

Church News.

It is stated that the congregation of Georgetown, Ont., proposes erecting a new church building next summer.

The congregation of Cote St. Antoine, Montreal (Meth. ch.) has called Rev. Anderson Rogers, of Yarmouth, N.S.

The Presbyterians of Baddeck, C. B., are building a very handsome church. It will accommodate between six and seven hundred people.

The Simcoe congregation has decided to expend the \$1000 left to them by the will of the late Miss French in the purchase of a new pipe organ.

After the laying of the corner stone at the new Presbyterian church at Calgary, Lady MacDonald made a donation of \$20 to the building fund.

Rev. G. F. BALANTYNE, the lately inducted pastor of Mono Centre, passed through the city lately on his way to the celebration of the golden wedding of his parents.

The new church at Portage La Prairie will be opened on the second or third Sunday in September. Rev. Mr. Gordon, of Winnipeg, is expected to deliver the dedicatory sermon.

The *Peterboro Examiner* describes the lecture of Rev. W. Roger, London, on "The Labour Question" as "able, clear and definite, evidently the result of careful study and replete with useful information."

Mr. NERGOVARIAN, a Turkish convert, recently addressed a union meeting in Knox church, Ayr., on Sunday evening, giving his experience, and also the way missionary work is progressing in Turkey, of which he is an able assistant.

The second of a series of lawn parties held by the congregation of Knox church, Lindsay, was held on the grounds of Mr. R. Edwards, and was a very successful affair. A feature of the musical programme was the flute solo by Rev. J. B. McLaren.

In the absence of the pastor Rev. J. McMullen, Mr. R. Johnston, of Kincardine, a student of Montreal, is filling the pulpit. *The Sentinel Review* says: "With health spared him, Mr. Johnston gives promise of becoming a powerful and popular preacher."

MISS E. BALMER, B.A., of Toronto, who recently completed her university course, and who obtained a most distinguished position throughout, has been appointed teacher in the Brantford Young Ladies' College. The college is to be congratulated on being able to secure a lady with such a record on its staff.

The pastoral charges in the vicinity of Richmond, Que., have been re-arranged. Richmond and Melbourne have been united and form one compact charge. Upper and Lower Windsor, three or four miles apart, now form one charge. Both congregations are vacant, of which Rev. J. R. MacLeod, Kingsbury, is moderator.

MISS GORDON of Bayside, Whitby, President of the Presbyterian branch of the W.F.M.S., paid her annual visit, recently, to the W.F.M.S. of Burn's church, Ashburn. The meeting was held at Mrs. John Davidson's and was interesting, profitable and very encouraging. Miss Gordon gave an admirable address on missions.

SIXTEEN thousand dollars have been wisely devoted by the Government to the building of an industrial school at Long Lake, for the purpose of instructing Indian children, under the supervision of the Knox church. Tenders will soon be called for by the Public Works Department, and the school will be completed before winter sets in.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Bathurst has unanimously called Rev. A. F. Thompson, of Economy, N.S. The call was signed by 86 members and 54 adherents and accompanied by a guarantee of \$750 per annum, with manse and glebe. Mr. Thompson having signified his acceptance of the same, his induction was appointed to take place in St. Luke's church, Bathurst, on Wednesday, 11th August, at 10 a.m.

At a congregational meeting of St. Andrew's church, St. John's, 9th inst., the nomination by the trustees and elders of the Rev. L. G. McNiel of St. John's, Newfoundland, to the pastorate of St. Andrew's was unanimously confirmed. Rev. Mr. Fotheringham preached the moderation sermon. Rev. Mr. McNiel, who has filled St. Andrew's pulpit on two occasions, is a clever man, in the prime of life, a fine preacher, and of most excellent repute. He first preached at Maitland, N.S., and was called some ten years ago to his present charge in Newfoundland.—*Sum.*

REV. C. F. CHINQUY has been lecturing in Prince Edward Island to large audiences. The Presbytery of P.E.I. at its last meeting passed the following resolution unanimously: "This presbytery would express their great pleasure in having their esteemed brother, Rev. C. Chinquy, again in their midst—they would record the satisfaction with which they have listened to his able address, they would also express their continued confidence in him, and, further, would cordially commend him to the kindness and Christian liberality of the people whom they represent, and to the Protestant public generally."

