

than the present, Presbytery readily gave their sanction, and granted the congregation leave to build a church at Nestleton, where a site has already been presented by a gentleman belonging to the Church of England.

The Synod of Toronto and Kingston is making an effort to collect material for the future historian of our church. This matter came before Presbytery, and drew forth a general expression of interest. The oversight of this work for the Presbytery was placed in the hands of Rev. W. R. Wood, of Claremont, our local historian.

Melville Church, Scarborough, asked for leave to moderate in a call.

Rev. Dr. Abraham and Rev. W. R. Wood, ministers; and Messrs. John McIntosh and James Wannan, elders, were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly.

The next meeting of Presbytery will be held at Whitby in July, and Rev. J. C. Forster will give the opening address.

#### MONTREAL PRESBYTERY.

At a meeting of the Montreal Presbytery held in Knox church last week, the calls of the Rev. M. A. Campbell to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church, and of the Rev. H. McGillivray, of Cornwall, to Taylor church, were sustained. The former will receive an annual salary of \$1,800, and the latter of \$2,200. The Rev. Principal Scrimger presided at the meeting.

The induction of the Rev. M. A. Campbell to the First Presbyterian church will take place on Thursday evening. The Rev. Mr. Cruikshank will preside. The Rev. Mr. Montgomery will preach the sermon. The Rev. Dr. Barclay will address the minister, and the Rev. R. W. Dickie the congregation.

In neither of these calls have dissenting voices been heard. The Rev. W. R. Cruikshank described the unanimity that had prevailed in extending the call to the First Presbyterian church on the meeting on March 27 last, and the subsequent steps taken in the matter. The call had been signed by 649 members and 39 adherents of the congregation.

On behalf of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church speeches were made by Messrs. Wm. Darling, D. S. Hislop, A. E. Taylor and H. M. Watson, who paid tribute to the work of the Rev. Mr. Campbell, who had been in charge of the congregation since January 1 last. The new minister had endeared himself to the congregation, and in having him placed over them they felt confident of the future.

The Rev. M. A. Campbell, the minister elect, then thanked the speakers for the kind words that had been said of him and his work. He was glad, he said, to see so many of the congregation present.

The former minister of St. Gabriel's, the Rev. Dr. Robert Campbell, ex-moderator of the General Assembly, expressed his pleasure at the unanimity that had prevailed in regard to the call to the Rev. Mr. Campbell, and paid tribute to the minister-elect's pulpit ability. The Rev. Mr. Campbell had been his assistant at St. Gabriel's.

The Rev. Dr. Scott then presented the call of Taylor church to the Rev. H. McGillivray, of Cornwall. It was on the first Saturday in March that Taylor church was declared vacant. There had been five nominees, but the choice fell upon the Rev. Mr. McGillivray. The call had been signed by 589 members and 88 adherents but papers with additional signatures were yet to come in. On behalf of Taylor church speeches were made by Messrs. Jas. Ross, A. L. Wilson, and Colin Patterson, who were agreed that the Rev. Mr. McGillivray was the right man to succeed their former pastor, the Rev. Mr. Reid.

Mr. Arthur Walsh was appointed an assessor of sessions in charge of Italian work in place of the late Mr. Ross.

#### SYNOD OF MONTREAL AND OTTAWA.

The next meeting of the Synod is appointed to be held in St. John's Church, Cornwall, Ont., on Tuesday, 10th, May, next at 8 p.m.

Members (whose single fare is not less than 50 cents) are directed to secure at the starting point—and over each line used—a standard certificate. This, when vised by R. R. agent and signed by the clerk, will entitle bearer to return at one third fare, provided that 50 certificates are returned.

Conference—Phases of Church Life and Work.

1. Effect of material prosperity on spiritual life of the church. What is it? Leader, Rev. J. W. H. Milne.

2. Need of evangelism, among professing Christians. Leader Rev. Allan Morrison.

3. Effect of Laymen's Movement on spiritual life of the people. Leader, Rev. Wylie C. Clark.

Members who expect to be in attendance, and desire accommodation, are requested to intimate their purpose, to Miss Helen Harkness, Cornwall, by 2nd. May. State time of arrival.

All papers intended for the Synod should be in the clerk's hands at least eight days before the meeting.

