

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. J. A. R. Dickson is filling the pulpit of Zion Church, Brantford, during the absence in Europe of the pastor.

By latest accounts from Manitoba, the Presbyterians of Selkirk were getting up a testimonial for presentation to Rev. Alex. Matheson on his departure for Springfield.

REV. JAMES FRAZER of St. Ann's and Wellandport is to be inducted by the Presbytery of Toronto into the pastoral charge of Sutton and Cooke's Church (Georgina) on the 8th inst.

THE Ladies' Aid Society, of Chalmers' Church, Guelph, gave a strawberry festival in the drill shed on Monday evening, 30th inst. There was a good programme of instrumental music.

DR. TOPP, Dr. Kemp of the Ottawa Ladies' College, and Rev. James Fleck, Knox Church, Montreal, are spending their holidays on the other side of the Atlantic. It is possible that our readers may hear from Dr. Kemp.

ON Monday, the 23rd ult., the Rev. R. C. Moffat of Walkerton, moderated in a call from Hanover and Normandy to the Rev. John Johnstone, Probationer. Stipend six hundred, for manse rent sixty. The call was perfectly unanimous.

THE Rev. Mr. Crozier, who is about leaving Holstein for Port Perry, was, on Monday, the 23rd ult., presented with an address and purse, and also a gold-mounted pen and pencil, by members of his congregation at Amos Presbyterian Church, Egremont.

THE ordinance of the Lord's Supper was observed in the congregations of Wick and Greenbook on the 8th inst., when fifteen were added to the communion roll. During the last twenty-one months sixty-five have been received into full communion with the Church.

On Thursday evening, the 26th ult., a meeting under the auspices of the St. Paul's Church (Hamilton) Temperance Society, was held in the basement. There was a fair audience, and Mr. Park, the President, was in the chair. Addresses bearing on the benefits of temperance were given by the Chairman, Rev. Mr. Laidlaw, Rev. Mr. Williamson, Messrs. W. Herridge, Riddell, and J. C. McKeand, and a number of suitable melodies were sung. After the pronouncing of the benediction by Rev. Mr. Laidlaw, a number of those present signed the pledge.

THE minister and congregation of Erskine Church, Montreal, have adopted a plan for summer services which might profitably be imitated here and in other towns and cities throughout the Dominion. During the months of July and August, Erskine and Emanuel (Congregational) Churches will unite for worship, meeting in Erskine Church during July and in Emanuel Church in August. We understand the expediency was tried last year; and the results were so satisfactory that it is likely that the arrangement will be continued from year to year. The attendance at all our Churches is so small during the months named that the doubling of a congregation would have several beneficial effects besides giving a short respite to overworked ministers.

THE people of St. Andrew's Church, Que., have recently held two socials at which a sum sufficient to clear off a debt incurred in improving the church grounds was realized. The first was held on the evening of Friday, the 13th, at the residence of Dr. Shirriff. Tea was served outside on a beautiful lawn, on the banks of the Chateauguay River. The sum of \$4 was realized. The second was held on the grounds of Mr. Geo. Pringle, Trout River, Thursday the 19th. Here a very pleasant evening was spent. The entertainment at Mr. Pringle's yielded \$72. The numerous friends of Rev. J. B. Muir, M.A., will be pleased to learn that he sailed from Liverpool on the 19th and is expected in Huntingdon during the first week of July. At the conclusion of the prayer meeting, Thursday evening the 26th, Dr. Shirriff on behalf of members of St. Andrew's Church, read an address to Mr. J. Munro, B.A., Presbyterian College, Montreal, who has supplied the pulpit during the three months of Mr. Muir's absence. The address was accompanied by a purse of \$30.

REV. G. M. CLARK of Kemptville (Presbytery of Brockville) having resigned his pastoral charge, the Presbytery met in Kemptville on Tuesday, June 24th,

and having heard Mr. Clark and representatives from the congregation, accepted the resignation, the same to take effect on July 1st. Mr. Clark informed the Presbytery that he had longed to re-visit Scotland, his native land, and now the time had come; but not wishing his visit to be restricted to time, he deemed it better for the congregation that he should resign as they could not afford to be without a pastor for an indefinite period. Representatives from the congregation expressed their attachment to Mr. Clark, and their regret at his leaving them; some of them stating that personally they were willing to double their subscriptions to retain Mr. Clark's services; but as no formal objection was made by the congregation, and as Mr. Clark pressed his resignation, the Presbytery with a good deal of difficulty resolved to accept the resignation. During Mr. Clark's three years' pastorate in Kemptville his work has been attended with marked success. The membership has risen from seventy to 115. The congregation had formerly been supplemented, contributing themselves about \$450 a year; but they have paid their present pastor \$900 a year without assistance, and have built a very comfortable brick manse costing \$3,000, of which \$2,000 is already paid, Mr. Clark and his family will leave for Scotland early in July.—COM.