On Thursday evening, 5th inst., the Rev. Mr. Todd was inducted as pastor of the Presbyterian congregation, Minnedosa, which has been vacant for nearly a year. There was a large attendance of members of presbytery, some of whom having driven 50 miles to be present, and of the congregation. The presbytery met and was constituted in the lecture room of the church, and then adjourned to the church to proceed with the induction. Rev. Jas. Robertson, supt. of missions, presided. Rev. Mr. Bell preached an excellent sermon from Titus ii. 10.—"Adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things." Rev. Mr. McKellar addressed the pastor and Rev. Mr. Robertson the people. Rev. Mr. Wellwood, the former pastor of the congregation, introduced the new pastor to the congregation, each one giving him a hearty reception. At the close of the induction service an ice-cream and cake social was given by the ladies of the congregation. Congratulatory addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Wellwood, Duncan, Mowat and Murray, who all wished the congregation and the pastor success.

THE new Presbyterian church, at the head of St. Peter's Bay, P.E.I., was opened for public worship on Sabbath, 8th inst. The pastor, Rev. J. W. McKenzie, Rev. J. M. McLeod of Ch'own, Rev. W. P. Archibald, M.A., of Cavendish, and Rev. Mr. Ross (Baptist minister) of West River, took part in the services. Rev. Mr. McLeod preached in the morning and evening, and Rev. Mr. Archibald in the afternoon. The services throughout were im-

pressive and appropriate. The church is capable of seating about 400, and is one of the neatest and most beautiful in this island, or indeed in the Lower Provinces. It reflects credit alike on the skill of the architect and workmen, and the public spirit and liberality of the people. We wish the talented young pastor much comfort and success in his large and interesting field of labour.—*Union.*

THE Rev. G. B. Howie, a native of Syria, who was educated in Edinburgh, and received at the last Assembly as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, is seeking a charge among the vacancies of our Church. He supplied lately, three Sabbaths for the Rev. A. H. Scott, M. A., of Owen Sound, who is taking his annual holiday, and conducted the preparatory service last week for the Rev. Dr. Fraser of Leith. One who heard him, both in the pulpit and on the platform writes appreciatively of his appearance. He conducts the whole service, though entirely blind, giving out the psalms and scripture readings, and reciting (instead of reading) the selections, with wonderful accuracy. He speaks English well, and preaches with much acceptance. Our correspondent thinks that if Mr. Howie could resist the temptation to make his lectures on the Holy Land entertaining and amusing he might make them much more interesting and instructive, and on the whole more satisfactory to the average Presbyterian audience. A man of Mr. Howie's ability and attainments should not be long in finding a field of labour.

THE induction of the Rev. John Pringle took place at Port Arthur on the 12th day of August, the Rev. D. M. Gordon preaching and presiding, the Rev. R. Nairn addressing the minister and the Supt. of Missions the congregation. Mr. Pringle is the first inducted pastor of this congregation although fourteen years ago Christian work was begun there. The late Rev. D. MacKerracher was the first minister sent and he laboured there till 1880. Then followed a short interregnum when the Rev. James Heral was sent by the Assembly's H.M.C. He removed to Medicine Hat in 1885, and the Rev. J. Hogg ministered in the congregation during last winter, he was followed for a short time by the Rev. W. L. Rowand, and now Mr. Pringle begins his labours under very favourable auspices. The congregation built in Mr. Heral's time a very tasteful and commodious brick church at a cost of about \$10,000, they have also a comfortable manse. In anticipation of Mr. Pringle's coming the manse was renovated and painted, and the grounds about church and manse levelled and gravelled, and the whole surrounded by a neat pointed picket fence. It is pleasing to note that so important a town as Port Arthur is manned by so efficient a pastor and able a preacher as Mr. Pringle.

