

ed the pastor with a handsome cabinet of silver cutlery as a token of their esteem. Dr. Somerville made a very feeling acknowledgment of the beautiful gift, and the kindly feelings evidenced. Rev. Mr. Black, on behalf of the presbytery, tendered the congregation and pastor, congratulatory resolutions on their silver wedding. All the speakers referred in eulogistic terms to Dr. Somerville's high character and the earnest work done by him, which has been rewarded in such a marked degree by the prosperity of his church, east ont.

Western Ontario.

Rev. J. Currie, Belmont, has resumed work after his vacation.

The resignation of Rev. Walter Reed, B. D., of Weston and Woodbridge, has been accepted.

In the absence of Rev. R. Fowle, Rev. Geo. Milne, Ballinacraig, occupied the pulpit at Ospringe.

Mr. Ketchum, a student at Knox College, preached very acceptably at the Presbyterian church, Exeter, on Sabbath.

Rev. M. L. Leitch, Stratford, has been preaching in St. Andrew's church, Strathroy, to the great delight of many old friends.

Mrs. Watt, sister of the late Dr. King of Manitoba College, is at present the guest of the Rev. Dr. Hamilton, Motherwell.

Rev. R. J. M. Glassford and Mrs. Glassford, Guelph, are home again after a four weeks' holiday spent mostly in the neighborhood of Caledon East.

This is an unusual announcement: The Presbyterian church is closed for a couple of Sundays on account of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Cunningham, taking his holidays.

Ottawa.

Rev. D. M. Ramsay will occupy his own pulpit next Sabbath.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of St. Paul's church, and Mrs. Armstrong have returned from a brief visit to Cacouna.

Rev. Dr. Herridge, pastor of St. Andrew's church, returned on Saturday from a trip to England.

Mr. J. McMillan, B. A., principal of the Ottawa Collegiate Institute, returned from Temiscamie where he had spent the summer months.

The Sunday School of Stewart church, which held their sessions in the morning during the months of July and August, will hereafter meet at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Rev. Norman MacLeod, B.D., of the New Edinburgh church, preached anniversary services at Vars last Sabbath. On Monday evening a Harvest Home entertainment was held, when addresses were given by Rev. Mr. MacLeod and J. R. Reid; and Miss Reid and Miss Asquith rendered solos, which were very favourably received. Altogether the entertainment was a great success.

We note that the Paris correspondent of the "Montreal Gazette," in its issue of the 22nd ult., eulogizes the work done by Lt.-Col. F. Gourdeau, deputy minister of marine and fisheries, and Professor Andrew Halkett, who is under him, at the Paris Exhibition. He speaks in the highest terms of Professor Halkett as being a very gifted naturalist and a quiet unassuming gentleman. Prof. Halkett is a son of the late Rev. Andrew Halkett, of Brechin, Scotland, and a brother of Mr. J. B. Halkett, a valued elder of Stewart church, in this city.

The Rev. W. M. Mackeracher, M. A., Maisonsieuve, has returned from his holidays at Lac L'Archigan.

Rev. John Hogg, Winnipeg, is holidaying on the Pacific Coast. The Vancouver World says of him: The rev. gentleman is a widely travelled man and expressed astonishment at the beauty of Vancouver, its excellent streets and buildings.

From Kimberly comes the story of a conflict between Britons and a Boer, who happened to find themselves the occupants of a cell at the police station. The Dutchman had been arrested on a charge of high treason. The soldiers say that he boasted he had killed five "roineeks" at Spion Kop. This so incensed the military that one of them half throttled the enemy, while another proceeded to give him a sound "basting." The Dutchman's cries for help brought the police upon the scene, and the Boer, who protested that he had not provoked the assault, was put in another apartment.

British and Foreign.

On the 10th inst. Dumbarton Burgh bought the old Parish Manse for £1550.

The new Caledonian bridge over Glasgow harbour is to be highly ornamental.

Broomielaw Church, Glasgow, was re-opened after renovation by Rev. John McNeill.

Abercrombie Burying Ground is overcrowded and application is to be made for additional space.

Every year since she first visited it in 1848 the Queen has grown to love Balmoral more and more.

The cost of living in Pretoria is pretty high. A restaurant advertises breakfast, 3s.; lunch 5s.; dinner 5s. 4d.

The Boers all praise the Highlanders, and they say they are always sorry to have to fire on Highland soldiers.

There is wrath among the pedestrians because an attempt is now being made to close the Tophin Hill to promenaders.

The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions has in contemplation the foundation of an industrial school in the Philippines.

Lord Roberts is not a Baptist, "Strict" or otherwise. It is announced by his secretary that he belongs to the Church of England.

The death is announced at the age of sixty-six, of Dr. John Anderson, M. D., LL.D., F. R. S., F. R. S. E., at Buxton, after a few hours' illness.

The Queen has sent a letter containing a gratuity of £40 to Mrs. Metherell, of Kingston, who has three sons and four stepsons fighting at the front.

Dr. Henderson, Crieff, has taken up his duties as convener of the Foreign Missions Committee of the Free Church in succession to Professor Lindsay.

Rev. Dr. Anderson has been re-elected a governor on the Trust for Education in the Highlands and Islands by the University Court of St. Andrews.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and Princess Victoria of Wales left London last week for Germany amidst a most hearty demonstration of popular feeling.