BRANTFORD YOUNG LADIES' COLLEGE.

The usual exercises in connection with the closing of this useful and justly popular institution, for the season, took place last week. On the evening of Tuesday, 24th June, at the annual concert by the students, a well-arranged programme of vocal and instrumental music was most successfully carried out in the audience of a very large number of citizens and others. On the platform were Rev. Dr. Cochrane (President), Professor McIntyre (Principal), and Mr. Henry Whish (Musical Professor). Prof. McIntyre occupied the position of master of ceremonies, and everything passed off in the most agreeable manner. This gentleman deserves much credit for the thoroughness of the training imparted to his pupils and the increasing efficiency of the institution over which he presides so wisely and so well.

On Wednesday afternoon the college was visited by the Hon. Alex. Mackenzie and Mrs. Mackenzie who were met in the drawing room of the Institution by the Directors, staff and students of the College, with other friends. The pupils were ranged around the room, and their bright array and cool appearance had a reviving and exhilarating effect amid the depressing heat of the day. Dr. Cochrane on behalf of the Directors and staff, presented to Mrs. Mackenzie an address expressive of the pleasure and gratification which the visit afforded to the Board of Directors and faculty of the college. Following this an address and bouquet was presented to Mrs. Alexander Mackenzie by the young ladies of the college. Miss Anna B. Sutherland read the address and Miss Lottie Brethour presented the bouquet.

Mr. Mackenzie replied on behalf of Mrs. Mackenzie in fitting terms, and dealt at some length with the question of female education in Canada. When united with Mr. Blake in the administration of the Government of the Province of Ontario, it had been a subject of long and serious considerations as to how seminaries for the education of women could be placed under the supervision of the Government, and receive the support such institutions deserve. It was a matter of difficulty, however, and he regretted that as yet nothing had been done, but he hoped the time was not far distant when the Government would devise some scheme whereby female education should receive that public attention which the subject merited. There was a great deal yet to be done in this direction. He was glad to find that the Brantford College was not sectarian in its teaching—that it sought to instruct and elevate women, so that the social fabric might be sustained in purity and excellence. Great progress had been made in giving woman her proper social status, and it was noticeable that those nations took the lead in the world's race, where the women were educated and cultivated. He trusted that the Brantford institution would have a great and prosperous future, as he was happy to learn it had been successful in the past. Education was a subject in which he had ever taken a deep interest, and his views in regard to it he would not change to suit the mere selfish desires of the people. Canadians, he was glad to know, had always maintained a just pride in the support of the educational system of the country. He regretted the position occupied by the Provincial University, and he hoped that yet some scheme might be devised whereby the seven or eight universities now having the power to grant degrees, should be consolidated in one National University, which alone should have the power to grant degrees. The address had referred to the beauty of location which surrounded the College. It was necessary as well to give attention to the aesthetics of education as education itself, and he was glad to see it exhibited here. Too often our school-houses were built in the corner of somebody's lot, without an ornament, a shrub or flower to relieve the eye. After again thanking the audience for the kind words expressed towards Mrs. Mackenzie and himself, the honourable gentleman closed a very appropriate and instructive speech, of which we regret we can give but a very imperfect report.

The visitors then took a tour of the Institution, expressing pleasure at the completeness of the arrangements, the beauty of the location, and the evident comfort of the students, and drove off amid a shower of bouquets from the bevy of young ladies congregated at the porch to see them off.

The closing exercises proper took place in Zion Church in the evening. The spacious church was crowded to the

doors. The chair was occupied by the President of Faculty, Rev. Dr. Cochrane, and on the platform were beside the seven young lady graduates, Hon. A. Mackenzie, Rev. Dr. Reid, of Toronto, Moderator of the General Assembly, Prof. McLaren of Knox College, Wm. Paters M.P., Mayor Henry, Rev. Prof. Bryce, of Winnipeg, R. R. Hamilton, George Wallace, B.A.T.C.D., of West High School, Rev. Thomas Lowry, Rev. T. Alexander, Robertson, Esq., President of the Board, T. M. Macintyre M.A., President of the College, and others. After prayer by the Moderator, the President of the College, Rev. I. Cochrane, rose and said:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—Before introducing the final exercises of the evening, allow me in my own name, as that of the Directors, to thank you for the deep interest manifested in the Brantford Young Ladies' College, as proved by this overflowing audience. This evening closes the fifth year of its existence. To bring the College to its present position, has, I can assure you, entailed no small amount of anxiety and labour on the part of the teachers and director. But, now that the Institution has gained for itself a good name, not only in the City, but in every part of the Dominion and far beyond, we feel more than recompensed for our toil.

