

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. T. G. Thompson, of Vankleek Hill, occupied the pulpit of St. John's church, Cornwall, the pastor, Rev. N. H. McGillivray, preaching in Knox church, Vankleek Hill.

Rev. N. H. McGillivray, of St. John's church, Cornwall, gave a most interesting lecture on "The Grand Canyon of Arizona," in Knox church, Vankleek Hill, last Monday evening.

The Rev. Prof. E. A. MacKenzie, of Montreal, has been visiting the Rev. D. MacVicar, of St. Luke's, Finch, and preached for Mr. MacVicar at Finch and Cressler last Sunday.

Rev. W. W. Peck, of St. Andrew's Church, Arnprior, has resumed work after an enjoyable trip to our new provinces, where he saw great changes and improvements since his first visit a few years ago. During Mr. Peck's absence, Rev. D. J. McLean, the previous pastor, most acceptably took all the services.

Early on the morning of the 26th ult., the Presbyterian manse at Omemee, was badly damaged by fire. Rev. Mr. Whitelaw and his family were awakened by the smoke and had narrow escapes, most of them getting out in their night-clothes. The fire was confined to the kitchen, which was destroyed. The loss is about \$1,500; insured in 'no Northern.

Rev. Mr. Mingie and bride were given a hearty reception by the Wales Ladies' Aid Society and members of the congregation. It was a very pleasant affair. Suitable addresses were given by Rev. C. O. Carson, M.A., Wales, Rev. A. E. Hazar and Rev. James Hastie, Monline. The subjects discussed were Matrimony and Thanksgiving. Vocal and instrumental music of a high order gave added interest to the occasion.

How would it do for Canadian Magistrates to deal with a too numerous class of our population in manner following? Cleveland, Ohio, has adopted a new method of dealing with the drunkard. Instead of sending him or her to jail, the prisoner is placed on a farm owned by the city and given a chance to work. The work is real, the hours are long and the air is pure. When the sentence is up the prisoner is better off physically, and if he is of the tramp class has made up his mind to steer clear of Cleveland in the future. Other places might follow Cleveland's plan with profit. The Cleveland plan should be worth a trial.

SAUGEEN PRESBYTERIAL.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Saugeen Presbyterial was held in Arthur on Tuesday. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Ridd, of Arthur, and Mrs. Dyce, of Fairbairn, and the Presbyterial reports were received. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Hanna, Mt. Forest; 1st vice, Mrs. Little, Holstein; 2nd vice, Mrs. Gunn, Durham; 3rd vice, Mrs. Scott, Clifford; 4th vice, Mrs. Robson, Conn; secretary, Mrs. Barber, Arthur; treasurer, Mrs. Aull, Palmerston; secretary of supplies, Mrs. McKay, Harrison; secretary of tidings, Miss Lochhead, Drayton.

It was decided to change the time of the annual meeting to the second Tuesday in June. The president, Mrs. Hanna, gave a very helpful and encouraging address. Greetings from sister societies were received, and a solo was sung by Miss Ethel Anderson, which was much appreciated. Dr. Nugent, of India, gave very interesting addresses on the work there. Papers on "Membership, its responsibilities and duties," were read by Mrs. Blackwood, of Harrison, and Mrs. Wright, of Mt. Forest, followed by discussion. A song was rendered by the Mission.

A resolution of condolence was passed to Mrs. (Rev.) John Morrison on her bereavement since last meeting. The next meeting is to be held in Holstein.

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

Messrs. William Hunter and Joseph E. Wallace have been elected elders in Knox church, Winnipeg. Their ordination and induction took place on a recent Sunday.

The new synod of Saskatchewan formed out of a portion of the synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, will hold its first regular meeting in Regina on Nov. 6, Rev. J. Leishman, of Fleming, presiding and preaching the opening sermon.

At a meeting of the presbytery of Yorkton at Salcoats on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, Rev. Mr. King was appointed moderator for the next year. The call to Mr. Patterson, late of Glenboro, from Binscarth and Foxwarren, was sustained and Mr. Patterson has accepted.

Vegreville, Alta., is to have a new hospital, the gift of Mrs. Roland J. Boswell, Elora, Ont., and to be known as the "Boswell hospital." It is built under the auspices of the Women's Home Missionary society of the Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Boswell is a member. The cost will be about \$6,000. The aim will be primarily a mission hospital, but at the same time will be a public and general hospital for those of any creed or race.

Manitoba college has secured the services of R. J. Richardson, B.A., to take charge of the department of philosophy. Mr. Richardson is a Canadian by birth and a distinguished graduate of the University of Toronto in this department. After completing his under-graduate course he studied in Clark university, Massachusetts, and later spent a year in further prosecution of philosophic work in Germany. Mr. Richardson has proven himself a capable teacher, and he comes to Manitoba college with the reputation of having one of the clearest minds, one of the strongest personalities, and one of the most effective styles of presenting truth of any of the younger Canadian professional teachers.

