

Church News.

PARK Street Church, Halifax, has lately opened up a flourishing mission station.

PREPARATIONS are being made to observe the centenary of the Presbytery of Turro, N.S.

REV. RICHMOND LOGAN, Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, is resigning and purposes removing from the congregation in July.

A CLASS has been formed in Wickliffe Hall parlours, Brandon, by the Rev. Dr. Beattie, for the instruction of evangelistic workers and Sunday School teachers.

We regret to learn that the Rev. Dr. Thompson, of Drummondville and Chippawa, Ont., has, owing to impaired eyesight, been obliged to resign his charge.

A WEAALTHY gentleman in New York, and who formerly lived in Quebec, has donated, through the Rev. Dr. Matthews, \$500 toward the endowment fund of Morrin College.

The congregations of Claude and Mayfield, recently rendered vacant by the translation of Rev. D. Fraser, M.A., to Bowmanville, have most heartily and unanimously called the Rev. S. S. Craig, licentiate, to be their minister.

IN one congregation in Prince Edward Island, numbering one hundred and seventy families supporting Gospel ordinances, it is said family worship is observed with out exception.

A SPECIAL work of grace has been prevailing in the Wallace Presbytery. In some places many have been led to give up their drinking habits, and summers have been obliged to close their shops.

DURING the year 1885 large accessions have been made to the membership of the church from the Sabbath schools in the Maritime Provinces. In one congregation in P.E.I. forty were received.

MR. JAMES McLELLAN, a fourth year Arts student, Edinburgh, has been sent out by the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland as a student evangelist to labour in the Maritime Provinces.

REV. A. GILRAY, pastor of College street, Toronto, lectured at York Presbyterian Mission church on Tuesday 22nd inst., on the subject "A Tour Through Europe," to a large and appreciative audience.

THE young people of the United Presbyterian church, Esquimaux, held a grand fête to-day at the manse. The Girls' Society of Willing Workers have a bazaar on the grounds for the sale of fancy articles of their own manufacture.

AT the recent communion services of the Elma Centre church, Rev. A. Henderson, M.A., pastor, thirty-three new names were added to the roll, 23 on profession of faith and 5 by certificate, making a total of 56 within the past six months.

THE Rev. Wm. Donald, of Prince Street church, Picton, who is at present in California on account of the ill health of his wife, has demitted his pastoral charge, and it has been reluctantly accepted by the presbytery and congregation.

THE sacrament of the Lord's Supper was recently observed in Milton and Boston congregations—Rev. M. C. Cameron, B.D., pastor. Principal Grant, D.D., preached very able and appropriate sermons before large audiences. There were eighteen new members added to the communion roll.

THE congregation of Leaside and Chalmers church, Scarborough, have generously granted their pastor, Rev. W. Fritzell, a vacation of six or eight weeks, and provided supply during his absence. Rev. John McKay, B.A., a recent graduate of Knox College, will occupy the pulpit in the absence of Mr. Fritzell.

THE Rev. Hugh McKay, missionary to the Indians in the North West, preached for Mr. Cameron in the East church, city, on Sabbath morning the 20th inst., and the Rev. Joseph Annand, missionary to the New Hebrides, in the evening, both giving most interesting and touching details of their work in their separate fields.

A UNION picnic in connection with the Williamsford and Berky congregations was held at Holland Centre on June 23rd, a large gathering being present. Address were delivered by several speakers. The choir rendered excellent music, with Miss Webster at the organ. These congregations have unanimously decided to call R. McIntyre, their present missionary, who is doing good work in that part of the Lord's vineyard. Mr. McIntyre has also been called to Nelson and Dundas street.

A CORRESPONDENT, under date June 15th, writes: The Presbyterian congregations of Grafton and Vernonville are to be congratulated on their prosperity. On last Sabbath the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at Vernonville, when one hundred and fifty participated in the ordinance. The communion roll was increased by twenty, eleven of that number being received by certificate and nine by profession of faith. The past labours of Rev. J. W. Smith are bearing fruit. John iv., 37—"One soweth and another reapeth."