THE congregation of the Presbyterian church, Belmont, on Thursday evening, 12th inst., tendered a public reception to their new pastor, Rev. J. A. Brown, B.A., and to his bride. There was a large attendance of the members of the congregation, and their friends. Dr. Campbell acted as chairman in a very efficient manner, and after the meeting had been opened with prayer and praise, read an address of welcome. Mr. Brown made a suitable reply, in which he thanked the people for their kindness in extending so cordial a welcome to him and his young bride. Rev. Dr. Archibald, of St. Thomas, welcomed the newly ordained and married pastor on behalf of the London Presbytery. Rev. Messrs. Miles and Lobb spoke words of welcome on behalf of their respective congregations in Belmont. Letters expressing regret were read on behalf of clergymen unavoidably absent. Vocal and instrumental music was well rendered by local talent. Miss McTavish, Miss Brodie, Miss Maggie Campbell, Mrs. McTavish and Mr. McCallum, each contributing to the musical entertainment. Mr. Brown enters upon his work with every prospect of success. About five hundred people were present at the reception, which was held in the open air in front of the manse. The bride's presents were numerous, and some of them very costly and handsome.

An audience which filled St. Paul's church, Nelson, to its utmost capacity assembled at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10, on the occasion of the ordination of Robert McIntyre, a recent graduate of Knox college, and his induction to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Nelson and Dundas streets. The ordination service was conducted by Rev. R. J. Laidlaw, of St. Paul's, Hamilton. The induction sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Cathcart, of Strabane. Rev. Mr. Gordon, of Niagara Falls, addressed the newly ordained pastor, and Rev. Mr. McDonald, of Thorold, the people. At the close of the interesting service the congregation extended a cordial welcome to their new pastor, after which the large company reassembled for social purposes. Before refreshments were served, Col. Campbell took the chair, and after making pleasant reference to the service rendered the congregation by Rev. R. J. Laidlaw, who had acted as moderator of session during their prolonged vacancy, he introduced Miss Jennie P. Gordon, who, in a most graceful manner, read a beautiful address to Mr. Laidlaw, and on behalf of the members and adherents of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Nelson, presented him with an elegant and costly silver tea service, which in the language of the address, he was asked to accept "not as a recompense of services rendered, but as a testimonial of our grateful appreciation of a lengthened series of arduous services in our behalf, so faithfully, wisely, and well performed. We earnestly and hopefully pray that you and your estimable partner in life may long be spared to draw from this time-honoured fountain of social enjoyment, the cup that cheers but not inebriates." Mr. Laidlaw, who was taken completely by surprise, made a happy and interesting reply, in the course of which he intimated that the Nelson congregation had a good right to any service it was in his power to render them, for it was by one of the early pastors of that church that his father and mother had been married. After the presentation the delighted gathering spent a happy hour over the rich collation to which they were invited by the ladies of the congregation. The new pastor, Rev. R. McIntyre, is to be congratulated upon being called to minister to so intelligent and whole-hearted a people, and the congregations are to be congratulated upon having secured so auspicious a settlement.

VANCOUVER CITY AND CHURCH.
[THE following extracts from a letter just received from Mr. Thomson, by the Convener of the Home Mission Committee, will be read with interest. Any of our readers who have not yet sent help to this most needy congregation, and can do so, will, we are sure, at once respond.—ED.]
VANCOUVER, July 30th, 1886.
MY DEAR DR. COCHRANE—I have been so busy for the past four weeks I really have had no time

for writing. At any rate my hands have been so stiff at night I had no inclination to do so. On the 29th June I spoke to three or four men and asked them to come with me and help me to clear off the rubbish from the church ground—it seemed a new thing on the Pacific coast to be asked by a minister to do such work that they fell in with it at once. We got shovels, picks and all necessary tools, and in three days the ground was cleared, graded, and posts in the ground for the foundation of a church. I drew a plan, got a carpenter to give an estimate of the lumber required. Went to the lumber yard and ordered all the material required for a building 60 x 35 with 20 ft. ceiling. I went round all the teamsters and got them to haul it on to the ground. I got carpenters to come and work without pay except thanks. I have worked every day on it myself since—hammering, sawing, carrying boards, etc., etc., and urging the men to work. And last Sabbath, July 25th, six weeks after the fire, I preached in it twice; it was a real church opening. Neither windows nor doors were in. Tomorrow, July 31st, it will be complete except plastering and painting inside—it is nicely painted outside, the work of it gratuitous too. I am truly glad to be in our own building again.

