

The will of Mrs. Bolton, who died on Sunday in Halifax, bequeaths \$23,000 to the Presbyterian church, and the Halifax Ladies College gets \$17,000.

An illustrated anniversary number of the Copper Cliff Courier contains views of the Presbyterian Church and manse in that interesting town. The Editor remarks that the church was erected about four years ago; that the congregation fills it every Sunday to its utmost capacity; and that the pastor, Rev. J. H. White, M.A., looks vigorously after all the details of congregational work, including a flourishing Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Society. Mr. White is doing a useful work and doing it well.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Collingwood Ministerial Association held on the 6th inst., Rev. J. A. Crauston read a paper on Mormonism which was greatly appreciated. A lengthy discussion followed in which all the members took part. During the meeting the action of the council in opposing the suggestion to reduce the license fees for billiard and pool rooms was considered for some time, the outcome of the discussion being a resolution endorsing their action and praying that there should be no reversal of the same. It was decided also to call the attention of the council to the open violation of the liquor license law as it relates to selling on Saturday nights and on Sundays. A copy of the memorial was forwarded to the council.

#### Montreal.

The annual report of Crescent street church, Montreal, has reached us. It contains an excellent portrait of the late Principal MacVicar, minister of the congregation from 1861 to 1868 as well as much valuable information respecting the various organizations connected with the church. From it we learn that the total receipts for the past year amounted to \$23,751.87. Of this sum \$8,563.88 went for current expenses, and for Missionary and Benevolent purposes \$14,687.99. Commencing as the Free church, Cote street, but worshipping for a time in a temporary wooden building on LaGauchetiere street, for several years the congregation was ministered to by a number of young men who in after years became famous, either as preachers or missionaries. Among these may be mentioned, Rev. Robert Burns, afterwards pastor of Knox church, Toronto and Professor in Knox College; Rev. W. Arnott and Rev. A. N. Somerville, of Glasgow, both of them well known in Scotland, and the latter a visitor to Canada in the seventies, when he conducted evangelistic services in Toronto and other places; Rev. W. C. Burns, who was twice called, but declined, and subsequently went to China where he died; Rev. Mr. McNaughton, of Paisley, for many years minister of Rosemary street Presbyterian church, Belfast, Ireland. In 1847 Rev. J. B. Duncan, then a student, but who still survives—minister of Knox church, Perth, for many years—conducted the services for several weeks. It was not until 1851 that a settlement was effected, when Rev. Donald Fraser, a graduate of Knox college, Toronto, was inducted into the pastorate which he filled with great acceptance until translated to Inverness in 1859. Rev. D. H. MacVicar was minister from January 1861 till his appointment as Professor in the Montreal College in 1868. In 1870 Rev. R. F. Burns was inducted and after a brief pastorate he was succeeded by Rev. A. B. MacKay, of Brighton, England, whose ministry continued up till the time of his death in 1901. Under the present young minister, Rev. John MacKay, who was inducted in September last, the congregation continues to grow in numbers and usefulness. This church has a strong staff of elders, the oldest in office being Mr. David Morrice and Mr. James Ross, both of whom were inducted in May 1866. For many years Mr. David Morrice was Superintendent of the Sabbath School; he was sometime ago succeeded by Mr. R. Munro.

#### Manitoba.

What a revelation to honest men is Dr. Wikkie's pamphlet! If the heathen knew of these dealings with Christian men, would they desire to be Christian?

Rev. John Hogg, pastor of St. Giles church, Winnipeg, fell in getting off a street car one day last week and broke his arm at the shoulder.

Rev. D. A. Volume, who has left Rosebank has been appointed by the Home Mission committee to a field with centre Elm Creek, in the Elberbro Presbytery.

One of the best Sabbath Schools outside the city is Morden Presbyterian, with Mr. Neil Fox as Superintendent. Last Sabbath the Review was conducted by the pastor, Rev. M. C. Ruettell and special music was provided by the choir. Parents and all those interested in the Sabbath School are visited by special visitation. Review Sunday dead has been revived by Mr. Fox and his 30 or more teachers.

The sudden death of Dr. Gilbert Gordon, brother of Ralph Connor, at Toronto was a sudden shock to his friends in Winnipeg. His wife, nee Miss Jennie Taylor, daughter of Sir Thomas Taylor, is a graduate of Manitoba University and Manitoba College. The DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN and its readers extend its sympathy.

The Rev. Dr. DuVal has returned from a visit to Virden, where he was successful in raising the sum of \$800 in subscription to the King memorial chair fund. Mr. Munro of Point Douglas, has also just completed a canvas of Melita and Napinka in the interests of the same fund and returned with subscriptions amounting to \$700.

Dr. Schaff in his Church History says: Greece applied all her arts and philosophy to confute the doctrine of the Cross and make it ridiculous in the eyes of the cultivated world. But her wisdom was turned into foolishness, or made a bridge to Christianity. Rome, proud mistress of the world, devined the most inhuman torments to torture Christians to death and root out their name from the earth. But tender virgins faced eternity more firmly than tried soldiers or stoic philosophers; and after two centuries of the most bloody persecution, lo, the Roman Emperor himself, casts his crown at the feet of the despised Nazarene and receives baptism in his name. The crescent of Islam thought to outline the sun of Christianity and moved, blood red, along the horizon of the Eastern churches, but his kingdom is now a mouldering corpse. Deists, materialists and atheists in the 17th and 18th centuries poured contempt upon the Bible; nay, the heroes of the French Revolution in their mad fanaticism, even set aside the God of Christians and in the midst of scenes of the most frightful cruelty, placed the Goddess of Reason on the throne of the world. But they had soon to undo their folly. The Lord in heaven laughed and had them in derision. Napoleon, the greatest potentate and captain of modern times, proposed to substitute for the universal dominion of Christianity, the universal dominion of the sword and to degrade the Church into an instrument for his own political ends. But the Lord of the Church buried him from his throne and the giant who had thrown all Europe out of joint must die of a broken heart—a prisoner on a lone rock of the ocean. The mightiest empires, the most perfect systems of human wisdom have perished; while the simple faith of the Galilean fishermen shows itself today as powerful as ever; regenerating the most hardened sinners, imparting strength to do good, joy in affliction and triumph in death. This is the Church we are striving to establish in Manitoba and the Northwest and we pray for grace to lay the foundation well and pray for men to man its walls.

