

The Presbyterian church at Kintail was on Wednesday week the scene of a very interesting ceremony, when two popular young ladies of the congregation were married. Miss Jennie Cowan was wedded to Rev. W. R. McIntosh, of Allandale, and Miss Hettie McIntosh became the wife of A. A. Goodhand, of Detroit. The Rev. J. Rose, pastor of the congregation, presided, and the knots were tied by the Rev. J. Wilson, B.A., of Niagara Falls South, and Rev. N. D. McKinnon, of Glenallan, respectively. After the ceremony receptions were held at the homes of the brides. Among the guests were Rev. Sidney Whaley, of St. Helen's; A. J. McKenzie, B.A., of Kinross; J. C. Reid, of Victoria College, Toronto; Dr. J. R. McRae, of Dungannon; Dr. J. F. McKenzie, of Detroit, and A. G. McKenzie, of Stratford; Gilbert McIntyre, of Wingham, and J. Bayne, of Kincardine.

Special anniversary services were held in connection with New Glasgow and Rodney congregations on Sabbath, June 28th. Communion services were held in the morning, and anniversary services in the afternoon at New Glasgow, and in the evening at Rodney. Rev. Arch. McLean, of Harlem Springs, Ohio, preached with much vigor and earnestness at all three services to large and appreciative audiences. These services marked the close of three years of prosperity and harmonious progress. During these years debt has been paid off, sheds built at both places, and other improvements made to church property amounting in all to upward of \$1,500. Two new organs have recently been placed in the churches, which promise helpful assistance in the services. These years have also been marked by increased interest in spiritual things, some sixty-five additions being made chiefly on profession of faith, and by a spirit of increased liberality to the schemes of the Church. Pastor and people have great reason for gratitude to God for his goodness during these years. The pastor, Rev. J. F. Scott, intends in a few days going for a visit to Scotland, and other points.

Rev. R. E. Knowles, B.A., pastor of Stewarston Church, Ottawa, preached a patriotic sermon on Sabbath, June 28th, giving many reasons for national thanksgiving. During the sermon he made reference to the recent elections and his utterances are of greater interest owing to the well-known fact that the speaker is a pronounced Conservative. He said:—"Our Catholic brethren have shown themselves Protestant in the highest meaning of the word. They themselves have refused the yoke, and have assured the nation of the nation's liberty. Infinite credit is due to them; we are proud of our Catholic brethren, for our quarrel is not with them but with a hierarchy whose attitude threatened not only the harmony of Canada, but even presaged a day of strife. A new and better era has been ushered in. Our brethren of Quebec have given us a grand solution of the problem which perplexed all serious minds, and whose gloomy portent had darkened with the passing days. They have stepped out in response to the heroic words of him who led them into the open plain of liberty, and we grasp their hands with words of hope for the glorious future of an undivided Canada."—*Ottawa Free Press.*

The Rev. Dr. Macleod, convener of the Presbytery of Pictou's Sabbath school committee, speaking of the General Assembly's scheme of Higher Religious Instruction, says, "Where these studies have been carefully followed the results have been most satisfactory and a higher plane of Bible study has been reached. This scheme has already given fresh stimulus to doctrinal catechetical study. The attractive diploma of the General Assembly has induced a wider interest, leading many scholars to recite the entire Catechism. One of our successful superintendents writes: 'I may tell you that the first four diplomas received have been a great incentive to induce others to the study of the Catechism.' Better still, for the same writer adds, 'And a greater good is, that two of my scholars have expressed their desire to become church members, and they told me that the study of the Catechism led them to give their hearts to Christ.' These two scholars do not come from godly or even Presbyterian homes, so that their conversion by the Spirit of God, through the study of the Shorter Catechism, is, perhaps, more remarkable. In these days of secular education, when the Holy Bible and catechetical studies are banished from our public schools, it is gratifying to know that these great doctrines receive increased attention in our Sabbath schools. Your committee would again direct the attention of pastors, teachers and Bible classes to the superior advantages of these courses of study for advanced pupils and teachers. Indeed, the aim of the scheme is to furnish the Church with able and efficient teachers raised from their own ranks."

FUNNY THINGS COME TO PASS.

Perhaps the idea of wearing wooden socks might seem ridiculous, but it's just what some people in Germany are doing, and very nice socks they are too. The wood is reduced to a long silky fibre and made into a yarn out of which the socks are knit making a warmer, more durable and just as soft protection as woollen ones. In a similar way the pure spruce fibre is made into the material called Fibre Chamois, which provides for clothing an absolute protection against raw air and cold winds, because it is a complete non-conductor of heat and cold, keeping in the natural heat and keeping out every breath of cold. This fabric has also been made waterproof so that the rain never penetrates it, and is so light in weight and inexpensive that a layer of it provides the same of comfort for all outdoor clothing.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

