

## Church News.

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### In Canada.

THE General Assembly's Committee on Young People's Societies will meet in the Board Room, Church Offices, Confederation Life Building, Toronto, on Tuesday, Sept. 10th, at 10.30 a.m. A full attendance is requested. Conveners of Presbytery Committees are members *ex officio* of the Assembly's Committee and have been notified so far as reported.

THE Rev. A. H. MacLennan, B.D., of Dalhousie Mills, is called by Huron congregation.

REV. ROBERT LAIRD, M.A., a graduate of Queen's and son of Rev. Mr. Laird, Sunbury, has been called to the charge of the Campbellford Presbyterian church.

REV. H. J. BRATTIE passed through Toronto this week on his way to Guelph, from the seaside where he has spent the last month. His address will be Guelph for some time to come.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Presbytery of Kingston, for the induction of Rev. W. S. McTavish, will be held in the church of the Redeemer, Deseronto, on Thursday, Sept. 12th, at 7.30 p.m.

THE Presbytery of Truro met at Acadia Mines, Colchester, on Tuesday, the 27th ult., and inducted Rev. J. W. McKenzie, of Pugwash, into the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at that place.

REV. STEWART MITCHELLSON, of the Presbyterian church, Warton, has assumed the pastorate of the Methodist church, Listowel, for three weeks during the absence of Dr. Willoughby, who is taking a lake trip.

REV. T. A. COGROVE, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, St. Marys, left the other day on a trip to the old country. Mr. Cogrove was accompanied by his bride, Miss White, daughter of Mr. Robert White, of Stratford, formerly of St. Marys.

LESLIE M. WHALEY, B.A., a recent graduate of Knox College, Toronto, is called to the pastorate of the United Presbyterian congregations of St. Helens and East Ashfield, and Rev. A. K. McLennan, B.D., of Dalhousie Mills, in the Presbytery of Glenarry, is called to the pastorate of Huron church, Ripley.

REV. PRINCIPAL GRANT, the distinguished head of Queen's University, Kingston, arrived at Winnipeg at 6.30 Aug. 22nd, on the delayed express. He was met by Principal King and other clergymen, but did not remain long in the city, as he was anxious to join Mrs. Grant, who is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Field, near Stony Mountain. Dr. Grant will remain for several weeks in the province, but will not be in the city until next week.

A ten days' special services conducted in South Side Presbyterian church, Parliament Street, Toronto, by the Rev. T. H. Adams, were brought to a close Friday last by a most impressive evening service. At the close of the service the pastor made mention of the good and lasting work that had been done by Mr. Adams, who had been frank, simple, earnest, and sympathetic, so that many had been led to a firm decision. The hope was expressed that the meetings will be resumed after a few weeks.

REV. ALEX. MACKAY, B.D., preached on the last two Sabbaths in Knox church, Embro. The late Rev. P. Mackenzie was pastor of this congregation for thirty-eight years. He was inducted as pastor early in the thirties, and had a large Gaelic congregation. During his incumbency the first service was always conducted in that language, but of late years Gaelic is not required. Dr. Mackay preached in English and Gaelic on the Sabbath. Some came ten miles to hear the Gospel preached in the language in which they were accustomed to listen to it in the days of their youth. Thirty-eight studied for the ministry from this congregation, nineteen of these are Mackays, six received the degree of B.D., three of these are Mackays. Rev. George L. Mackay, of

Formosa, China, is one of these. Rev. Mr. Patterson, late of St. Enoch's, Toronto, is their present pastor, who was away on his holidays. He is very successful in his labors and is very highly esteemed by his large congregation. There is a large Sabbath school held in the basement of the church every Sabbath. There are also district Sabbath schools, which are well attended.

DURING the absence in Nova Scotia of Rev. Dr. McTavish the pulpit in the Central Presbyterian church, Toronto, has been filled with much acceptance by Rev. John McInnis, of Knox church, Elora. Mr. McInnis closed his ministrations here at the weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday night, Aug. 28th, and the congregation turned out in large numbers to say good-bye to him. Mr. Henry Meldrum, clerk of the Session, paid a high tribute to Mr. McInnis' ability both as a preacher and a teacher and moved a vote of thanks to the rev. gentleman, which was seconded in equally complimentary language by Mr. George Anderson. The motion was passed unanimously.

FRIDAY, Aug. 23rd, being the seventh anniversary of the induction of Rev. J. W. H. Milne into the pastorate of Boston church, Scotch Block, Esquimaux, there was a pleasant gathering of the congregation at the manse. At the conclusion of a short musical programme Mr. Milne was presented with a purse of \$15, by Robert Joyce, on behalf of the young men of the congregation. An address was read by Mr. Noah Hamilton, while Mrs. Storey, on behalf of the ladies of the congregation, presented Mrs. Milne with a certificate of life membership in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and an address. Mr. Milne thanked the congregation in a short speech on his own and Mrs. Milne's behalf.

