July 1st, at which addresses were given by Dr. Cameron, R. Eadie, B.A., and the Pastor. Music by the Scotland Glee Club. Proceeds for shed.

NEW DURHAM.—The Congregational Church here is at present worshipping in the C. M. Church building. A site has, however, been secured through the generosity of Mr Isaac Haight, and we hope to announce the erection of a brick church at an early date. The lot is close to the post-office, in a very pleasant situation. Any readers of the INDEPENDENT who have not of late enjoyed the privilege of helping on such an enterprise are assured of the sympathy of the New Durham people. Their contributions will be received in a Christian spirit. Address, James Yates, New Durham.