TORONTO: The Presbytery met within St. Andrew's Church on the 2nd day of June, 1896. Dr. Hunter presented and read the following Overture to the General Assembly respecting the Licensing of Students: "Whereas upon the Presbytery devolves the responsibility of determining on examination the qualifications of candidates for the ministry prior to Licensure; whereas, it is desirable that there be uniformity and thoroughness in the tests to which such candidates are subjected, so that as high and general a standard of efficiency as possible may be secured; whereas, the practice prevailing in Presbyteries is exceedingly diversified, many Presbyteries considering that the Diplomas and Certificates issued by the Colleges obviate the necessity for further examination; this Presbytery would humbly overture the Venerable the General Assembly to devise a scheme to secure (1st) uniformity in Presbyterian practice, (2nd) as thorough a test as possible along the lines of Church History, Systematic Theology, Exegesis, Historical Criticism, and Apologetics." Dr. Hunter was heard in support of the Overture, and after deliberation, it was moved, duly seconded and agreed, that the Overture be adopted, its transmission ordered, and that Dr. Hunter and Mr. J. A. Grant be appointed to support it on the floor of the Assembly. The Report of the Committee appointed to devise some Scheme for the better training of Sabbath School Teachers was presented and received, and after consideration the Committee was continued and instructed to print the recommendations appended to the report, and send a copy to each Session in the Presbytery, with the request that Sessions consider and report thereon to the Committee before the next meeting of Presbytery, and that the Committee present a final report to Presbytery at its next meeting. The following Overture in respect to the administration of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund was read and received: "Whereas the revenue for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund is derived for the most part from interest on Endowments and the annual contributions from Congregations; whereas the rates paid by Ministers forms but a small part of the revenue; whereas the laws regulating the disbursements of this Fund are such as to debar the Widows and Orphans of Ministers who have not paid their annual dues from partaking in any measure of the benefits of the said Fund; whereas we believe that many who are contributing to this Scheme desire that all Ministers' Widows and Orphans, independent of the payment of rates, shall partake in some equitable proportion of the moneys contributed by the Church; this Presbytery would humbly overture the Venerable the General Assembly to devise some plan by which the Widows and Orphans of all ministers who have served the Church shall be participants in some fair proportion of the benefits of this Fund." Mr. Mutch moved the adoption and transmission of this overture, and after discussion, the motion was adopted, and Messrs. Grant and MacMillan were appointed to support it on the floor of the Assembly.

LANARK AND RENFREW: This Presbytery met in Zion Church, Carleton Place, on June 25th. D. J. McLean, as Moderator, in the chair, and J. Crombie, clerk. The meeting was held chiefly in reference to the resignation of Messrs. Grant and Sharp. The congregations in each case had been properly cited. Parties were heard. In connection with St. Andrew's, Almonte, there appeared for the session, Messrs. Shaw and Paul, and for the congregation, Messrs. McAdam and Wylie. All expressed sincere regret at the step Mr. Grant feels himself compelled to take; his decision, however, being final, the Presbytery accepted his resignation, to take effect on and after 1st of July, and Rev. A. A. Scott was appointed interim moderator and also to declare the pulpit vacant on the 5th, and that J. M. McLean be associated with the interim moderator, together with the committee of the congregation in attending to the supply of the pulpit. Next the Adamston case was considered. Mr. McLean presented the report of the commission which had been appointed to visit the field, from which it was very evident that the congregation could not maintain the status of an augmented congregation. Mr. Ferguson appeared on behalf of the session and congregation, and Mr. Sharp for himself. All parties having been heard it was resolved, with regret, to accept Mr. Sharp's resignation to take effect on and after the 6th inst., Mr. D. J. McLean to be interim moderator, and

also to declare the charge vacant on the 14th day of July next, the Home Mission Committee in the meantime to attend to the supplying of the pulpit. After considerable discussion a committee was appointed to take into consideration the rearrangement of the various fields along the Bonaventure and to report to the Presbytery.

MAITLAND: This Presbytery met at Lucknow, June 30th, 1896. Rev. R. McLeod, Moderator, pro tem. The special business before the Court was a call to Rev. John Rose, from Malagawatch and River Dennis, Cape Breton, N.S. Commissioners Messrs. Hugh Chambers and Alexander McLean, from the Session and congregation of Ashfield, and several of the members of the congregation were present, all of whom expressed their strong attachment to Mr. Rose as their pastor, and their regret if the issue of the call should be a severance of the pastoral tie. Mr. McLeod presented the claims of the congregations calling. Mr. Rose stated his mind, and spoke of his interest in, and affection for his people. At the same time he was led to the conclusion that the line of duty for him was to accept the call subject to the approval of Presbytery. The Presbytery on motion agreed to the translation of Mr. Rose from his present charge of Ashfield to that of Malagawatch and River Dennis, Cape Breton, and placed on record its high appreciation of the character of Mr. Rose as a Christian and Minister. The pulpit of Ashfield Church will be declared vacant whenever Mr. Rose is inducted into the pastorate of Malagawatch. He is instructed to wait the orders of the Presbytery of Inverness. Leave was granted to Mr. A. McKay to moderate in a call to North Kinross, Riversdale and Enniskillen. — JOHN MACNAB, Clerk.

OBITUARY.

MR. J. H. BROWN, M.A., LL.B.

His fellow students and all whose privilege it was to know him, will deeply regret the untimely death, as to our short sight it seems, of the late Mr. J. H. Brown, M.A., LL.B. At the time of his death, Mr. Brown was a third year student in Knox College, where his high scholarship and great ability were making their mark, as he had already in a very distinguished course in Toronto University. Here his remarkably brilliant career attracted a great deal of attention, and he was generally admitted to be one of the most gifted students who had graduated in many years. After completing his course he became General Secretary of the University branch of the Y.M.C.A. for a year, in addition to this taking his first year at Knox College and the degrees of M.A. and LL.B. At the time of his death Mr. Brown was in his twenty-fourth year. Throughout his university and college career he was remarkably popular both with his fellow-students and instructors. He was universally regarded as a man of absolute uprightness, kindness of disposition and peculiar breadth of character. Mr. Brown lived with his mother on Palmerston Avenue, and was a member of Erskine Church. His death will be lamented by a very large number of friends, who feel that by a career of unusual promise has been cut short.

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The Halifax Witness of July 4th says:—"We record with regret the death at Concord, last week, of Rev. N. K. McLennan, pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church, Boston, Mr. McLennan was a native of Middle River Victoria County, N. S., and was thirty-seven years of age. He was ordained about a year ago. His ministry was successful. His fatal illness lasted three months. Rev. A. K. McLennan, of Dalhousie Mills, Ontario, is his brother. His remains have been taken home for burial."

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