THE Rev. Principal McVicar, of Montreal College, visited many friends in Guelph after the meeting of the General Assembly. On June 20th he preached in Knox church at 11 a.m. A union S.S. meeting was held in St. Andrew's church in the afternoon when Dr. McVicar gave an address on French mission work. In the evening he preached in Chalmers church before the united congregations of Knox and Chalmers churches, the Revs. R. G. Beattie and Dr. Wardrope, pastors of these churches, being present. Dr. McVicar was ordained and inducted in Knox church, Guelph, in 1859. Although many changes have taken place since that date a large number of old friends were present to greet their former pastor and enjoy the very profitable services which he conducted.

COMMUNION services were held in Erskine church, Meaford, on Sabbath the 6th June. The preparatory sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Farquharson, B.A., at present labouring in Thornbury. The pastor, Rev. A. T. Collier, M.A., conducted the services on Sabbath. The attendance on both occasions was unusually large, and the meetings were marked by impressive earnestness. Twenty two new names were added to the roll. The session a short time ago asked the congregation to elect four additional elders and the following have been chosen: Mr. R. E. Main, merchant; Mr. J. Cleland, mayor of the town; Mr. A. Dyce, formerly an elder in Rev. Mr. Mullen's church, Fergus, and Mr. J. Gardner, formerly an elder in St. Paul's church, Sydney, and father of the Rev. J. Gardner, of Battleford, N.W.T.

ON Sabbath 6th June, at 3.30 the Sabbath Schools in connection with Emerson Presbyterian church met in the church at Emerson for the children's day service. There was a large attendance from all the Sabbath Schools, viz., Emerson, Daufen and the Joe River, and also a goodly number of the congregation and visitors. The pastor, the Rev. James C. Quinn, Ph. R., conducted the service. After singing the 100th Psalm the schools present joined in the responsive reading of the S. S. Lesson for the day, John vi., 22-40, and prayer. Then followed singing by the choir and the scholars. The address by the pastor from the golden text, "Lord, evermore give us this bread," was listened to with the greatest attention and interest by the audience. The children's annual collection for missions was then taken up. This year it is given to the Manitoba College (theological department).

THE building refitted and made suitable for a place of worship by the congregation of Knox church, Brandon, was dedicated on Sabbath the 13th of June. Rev. Allen Bell, of the Manitoba Presbytery, preached a discourse morning and evening. The attendance was large. An afternoon

service, also largely attended, was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Best, of Brandon. Liberal collections were taken up at the close of each service in aid of the building fund. On following Monday evening there was held an opening social in the church. The building which has a seating capacity of over two hundred, was crowded to the doors. The choir was occupied by Mr. Andrew McLean, B.A., a student of Manitoba College, who has charge of the congregation for the summer. An excellent programme, consisting of addresses by Revs. Messrs. Fraser, Bell, Best, McTavish and Simpson, and music by the choir, was presented.

A BRANCH of the Endowment Association of Queen's University was formed at Hamilton on the 21st ult. Mr. Leggat was called to the chair, and Dr. D. G. Storms was appointed to act as secretary. Among those present were Rev. R. J. Laklaw, James Hutchison, A. Short, R. McKay, Dr. Elizabeth Smith, Mrs. Leggat, Mrs. Bellhouse, Mrs. J. G. Malloch, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Stewart, Miss Young. Mr. Leggat was elected president of the branch, and Dr. A. E. Malloch secretary-treasurer. It was further resolved that the meeting adjourn to meet in the same place on Monday evening, July 12th, to complete the organization, that Principal Grant, D.D., be invited to deliver an address on that evening, and that the officers of the association be a committee to prepare and issue a circular calling attention to the objects of the association and otherwise to give the public notice of the meeting to be addressed by Principal Grant.

