

## WINNIPEG AND WEST.

The following were appointed commissioners by Regina Presbytery to General Assembly:—Leith, Scott, Patterson, and Dr. Carmichael, ministers and Rev. W. M. MacLean, Arlington Beach; Jas. Balfour, Regina; Hon. John Charlton, Lynedoch; and Alex. Neilson, West Hill, elders.

At the March meeting of Regina Presbytery six new fields were opened, to be known as McTaggie—were raised to the status of Mountain, Strassburg and Small. Regina Presbytery has the distinction of growing at the rate of one new field per month. Eighteen new fields were added during the past eighteen months. Three mission fields—Sherwood, Conlie, and Belconie—were raised to the status of augmented congregations. Rev. J. J. Patterson, Regina, is interim moderator of session, to Belconie congregation.

The congregation of Knox Church, Regina, has sold its old church building for \$11,500, and arrangements have already begun for the erection of a new church edifice with a seating capacity of 1,000 and to cost about \$10,000. Rev. J. J. Patterson is maintaining his high reputation as preacher and pastor, and owing to lack of church accommodation large numbers are being turned away from Sabbath evening services. The new church will fill a long felt want, and when completed will be the finest church structure in the territory to be organized as Saskatchewan Province.

Mr. Logie and family were invited to a church social on their leaving Gladstone for Summerland. The chair was well filled by Rev. Munro; and speeches were made eulogistic of the guest of the evening, who in the various public positions he had filled as mayor representative elder, etc., had shown ability and faithfulness to a marked degree. When the speech making was done Mr. Munro read an address to Mr. and Mrs. Logie, and Mrs. Magnus Wilson presented a beautiful silver tea set and a teacher's Bible to Mr. Logie. Mr. Logie made a suitable reply. The Misses Logie were presented with beautiful pearl rings by Misses Mustard and Galloway on behalf of the young ladies of the church.

The degree of D.D. was conferred on Rev. John Hogg, at the closing exercises in Manitoba College last week. The distinction is all deserved.

Rev. G. T. Gordon, just come from Bond street, in Toronto, to the Central Congregational Church, Winnipeg has begun well. His church is crowded every Sunday evening and there is talk of extending its capacity. Meanwhile Rev. J. B. Silcox, who left here about a year ago for Lansing, Mich., has already finished his work in the United States and goes to succeed Mr. Gordon in Toronto.

Rev. John Hogg has preached his farewell sermon as pastor of St. Giles, Winnipeg; and it was a message of power to his hearers. In part he said: "Now, my position here in this pulpit, officially, will come to a close tonight. Another voice will catch up the gospel message and proclaim it to you as I have been doing; and my prayer is that whoever my successor may be he may abundantly reap the harvest of seed that I have so earnestly and prayerfully sown. Do you know that I thought myself to have reaped the harvest here? It was always my thought that I would see the breaking out of God's gracious power on the horizon of the holy spirit here. I have preached with that end in view; the beginning of a work that would sound all over this wide dominion. But I have given this hope up reluctantly. I have given it up. Not under me at any rate will come that glorious baptism of the Spirit in which the church shall witness the mighty miracles of God's power, the blind receiving their sight, and many broken hearted sinners brought to the feet of Jesus and God's love communicated to many dead souls. And now this is my last message to this congregation. I want to tell every unconverted man and woman tonight God loves you; God wants to save you. He has made wonderful promises to save you. He wants to take you just as you are, in your rags, in your vileness, in your life of sin. That is the gospel."

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The "Wee Frees" have won the church at Glasgow.

The Simplon tunnel through the Alps has cost £4 for each of its 774,736 inches.

In Algeria the present winter has been the most severe experienced for 14 years.

The entire output of sugar in Russia for the year 1905-1906 has been fixed at seventy million pounds.

"The 'Wee Frees' have got interdict against the 'United Frees' using the church and manse at Granstown.

The Cochrane ranche in southern Alberta, Canada, has been sold to an American capitalist for about \$400,000.

Since August last not a single contribution has been made towards the fund for erecting at Cape Town a memorial to Cecil Rhodes.

Mr. James Douglas, Coldstream, died on the 28th ult., aged 87 years. His father drove the coach "Jilthoffer" from Newcastle to Edinburgh.

Once an Ayrshire minister, from the pulpit, sincerely spoke of the newspaper Press as "A reservoir of pure truth; a mirror of untarnished integrity."

By a curious coincidence two of the Brechin clergymen on the 5th inst. based their sermons on the same text—I. Cor., xiii. 19, "We know in part and we prophesy in part."

The great stretch of country, about as large as France, which lies west of the Transvaal, and which is known as the Kalahari Desert, is now to be thoroughly explored.

During the week ending March 4th eleven steamers landed at Liverpool from American and Canadian ports 4,150 cattle, 2,710 sheep, 50,183 sheep carcasses, and 27,028 quarters of beef.

