

SPECIAL  
ARTICLES

## Our Contributors

BOOK  
REVIEWS

## TORONTO AND VICINITY.

The Students of Knox college have subscribed \$100 for the purpose of installing a pulpit and chair in the Jamieson Memorial church at French river. This church is being erected in memory of the late Rev. C. R. Jamieson, who was drowned near French River last September while attempting to save the lives of two ladies. An effort is being made by the University College Literary Society to obtain permission to erect a tablet in the main building in his memory. The project has been laid before the board of governors of the university, and the societies of the various other colleges have been asked to endorse the application.

At a meeting of laymen representing all the Presbyterian congregations of the city it was unanimously decided to raise at least \$100,000 towards the erection of new buildings for Knox College to face on the University lawn. The present situation was explained by the chairman J. K. Macdonald, Prof. Kilpatrick and the college agent, Rev. John Gray. A "Committee of Fifty" consisting of laymen will begin an energetic canvass of the city, and it is hoped that the money will be raised before the close of the present college session.

A union Methodist Presbyterian Sunday school service was held at the Presbyterian Church, Mimico, last Sunday afternoon.

The choir and musical committee of St. Andrew's Church, King street, have presented their organist, Dr. Norman Anderson, with a gown and a doctor's hood of Trinity University, his alma mater. The presentation was made in appreciation of the services of Dr. Anderson, and also partly on account of the eleventh anniversary of his marriage last Sunday, and also on the occasion of the first practice on the new organ. Mr. George McMurrich, Chairman of the Musical committee, made the presentation, and Rev. T. Crawford Brown spoke, referring to the services of Dr. Anderson, who replied fittingly. Mrs. Anderson was also presented with a bouquet of roses.

The Toronto Presbytery met at Morning-side Presbyterian Church, Swansea, on the 5th instant, to induct a new pastor into the church and to consider a call extended from Newmarket, to Rev. H. F. Thomas, formerly of Olivet Congregational Church, but received into the presbytery last June. The call was confirmed by the presbytery, and Mr. Thomas will be inducted into the pastorate on Jan. 2nd, 1908, at 2.30 o'clock. An induction service was performed by four classmates of his predecessor, Rev. J. T. Hall of Knox College, class 1898, who was formerly of Rockwood. Rev. W. M. McKay, of Milton, presided; Rev. R. S. Cameron, of Georgetown, preached the sermon; Rev. H. A. McPherson, Chalmers' church, delivered the charge, and Rev. G. R. Fasken, of St. Paul's Church, addressed the congregation. At the close of the service a reception was held.

Christian Guardian: There is no fatal heresy save that practical one of disobedience to the sovereignty of Jesus Christ. The man who keeps Him supreme, who strives to bring all his life, his thinking as well as his doing, into touch with Him, is worthy of the dignity of being called Christian, no matter what his system of theology may be; the man who does not, ought not to bear the name of Christ, no matter what his formal system of thought may be. The test is as keen for so-called orthodoxy as for so-called heterodoxy, yet no keener for one than for the other.

## OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERY.

At the regular meeting of Owen Sound Presbytery, December 3rd., in addition to business of local interest. Rules for Annual Revision of Communion Rolls as recommended to Assembly (Pg 35L, Appx. '06 Minutes) with slight modification were adopted and will be printed and supplied to Sessions. An attempt is being made to secure regular and uniform revision so as to prevent names accumulating on Rolls, which really do not represent bona-fide membership and members of which have to be removed on the eve of a call.

A very unanimous and hearty call from Kilsay, to Mr. J. H. Laverie of Taylorville, Ont., was sustained with offer of \$900, four weeks holidays, manse, and glebe of seven acres. This call is a commendable exception to the rule of long vacancies as the congregation is not yet two months vacant.

The following suggestions for the improvement of statistical and financial reports were unanimously agreed on:

1. Restore previous plan of reporting each congregation and mission station.  
2. Make headings so specific that they will be understood by all in same sense.

3. Omit cents in amounts "Received by Treasurer," so as to make room for additional desirable columns.

4. If possible, make financial returns from congregations and amounts received by treasurers cover same period of time and same items of contribution.