RECENTLY the Brussels Branch of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society held an entertainment in Melville church, Rev. J. Ross, pastor, in the chair. The chairman stated that this organization was first set on foot in Canada in April, 1876, with a membership of fifty, which has now increased to 5,080. At the end of the first year there had been \$1,005 collected. This has increased until for 1885 the large sum of \$13,493 is credited to the society. \$13,000 had been asked for and that amount had been overpaid by nearly \$500. During last year three schools for Indians, one girl's school in Formosa, six schools in India, an hospital and other institutions had been founded. During the past ten years the very handsome sum of \$159,561 had been raised. Brussels Branch was organized in May, 1884, and commenced with twelve members. The first six months they collected \$55. They now have forty four members enrolled and raised \$50 last year. A very interesting programme was then rendered, and a liberal collection in aid of the funds taken up.

ON Sunday morning Rev. Dr. Jardine, in St. John's church, preached a sermon on creation and evolution. He read the first chapter of Genesis, containing the Mosaic account of the creation, and the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, and his text was taken from the third verse of the latter chapter, "By faith we understand that the worlds have been framed by the word of God, so that what is seen hath not been made out of things which do appear." The preacher condemned the tendency of many writers for the press in the present day to set aside the account of the creation as given in the Bible and substitute the theory of evolution in place of it. He pointed out that the Bible narrative and evolution did not necessarily conflict, that the latter was perhaps the means by which the creator worked. In any event evolution, which was too often strained in its application, must not be allowed to do away with the faith referred to in the text which teaches us that even if the highest organisms were evolved from the lower, the first beginning was formed by the word of God. Any mere outline of the sermon would not do it justice. It called forth many expressions of approval from those who listened to it.—*Brackville Record.*

ON Tuesday, the 8th ult., an adjourned meeting of the presbytery was held at the village of Carp, for the purpose of ordaining the Rev. John McLaren, of Montreal, and inducting him into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Carp, Kintamee and Lowries. Rev. W. Shearer preached from Mat. vii., 13-14. Rev. J. M. Clark led in prayer, and after the usual questions had been put and satisfactorily answered, the ceremony of ordination and induction took place. Rev. J. Glassford then addressed the pastor, and Rev. Joseph White the people, after which Rev. J. McLaren was formally introduced to his congregation. In the evening a reception in honour of the new pastor and his family was held in the church of Carp, at which a large audience assembled and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Rev. J. M. Clark presided. Eloquent and instructive speeches were delivered by Revs. Messrs. White and Shearer, together with appropriate remarks by Messrs. Goulay, Wilson and Andrews, and by the pastor. The choir, under the able leadership of Rev. Mr. McLaren, discoursed sweet music to an attentive and appreciative audience, two solos by the reverend gentleman himself being much admired. A duet by the Misses Wilson, an organ solo by Miss McLaren and vocal solo by Miss Goulay, were also well received.

REV. ROSS RODGERS, late pastor of the congregation, Collingwood, in his farewell sermon in reviewing his work, said: "While to-night I say farewell my thoughts revert to the days that are past, and to all the varied scenes through which I have passed during the twenty-four years I have laboured among you. In 1862 I found a little church with only twelve members. By the good hand of God upon us, the work of the Lord was carried forward, and many were added to the church. In the meantime, as years went on, the old church was enlarged twice, a manse was built, and now it is our privilege from these small beginnings to worship in this beautiful temple, and to have our children meet in our spacious Sabbath School room, to receive instructions on the word of God which alone maketh wise unto salvation. During these years about \$14,000 have been spent on building, \$10,000 of which has been given by the congregation. And during these years over 600 members have been received into the church, and at the present time the number of members is 210 in good standing, and a few stray sheep whose position is doubtful. As we look on this picture we do so with a feeling of sadness that so little has been done. But at the same time we are constrained to look back with gratitude and praise, that the good Lord has been pleased to own our feeble efforts and that so many have been gathered to the fold of salvation, and although our shortcomings have been many, few congregations have a better record than Collingwood. May it increase and grow more and more, and be a blessing to all the places round about."

