

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

Rev. C. W. Gordon has been opening a new Presbyterian church at Indian Head. Rev. Thomas McAfee is the pastor, and the new edifice is one of the finest church buildings in the west.

Early next month, Dr. C. W. Gordon will join Dr. Chapman in an evangelistic campaign in Philadelphia. To supply the pulpit of St. Stephen's during the absence of the minister, Rev. Charles Cooke, formerly of Smith's Falls, has been secured.

The Westminster congregation (Rev. C. MacKinnon, pastor), is well organized. Last year it raised for the schemes of the Church \$6,174, and for all purposes \$17,546. The additions to the Church were 90 on profession of faith and 286 by certificate. There are signs of activity and prosperity.

Rev. J. Irvine Walker is called to Riverview Church, Fort Rouge. This church has grown up in a very short time to be a promising congregation. Now, the congregation has raised a sufficient amount to become an augmented charge, and desires a settled pastor. Mr. Walker, who as a student, had charge for several months, is the unanimous choice of the congregation, and it is expected he will see his way to accept.

Rev. W. T. W. Fortune of Red Deer, Alberta, who has been appointed Secretary of the Temperance and Moral Reform League of the ranching Province, is one of the strong men in the Northwest. While in Cranbrook, B.C., Mr. and Mrs. Fortune made their home for a time in a box car, but Mr. Fortune is not one of those who are easily daunted by material obstacles, and when he left the parish there was a fine new church and manse waiting for the next minister. Evidently the right man for the work before him.

At a recent meeting of the Brandon Presbyterians the proposed union of the Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian churches in Canada was discussed, and the general opinion was that church union would be the best means for the advancement of Christianity in Canada, and that the report of the sub-committee as adopted by the joint committee on church union at the fourth conference of the committee representing the three churches held in Toronto last September was very satisfactory.

OBITUARY.

The ranks of Chalmers church, Flesherton, have been soon again broken by the death of on the 17th inst. of a very highly esteemed old member in the person of Mrs. Martha Neil, relict of the late William Neil, elder, who passed away one year ago. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the 19th, when an impressive service was held in Chalmers church, the pastor, Rev. G. C. Little, basing his discourse on John 14:12, "Because I go unto the Father." At the close the speaker paid a fitting tribute to the memory of the deceased, who was an amiable woman and had lived a beautiful, consistent, Christian life. She was one of the founders of the congregation over thirty years ago and had for many years faithfully labored as a teacher in the Sabbath school and as an officer and active worker in the Ladies' Aid Society, where she will now be greatly missed. She was kind and hospitable. Her home was frequently the lodging place of ministers in the field, many of whom will remember the warmth of welcome and comfort received at her hands.

The deceased, who was 67 years of age was born in Darlington, County of Durham, where 47 years ago she was married to her late husband, with whom, in 1861, she moved to Artemesia township. In 1881 Mr. and Mrs. Neil retired from the farm and settled in Flesherton, where they devotedly served the church and were held in the highest esteem.

TORONTO.

Rev. W. A. McTaggart, of Wychwood, was the preacher in Cooke's church last Sunday.

Rev. Alexander McMillan, formerly of St. Enoch's church in this city, is called to Mimico, a growing suburb of the city.

Rev. Alexander McMillan has been lecturing with much acceptance in the Wychwood church on the "Scottish Covenanters."

Rev. Robert Herbison, pastor of St. Giles' church, was called home to Sand Bay last week by the death of his mother. Mrs. Herbison had been ill for some time, but she passed away some what suddenly.

Rev. Dr. E. D. McLaren, general secretary of Presbyterian home missions, leaves this week to attend the synod meetings of the Western provinces, Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia, and will be away about a month.

The building committee of the Knox College Board has suggested the idea of calling for competitive designs from architects for the proposed new building, which will cost \$400,000, and the board will consider this proposition, and also the giving of \$20,000 as a prize to the successful architect.

Many in Toronto, Montreal and elsewhere will be interested in the following: The Rev. Louis H. Jordan has been entrusted with the translation of a work dealing with the historical study of religion in Italian universities, written by Professor Baldassare Labanca. Mr. Jordan is to add an introduction to the Professor's preface. The original title of the book is "Difficoltà Antiche e Nuove Degli Studi Religiosi in Italia."

