

The building committee of Knox church, Shelburne, have decided on the plans for their new church and have advertised for tenders for the erection of the building.

Rev. L. McLean, of Duntroon, conducted communion service at Hornings Mills on Sabbath last. A meeting was announced for Monday evening to consider calling a minister.

Rev. G. M. Dunn, on account of the distance and ill health, asks to be relieved of Haney and Hammond stations, to the great regret of the people belonging to this portion of his charge.

A call to Rev. John Little, of Chatsworth, Owen Sound Presbytery, from the Holstein and Fairbairn congregations was sustained at a special meeting of the Saugeen Presbytery on the 28th ult.

Rev. S. Acheson, of Warton, preached a special sermon to the Odd Fellows of that place on Sabbath the 27th ult. The address throughout, says The Echo, was an earnest appeal to the brethren to be not only Odd Fellows, but true Christians, so as to meet the acceptance of the great Master above.

Ottawa.

Rev. Dr. Herridge and Rev. J. W. Milne exchanged pulpits last Sunday morning.

Rev. D. M. Ramsay is about again after being quarantined for two or three weeks.

The Ottawa Presbytery rejected the remit from General Assembly on the "Short Term Eldership."

Presbytery of Ottawa unanimously nominates Rev. Dr. Armstrong for the moderatorship of next General Assembly.

Ottawa Presbytery, with practical unanimity, defeated the General Assembly's remit on Sabbath School Field-Secretaries.

The ladies' society of St. Andrew's church, at a largely attended meeting, passed a resolution expressing their desire that Rev. Dr. Herridge should remain pastor of the church.

In connection with the call from Frognall, London, to Rev. Dr. Herridge there is nothing new to report. Requisitions have been largely signed asking the Doctor to remain.

The Ottawa Presbytery at its last meeting appointed an early day for the ordination of Mr. Thurlow Fraser, B. D., who has just completed a brilliant course of study at Queens, graduating with the highest honours.

At Ottawa Presbytery, on Tuesday, Rev. Dr. Armstrong presented the report on Home Missions and stated that Mr. H. S. Lee was appointed to Casselman, Mr. Eckett to Portland, Messrs. Ferguson and Ross to Lochaber and Thurso.

The Ottawa Presbytery fixed the ordination and licensure of Mr. Eckett for May 20th at Portland. Rev. Mr. Saddler, the moderator, will preside, Rev. Mr. Patterson will preach the sermon, Rev. Dr. Armstrong will address the minister.

The Foreign Mission Committee at its last meeting agreed to appoint Rev. Thurlow Fraser, B. D., to the charge of our Mission in Formosa, vacant since the death of the late Dr. Mackay. Mr. Fraser, it is understood, has the offer under consideration.

The members of Ottawa Presbytery, on Tuesday evening, partook of the hospitality of the Directors and Principal of the Ottawa Ladies College. Mrs. Ross presided with grace and genealogy. After tea a pleasant hour was spent in music and conversation.

The members of Bethany church are making elaborate preparations for their anniversary services next Sunday. Rev. Prof. Ross, of Montreal, as already announced, will preach both morning and evening, and will address the Sunday school in the afternoon.

Erskine church was crowded again last Sunday at both services and already the necessity for increased accommodation is becoming more apparent each Sunday. At the evening service Rev. Mr. Mitchell continued his series of sermons on the book of Esther.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary society of Stewarton church was largely attended. Miss Stewart presided. Miss Margaret Carruthers read an interesting and thoughtful paper on Korea and Miss Stewart described some of the missions in Japan.

By arrangement of Ottawa Presbytery the ordination of Mr. H. S. Lee will take place at

Casselman, on 27th May. The moderator, Rev. Mr. Saddler will preside; Rev. Mr. Scrimger will preach the sermon; Rev. D. M. Ramsay will address the minister; and Rev. J. H. W. Milne the people.

Mr. Ralph Smith, M. P., read a paper last Monday before the Ottawa Ministerial Association dealing with "The Importance of Right Views on the Labor Question." In his address Mr. Smith strongly upheld the principals of trade unionism, which he said had come to stay. He also advanced the idea that socialism in a desirable form was among the inevitable events.

The cordial congratulations of Ottawa Presbytery, on motion of Rev. D. M. Ramsay, were conveyed to Rev. Dr. Armstrong on his having the degree of D. D. conferred upon him by Knox College. That the Doctor stands high in the esteem of his co-presbyters was evidenced in the kind and complimentary remarks made by the mover and seconder of the motion, as well as those who supported it. Dr. Armstrong made suitable acknowledgment.

At the morning service at St. Paul's church the theme of the sermon was the gospel of rest for the weary. Dr. Armstrong said he came with a message of rest for weary hands and weary hearts. He called his hearers to abandon sin and work the will of God, to abandon selfishness and enter into the loving service to follow men; to cherish a lofty aim, but to maintain a lowliness of spirit, to have true views of God and to live the life of child-like trust. Dr. Armstrong took occasion to say a few sensible words in favor of the Saturday early closing movement, which, he remarked, had his cordial support. The doing of a half day's work after 6 o'clock was robbing God of a portion of the day of rest.

