

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. A. H. Scott, B.D., of Perth, occupied the Presbyterian pulpit in Cryslar on Sunday.

Rev. George Guthbertson, Toronto, has been visiting Rev. Prof. and Mrs. Jordan, Kingston.

St. Andrew's church, Williamstown, which has been undergoing repairs for the past month is now ready for occupation.

The Rev. Alex. Rennie B.A., Roslin, occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's church, Brighton, last Sabbath, preaching both morning and evening.

The Rockland Presbyterians are preparing to build a church that will cost about \$2500. Under the faithful pastorate of Mr. McIntyre the congregation has greatly increased in attendance, and gives bright promise of much further growth.

Mr. James, of Carleton Place, conducted services in St. John's church Almonte, on Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Mitchell. W. J. Paterson, M.A., of Carleton Place, took charge of the services in St. Andrew's church Sunday, Rev. Mr. Hutcheson, the pastor of the church, having gone to Europe.

A large number of members of Old St. Andrew's mission, Lanark, drove to the home of Mr. Walter McLaughlin, sr., Drummond, on Monday evening, 13th inst., and presented that aged gentleman with an address and an easy chair. Monday was Mr. McLaughlin's ninetieth birthday, but even at this advanced age he is hale and hearty, and sound in both body and mind. Only a short time ago he drove to Carleton Place to visit his son. An address, expressive of the high esteem in which the aged gentleman is held, was read by Mr. W. C. Caldwell, M.P.P. This was signed by a committee of the congregation, consisting of Messrs. John Maclean, James McFadden and Robert Beatty.

The anniversary social which was held on the beautiful lawn of the Manse, Summerstown, on Thursday evening last week was a decided success both socially and financially. The large and commodious residence which was opened for the occasion was well adapted for the entertainment. The location is one of the prettiest on the river. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather a large crowd gathered to celebrate the second anniversary of the induction of their pastor, Rev. J. Matheson. The programme was varied and excellent. Rev. J. Matheson occupied the chair. The entertainment was brought to a close by all joining in "God Save the Queen."

Winnipeg and West.

The Presbyterians of Edmonton have erected an \$8,000 church.

Rev. Frank Russell, returned missionary, has been addressing a meeting of the W. F. M. auxiliary in Knox church on the mission work in India. Mrs. Du Val presided.

Winnipeg Free Press, Aug. 16.—Rev. Peter Wright, D. D., of Portage la Prairie, will commence to-day in Manitoba college, in connection with the summer session, a two weeks' series of lectures on the subject of preaching.

Rev. Dr. Bryce, has returned from a three weeks visit to the coast and other points in British Columbia.

Speaking of the Manitoba Prohibition Act, to a representative of the Vancouver World Hon. Mr. Johnston said it becomes operative next June, at which time every hotel and saloon in the Prairie Province must close. There will be no liquor sold in the province under any pretext, and the Government have taken measures to enforce the act to the full. Manufacturing which is licensed by the Dominion Government, will, of course, continue; but there are no distilleries and only a few breweries in Manitoba.

Dr. Bryce, Winnipeg, has been visiting Vancouver. He preached in St. Andrew's church while there. To the World, in the course of an interview on the Century Fund, Dr. Bryce pointed out that the fund is proving most popular. Though begun but a year ago in June, the million dollars aimed at in the Dominion is already in view. It was reported at the General Assembly, which met in Halifax, that upwards of \$700,000 had been subscribed, \$400,000 for the debt fund and more than \$300,000 for the aggressive work of the church. Dr. Bryce says that no part of the Dominion occupies so fully the mind of the statesmen of the church as British Columbia. The miners of the Kootenay and of Atlin and the Yukon are exposed to special temptations, and the church is laying plans to

cover the whole field. He makes an appeal to the west to do its share. Winnipeg Presbytery is expecting to raise \$55,000, two-fifths of it for the common fund, and he believes that from the fact that about \$200,000 of the common fund is largely for the west, the two western Synods, as being made up of independent and noble-minded people, will do their full share.

Maritime Provinces.

The W. F. M. S., of Miramichi Presbytery met in St. John's Church, Chatham last Tuesday.

Mrs. H. R. Robertson, wife of our missionary, intends to return to Eromanga about the middle of next month.

The W. F. M. S., of Wallace Presbytery met at River John on Aug. 7th. The meeting was large and enthusiastic.

The Presbytery of Wallace has called a convention of Y. P. S. and S. S. workers to be held at Amherst on Sept. 3rd.

The new St. John's church at Windsor, replacing the edifice destroyed in the great fire, is to be reopened on September 2nd. Revs. Dr. Black and A. Gandier are to officiate.

The W. F. M. S., of Halifax Presbytery, met at Wolfville on Aug. 7th. Dr. Morton was present and rendered very welcome assistance. There are 30 auxiliaries and \$159.25 were raised.

The N. B. Sunday law, which was sustained by the Supreme Court of the province, is to be enforced next Sunday in St. John. The tobaccoists and soda-water venders are much disturbed at it.

The Kirk congregation of Westville, Pictou Co., has called the Rev. George B. McLeod. Mr. McLeod is a Maritime Province man, and is now settled in Newcastle, Ont. He holds an M. A. degree and was ordained in 1895.

Literary Notes.