All Chinese fruits are picked green and ripened off the plant. The Chinese farmer is too anxious to sell his crop, or too much afraid of thieves to wait until the fruit is properly ripened.

Railroads in Africa are approaching the heart of the continent from the Congo on the west, from Cairo on the north, from Cape Town and Lorenzo Marques on the south, and into Uganda and Abyssinia on the east.

The Free Church on the 4th inst. lodged in the Bill Chamber claims to the following six additional churches:—St. Columba's (Edinburgh), Pathhead (Kirkcaldy), Croy, Alvie, West Kilbride and Scone. Answers were ordered in six days.

Among the nations of Europe Poland ranks sixth in point of numbers, with over 20,000,000 souls. Warsaw, her capital, has 800,000 inhabitants, a greater mass than that of Brussels, Amsterdam, Madrid, Lisbon, Rome, Edinburgh or Dublin.

Physicians in London ascribe the increasing insanity among women to living in flats. The conveniences are such that flat dwellers have nothing to do but do nothing, and the theory is that many women lose their minds because there is nothing to occupy their minds.

The Rev. Alex. Macrae, minister of the Scottish Church, Crown Court, who presided at the annual meeting of the London Gaelic Service Committee, congratulated the Gaels of London on the fact that the arrangements for conducting Gaelic services in the Metropolis were now established.

France has officially informed the United States of the action of the Venezuelan government against the French Cable Company, which she regards as high-handed, and intimates that French patience is rapidly being exhausted by the conduct of affairs in Venezuela.

An ecclesiastical sensation was caused in Aberdeen by the announcement that the "Wee Frees" had claimed John Knox U. F. Church; but a statement has been officially made since that is quite inaccurate, as those who are at present looking after the interests of the local Free Church have not decided which building they will claim.

A little friendliness is worth a whole lot of financial assistance.

## HAMILTON.

Special services were held in Erskine church on Sunday, March 19th, in connection with their Sabbath school anniversary. Rev. Dr. Talling, interim pastor, was assisted by other city ministers.

Between sixty and seventy new members most of them on profession of faith, united with St. Andrew's Presbyterian church at last communion service. The attendance at communion was the largest in the history of the congregation. Rev. J. A. Wilson, the pastor, is to be congratulated.

The proposal to amalgamate the services of St. Paul's, central, and MacNab street churches for the summer months has not met with the approval of all the boards, and will likely be abandoned.

A son of the late Rev. D. J. MacDonnell of St. Andrew's church, Toronto, will succeed Rev. James Little as assistant to Rev. Dr. Lyle in Central church. The congregation are delighted with the choice.

Erskine and MacNab street committees have been diligently at work having men in different localities. It is likely that an announcement will soon be made regarding a choice.

Rev. A. McWilliams' many friends in Hamilton are pleased to hear of his great success in his new charge at St. Mary's.

Rev. E. A. Henry of Knox church is engaged in a series of Sabbath evening sermons on "Night Voices of the Bible." They are proving very popular.

## TORONTO.

Rev. Dr. William Gregg, emeritus professor of Knox College, writes:—"In last Thursday's Globe occurs the following item: 'It is stated that Prof. MacLaren has decided to resign his chair in Knox College at the close of the present session.' Will you mention that I learned today from Dr. MacLaren that the statement is without foundation?"

St. Giles church, in this city, has extended a unanimous call to the Rev. Thomas Jones, B.A., of Belfast, Ireland. The stipend offered is \$1,800, with a month's vacation. The church has a membership of 300. The pulpit has been vacant since the Rev. R. Atkinson accepted a call to Chesley ten months ago.

General Kuroki and General Oku are both members of the Presbyterian church, and are prominently known as true Christians and as men of piety and righteousness of life. Field Marshal Oyama, while not a member of the church personally, is in hearty sympathy with it, contributes to it generously, and is always ready to say a good word for it and help it forward. His wife is a very ardent Christian woman. Admiral Togo is a member of the Presbyterian church and Vice-Admiral Uriu is a Presbyterian elder. General Serrata, the commander of the forces of Japan in her last war with China, was also a Presbyterian elder and up to the time of his death President of the Tokyo Young Men's Christian Association, marked by Christian activity and piety. Three of Japan's leading newsmen have managing editors and proprietors who are Christians, and there are today fully 50,000 Christians in Japan. The Herald and Presbyter which publishes these facts considers that they are a great encouragement to those who are working in the cause of foreign missions.

The Denver News of February the 12th says: "Though it is more than two weeks since the evangelists left Denver, the religious enthusiasm aroused during their visit has not waned. In many of the churches revival meetings are still being held, and all the ministers whose churches participated in the great movement say that the improvement in church attendance is marked, while the number of conversions is remarkably large." Wherever the people have been blessed with a genuine work of grace the good work must go on. Every genuinely converted man or woman becomes a messenger to carry the good news to others. One by one sinners are led to Christ.

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