The Rev. A. L. Birch, assistant pastor of Knox church, delivered an address in the Y.M.C.A. hall last Sabbath afternoon, his subject being, "The Other Side of It." Special music was arranged by O. H. Day.

James T. Stott gave an address on "The Liquor Problem and its Solution," last Sabbath afternoon before the Socialist party at its weekly meeting in Forester's hall. The speaker said prohibitionists always claim that they only are temperance reformers, whereas this is far from being the case and goes to prove the narrow view of the case taken by the prohibitionists. He then proceeded to read extracts from a work on the liquor problem by Joseph Rowntree and Arthur Sherwell, the latter of whom had spent five years and \$25,000 in investigating this question.

The first of a series of meetings, under the auspices of the Union committee, initiated by the W.C.F.U., was held last Sabbath at the Y.M.C.A., when W. W. Buchanan delivered an address. The chair was taken by the Rev. Dr. Stewart, and Dr. Amelia Yeomans presided at the piano. In his address Mr. Buchanan congratulated the union on having started the weekly meetings, and said the movement had been attended with success in Toronto. He pointed out the necessity for communication

between temperance people so that they should understand each other better.

These three above meetings were all held last Sabbath afternoon, to which two objections may be urged. First, the multiplying of meetings hinders people from meditation, which is such wholesome exercise for the Sabbath and second, if we allow Socialist and Prohibition meetings on the Sabbath, why not have sacred concerts in the theatre and band concerts in the park. Let Christian people beware of breaking the fourth commandment. The first of their meetings is by a Presbyterian minister and was likely a Bible talk. The last named personage, Mr. W. W. Buchanan is the man, whom ex-Premier Greenway says is going to elect the Roblin Government. We would be very sorry to see that Government returned to power, not that your correspondent is a politician, but they promised us Prohibition. They broke their word and deserve defeat. The Greenways refuse to put a prohibition plank in their new platform and should be supported by no Prohibitionist for that reason. The Prohibitionists have men in every field, where we hope to win and then will be a tremendous shaking up of old parties in Manitoba this year.

#### Quebec.

The convocation of the Presbyterian College, Montreal was held April 1st. There was a large attendance of the public. Prof. Campbell presided as acting principal. On the platform besides the professors were Dr. R. Campbell, Dr. Mowatt, the Rev. Messrs. Dobson, MacKay, Reid, Mackenzie, A. B. Ross, Dr. Amaron, Mr. David Morrice and others. After the devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. John MacKay, B. A., the prizes were distributed. Rev. Prof. Ross presented Rev. D. N. Coburn, M. A., to receive the degree of Bachelor of Divinity; also Mr. C. A. Hardy, B. A., and Mr. A. B. McLeod, B. A., to receive the same degree of B. D. Rev. John MacNair was presented by Rev. Prof. Scrimger, D.D., for the degree of Doctor of Divinity. The valedictory was delivered by Mr. A. B. McLeod, B. D., B. A. The graduates were addressed by Rev. C. B. Ross, B. D., of Lacute after which Rev. J. R. Dobson, B. D., presented on behalf of the Alumni, the portrait of the late Principal of the College. Rev. Prof. Campbell, D.D., LL.D., as acting principal, then addressed the assembly. Throughout the evening repeated reference was made to the loss sustained by the College and the Church through the death of Principal MacVicar. The proceedings were brought to a close by Rev. Robert Campbell, D.D. pronouncing the benediction.

#### GENERAL ASSEMBLY RATES.

Notwithstanding the official statement given last week, quite a number of parties are enquiring whether it is not possible for other than members of Assembly, their wives or daughters, and ministers, to get advantage of the reduced rates. The agreement with the Railway Companies is quite specific and definite on this point. I endeavored to have the privilege extended to others, more particularly to those having business with the Assembly, but the Companies were inexorable. To prevent unnecessary correspondence, I think it well again to state this fact.

R.H.W.

#### SYNOD OF TORONTO AND KINGSTON.

The Synod of Toronto and Kingston will (D. V.) meet in Knox church, Toronto on Tuesday, 12th May, 1903, at 8 o'clock p. m., for business and for conference.

The Business Committee will meet at three o'clock p. m., in Knox church building, on 12th May 1903.

All papers to be brought before Synod, should be sent to the undersigned, on or before the 1st day of May, 1903.

All members attending Synod are requested to procure Standard Certificates from the railway agents, from whom they buy their tickets.

The Standard Certificate is absolutely necessary to enable members to return home at reduced fares, and also to enable those members who reside outside of a radius of fifty miles of Toronto, to have their railway fares paid out of the Synod Fund.

JOHN GRAY,

Orillia, 13th April, 1903.

Synod Clerk,