

RELIGIOUS.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. J. Robbins, of Truro, occupied the pulpit of Park St. Church last Sunday, with much acceptance.

The new Presbyterian church at Mahou, C. B., which is about ready for occupation, will be shortly dedicated.

Scotch church, Boston, under the leadership of the Rev. S. C. Gunn, is making marked progress. The attendance is so great that many are unable to obtain admission, and it has been decided to erect a new building as soon as possible.

Rev. Dr. Gustavus Bird, of Creich, one of the pre-disruption ministers, will probably be the next Moderator of the Free Church of Scotland.

The first Presbyterian church in America was organized in 1614; the first Presbytery was organized in 1705. In 1715 the first Synod was formed, composed of three Presbyteries. In 1788 the General Assembly was formed, including four Synods. The hundredth anniversary of the formation of the first General Assembly will be celebrated on the fourth Thursday of May, 1888.

The Synod of New York is the largest in connection with the Presbyterian Church. It contains 1,192 ministers, 804 churches, and 149,747 communicants. The largest church in the denomination is that of Tabernacle, Brooklyn, of which Dr. Talmage is pastor. It has a membership roll of 4,020.

METHODIST.

The Methodist church at Amherst has increased its contribution for missions this year by over a hundred per cent. The collections throughout the Province are largely in excess of last year.

Plans have been prepared for the new Victoria College, which is to be erected in Toronto. When completed, the buildings will be among the finest in the Dominion. One half of the \$450,000 required to carry out the scheme of confederation, has, through the efforts of the Rev. Dr. Potts, been already pledged.

The General Missionary Committee held its annual session lately in New York. It fixed the total missionary appropriation for the coming year at \$1,150,000, of which amount the sum of \$621,945 will be used for the support of foreign missions.

Rev. Dr. Burwash has been appointed to fill the vacancy in Victoria University, caused by the death of Dr. Nelles. The committee on the re-arrangement of the college have recommended that Professor Reynar be appointed Dean of the faculty of arts; that the department of science be made a faculty, with Dr. Hanel as Dean; and that the Rev. F. H. Wallace, B. D., be appointed professor of New Testament Literature and Exegesis.

BAPTIST.

Still another Baptist minister is about to remove from Nova Scotia and reside in the United States. The Rev. J. N. Twigley has resigned his charge at Middleton, and accepted a call to a Baptist church at New Middleton, Mass.

Rev. D. Hopper, who was compelled to visit California on account of ill-health, has decided to permanently reside in that country.

Rev. H. G. Mellick has entered upon his duties as pastor of Brussels St. church, St. John.

Rev. Dr. E. M. Saunders is to visit a number of places in the interest of the Jubilee Fund of Acadia College. The appeals thus far on behalf of the fund have not met with a very hearty response. Every Baptist should contribute something to an institution which has been of incalculable benefit to the denomination.

Rev. Edward Judson, D. D., has raised thus far \$21,000 towards the erection of a church in New York to the memory of his father, Dr. Adoniram Judson, the famous missionary. The amount collected has been mostly in small sums.

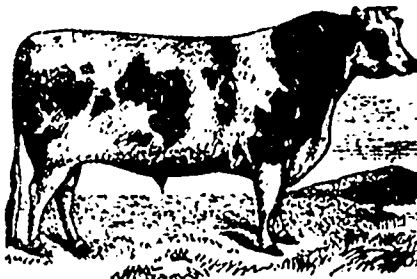
CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The Rev. Simon Gibbons has returned from his brief visit to England, having raised a sum of money for church purposes at Lockport, and, being improved in health.

Croakers about church progress and prospects are advised to read the Archbishop of Canterbury's sermon at the Consecration of Truro Cathedral. It is a magnificent setting forth of our heritage and birthrights, and a stirring appeal to respond to them.

The S. S. Teachers' Association met in St. Mark's Schoolroom on Monday evening, Rev. Dr. Partridge presiding, when two papers were read. One by Miss Fletcher, of Dartmouth Sunday-School, on "My aim as a Sunday-School Teacher," the other by Thos. Brown, Esq., of St. Luke's, on "The necessity of dogmatic teaching." Both papers were thoughtful and suggestive. Mr. Brown's was a vigorous argument from reason and history for the clear and unhesitating instruction of our youth in the principles of the Church. The papers evoked considerable discussion, and will, undoubtedly, do good to the teachers by setting them to think and search.

The Emigrant's Home is now in full operation. In spite of much opposition from quarters which should be neutral, it is making its way, and will supply a great need whether the government officials fight against it or no. A soup kitchen is now established, and the charitable can help the Institution by buying and distributing tickets to the poor.



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