THE new St. Andrew's church, Lindsay, of which the corner stone was laid on the 7th June, will, when finished, be a very handsome structure in the ornamental Gothic style. The foundation of the new church stands four feet above the ground level, which has been raised about the church. On this will be raised the superstructure of white brick. All the trimmings are of Dolocayceon stone, cut to pattern, and will make an exceedingly durable finish. Roughly speaking, the church covers a space 109x76 feet, with a rear addition for use as a Sabbath School. The inside of the church will be arranged in the popular sympathetic style, the pews forming a semi-circle about the pulpit platform, in which the floor rises towards the entrance, where it is two feet above the level of the platform. The inside finish of the church will be plaster—both walls and ceilings. The nave is divided from the aisles by arches supported on iron pillars, the arches being finished in plain Gothic style. Suitable furnaces will be provided for heating the church and school room, the latter being 76x25 feet floor space. The past history of the church, locally, has been one of progress. For many years the need of additional accommodation and enlarged church premises has been very apparent. In fact the work of the church has been to some extent hampered owing to these circumstances, while it was felt that having the church in a more central location would be a great convenience to a large part of the congregation. Through the liberality of several members and the specially generous contribution of Mr. Wm. Newdler, a scheme was set on foot that resulted in the work which is being prosecuted at present.

OBITUARY.

ROBERT BROWN.

Mrs. ROBERT BROWN of South Dorchester died at his residence, June 1st, in the 83rd year of his age. Deceased was a native of Glasgow, Scotland. In 1835 he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Bell, with whom he lived for a period extending over 51 years. The happy union was blessed with a family of eight daughters and three sons, of whom five daughters and two sons survive. He early identified himself with the Presbyterian Church, and throughout his life exhibited the graces of a true follower of the Master. The funeral obsequies were conducted by the Rev. J. R. Lobb, Baptist minister, who kindly gave his services in the absence of a Presbyterian minister. A death prevails among the Presbyterian congregations, as may be seen from the fact that seven congregations in close proximity to each other are without a pastor.

HON. J. R. DICKIE.

We regret to have to announce the death of Hon. J. R. Dickie, which occurred recently at his residence, Turro, N.S. Mr. Dickie has been suffering from ill health for a long time. Originally, he was a school teacher, but, abandoning that profession, he took to farming, achieving great success in that sphere. For a number of years he held the position of custos of Colchester county. He entered the House of Assembly in 1874, and for a time was speaker of the house. He was appointed to the Legislative Council in 1873. Mr. Dickie was a shrewd man of business and was quite wealthy. He was largely interested in shipping, and had success in all his ventures in that line. When the Merchant's Bank established an agency at Turro he took the management, which he held for several years, when his son, Mr. Martin Dickie, received the appointment. Hon. Mr. Dickie took a deep interest in religious matters, especially in connection with the Presbyterian Church, of which he was an elder. The announcement of his death will be learned with sorrow by a wide circle. He leaves a widow and a large family.

IRISH PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.

THE OPENING.