ON the evening of August 20th the brethren of the Canadian Order of Foresters and their wives, numbering between thirty and forty, visited the Presbyterian manse to take formal farewell of the Rev. W. S. McTavish and Mrs. McTavish. The rev. gentleman has been for the past three years recording secretary of this society, and it was deemed fitting in view of his contemplated removal to Deseronto to present him with an address expressive of their appreciation of his services and the assistance he has always rendered the order and their regret at his departure. The address was read by Mr. James Watson, financial secretary, and Mr. McTavish was presented with a silver eggstand, and Mrs. McTavish a silver card receiver, tasteful souvenirs of many years pleasant acquaintance and friendship. A few hours were very agreeably spent and all parted to their homes loath to say "good bye."

ON Tuesday evening of last week, the good people of New Beach Presbyterian church held a very successful concert of Scotch music to aid the repair fund. It was held in a large tent pitched in a field between the neat little church and the lake shore. Thanks to the attractive programme and the fine evening the attendance was very large. Over 600 assembling in the tent and listening to an excellent programme rendered by the Westminster church choir, assisted by a young and talented elocutionist, Miss Nora Gilson, of Berlin. During the short time that this congregation has been formed excellent work has been done. The morning and evening Sabbath services and Wednesday prayer meeting being well attended, while the Sabbath school in point of attendance, would do credit to some of our smaller city churches. Mr. John Griffith, the student in charge, deserves great credit for his untiring devotion to the spiritual welfare of the congregation.

REV. J. W. RAY, pastor of Knox church, Acton, and moderator of Guelph Presbytery, has just celebrated the eight anniversary of his induction to his present pastorate, which took place on Tuesday, 23rd August, 1887. Concerning his stewardship during these eight years the Acton Free Press has the following to say: "Rev. Mr. Ray's pastorate has been one of continued successes. The membership has doubled; the Sabbath school has increased; the Christian Endeavor has been organized and is a power for good in the church. A splendid new manse has been built and last winter one of the prettiest churches within the bounds of the Presby-

tery was opened amid the rejoicings and gratitude of an appreciative congregation. In addition to his pastoral work Rev. Mr. Ray has been identified with all local movements for the benefit of the community, and has been a faithful servant of his Presbytery, Synod and Assembly in arduous committee work. His name is also a power in the land in the county and provincial Sabbath school work.

THE Rev. Hugh McLean resigned his charge of Richmond congregation in May last, to take effect on October 1st. When the resignation was considered, on June 3rd, a petition from the congregation, signed by 173 members and adherents, was presented to Presbytery of Ottawa, asking Mr. McLean to withdraw his resignation; when asked by the moderator his mind on the matter, time was given for consideration. A conference was proposed, but Rev. Mr. McLean decided to abide by his resignation. Another petition from Richmond congregation was presented to the Ottawa Presbytery on August 6th, signed by 167 members and adherents, asking that it should not finally accept Mr. McLean's resignation until it had secured for their pastor an appointment on the mission field. As Presbytery had accepted Rev. Mr. McLean's resignation on June 3rd, and had promised to use diligence to get him an appointment, their answer to the petition on August 6th, was that the fact that the resignation was already accepted prevented further action in granting the desire of the petitions that their pastor should remain with them after October 1st. The moderator said that the petitioners' way out of the difficulty was to give Rev. Mr. McLean a call after the congregation was declared vacant.

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in Guthrie and Central churches, Oro, on Sabbath, the 18th of August. The pastor, the Rev. N. Campbell, was assisted on that occasion by the Rev. H. Sinclair, of Toronto, who was at one time minister of "old Knox" congregation. The morning service was held in Guthrie church. The Rev. Mr. Sinclair preached a sermon suitable for the occasion, the words "For me to live is Christ," after which the pastor dispensed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the largest number of communicants that ever sat together in the church at any one communion. The service throughout was most spiritual and helpful and God's people were refreshed. In the afternoon the service was held at Central church. Two services were held consecutively—the Gaelic in the church, and the English in the town hall near by the church. The Rev. Mr. Sinclair preached in Gaelic and dispensed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in Gaelic. A large number of aged people were present—a number of them coming long distances. At the close of the Gaelic service the English communicants came from the hall and took their places in the pews of the church and the pastor dispensed the Sacrament to them. This was the largest and most interesting communion held in Oro for many years. These two congregations were united into one pastoral charge under Mr. Campbell and it is gratifying to see how they are cemented together, and also the rapid growth in membership. At this communion forty names were added to the communion rolls of these two churches.

### Presbytery of Paris.

A *pro rata* meeting of the Presbytery of Paris was held in Zion church, Brantford, Tuesday, August 13, at 11 a.m. The moderator and clerk being both absent, Messrs. Pettigrew and Shearer were appointed to fill their places *pro tem*. A unanimous call promising stipend of \$1000, a manse and holidays, from the church of the Redeemer, Deseronto, Presbytery of Kingston, to Rev. W. S. McTavish, of St. George, came before the Presbytery, and the Rev. Samuel Russell, appeared to support it on behalf of the Presbytery of Kingston and the congregation of Deseronto. Messrs. Fleming, Reid and Wood, appeared to represent the congregation of St. George. After hearing the parties for and against the translation, and Mr. McTavish having intimated that he thought that duty pointed towards his acceptance of the call; the following resolution was moved