Mr. W. H. Andrews, M.A., has been ordained and inducted into the charge of Queen street east church. Rev. H. A. Macpherson of Chalmers church was the Moderator appointed by Presbytery. Rev. J. T. Hall, of Swansea, preached the induction sermon. Rev. Principal MacLaren delivered the charge to the minister, and Rev. J. W. Bell, of Kew Beach, addressed the people. Mr. Andrews, who is a graduate of Knox College, succeeds Rev. Wm. Frizzell, who resigned after a lengthened pastorate, owing to continued ill-health.

A pleasing event in Cowan avenue church last week was the burning of the mortgage. It was celebrated in the form of a banquet, at which addresses were delivered by Revs. Dr. Turnbull, Dr. Somerville and others. About 300 members were present. Previous to the banquet the annual meeting of the church, which had been postponed purposely, was held in the auditorium of the church. The financial report showed receipts amounting to \$3,704.97 and disbursements \$3,826.72. From all sources the receipts totalled for the year, including the debt fund, over \$10,000, and since the church was established in 1895 over \$51,000 have been collected. The debt having now been liquidated, the church will raise \$200 annually to financially assist the church at Mimico.

At the nineteenth annual congregational meeting of the St. John's church, which took place in the magnificent new school room, corner Broadview and Simson avenue, the minister, Rev. J. McP. Scott, presided. The principal business under consideration was the submission of the report of the "building committee" and the appointment of a board of managers. The total cost of the new church is \$53,591, of which all but \$30,000 has, through the generosity of the friends of the church, been provided for. Out of the amount raised, \$23,725, fully \$17,000 was raised by those directly in touch with the work of the church. The membership has increased to 648, a net gain of 51 during the year. For missionary purposes there was raised \$2,500, an increase of \$400.

LANARK AND RENFREW.

The first regular meeting of the Presbytery for 1908 was held in St. Paul's church, Smith's Falls, on Monday and Tuesday last week. Mr. Andrew Johnston was appointed moderator for six months and Rev. G. D. Campbell, of Chalk River, was chosen by ballot to succeed his father, the late Dr. Campbell, as clerk. A memorial minute was adopted re the late Dr. Campbell.

Home mission and augmentation reports were presented by Rev. A. A. Scott and Rev. Jno. Hay respectively, conveners of committees on these two schemes. Bathurst and Elmsley congregations asked for \$275 and \$100 respectively, from the augmentation fund.

Permission was given to a committee to invite a lady from the executive of the W.H.M.S. to visit the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew in the interest of the cause of home missions.

Dr. Piddion, of Toronto, addressed the Presbytery as convener of the General Assembly committee on moral and social reform.

Six ministerial and six lay commissioners were appointed to represent the presbytery at the next General Assembly.

Rev. F. Miller presented a report on church life and work which received extensive treatment. Notice of motion was given for the dividing of the Presbytery into two. Consideration was given to the departments of the fund for aged and infirm and the fund for widows and orphans and plans were laid for the strengthening of both funds.

The Presbytery by a majority vote expressed disapproval of the three-fifths requirement in the vote on local option, and resolved upon the appointment of a vigilance committee in each village and town for the strict enforcement of existing laws in the interests of moral reform. Steps were taken with a view of organizing for the submission and carrying of local option and for other reforms within the bounds.

Sessions were asked to consider the organizing of brotherhoods as part of the general plan adopted by the Canadian council on moral and social reform. Remits from the General Assembly were passed upon. Dr. Wm. Hay resigned his charge of Scotland and associate congregations.

The Presbytery was fixed for next regular meeting on May 25th at Blakeney.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

King Gustaf of Sweden's first speech from the throne says that no bill conferring votes on women is to be expected during the present parliament.

The motor cab is rapidly taking the place of the horse cab in the streets of London. In the course of the next month some 700 are to be put on the streets.

An alarming outbreak of enteric fever has occurred in Glasgow. It is confined entirely to the fashionable districts of Millhead, Kelvin-side and Patrickhill.

Queen Alexandra has received a present of a Chinese Chow dog. The animal travelled 12,000 miles and was a New Year's gift from her equerry, Colonel Sir Henry Knollys.

Boatmen captured a large turtle in San Francisco harbor. Attached to its shell was a tablet bearing a Chinese inscription, which proved that it was a sacred one belonging to Pekin.

Belfast ladies have presented to the Countess of Shaftesbury a locket containing a miniature portrait of the little daughter of the countess, who was born in Belfast castle, as a memento of the period she spent as lady mayor.