The Canadian French are said to comprise over 23 per cent. of the population of Rhode Island, and from 10 to 12 per cent. of the other New England States.

A Glasgow child, two and a half years of age, while his parents were asleep, climbed on a table and drank some whisky. He was found unconscious, and died in half an hour.

Corporal MacKay, of the Gordon Highlanders who has been awarded the Victoria Cross, is understood to be a native of Dublin, and is familiarly known as "the doctor."

It has been decided in England that if a person keeps bees he does it at his own risk, and that he is liable in damages if the insects revolt and invade the premises of other people.

Mr. Duncan Hamilton, an old and respected resident of Locher, died on the 7th inst., aged 81 years. For a number of years he officiated as precursor in the Locher Free Church.

An interesting meeting took place in the East End Church, Inverness, last week, when the Presbytery set apart Dr. and Mrs. Chisholm for medical mission work in Livingstonia, Africa.

Aberdeen Presbytery, in connection with the U. P. Church, has agreed to support the action of the National Sabbath-school Union in seeking to promote legislation against Sunday trading.

Open air preaching has been resumed from the stone pulpit of Bridgegate church, Glasgow. Services of the kind were formerly interdicted by police on account of the disturbance they occasioned.

The reports which have been circulated concerning the Empress Frederick's health are stated, in a telegram from Cronberg, to be unfounded, as her Majesty's health is perfectly satisfactory and she goes out daily.

Queen Victoria has travelled very little abroad in the course of her long life. She has never been in Russia, Denmark, Austria, Norway, Sweden, Greece or Spain. Nor has she ever visited any of her colonies, or any part of America, Asia or Africa.

The Duke of Argyll has been appointed Honorary Colonel of the London Scottish Volunteers in place of Lord Wemyss. He served in the regiment for some years as captain, and is a brother-in-law of Lieut. Colonel Eustace Balfour, the commanding officer.

The Rev. Wm. Kirk Guthrie has been made associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of San Francisco. He has been a protégé of the Rev. Dr. Mackenzie, pastor of the church. The young preacher is a grandson of the famous Dr. Thomas Guthrie, of Edinburgh.

The Viceroy of India reports that the rainfall has been heavy and general in most of the affected tracts during the past week. The general situation has improved considerably, and the crops promise well. Prices are still, however, very high. The total number on relief has fallen to 5,668,000.

A "Christian Statesman" Honoured.

The Western Presbyterian reports an interesting episode at the Summer Meeting of Manitoba College, as follows:

The event of the evening was the presentation to the college of a portrait of the Rev. Dr. Robertson. The portrait had been secured by a number of Dr. Robertson's friends throughout the West, and the presentation was made by Rev. C. W. Gordon.

Mr. Gordon said he was glad personally, because he knew the regard, esteem and admiration entertained for the man who had been before him as a kind of ideal. He was glad because the portrait represented the affection, admiration and confidence of the finest body of men he knew anything of—their own western missionaries. It represented the special triumphs of Dr. Robertson, in laying the foundation of the church in this western country. It was appropriate that the portrait should hang upon the walls of this institution, because Dr. Robertson had had a great deal to do with it in its earlier days; the college had no more loyal, indefatigable, faithful and efficient supporter in every way. The portrait also stood for that spirit which makes a man count it joy to forget himself in devotion to a noble cause. It was fitting that the portrait should hang on this wall, because it was this spirit of self-forgetting devotion that lay at the foundation of this institution.

Rev. Dr. Robertson was called upon at this stage to give his permission to make the presentation. He said he did not know that any permission was needed for a body of men to honor any one; but whatever permission was required was heartily granted. He felt very much honored. He remembered Manitoba College when it was in Kildonan, afterwards when it was in a hired house belonging to Mr. Munroe, and again when it was in Fonseca's old hotel. He remembered that two acres were purchased on Point Douglas, and that he had opposed that site and favored the present one. He was very proud of the great progress the college had made. The arts department had never given greater promise than at the present time, but the college now ought to be still more thoroughly equipped. He prayed that it might prosper more and more and be more a power in the moral, intellectual and spiritual life of the country.

Principal Patrick said it was with no ordinary gratification that he rose to accept the gift made on behalf of the subscribers by Mr. Gordon. He was not surprised that they should wish the portrait to hang on the wall of the college, because Winnipeg is the capital of the west, and this college is the heart of Presbyterianism in Winnipeg and the west. He recalled the reminder by President Grant on Friday evening that there was a time when Dr. Robertson had difficulties to confront and opponents to convince and persuade. He spoke of Dr. Robertson as a Protestant archbishop, and of the church's 25 years' experience of him; of the purity of his aims; the breadth, solidity, and penetration of his judgment; Dr. Robertson was emphatically a great Christian statesman. He had recognized the possibilities of this country; he had foreseen its future, and asked what the church was called upon to do. But Dr. Robertson was more than a leader and a statesman. His moral and spiritual qualities were of the noblest type; his moral passion and enthusiasm were unbounded and his will was indomitable. Dr. King and Dr. Robertson were one in spirit and one in life, together they had done much to lay the foundation, not only of the college, but of Presbyterian Christianity in the west. He presented the portrait on behalf of the college with pride and gratification.

It has been decided to issue "The Twentieth Century New Testament" in three parts instead of two. The second volume, containing St. Paul's larger letters, will be ready in December.