

The Church in Canada.

(Continued.)

A BUILDING permit for a new manse has been granted in connection with the Presbyterian church in New Edinburgh. The new building will be of solid brick with stone foundations and will be 41x38 feet in size and 2½ stories high. It is the gift of Mrs. Judge McKay, of Montreal, and will cost \$4,000. Mr. M. C. Eley is the architect.

Rev. Dr. PATON, the grand old missionary hero of the New Hebrides Islands, visited Owen Sound on Sunday, 23rd ult., and addressed three meetings, and notwithstanding the brevity of his visit he will long be remembered by the hundreds who were privileged to see his face and hear his voice. At 11 a.m. Dr. Paton preached at Annap Presbyterian church; at 2.45 p.m. addressed a large meeting of women in Division St. Church; at 4 p.m. a mass meeting of Sunday School children in Knox church, and at 7 p.m. again preached in Division Street church to an immense congregation which crowded the building to the doors. Dr. Paton's sermon was in the nature of a history of the great missionary work that has been done in the New Hebrides, where whole islands have been evangelized and civilized by the missionaries and where thousands and thousands have turned from the darkest heathen vices and crimes and are now peaceable, gentle and Christian people. Dr. Paton, on Monday, addressed meetings at Keady and Chatsworth. Notwithstanding his great age, he intends once more going back to continue his noble work of self-sacrifice and love in the islands which he has so close to heart, and which he hopes to see entirely evangelized before his death. The sympathy and support of the Christian people of Owen Sound we feel sure will follow Dr. Paton in his work in a way that they have never done before. The collections taken up at Dr. Paton's services on Sunday were as follows: Morning service at Annap, \$33.70; Sunday School Mass Meeting in Knox church, \$16; Women's meeting and evening service in Division Street church, \$108.12. The money collected goes to the carrying on of the work in the New Hebrides.—Com.

LAST Sabbath week being the fifteenth anniversary of the induction of the Rev. J. L. Murray, M.A., into the pastorate of Knox church, Kincardine, he preached a special sermon bearing upon it, sketching the history of the congregation up to the present time. Thirty-nine years ago steps were taken to build a church on the site of the present one. In the year 1855 the congregation petitioned the Presbytery for a pastor, but for four years a pastor was not secured. At length the Rev. John Stewart was called and induction on the 3rd of August, 1859. After four years he was called to Blyth, Knox church again became vacant and it remained so for three years. The year 1866 marks another era in the congregation's history, since in that year the old church was enlarged and also the Rev. John Fraser was called to the pastorate. Four years later Chalmers' church congregation of Kincardine township separated from Knox church and became an independent charge on May 7th, 1870. In the following year West church and Knox were formally united into one by the Presbytery on the 20th of April. Some families of West church preferred uniting with St. Andrew's. The town was growing larger, and the old Knox church building, though enlarged, was too small to accommodate the growing congregation; so, eighteen years ago, steps were taken to erect the present building. On the 10th of July of the following year (1876) the lecture-room was dedicated to the worship of God and in it the congregation worshipped for more than three years. Early in 1878 Rev. John Fraser was called to Indian Lands, Glenora, and, after a vacancy of about five months, Rev. J. L. Murray was called to succeed him. His induction was on July 11th, 1878. Fourteen months later the auditorium was completed and dedicated. Another era in the history of the congregation was its union with St. Andrew's church which took place some nine years ago. This union, like the union with

West church, was, and has ever since been, most happy and harmonious and attended with excellent results. The old lines are obliterated and they are thoroughly one. Had the town continued to grow to comprise a population of 10,000 or 12,000, as was sanguinely hoped by many, it would have been prudent to continue two or more Presbyterian congregations in it, but having remained a town of about 3,000, the Presbyterians show their good sense by worshipping under one roof. As regards the numerical growth of the congregation during the last fifteen years it had to depend mainly on the growth of the town. A sufficient number of families have left the bounds to form two average-sized congregations. Several excellent families have come in to take their place. The attendance on public worship is much larger now than it was ten or fifteen years ago. The following statistics will be of interest to many: Fifteen years ago there were 125 members in the congregation; now there are 300. The number added to the roll under the present pastorate is 562 (an average of thirty-seven per annum) 333 of whom were received on profession of faith and 229 by certificate. This shows that 400 names were removed from the roll in fifteen years on account of death and removals. The pastor stated that he administered the ordinance of baptism to 362 persons, 59 of whom were adults. He also attended nearly 400 funerals, three-fourths of them out of homes in his own congregation. After referring to the Sabbath schools, Bible classes, prayer meetings and the various missionary and other societies, he dwelt briefly on the exceptionally happy relations between himself and the people of his charge. In all the fifteen years there had not been a jar to disturb their harmony, weaken their mutual attachment or hinder the steady progress of the Lord's work.

