

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## NEWSPAPER POSTAGE.

Editor *Presbyterian Review*:

SIR, - In your issue of May 19th, I notice a criticism of a communication of mine to the *Winnipeg Free Press* in regard to the packages of Aberdeen Association literature sent out to this province. What I objected to was that these packages should go through the mails free of postage, while in order to make up a deficiency in the revenue it was proposed to impose a postage tax on newspapers. I questioned the necessity of sending these packages to this country at all, and stated that I knew that none who received them at my office and for another office for which we distribute, were in need of charity of that kind. I re-affirm that statement positively. I did not say that that literature was not appreciated. Whether or not it may be considered as a matter for congratulation, I may say that of the many packages I handle only one goes to a Presbyterian family. Now I imagine what is true here is true for the most part for Manitoba generally, although I acknowledge I cannot speak personally of the conditions existing in all other parts of the province. My knowledge though is probably greater than my critic is willing to give me credit for. I contend that religious papers and magazines, and all newspapers generally, do more good to the country than the necessarily limited circulation of Aberdeen literature, and should have the preference in postal favors. Do not misunderstand me. I am not saying a word against those who have originated and are carrying on that scheme of literature distribution; but the recipients are largely, I fear, the objects of misplaced, though not unwelcome charity.

As to the sympathy for the overworked post-master, perhaps it did not occur to the writer that a post-master who distributes for twenty families would have to work at something else to make his living for all he would get out of the post-office, and is probably working a great deal harder every day than his would-be funny critic. But this is not to the point. What I wanted to show in writing to the *Free Press* was that there were other matters that might be subjected to postage before necessarily putting a tax of that kind upon newspapers, and that those packages of Aberdeen Association literature were proper subjects for a postal tax inasmuch as those who received them were not in the proper sense objects of charity.—Yours etc.,

MANITOBA POSTMASTER.

May 20th, 1898.

## Church News

[All communications to this column ought to be sent to the Editor immediately after the occurrences to which they refer have taken place.]

## MONTREAL NOTES.

Tuesday the 31st of May was a red letter day in the history of Taylor Church for on that evening they secured the induction of the Rev. W. D. Reid, B.D. as their pastor. At the induction service the chair was taken by the Rev. Dr. Ross, moderator of session during the vacancy. An able sermon delivered with much warmth and fervor was preached by the Rev. D. Hutchinson the recently inducted minister of St. Theresa. The charge to the new pastor was a characteristic one from Dr. MacKay, which we would like to see reproduced in some form. Mr. Flock concluded with a brief address to the people. There was a large attendance of the congregation who heartily welcomed their new pastor and made him feel that from the outset he occupied a large place in their affections. Mr. Reid is of course no stranger to the city having taken all his college course in Montreal and already served in the pastorate of Victoria church. He begins his work under the best of auspices, having a united congregation well organized and active, a good building and a moderate debt just sufficient to call forth their best endeavors without seeming to be a hopeless burden. The church stands in a large district by itself, there being no other Presbyterian Church within a mile or more. We are satisfied Mr. Reid, by God's blessing,

will give a good account of himself. There are mysterious rumors of the re-enforcement of the pastoral staff in the near future. But meantime we chronicle only the present.

The Rev. M. S. Oxley pastor of Westminster Church and his office-bearers are making a special effort to clear off the balance of the debt resting on their Church building and hope to secure some aid by the added interest of the presence of the General Assembly. If their plans materialize they have some ground to hope that by mid-summer there may remain at most but a few hundred dollars not provided for.

It has been arranged between the sessions of St. Paul's and St. Andrew's churches that the two congregations shall worship together during the holidays. All the congregations of the city are looking forward with interest to the meeting of the General Assembly. Most of them will have some of its members in their homes and it is expected that all the pulpits will be filled by the Commissioners on Sunday. Many of them have been already arranged for and others in process of becoming so.

## MANITOBA NOTES.

Sad news reached Winnipeg in a telegram last week to Rev. Dr. Du Val from Hamilton, Ont. It conveyed the announcement of the death of Mr. Robert Balfour, a former well known resident of Winnipeg, and for many years an elder in Knox church congregation. Mr. Balfour's death occurred on Monday evening from Bright's disease, from which he had been a sufferer for some time.

An able eulogy of the late Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone was delivered in Westminster church, Winnipeg, Sunday, by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Pitblado. His discourse was based upon 2 Samuel, iii. 38. "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" He spoke of the departed as a great man, a great scholar, a great orator, and a great statesman; and said that to write his biography would be, in a certain sense, to write the history of Britain and her colonies for the last sixty years.