5. If possible, print name of minister in statistical tables, also.

6. Give, as formerly, summary of finances and percentage cost of administration.

The S. S. Com. of Presbytery was instructed to arrange for holding S. S. Institutes where considered desirable. The importance of this department of work is being emphasized.

The clerk was instructed to procure for the Presbytery Treasurer a complete list of the addresses of Congregational treasurers so that they may be corresponded with direct by the treasurer. Also, to notify representative elders direct by postal card, of meetings of Presbytery, instead of through the pastor, as hitherto, so as, if possible, to secure a larger attendance.

Notice of motion was given for appointment of Standing Committees at March meeting, so as to furnish names for publication in "Blue Book."

Conferences on Church Life and Work and of Y. P. Societies will be held at the next meeting, March 3rd., at 10 a.m.

## LANARK AND RENFREW PRESBYTERY.

This court met in St. Andrew's Church, Carleton Place. Rev. E. W. McKay, moderator presided, in the chair. After the usual opening exercises the report of the Home Mission Committee was taken up, and after discussion left with the committee for further report.

Rev. Mr. Bruce, returned missionary from Honan, was present and spoke of the religious and educational work in progress there. Dr. E. D. McLaren, of Toronto, who returned recently from a trip to the west, sought to impress upon the presbytery the claims of the prairie provinces, and Dr. Armstrong of Ottawa, spoke in behalf of the Ottawa Ladies' College, telling of its prosperous condition and urging upon the presbytery the desirability of steps being taken towards raising their share of the debt

still resting upon the college.

Reports on augmentation and Sabbath schools were presented and dealt with. The question of an increase in ministers' stipends owing to the increased cost of living, was discussed, and it was decided to issue circulars to all sessions and boards of management in the presbytery urging them to lay the matter before their congregational meetings and to report results to next meeting of presbytery.

Rev. D. Currie, of Perth, convener of the committee on moral reform, presented that committee's report, calling for aggressive and self-sacrificing efforts on the part of members of presbytery in the prosecution of work along this line, and recommended that they impress often and earnestly upon the people the importance of total abstinence; that they enlist the efforts of the sessions in securing a reduction in the number of liquor licenses; that they urge upon political conventions the vital importance of choosing only men of irreproachable moral character to contest the several constituencies; and that they secure if possible joint meetings of opposing political parties in the several constituencies, who shall pledge themselves to secure the enforcement of the law regarding purity of elections.

The call from Middleville and Darline to Rev. W. J. Hewitt, of Severn Breeze, was dealt with by presbytery. Rev. Wm. Moore was granted release from Bresside mission field that he might accept a call from Pickering congregation. Thursday was fixed for the induction of Rev. Mr. Knox into the pastorate of Calvin Church, Pembroke.

Rev. Mr. Coburn, of St. Andrew's Church, Smith's Falls, was appointed to convey the greetings of the Presbytery to the W.F.M.S. Presbyterial when held in Carleton Place.

The next meeting of presbytery will be in Smith's Falls on the last Monday in February next.

ANOMALIES OF THE ASSEMBLY  
FUND.

There are strange anomalies to be seen in the columns of the Assembly Blue Book which reports the contributions received for schemes, and none more strange than that of the Assembly Fund.

Many congregations make only a nominal contribution. One dollar (\$1) frequently appears. The startling thing is that the congregation which contributes one dollar may have seven or eight elders who, by reason of that dollar contributed, are entitled to receive a copy of the Minutes of Assembly which cost us 51 cents each. It is hard to understand how a congregation self-sustaining in a wealthy community, could deliberately allocate \$1 to the Assembly Fund, if it knew it was going to receive in return \$5 worth of Minutes of Assembly.

The regulation of the Assembly should be changed, and minutes sent only to congregations which pay the actual cost of the copies they receive. But besides, congregations which make that merely nominal contribution, fail to pay their share in maintaining the expenses of the general administration of the Church's work. This fact would be a reason for the Assembly charging Presbyteries with the duty of collecting from their congregations their full share of this cost of administration.