The funeral of Mrs. John Shearer was largely attended. The service was conducted at the house by the Rev. D. M. Ramsay, pastor of Knox Church, who was assisted by the Rev. Dr. Wardrope, a former pastor of the deceased; the Rev. Wm. Timberlake, of McLeod Street Methodist Church; the Rev. M. Scott, of Hull, and the Rev. John McNichol. The Rev. Mr. Ramsay referred to the high Christian character of the deceased lady and her kindly nature. The church, he stated, as well as the family, has sustained a severe loss by her death. The four sons, the Rev. William Shearer, of Sherbrooke; the Rev. Thomas Shearer, of Toronto; Mr. Ed. S. Shearer, merchant of Reunthwaite, Man; and Mr. John Shearer, contractor, Ottawa, were present at the funeral of their mother.

Montreal.

The Rev. John Mackay, M. A., of Glasgow, Scotland, who preached last Sunday in Crescent Street Presbyterian church, will occupy the pulpit for the next three Sundays. Mr. Mackay's high scholarly attainments and personal magnetism have drawn towards him many friends.

Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools.

The closing exercises of these Schools were full of interest. For fifty-five years they have, through the excellent educational advantages offered the pupils, been exerting a far reaching influence for good in the Province of Quebec. As the Principal, Rev. E. H. Brandt, well says: "Minds have been enlightened, and souls have been brought to a saving knowledge of Christ, so that our two-fold aim of training the mind and opening the heart to the Gospel truth has been reached."

In a circular, just issued, the following interesting statements respecting the pupils are made: "Our friends will be thankful to know that a spirit of enquiry has been abroad among our young people, and that as a result of faithful and systematic religious teaching, special meetings for prayer and mutual edification, thirty of our pupils have declared themselves for Christ. They were examined by our Church Session, and admitted to the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Two of our young men propose entering the Presbyterian College next fall. Nine pupils were recommended by the Presbytery of Montreal for employment as missionaries among their fellow countrymen of Quebec. Several of our young women intend to pursue their studies at the Normal School, to become teachers, so that altogether we are more than satisfied with the results already accomplished and the promises of future growth and usefulness."

A number of ladies and gentlemen, interested in the Schools, were in attendance from Montreal. Among the ministers present were Rev. Drs. Amaron, Campbell and Mowat, Revs. Patterson, Cruickshank, Mackenzie, Duclos and Mackay. Rev. G. C. Heine presided to the satisfaction of all, and apparently acquitted himself equally well in French as in English.

Over 150 pupils were in attendance, very bright, intelligent, happy-looking young people of both sexes. Their singing was simply inspiring; and while listening one could not help wishing that our congregational singing all over the land was of the same hearty and enthusiastic character. With respect to the results of the examinations it was noted that the average number of marks secured by pupils was very high. The visitors were invited to partake of refreshments before returning to the city. All were delighted with what they saw and heard; and those who were there for the first time promised that it would not be the last.

Quebec.

Rev. M. H. Scott, of Zion church, Hull, preached recently in Bristol Presbyterian church, making a plea for the Lumberman's mission. For eight years Rev. Mr. Scott has had charge of this branch of the work. By means of subscriptions the lumber camps are provided with Christian literature.

Winnipeg and West.

Three new elders have been ordained and inducted in St. Augustine church, Messrs. Geo. Greig, Wm. Jackson and J. W. G. Watson. The sermon and the address to the newly chosen elders and congregation were delivered by Rev. Dr. Kilpatrick, prayer was offered by Rev. Prof. Baird and the ceremony of ordination and induction was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Wilson. A large congregation was in attendance.

Rev. Peter Fisher, of Deloraine, owing to ill health, has been granted six months' leave of absence by his congregation and has left for his old home in Scotland.

In Augustine church Rev. Dr. Wilson continues his series of evening sermons on the life of Joseph.

Rev. J. A. Cranston, of Collingwood, preached the anniversary sermon to a large turnout of the Oddfellows of that place and Thornbury on Sabbath morning the 27th ult. The sermon was reported a very able one, and the musical portion of the service was much appreciated.

British and Foreign.

It is rumored that Mr. A. J. Balfour will be raised to the peerage at the Coronation.

The will of Dr. Talmage shows he possessed a fortune of over three hundred thousand dollars.

Another old coin—a half-turner of the reign of Charles I. or II.—has been unearthed at Penicuik.

Liverpool's city debt is the highest in Britain compared to population. It is seven times that of London.

Cardiff has decided against running tramway cars on Sunday. Ayr is to take a plebiscite on the same matter.

It is said that never since Caesar's famous testament has there been a more remarkable will than that of Mr. Rhodes.

Norway's population is the smallest in Europe compared with her area. Each of her inhabitants could have 40 acres of land.

The latest reports from Georgia and from Delaware give reason for hope that peaches and watermelons will be plentiful in the hot months.

It is an Irish M. P. who is to ask the Government what is proposed to be done for the celebration of the Coronation by those who are in jail.

The new library at Athens is completed. It was begun fourteen years ago by Professor Ziller, of Dresden. It has room for 400,000 volumes.

At Alice Springs, in the centre of Australia, the annual rainfall is some six inches, and the grass after a fair fall of rain will last for 15.0 years.

A Mural tablet in brass has been set up in Kilwinning Parish Church to Major Wallark, Gordon Highlanders, who fell at Ladysmith, South Africa.