

A MOST successful convention was held at Hull in Zion Presbyterian Church, of which Rev. Mr. Dempster is pastor. The meetings were held last week. Delegates were present from nearly every Sunday school in the county, and a great impetus to Sabbath school work is expected from the convention. Three delegates were present from Montreal, Mr. Fraser, Mr. S. Muirhead and Miss Bagin. The first meeting was opened with devotional exercises in which special blessing was asked on behalf of the convention, after which the annual reports from the schools were read and the various committees were formed. A meeting for Bible study was held, also a conference on teachers' meetings. The evening was devoted to a praise service and papers were read on the religious training of children by Rev. C. A. Doudiet and on "The Home and Sabbath School, or where the parent's duty ends and the teacher's duty begins." The next day's services began with devotional exercises followed by addresses from Rev. G. M. Clark, of New Edinburgh, on "Teachers' Qualifications and Mistakes," by Mr. D. Torrance Fraser. In the afternoon Mr. S. Muirhead spoke on "Normal Bible Study," and was followed by Rev. F. W. Reid on "The Relation of Sabbath Schools to Missions, Home and Foreign." One of the most interesting meetings of the convention was a mass meeting of children when addresses were given by delegates and Miss Bagin taught a model infant class lesson. At the closing session Rev. Mr. Dempster presided. The question drawer was opened and much instruction gained on the questions asked and answered. Mr. Fraser addressed the meeting on "Present Demands of the Sunday School Work." Rev. Dr. Ryckman gave the closing address speaking of the teacher's reward. A large choir composed of members of the Hull Churches and assisted by friends from Ottawa rendered several selections of sacred music during the evening and added much to the enjoyment of the session. Votes of thanks were passed to those who had so hospitably entertained the delegates, also to the officials of Zion Church for their courtesy in allowing the convention to use the church. The meeting closed with the benediction and the teachers separated with renewed earnestness to take up their good work in the nursery of the Church.

TORONTO Presbytery met in the Presbyterian church, Georgetown, Tuesday week. The Moderator, Rev. James Fraser, of Sutton, being unable to be present, Rev. Joseph Alexander, of Norval, was appointed in his place. Mr. Buchanan's final examination before the Presbytery was then proceeded with, and found to be satisfactory. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. McGillivray, of Bonar Church, Toronto, from the words: "Let your light shine before men," etc. The sermon was impressive and practical. The usual questions regarding doctrine were then asked of the candidate and satisfactory answers received. The ordination prayer was then offered by the Moderator accompanied by the laying on of hands of the Presbytery. The Moderator next addressed the newly-ordained pastor. Rev. Mr. Turnbull then addressed the congregation in a thoroughly practical manner. The importance of sympathy and co-operation was insisted upon, and the people were assured that the success of the minister would depend largely upon the help and encouragement he should receive from them. At the close of the afternoon a luncheon was served, which was liberally patronized. In the evening a welcome service was held. The Moderator of the afternoon took the chair. Rev. Mr. McGillivray, of Toronto, and Rev. Mr. Haddow, of Milton, then gave short spicy addresses, urging the importance of sympathy and prayer. The Rev. Joseph Fennell, Rev. Mr. Pedley, and Rev. W. E. Norton welcomed the new pastor. Rev. Mr. Argo, of Norval, and Rev. Mr. Pringle, of Port Arthur, next spoke. The last-named gentleman in a very happy way indulged in some reminiscences of his former pastorate in Georgetown, and assured Mr. Buchanan of his settlement among a warm-hearted people. Mr. Buchanan was then called upon and briefly expressed his appreciation of all the congratulations and good wishes that had been offered. The choir rendered several very appropriate anthems during the evening. The congregation during the afternoon presented Mr. Alexander with an address and purse of \$50 as a token of their appreciation of his services as Moderator of the Session during the vacancy. Thus ended a happy day. We heartily join in welcoming Mr. Buchanan, and wish him a long and prosperous pastorate.

ACCORDING to adjournment the Presbytery of Guelph met on the 23rd June, in the First Church, Eramosa, to hear Mr. D. B. Marsh, who has accepted a call to that congregation, deliver his exercises and undergo examination preparatory to his ordination and induction. The trial discourses having been given were sustained. At the meeting in the afternoon, in presence of the congregation, which filled the church, Mr. Mullan, of St. Andrew's Church, Fergus, preached an impressive sermon from Hebrews x. 26. After the sermon Mr. Strachan, of Rockwood, who was Moderator of Session during the vacancy and was Moderator *pro tem.* of the Presbytery at this meeting, gave a brief narrative of the steps in the call to Mr. Marsh, and then put to him the questions appointed to be put on such occasions. Satisfactory answers having been returned to these the Presbytery engaged in solemn prayer, Mr. Strachan leading them, in the course of which and by the laying on of hands, Mr. Marsh was set apart to the work of the ministry and inducted into the pastoral charge of the First Church, Eramosa. Mr. Rae, of Knox Church, Acton, addressed him, and Mr. Craig, of Melville Church, Fergus, the people, on their respective duties. Mr. Beattie, of Knox Church, Guelph, was appointed to repair with Mr. Marsh to the door of the church at the close of the services that the people as they retired might have the opportunity of welcoming him as their pastor by taking him by the right hand. All the services were suitable and impressive, and great interest was taken in them