Rev. J. A. Macdonald, B.A.

No name is better known or more kindly spoken of among the young ministers of Ontario than that of Mr. Macdonald, Knox church, St. Thomas, who holds the place of honour in this number of the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW. Robust in mind as he is in person, he takes a foremost place among the brainy men of great promise in the Church. Well-read in the 'ologies, familiar with every author which must be known, and with many that need not, he finds a library an earthly paradise, and the bright thoughts of genius a never-setting sun. His literary bent is marked, finding an outlet frequently in articles in the British as well as the Canadian press, and for eight years in the work of the editorial chair of Knox College Monthly, a position he resigned in April of 1892 on account, chiefly, of the ministerial duties of his charge. As editor he was singularly successful, the range and high merit of the contributions he could command being remarkable; besides showing the intimate literary connection he had made with the "men of thought and expression" in the Church, at home and abroad. The Editor's Book Shelf, a department of the Monthly to which he devoted especial attention was one of the best and freshest literary dips to be found in current periodicals. He also acquired great success in handling character sketches, work in which the artistic taste of a writer is surely tested. Some of his best work was done in this latter fascinating field and while his keenness of insight, his grasp, his discriminating judgment are here seen, his own personality is also disclosed. The Celtic element predominates in his character, nurtured by the unending influences of a pious family life and surroundings in their nature bound to impress the young mind. Born in Middlesex county, Ontario, his parents belonged to East Williams' congregation, of which the late Rev. Lachlan Macpherson was for more than thirty years the minister. He was educated in Toronto and Hamilton Collegiate Institutes, Toronto University and Knox College, graduating in theology in 1887. He spent the session of 1888-89 in Edinburgh studying in the theological halls there, and it is now nearly two years since he assumed the pastorate of Knox Church, St. Thomas,

where his labours meet with decided appreciation. Such are a few facts of one who, if spared, many think, possesses the gifts and graces to fit him for service of the very highest value to the Church.

Christian Endeavor.

A Y.P.S.C.E. has been organized in connection with St. Andrews church, Wolfe Island. The weekly meeting is held on Sabbath evening and is well attended and quite successful. The officers are:—Pres., Mrs. A. Avery; Vice-Pres., Miss N. Harne; Recording Sec. and Treasurer, Miss H. Abbott; Corresponding Sec., Miss L. Moore.

Correspondence.

Confession of Faith and the Pope.

Editor *Presbyterian Review*:

SIR,—Will you kindly reproduce the following from the Confession of Faith of the Presbyterian Church, chapter xxv., section 6—"There is no other head of the Church but the Lord Jesus Christ: nor can the Pope of Rome in any sense be head thereof, but is that anti-Christ, that man of sin and the son of perdition, that exalteth himself in the Church against Christ, and all that is called God." The above is the doctrine that I have been taught in the Highlands of Scotland thirty years ago and that doctrine I still believe. In view of the Karmarker incident in Montreal I would like the words to be reproduced. The end of the Christian Endeavour at Montreal and Mr. Ames' apology to the French press is not yet. I have yet to learn that any minister of the Presbyterian Church owes any apology to the Church of Rome for teaching the doctrines of the Westminster Confession of Faith. The day is not far distant when the Presbyterian Church in Canada will have to explain its position more fully to the laity. For the six years I have been in Montreal I have not heard one genuine Protestant sermon about the Church of Rome. In the words of the Captain of our salvation I would like to ask the Christian Endeavour Convention "What went ye out into the wilderness for to see?" Mr. Ames' apology deceives either Protestant or Roman Catholics. Which is it? NORMAN MURRAY.

Unbearable Agony.

For three days I suffered severely from summer complaint, nothing gave me relief and I kept getting worse until the pain was almost unbearable, but after I had taken the first dose of Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry I found great relief and it did not fail to cure me. WM. T. GYSS, Wilfrid, Ont.

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Births, Marriages and Deaths.

Births.

McLACHLIN.—At the Manse, Harrington, on July 12th, the wife of Rev. A. G. McLachlin of a son.

Marriages.

PORTER-SUTHERLAND.—At St. Andrew's church, Toronto, on Wednesday, August 9th, instant, by the Rev. James G. Stuart, Frederick D. Porter, to Jean Evelyn, daughter of D. Sutherland, Esq., and granddaughter of the late Lieut.-Col. Williamson, of Cathness, Scotland.