At the morning service in St. Andrew's church, Winnipeg, Rev. Joseph Hogg said in referring to Mr. Gladstone: "The nations of the earth are deeply moved by the knowledge of the death of the great British statesman, Hon. W. E. Gladstone. No wonder, for they have all been more or less concerned in the career of his distinguished life. He was the most remarkable man, if not the mightiest personality, of his time in Britain. He was the greatest Englishman of this or perhaps any other century. Think of him as only a statesman and the name of some other may occur that would compare favorably with him. Think only of his learning and you might say that others excelled him in scholarly attainments. Think of him as a theologian and you may know of others at whose feet he might sit. But considered as a politician, as a statesman, as a scholar, as a theologian, as a philanthropist and as a devout follower of Jesus Christ, by whom in our nation has he ever been excelled?"

Knox church, Winnipeg, was filled Sabbath evening with a large congregation, attracted by the announcement that Rev. Dr. Duval would preach a sermon on the life of Gladstone. The texts were from 2 Samuel iii. 38: "And the king said unto his servants, know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel;" and in Psalm xxxvii. 37: "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace." The speaker delivered a warm tribute to the memory of the great British statesman, emphasizing in particular his greatness in his love for humanity. The doctor considered Gladstone the most illustrious man of this generation.

Nearly all the country pastors have followed in the wake of our city and preached or spoken on Gladstone. Some of them have been reported in the papers pretty fully others only note the fact that such has been the case.

Last Sabbath was the day devoted to the various societies in Emerson to their annual church parade in aid of the Winnipeg Hospital. The different orders met at the town hall in the morning and marched to the Presbyterian church where the service was held.

The Rev. Mr. Mellick and W. S. A. Crux, B.A., preached to an appreciative audience. The collection taken and subsequent gifts amounted to over \$50, which was forwarded to the Hospital.

Mr. T. W. Bell preached in Emerson last Sabbath Morning and evening. Rev. Mr. Robertson's resignation is before the Presbytery.

Since Rev. Mr. Faryon has taken charge of Dominion City both Endeavors have been resurrected and the church is actively engaged in assisting them. The Juniors held a picnic last Tuesday at the house of Mr. Witty. It was a success both in pleasure and profit and the Endeavor is now supplied with all needed material.

Rev. Mr. Miller has been supplying at Gretna for the last few Sabbaths.

Rook Lake Presbytery meets on July 12th on the banks of Rook Lake and holds a conference on "Family Religion." It is proposed to discuss it under the following heads: I. As it ought to be. II. Blessing. III. Hindrances. IV. Difficulties overcome.

## GENERAL.

The corner stone of the renewed St. Andrew's church, Perth, will be laid this week.

Rev. J. Steven, of Dutton, Ont., sails this week for Scotland, and will be absent for two months.

Rev. Jacob Layton was inducted into the pastoral charge of Cove Head and St. Peter's Road, P.E.I., on the 30th ult.

The call by the Presbyterians of Glenboro to Rev. J. Reddon, of Moosomin, has been sustained. He will be inducted on June 7th.

Rev. Alex. Macgillivray, of Toronto, conducted the anniversary services at Walton on the 29th ult., it being the eleventh anniversary of the laying the corner stone of the new church.

Rev. J. R. Turnbull, Orangeville, one of this year's graduates of Queen's College, Kingston, has accepted a call extended to him by the congregation of St. Paul's church, Bowmanville.

A special meeting of Sarnia Presbytery was held in Wyoming on the 31st ult., when the call extended by Wyoming and South Plympton congregations to Rev. W. G. Richardson was considered. Conditional arrangements were made for the ordination and induction on June 21st.

Rev. A. M. Hamilton has just completed his twenty-first year as pastor of Winterbourne church. A congregational social was held, at which Rev. G. Cuthbertson, late of Wyoming, and Rev. J. McNair, of Waterloo, were present and delivered addresses. Mr. Cuthbertson was the first pastor of the Free church in the village over forty years ago.

Rev. C. H. Cooke, B.A., Smith's Falls, preached at Baltimore and Cold Springs on a recent Sabbath, just ten years from the day on which he preached his farewell sermons there. On Wednesday of the same week he took part in the ordination and induction of Rev. R. H. Hunter, a member of his Smith's Falls congregation, who was recently called to this station.

A meeting of the Stratford Presbytery was held at Tavistock on the afternoon of the 31st ult., to ordain and induct the Rev. H. McCulloch into the pastoral charge of Knox church, in that village. Rev. M. L. Leitch, of Stratford, presided. The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Anderson, of Milverton, after which Rev. B. McCulloch, was formally ordained and inducted by the Presbytery. Rev. Mr. McLachlan, of Harrington addressed the pastor, whilst Rev. R. Pyke, of Shakespeare, addressed the congregation. At the close of the service Rev. Mr. McCulloch was introduced to the people by Rev. R. Pyke.

The induction of the Rev. J. A. Cranston to the pastorate of the congregations of Rockwood and Eden Mills by the Presbytery of Guelph took place on Tuesday, the 31st ult., in the church at the former place. There was a good attendance of members and adherents from both congregations. The Rev. P. T. McLaren, Belwood, Moderator, presided. Rev. R. E. Knowles, Galt, preached the sermon, Rev. Mr. Blair, Nasagaways, addressed the minister, and Rev.