The best thing of the kind reaching our desk is *The Living Age*. It contains, from week to week, the cream of contemporary literature, republished from the leading English and Continental reviews and magazines. Living Age Company, Boston, Mass. Price \$6.00 per annum.

The third volume of Dr. Hastings' "Dictionary of the Bible" will be published by Messrs. T. & T. Clark, on or about August 25th. The volume extends from Kir to Pleiades, and among the contributors are the following Presbyterians: Prof. Denney, Prof. A. McMillen, Rev. V. Fairweather, Principal Salmond, Prof. T. B. Kilpatrick.

Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for September illustrates the possibilities of a Magazine which aims to keep in touch with the serious interests of the more intelligent men and women of today, as well as to amuse every reader by cleverness and variety. In this number the much talked of Wu Tingfang, Chinese Minister at Washington, contributes an intelligent paper upon his own people, and this is reinforced by an article telling just the facts about the Boxers which few people know, and everybody wants to know. An instructive article gives an account of the wonderful process of Uncle Sam's mint; and in fiction, too, the number is strong, and its variety is shown by the contrast between an entertaining story of Francis Gribble's "The Princess Who Was Treated Badly," and the "Mission of Corporal Thompson," a story of genuine human feeling. Poetry and illustrations also help make up an attractive magazine.

We should long ago have acknowledged the receipt of the Official Hand Book of the Presbyterian Church of England for 1899-1900. A cursory glance at its neat pages proves it to be a useful publication—a regular *mutuum in parvo*. The leading feature of the Hand Book is a condensed notice of every congregation in the church, giving among other things, the year in which it was founded, the sittings, communicants, Sabbath schools, stipend paid, finances, names of Ministers, representative Elder, session clerk and other officials. Then there are concise particulars furnished about the various Mission Schemes of the church, list of probationers; officers of the Council of Federated Churches; officers of the Alliance of Reformed Churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian System, along with a list of the Churches composing the same. Price Sixpence. London: T. F. Downie, 14 Paternoster Square, E.C.

British and Foreign Items.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie of Skibo is presenting a fever hospital to Bonar Bridge.

Inverness Dean of Guild has passed plans for the erection of Crown Free Church.

Mr. S. R. Crockett is engaged upon a new book which will be named "Grey Galloway."

Rev. Andrew Thom has just completed 25 years' ministry in the Free Church of Tullibody.

On the 26th ult. the Rev. Thomas Paterson was inducted to the Free Church at Auchencrain.

The Earl of Aberdeen takes an active interest in the care of the sick and wounded in South Africa.

Altnaharra Free Church, Sutherlandshire, situated in a wild and mountainous district, is getting an organ.

Rev. W. S. Bruce, D.D., Banff, is a candidate for the vacant chair of Moral Philosophy in Aberdeen University.

Mr. Archibald Forbes' widow, with the assistance of a literary friend, is to write her husband's biography.

Smallpox is decreasing in Glasgow, but it is succeeded by an outbreak of typhoid traced to a farm with defective water supply.

Messrs. John Romans and Charles Waddle have sent a circular to all the members of Parliament demanding Home Rule for Scotland.

At Morganside Park, Edinburgh, on the 29th ult., aged 81, died the widow of the Rev. John G. Macvicar, D.D., LL.D., minister of Moffat.

The death has occurred at Huntly, Aberdeenshire, of Rev. Wm. Ingram, senior minister of Rothiemay Free Church, at the advanced age of eighty-eight.

Rev. A. S. Martin, Scone, has been presented with an address, signed by 1000 persons, expressing sympathy with him and confidence in his character.

St. Clement's parish church, Glasgow, was reopened on Sunday last after renovation. The new feature is a very handsome apse for the organ soon to be erected.

Dr. Carl has gone to Switzerland for a rest, after taking part in a C. E. Convention held in Paris, and a very successful Convention held at Veinagoroda, in the Hartz mountains.

A disgusted visitor to Helensburg sneers at the "make-believe Esplanade" of the place, and declares that the only amusements are tee-total lectures and Salvation Army meetings.

It is now stated that the last minister to be inducted under the Patronage Act was Rev. J. T. Williamson, Ballantrae, who was presented to that charge in December, 1874, by the Earl and Countess of Stair.

John W. Lovell, sales agent, 83 Chambers street, and formerly of Montreal, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities \$64,477, and no assets, except a lot in Woodlawn Cemetery, which is exempt.

At a meeting of the Chi Alpha in New York, held recently, Dr. Cuyler said he had passed his fifty-ninth anniversary as a writer for the religious Press, and that during that time he had contributed 4,500 articles to its columns.

The United Presbyterian Church at West Calder, will be known hereafter as Harwood United Free Church, and the Free Church as Limefield United Free Church. The churches take the names of the estates on which they are built.

An Englishman, Mr. Dyson Perrins, has built a beautiful church for the district of Ardross, as a thankoffering for the recovery of his wife from a severe illness. It is one of the prettiest in the Highlands, and is lighted and heated by electricity.

At a meeting of Inverness Free Presbytery a discussion extending over three and a half hours took place on the overture anent union between the Free and the United Presbyterian Churches. The motion in favour of the union was finally carried by 12 votes to 11.

About three miles from Castle-Douglas a bridge 100 years old spans the river Dee. On the one side is a district called Glenlochra, a name obviously modern; on the other lies a small hamlet of about a score of cottages which has always been called "The Abbeyyard."