Speaking of the progress of church work within the bounds of the presbytery of Qu'Appelle, of which he is the clerk, Rev. Thomas McAfee, of Indian Head, stated that an excellent new frame church had been opened during the month of August at Springbrook, the dedicatory service being conducted by Rev. A. Robson, of Abernethy, one of the pioneer ministers of the district. A new church is also being built at Qu'Appelle, which will be dedicated within a few months. Rev. F. A. Clare, a recent graduate of Manitoba college, who has been supplying the church at Ellisboro, will give up the work there and will assume charge of the Indian work on the reserves known as Pasqua, Muscowpetung's and Piapot's.

A report of the inspectors of lunatics in Ireland was issued on the 21st inst. It shows that the proportion of insane to the total population in 1901 was 56.2 in 1,000, compared with 15.2 in 1851. The number of patients in public asylums rose from 5,667 in 1880 to 13,532 in 1895, and 18,094 in 1903.

The list of statesmen who have lost their wives in recent years is a sadly long one. Within quite a brief period Earl Spencer, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, Lord Tweedmouth, Viscount Althorpe, Viscount Knutsford, Sir Edward Gray, Viscount Goshen, Marquis of Salisbury and Sir Campbell-Bannerman.

The Primitive Methodist denomination is one of the largest and most influential in Great Britain. Next to the Wesleyan, it is by far the most important branch of Methodism in the United Kingdom. This year it reports an increase of 122 Endeavour societies in the senior section, with an addition of 4,576 in the active membership.

NORTH BAY PRESBYTERY.

At the recent meeting of this presbytery at Powassan, the report on Aggregations showed increased giving and the following persons were appointed to visit the augmented congregations:—Rousseau, Messrs. Childerhose and Hackney; Callander, Powassan and Burks Falls, Messrs. Johnston and Mann.

The Home Mission Report was very satisfactory showing thirty fine fields and eighty-eight preaching stations. The following recommendations were adopted:—1. That as Cobalt promises \$550 per annum, it be raised to an augmented congregation, and we ask for a grant of \$250 and that a condition of proving that the title to its property is satisfactory, we ask for a grant also of \$200 to aid the building of a church.

2. That the following fields be visited with a view of being raised to the status of augmented congregations:—Aspden by Mr. McLennan; Magnetawan by Dr. Findlay; and Mattawa by Mr. Johnston.

3. That this presbytery make a special effort to raise \$1,000 for Home Missions, inasmuch as our contributions are not growing in proportion to our demands on the fund.

4. That special prayers be made in our Sabbath services, that God would thrust laborers into his field and that supply be given to Bonfield, Carling, Charlton, Dunchurch, Katrine, Orville, Milberta, Markstay, Sprucedale, Ravensworth, Mining and Lumber Camps.

An adjourned meeting of presbytery was appointed to be held at Sundridge, October 9th to induct the Rev. Geo. Thom. Dr. Findlay to preside, Mr. S. G. Steele to preach, Mr. Becket to address the minister and Mr. Johnstone, the people.

In accordance with a circular from the General Assembly it was agreed to call the attention of ministers and congregations to the observance of Sabbath, October 28th as a Thanksgiving Day for Home Missions.

The subject of Union with other churches was discussed in a spirited manner, but no resolution was passed as all that was required at present was to give the people as much information as possible on the steps already taken and the proposed basis of Union.

Mr. Childerhose reported that Evangelistic work had been resumed at Cobalt by Mr. Rogers after his holidays, and in the near future he would be at New Liskeard, and after that he would be open for engagements through the committee.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Disused tramcars are being used at Leith as sanatoria for consumptives.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman on Sept. 7th attained the seventieth year of his age.

It is said that 7,700 husbands deserted their wives in the city of New York last year.

The church representing the Highland element in Dundee is one of the oldest in the city, dating back several hundred years.

For the last few months the Marquis of Bute has been busy learning Gaelic, and has made excellent progress in the old language.

Sir Robert Buchanan Jardine of Castlemlik has contributed a thousand pounds to the Dumfriesshire Consumptive Sanatorium.

Mr. Haldane, the British Secretary for War, says the time for compelling the reduction of the crushing burden of armaments is nearer than many think.

The proposal of the South Australian Government to reduce from £25 to £15 the franchise qualification for electors to the Legislative Assembly has been rejected.

A bit of silver plate, weighing two pounds, and some anchor chains, muskets, leaden bullets and a sword, are among the treasure trove rescued from the Spanish treasure ship at Tobermory.