The year now closing has pressed very heavily upon such Colleges. In some cases, in order to curtail expenses, teachers have been dismissed, and other measures adopted. I am glad to say that the Directors of the Brantford Young Ladies' College have not been necessitated to take such steps, but have not only been able to maintain, but increase the efficiency of the Faculty, and meet every obligation against the College. I trust that in the coming year, the patronage extended to the College may be such as to encourage the Directors to attempt still greater things.

I need not surely argue the question whether Ladies' Colleges are needed in Canada. *What they have done*, is the best answer to the question. We have nothing but words of commendation for our public schools and collegiate institutions, and for the eminent services of our Minister of Education, and the teachers in such Institutions. So far as I am acquainted with the history of education in other parts of the world, the educational system of Canada, stands second to none. But beyond these public institutions of learning, free to all, colleges for the culture and moral training of our young women, are, I maintain, an imperative necessity. And surely, those of us, who cheerfully contribute to the maintenance of our public schools and collegiate institutions, have a right to expect the sympathy and co-operation of Governmental officials and Principals of High Schools, in our efforts to provide, what the State cannot give. I regret to say, that our ladies' colleges have not always received fair treatment at the hands of such. Last summer, at a convention of teachers held in the city of Kingston, the President in his introductory address, and others who followed him are reported as follows:

"The many-so-called colleges for ladies scattered throughout Ontario were but poor substitutes for colleges such as Kingston was proud of. The subjects prescribed in their circular were so numerous that the result was either that many of them were not taken up at all, or only the most superficial knowledge of them acquired, and in either case a fraud was perpetrated on the public. Moreover, all the ladies' colleges were proprietary and depended for their support upon the fees of students. This must tend to relax the discipline, and would certainly prevent the stimulating of lazy students by the fear of failure in final or terminal examinations. More attention would naturally be paid to the likes and dislikes of the pupils than if the schools were supported by the public treasury. While it costs as much to support a young lady for one year at these schools as it would to keep a young man for two years at any of our University Colleges the instruction in the solid departments of education, outside of music and drawing, was superficial, and, as a rule, rather harmful than the reverse, to a person wishing to improve herself by subsequent study. This was the inevitable fault of the system rather than the governing or teaching staffs. To parents also was due a share of the blame; for many of them would rather see their daughters good sparkling musicians than capable of forming an intelligent opinion on any question of moment.

With regard to the higher education of ladies, he had had a good deal of experience with graduates of ladies' colleges, and his opinion was that a more silly, trashy, nonsensical kind of education could hardly be conceived than was imparted at these institutions."

Now, in reference to these remarks, I have only to say, that I shall not dispute their accuracy, if founded upon the speaker's acquaintance with the Colleges in the neighbourhood of Kingston and the capital, but I do most unqualifiedly assert that *they do not apply to the College in Brantford*. The roll of graduates of this institution contains the names of those who have already proved their scholarship, and are willing to submit to the most searching examinations prescribed by the University of Toronto. I regret that gentlemen, occupying high positions in Normal Schools, should see fit to disparage the efforts put forth by the Ladies' Colleges of the land, which certainly merit different treatment. The standard of excellence aimed at during the past year, has been in advance of all former years. We have not aimed at graduating numbers. Brains, not physical stature, is the one essential to ensure the honours of the Institution. We are also taking advantage of the University examinations for women, and trust, in this way, to stimulate a love in our students for the ripest scholarships and highest honours that are now open to all, without distinction of sex.

But I must not enlarge. We have with us this evening, gentlemen whose names are a guarantee that our College is deserving the support of the Christian public. I am sure you will extend a cordial greeting to my excellent friend, the Rev. Dr. Reid, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, to Professor McLaren of Knox College, and other Reverend gentlemen upon the platform; and last, but certainly not least, to the Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, who comes to-night to bid us Goodspeed in our work. Such men as Mr. Mackenzie deserve the thanks