by the large congregation present. The charge is an important one. It has been vacant for a long period. The settlement now effected is a harmonious one, and promises to be peaceful and prosperous. Among other business transacted by the Presbytery a committee was appointed with whom the elders of Knox Church, Elora, may co-operate in procuring supply for their pulpit which has become vacant through the translation of Mr. Leitch to Knox Church, Stratford. A bounteous spread such as the good women of Eramosa are famed for providing was enjoyed at six o'clock, the tables being adorned with flowers and burdened with tempting eatables. The church was filled for the aftermeeting. Rev. D. Strachan occupied the chair and received a handsome purse for his trouble and expense as Moderator. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Beattie, Guelph; Rae, Acton; Craig and Mullan, Fergus; McIntyre, Knox College, and the new pastor, Marsh. Rev. Arch. Stevenson, of Molesworth, Ont., a former pastor of Mr. Marsh's, was present, and delivered an able address commending the young minister to the people in his charge. Excellent music was furnished by a choir of twenty voices, made up of St. Andrew's choir, Guelph, assisted by some of the best vocalists from other choirs in the city. The usual votes of thanks were heartily given and the meeting closed in good time.

THE commencement exercises of the year now ending of the Brantford Ladies' College began last Thursday week. This year, on account of the great increase in students in the different departments, the closing exercises have been arranged to cover six days. On Thursday afternoon last class day was held, when the graduates for the present year presented their alma mater with a handsome urn for the college grounds, as a memento of the happy days spent in study. The graduates took charge of the exercises, which consisted of an address of welcome to the invited friends by Miss Alice Petrie, of Guelph; the toasts of the junior class, by Miss Clara Austin, of Vancouver, and the prophecies of the middle class, by Miss Gertrude McIntosh, B.C. Then followed a history of the graduating class by Miss Ella Charlton, of St. George; the Last Will and Testament of the Class, by Miss Marion McEachern, of Vankleek Hill; and the class song, written by Miss Josephine McCallum, of Stromness, and set to music by Mr. Fairclough, the director of music in the college. Dr. Cochrane, the governor, on the part of the board of directors, thanked the graduates for their handsome gift, which would not only be additional attraction to the grounds, but be always associated with pleasant memories of the donors in the years to come. On Thursday evening Wyckliffe Hall was filled with an appreciative audience, to listen to the eulogistic recital given by the pupils of Miss Hart's classes. The programme was interspersed with vocal and instrumental selections, and greatly enjoyed by the large audience. This department of college work has shown marked improvement during the past two years. Miss Hart has the rare faculty of inspiring her pupils with an enthusiasm that makes them *en rapport* with their selections, whether grave or gay. Friday evening was devoted to the annual conversation of the alumnae of the college. The drawing-room and class-rooms were densely crowded with prominent citizens and friends of the students, while others took advantage of the beautiful grounds to promenade. The buildings and surroundings were brilliantly illuminated, and the orchestra played sweet music at intervals in the programme. The exercises consisted of music by the students and vocalists from abroad, followed by the formal reception of the graduates of the present year into the ranks of the alumnae. Then came the reading of the prize essay on "The Friendship of Books," by Miss Ella Charlton, of St. George, the young lady who carried off the honour. On Saturday afternoon a musical rehearsal was given, to afford an opportunity for a larger number of students in vocal and instrumental music to be heard than possible at the regular evening entertainments. Professor Fairclough, Miss M. Iles, and Miss Strong received many well deserved encomiums for the manner in which the several pieces were rendered, and the distinct articulation that characterized the vocalists. On Sunday evening the Baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Cochrane in Zion Church. The graduates, nine in number, occupied the front pew. His theme was "Renunciation and Reward," based upon the passage in Hebrews ii. 24-26, where the choice of Moses is described by the apostle. His discourse was an earnest and affectionate appeal to the graduates to choose rather affliction with the people of God than pleasure of sin, closing by a touching reference to their near separation and the duties to which they would soon be called in their different spheres. The entire service was deeply solemn. Last Monday evening the closing concert was given in Wyckliffe Hall, and on Tuesday evening the convocation exercises were held, when the diplomas, medals and prizes were distributed, and addresses given by Hon. A. S. Hardy, M.P.P., Drs. Laing and Thompson, and others.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—A *pro re nata* meeting was held on the 23rd inst. in Knox Church, Stratford, for the induction of Rev. M. L. Leitch and to consider a call in favour of Rev. W. W. Crow from Nissouri. The call was sustained and the Clerk instructed to forward it to Mr. Crow. The induction services were then proceeded with. Mr. Cosgrove, of St. Mary's, preached from Matt. xii. 7, after which Mr. Tully who presided offered prayer and inducted Mr. Leitch in the usual form and manner. Mr. Stewart addressed the minister and Mr. Hamilton the people. Mr. Panton accompanied Mr. Leitch to the door, where the congregation gave him the right hand of fellowship. In the evening a splendid reception was tendered Mr. Leitch, at which addresses were given by most of the city ministers and several members of Presbytery.—A. F. TULLY, Pres. Clerk.