Members are directed to take street cars, at station, direct to St. John's church.

The business committee (moderator, clerk and clerks of Presbyteries) will meet, on day of opening, in the church, at 7.30 p.m., sharp.

J. R. MacLEOD,

Synod Clerk.

#### VACANT CHARGES.

The Rev. Dr. Marsh of Springfield is interim moderator of the vacant charge of Pontypool, Ballyduff, etc., and would be pleased to hear from ministers who would like to preach at these places for a call. This field is conveniently situated to railways and schools. Here is a good opportunity for a willing man to do good work.

Vernon, in the Presbytery of Ottawa, is still vacant, and the Rev. R. MacNabb, interim moderator, Kenmore, would be pleased to hear from anyone desiring to preach with a view to a call.

The congregation of St. Andrew's, Fort William, have decided not to hear candidates, and a committee has been appointed to recommend a suitable man to the congregation. All communications should be sent to the moderator, Rev. D. A. Macdonald, Fort William.

#### W. F. M. S.

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the W.F.M.S. convenes next week in Knox Church, Toronto. It is hoped that this meeting will be a very representative one.

There will be a special conference of members of the Board on Tuesday evening to consider the findings of the Presbyterials on the Tentative Constitution and recommendations based on them as prepared by the Board and Foreign Mission Committee.

The missionaries to speak are, Miss McIntosh, Honan; Misses Campbell, Herdman, India; Mrs. Slinmon, Rev. Mr. Clark, Honan; Rev. Mr. Cook, India. On Tuesday evening there will be

a public session at which Rev. Mr. Rothold will give his illustrated lecture on Palestine and the Jewish customs of to-day. On Wednesday evening the public meeting will be addressed by Rev. H. Clark, of Honan; and Rev. Mr. Cook, of India. The session will be held in Knox Church, Spadina avenue, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The public meeting on Wednesday will be held in Cook's Church.

#### THE BIBLE IN HOTELS.

Often in American as well as Canadian hotels one finds a Bible in parlors and bedrooms. That these are a means of doing good is certain, and it is well worth while promoting circulation in these quarters. The following story deserves to be read; it is authentic: It is told of an estimable Christian woman, that two or three years after her conversion and union with the church, troubles came upon her and her family. She lost faith in the goodness of God, in his ever-watchful care, doubted the genuineness of her conversion, ceased to pray, to read her Bible, or to even think of seeking divine guidance.

While in this pitiable state, circumstances made it imperative for her to visit the city of New York on a very painful matter of business. She was of a retiring disposition, unused to travelling, and had never been in a large city.

While on her journey, in the cars, a slight act of courtesy led her to make the acquaintance of a gentleman and his wife, who took her under their protection, and after their arrival in the city, went out of their way to leave her at the entrance of a respectable hotel.

She ascended the stairs oppressed with an almost overwhelming sense of loneliness mingled with the consciousness of an utter inability to perform the errand she had in hand. On being ushered into the capacious and elegantly-furnished parlors, she walked mechanically to a center-table, and opening the single Book, which lay on the marble top, her eye fell upon these words: "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

An emotion of tenderness born of her old-time love of God and trust in his promises suddenly stole into her heart. Still bending over the precious Book, the gathering tears beginning to dim her eyes, she read on: "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day and forever." The comfort which these passages of Scripture brought to her it was impossible to describe. The black clouds of unbelief and doubt sullenly, but quickly, rolled away. The glorious sunlight of divine love and protection shone in upon her soul, and the bow of promise seemed to span the arch through which she looked toward the beneficent days that were near at hand. She was no longer alone; and this assurance came to her heart like a balm and blessing. Her perturbed and distracted mind was at rest now; the bygone joy, peace and trust sat again upon the throne of her heart and held more potent, loving sway than ever. "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day and forever!" she kept saying to herself, over and over.

Quietly and perfectly self-poised now, she gave her orders with the assurance of an experienced traveller. She ate a hearty supper, went to her room, and in time to her bed, with as great a sense of security as if she had been in her own house. She slept peacefully, and awoke at her usual time in the morning, thoroughly refreshed.

Unexpected facilities for transacting her trying business opened up on all sides. She was uniformly treated with respect. Her questions were promptly answered. She was marvelously aided in her quest, and her mission proved successful.