Had I called a congregational meeting to discuss what to do very likely they would have decided to do nothing "till we see if we get help from the east," having nothing left themselves they would not incur the risk of building, and the result would be our people would scatter. I thought best to take the whole responsibility, and having no building committee I had no one to thwart my purposes, and I had perfect confidence the Church at home would send the necessary help. It might not seem very decorous for a minister to be digging and doing rough carpenter work, but decorous or no I have felt all through that I was practically magnifying mine office and serving the Lord. I have a church now (we call it the "Presbyterian Hall") and had I not done as I have said, I would not have had one for months yet, and the cause would have suffered. I have given my own note for \$350 to pay some of the material, and have paid out what Dr. Reid sent me. I may have to give another note, I hope not, but trust money will come from the east in time to pay the material as it becomes due. Vancouver may soon be so far recovered from the effects of the fire as to stand alone, then separation from North Arm will require to take effect. There is plenty of work for one man in the North Arm field, and I think it would in a year be self-sustaining.

The church at North Arm was opened on July 4th. A very neat church 46 x 28, complete, with a very nice steeple. The whole cost with furnishings about \$2,000, and opened entirely free of debt. The opening collection was handed to me next day to help me with the Vancouver church, which is one evidence of the bond of sympathy between the two congregations.

Business is very dull here just now. A large amount of building going on. There has been a reckless granting of liquor licenses. A part of another body was found yesterday—supposed to be that of some one who had fled to the woods from the fire. There was nothing left of the body but that part of the leg and foot in one boot. No one has any idea of who it is or what became of the rest of the body. I fear many in the excitement fled to the woods and died there. Our presbytery meets on Tuesday, Aug. 3rd. Mrs. T. is much better, but suffers still a little from the excitement of the 13th. She has never felt lonely in B. C. till now. The little house we have is anything but comfortable, and my being away every day at the church building makes her feel more lonely. With regard to the suggestion of one of your lady members as to increasing Mrs. T.'s wardrobe, let me say we both brought sufficient clothing with us to do for three years. Mrs. T. had nearly the whole of hers burned, having very little left. She wishes me to say that she is exceedingly thankful for the kindly remembrance of her in her loss, but none of the ladies here have very much to wear. The wardrobe of all is reduced, so by the time others are able to dress better Mrs. T. may be able to replenish hers. She feels at giving any one trouble or causing expense on her behalf, and would as soon just be doing with what she has left, nevertheless she feels exceedingly grateful to her lady friends who have thought of her, and especially to yourself for your kindness. Allow me to thank you for remittance of \$26 50, and also \$6 which I have acknowledged in the *Presbyterian*. This will be a great help. If I find it is not really needed for the church building we will use it for ourselves. We certainly need it, but we need the church first. Ours is the only place of worship here now. May the Lord preserve it to us. With very best wishes and thanks for acts of kindness and sympathy.—I am yours very faithfully,
THOMAS G. THOMSON.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY.

MIRAMICHI.—An adjourned meeting was held in Bathurst on the 11th inst. Rev. Neil McKay was appointed moderator *pro tem*. Rev. Messrs. Patterson, McAlpine and M. C. Cameron were invited to sit as corresponding members of the court. Elders' commissions for the current year were sustained from Douglastown in favour of Mr. Geo. Stephens and from Campbellton in favour of Mr. David G. Gerrard. A communication from Mr. J. F. Smith, B.A., requesting to be certified to the Theological Hall, Halifax, was read, and the clerk was instructed to furnish him with the necessary certificate. Rev. James Murray reported that he had dispensed the communion at New Brandon, and that the attendance at all the services was good. Appointments were made for the Rev. J. Annand, returned missionary from the New Hebrides to visit the following places—Campbellton, Wednesday, 18th Aug.; Dalhousie, 19th; Bathurst, 20th; Chatham, St. Andrew's and St. John's Sunday, 22nd; Newcastle, Monday 23rd; Richibucto and Bass River, 24th, 25th and 26th August. The edict for the induction of Rev. A. F. Thomson was returned duly certified, and the usual proclamation having been made to the congregation assembled for objections, and none having been offered, the Rev. A. Ogilvie Brown conducted public worship, and I preached from the 47th of Ezekiel 1-12. In the absence of the Rev. Alex. Russell, who was unavoidably detained through sickness, Mr. McKay gave the charge to the minister, and Mr. Waits to the people. Presbytery adjourned to meet in the hall of St. James' Church, Newcastle, at 3 p.m. on Monday, October 4th.—E. WALLACE WAITS, Clerk.

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