British and Foreign.

DEAN VAUGHAN is a lineal descendant of Henry Vaughan the poet.

THE testimonial to Dr. Morrison of the Normal School will amount to at least \$5,000.

ALL the six hundred native newspapers of India, except half a dozen, may be set down as inimical to Christianity.

THE use of ether in Ireland as a beverage is said to have decreased largely since the recent legislation to put it down.

ST. CUTHBERT'S congregation, Edinburgh, propose to raise \$1,500 a year to support a missionary in the foreign field.

DR. GEORGE MACDONALD preached recently to a crowded congregation in University Road Wesleyan Church, Belfast.

DR. M'CAW, who has resigned his charge at Jersey, will henceforth reside in Ireland, but continue to act as Clerk of the English Synod.

MR. W. T. STEAD intends visiting Glasgow this summer to take notes of the manner in which the authorities in that city deal with social problems.

IN connection with the 212th anniversary of Drumclog a sermon was preached on the battlefield on a recent Sunday by Rev. W. W. Spiers of Darvel.

THE Rev. Joseph Copland, formerly missionary in the New Hebrides and until recently editor of the Sydney *Presbyterian*, is at present on a visit to Britain.

THE Rev. R. Rutherford of Newlands has been released by Edinburgh U. P. Presbytery from active charge of his congregation on account of age and infirmity. He has been forty-four years its minister.

ALL students in the provincial high schools of Russia, without regard to their religious views, are henceforward to be compelled to attend the lessons in the Orthodox Catechism.

ANNANDALE U. P. Presbytery have agreed to their Committee on co-operation with the Free Church making arrangements for a simultaneous exchange of pulpits and for a conference in the autumn.

THE rival custodians of the "holy places" at Jerusalem have had another fight, this time about the repairing of a wall. Turkish soldiers intervened, and in a short time "the holy spot was strewn with dead and dying."

THE Ladies Association for Foreign Missions which held its annual meeting in Edinburgh lately, having now twenty-one European missionaries in India and two in East Africa, propose to begin female mission work in connection with the Church's mission in China.

THE shriek of the locomotive was first heard on the Congo on 6th March. A trial trip was made on the line of railway, which had been laid for about two miles. The strange sight caused great excitement among the natives, who looked on open-mouthed from a respectful distance.

MACKAY of Uganda's translation of the Scriptures is being diligently completed by three of his most intelligent converts and pupils. The memoir of Mackay by his sister, of which over 8,000 copies have been sold, has led several young men to consecrate themselves to the evangelization of Africa.

LONDON Presbytery, North, held its annual open-air service in Regent's Park on a recent Sabbath afternoon. Rev. L. Woffendale presided in the absence of Dr. Monro Gibson, Moderator of Synod, and Rev. John M'Neill of Regent Square and Rev. Duncan Sillars of Haverstock Hill addressed a deeply interested assemblage of over 2,000.

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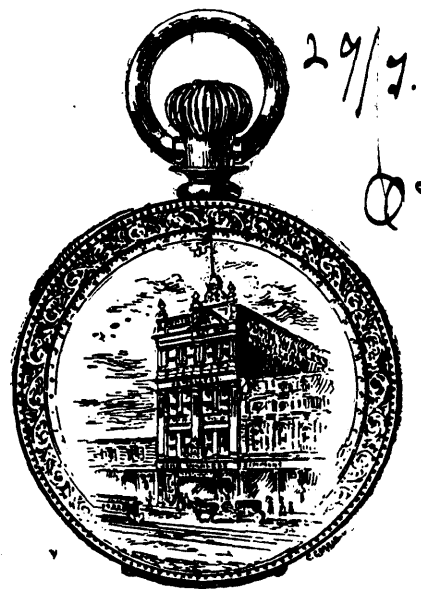


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