ALL day yesterday (Tuesday, June 7th) the streets of Belfast bore evident tokens of the near approach of the great ecclesiastical event of the year. From north and south each train brought in its load of ministers and elders. Black coats and white ties prevailed in the streets, and in many a group the conversation turned on the prospects of the coming meeting. One earnest wish which we heard freely expressed regarding it by men of all ways of thinking, was that the eighteen years' war over harmoniums and organs might cease in view of the serious aspect of affairs all around us. The action of the Rev. Matthew Kerr, of Cork, in closing the harmonium in his church owing to the overwhelming importance of the questions regarding the state of the country which are now to the front, was generally commended as wise and patriotic, and in every way worthy of a good man; and the hope was freely expressed that the other two or three ministers and congregations which are employing instruments in the service of praise would see their way to act as he has done for the present, and that those on the anti-instrumental side would meet any such action on their part in a spirit of concession and friendliness, and so pave the way for a final adjustment of the long vexed question on terms mutually honourable and satisfactory. It cannot be denied that the tone of feeling among all moderate men is strongly in favour of some such settlement. Indeed, judging from the conversation of members, almost any settlement would be gladly welcomed which would rid the Church of this ill-omened and most disastrous controversy. But—seven o'clock has come, and old May Street church, which has witnessed the opening and closing of so many General Assemblies, is thronged above and below with a deeply interested congregation. The outgoing Moderator (the Rev. J. W. Whigham, Ballinaloe), ascends the pulpit, attired in the customary gown and bands, and the service begins. He preaches, as might be expected, an admirable sermon, and then constitutes the court in the customary form. The clerk reads the report of the Committee on Elders' Commissions, from which it appears that already over 200 have been received. Then the nominations for the Moderator are read, showing that a very unusual number of names have this year been sent up by presbyteries. The outgoing Moderator was nominated by several, and the Revs. Dr. Murphy, Dr. Wilson, of Limerick, Dr. Gray, Thomas Armstrong and William Irwin had all their supporters. But the Rev. Robert Ross, Derry, had considerably the majority of presbyteries in his favour. Owing to the ability with which Mr. Whigham has discharged his duties during his year of office, and to the critical nature of the present times, which rendered it undesirable, in the opinion of some, to have any change in the occupant of the moderatorial chair at present, the re-election of the outgoing Moderator was supported by many. In the end, however, the Rev. Robert Ross was called by acclamation to the chair, and proceeded to deliver an able and thoughtful opening address.

THE OUTGOING MODERATOR.

No Moderator has ever wrought more faithfully in the service of the Church than the Rev. J. W. Whigham, who has now retired from office. His lot fell in troublous times. At the commencement of his reign the instrumental music controversy had passed into one of its acutest stages, making the duties of the chair peculiarly irksome, and his year of office had not long gone on until the ill-omened attempt of Mr. Gladstone to dismember the Empire darkened the political horizon. Amid all the troubles, however, which have recently surrounded Church and State, it is agreed on all hands that no moderator could have borne himself with greater dignity nor rendered better service to the Church, and he leaves the chair with the estimation in which he has for years been regarded in the Assembly very much increased, and with the best wishes for his future of the entire Church, which ought to feel itself deeply his debtor for all the labour he has so ungrudgingly undertaken on its behalf.

THE NEW MODERATOR.

Has long been known not only as one of our most sedulous and successful pastors, but as a thinker of no little power. He is an *alumnus* of the old Belfast College, where so many of the older generation of Irish Presbyterians spent their student days. Matriculating in November, 1843, he studied in his undergraduate course under Cairns, and Young, and Bruce, and Stevely, getting his Divinity at the feet of Hanna, and Edgar, and Killen. It is curious that he and the ex-moderator whom he has just succeeded were fellow-students. Among others of his contemporaries who died might be seen perambulating the vicinity of the institution, and sitting side by side in the class-rooms, were Dr. Hall, of New York, and Dr. Hanna, of Belfast, and Mr. Robinson, of Broughshane, and Mr. Irwin, of Catterlock, and Mr. Orr, the respected Clerk of Assembly. In 1849 Mr. Ross was licensed to preach by the presbytery of Glenasmole, and in the same year received a call from the congregation of Fourth Derry, which he accepted. To this congregation he has ever since remained faithful, refusing all invitations to leave them, and under his ministry it has grown from a weak and struggling cause to be one of the strongest and best organized congregations in Ireland. Its members worship in a beautiful new church, opened some eight years ago, one of the handsomest ecclesiastical buildings in all the Maiden City, which is filled every Sabbath. A fine school house and lecture-hall have also been erected close by, the whole forming a suite of buildings, erected at a cost of nearly £8,000, which will be a lasting monument to the energy and taste of Mr. Ross. He takes a leading part in all the religious concerns of the city, and is respected and esteemed by all classes and creeds within its bounds. The utmost pleasure is felt at the honor which the Church has now conferred upon him, which he is sure to wear both with dignity and credit.—*Belfast Witness.*

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