

## MANITOBA ITEMS.

The Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories met at Brandon in May. Its meeting was harmonious and hopeful. A most profitable evening was spent on Sabbath-schools. Great attention is now being paid to Sabbath-schools in the prairie province. Temperance and Sabbath-school Observance were both discussed. The brethren on the prairies all occupy advanced positions on these subjects. There is not a note of discord. The Committee on the Support of the Theological Department of Manitoba College reported having raised in full the salary of Dr. King, the Professor of Theology, and paid off half the indebtedness against the fund. By the end of the next year the whole debt will be removed. Dr. Bryce reported encouraging facts to the Synod about Manitoba College. The amount for the year received from fees and board was some \$6000. During the year the last instalment of \$4800 of \$24,000 of the mortgage debt was paid off, Winnipeg, in addition to its other amounts, raising for this, \$1450. The debt at Dr. Reid's office was reduced by some \$1100. The debt on the college still remaining is about \$10,500. The college is \$8000 better off than at this date last year. Rev. A. B. Baird, M.A., B.D., will remain in the college in Winnipeg, and have charge of Augustine Church. Rev. R. Y. Thomson, B.D., will lecture for half of the next session on Theology. There are this year 61 students of Manitoba College taking the University examinations out of a total of 108. Results not public at date show Manitoba College to have taken a lion's share of scholarships.

New churches are going up rapidly in Manitoba Synod. A new mission church, to be opened early in July, is under way in Winnipeg, to cost \$1200. It will be used for the Icelandic Mission. A rented hall in the north of the city is now used for Icelandic service, and there is a good attendance. In July there will be two points occupied in the city by our Icelandic missionary. The missionary is an Icelander, Mr. Jonas Johesson. He is a student of Manitoba College, and is most earnest and popular. A new church will be opened at Elkhorn early in July, and another at Schreiber. A horde of student missionaries have been let loose on the North-West this summer, about one-half of them, to the number of 20, being from Manitoba College. St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, has called Rev. Joseph Hogg of Moncton, and expects to get him about July 1st. Mr. Hogg will do well in Winnipeg. Knox Church, Winnipeg, has also called very heartily Rev. F. B. Duval, D.D., of Toledo, Ohio. Dr. Duval is expected to come, and is a good speaker as well as a devoted pastor. The broken ministerial ranks in Winnipeg are being well filled again. The two vacant congregations have stood their vacancies nobly. Every organization in each has gone on with undiminished vigour. The commis-

sioners are just leaving for their enormous visit to the Assembly at Halifax. G. B.

## Obituary.

REV. A. McFAUL, the first moderator of the Presbytery of Orangeville, and for thirty years pastor of Knox Church, Caledon, died suddenly on the 13th of May, in his 53th year. Mr. McFaul was a native of Larne, Ireland, and when still a boy came to Canada with his parents, who settled in Ontario. He was educated for the ministry at Knox College, under the principalship of Dr. Burns, and became an able preacher of the Gospel and an eminently successful pastor. In labours he was abundant, and he died in harness, preaching three times every Sabbath till within a few weeks of his death. He has left a widow and five children to mourn their loss—three daughters and two sons, Dr. D. J. McFaul and Dr. A. McFaul, of Stayner.

MR. JAMES ADAIR, elder in Knox Church, Glenora, died on the 2nd of May in the 79th year of his age. The deceased was born at Enagh, Co. Down, Ireland. He came to Canada in 1871. Soon after his arrival he was ordained to the eldership, and as superintendent of the Sunday-school, and in many other ways, his services were very valuable to the Church.

MR. EBENEZER BIRRELL, an elder in the Church at Claremont, died on the 27th of February last, in the 88th year of his age. He was a native of Kinross-shire, Scotland, and was highly esteemed for his intelligence, prudence and piety. His life was a consistent walk with God. He died the death of the righteous, and entered peacefully on the rest that remains for the people of God.

MR. DONALD KENNEDY, senior elder of Knox Church, Ottawa, died on the 18th of February, in his 83rd year. In the promotion of the Bible Society, temperance societies and other philanthropic institutions, Mr. Kennedy took a prominent part, and was no less active and useful in matters pertaining to the welfare not only of his own congregation, but of many other congregations throughout the Ottawa Valley.

MR. JOHN CARMICHAEL, for a long time a useful elder in the congregation of Sonya, Ont., died on the 23th of February, aged 70 years.

MR. MALCOLM GILLES, of Strathalbyn, P.E.I., recently taken away, was indefatigable in labours of love, especially in Rose Valley, where he resided and superintended the Sunday-school for forty years.

## China.

LETTER FROM REV. J. GOFORTH.

Chefoo, Honan, March 20, 1888.

WHILE at dinner yesterday we were startled by our coolie shouting "Fire, fire?" Our house consisted of five rooms in a row. We ran out and up to the further room. The whole ceiling was in a blaze. The ceiling and roof are all one in a Chinese house. This one consists of paper and strong corn stalks, spread over rafters into which the tiles are plastered. The fire was falling on all sides; everything was catching fire. The room was filled with smoke. The partition which divid-