

Rev. R. L. Campbell, M. A., and Mrs. Campbell and family, have returned to their home at Dromore. His services at Knox church have been highly appreciated by the congregation, and should he ever visit Owen Sound again he will be heartily welcomed.

Mr. McKinnon, has created a very favorable impression upon the two congregations, as is shown by a practically unanimous call. He is an excellent speaker and possesses in a marked degree the qualifications for a successful ministry, and should he accept the call will be a decided acquisition to Stratford Presbytery.

The ceremony of inducting Rev. T. R. Shearer, B. A., into the charge at Melbourne and Riverside last Thursday was attended by a fairly large congregation and by several members of the London Presbytery. Rev. Mr. Lawrence, of Cowal, moderator of the presbytery, presided. Rev. Hector Mackay of Pottersburg, preached the sermon. Rev. James Wilson, of Glencoe, addressed the minister, and Rev. A. J. McGillivray, of St. James' Church, London, the congregation. Revs. W. J. Clark, Thomas Wilson, J. G. Stuart, of London, and Rev. Angus Graham, of Petrolia, and Dr. McDonald, of Mossa, also were present. A reception was held in the evening.

"Ministers and elders of 50 years ago" was the subject of Dr. McKay's remarks in Chalmers' church, Woodstock on Sunday evening. In general he believed religion had made great advance during this half century. The comprehensiveness and the experimental character of Christianity is much better understood now than it was then. The preaching now is less dogmatic and more practical. At the same time the old preacher was more courageous and heroic than the majority of to-day. Prevailing sins were fearlessly denounced and sinners expostulated with in a manner that is not too frequently heard in the present day. "It is not true," said the preacher, "that there is no discipline in the church to-day. Offenders are not exposed or dragged before the church as in days gone by but there is in sanctified conscience on the part of Christian people that constitutes the very highest power of Christian discipline." Sabbath desecration and intemperance were two chief subjects of discipline in the early church, and to the fearless denunciation of these sins we owed in no small measure the material and religious progress of this country.

Maritime Provinces.

In consequence of the call recently extended to Rev. W. J. Clark from St. Andrew's Church, Vancouver, a congregational meeting of First Presbyterian Church was held for the purpose of taking action in the matter. An earnest effort will doubtless be made to retain Mr. Clark, who is so highly appreciated by all, and has done so much to place in its present high position the church of which he has for the past twelve years been the honored and beloved pastor.

There was a feast of fat things in store for the people in Truro and surrounding country last week. The old historic First Church was the scene of important meetings. The annual gathering of the F. M. S. was held during three days of the week. The Presbytery of Truro commenced on the evening of the 3rd Sept., and in conjunction with the W. F. M. S. designation services were conducted in connection with the departure of the Rev. D. G. Cock, missionary to Indore. Rev. E. Smith addressed the missionary and Rev. W. H. Sedgewick the people. On the evening of the following day the Rev. G. B. McLeod was installed as the new pastor of the congregation.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Sydney Presbytery was held at St. James' church, Whitney Pier, August 14th. There were 45 officers and delegates present, and 4 from Mission Bands. The meeting was opened by devotional exercises conducted by the President, Mrs. L. A. Moore, Mrs. MacNeil, Sydney; Mrs. Carmichael, Dominion; Mrs. Macleod, Sydney, and Mrs. Forest, North Sydney, taking part. The reports for the year were very encouraging. There are at present in our Presbytery thirteen auxiliaries with a membership of over 300. Four new auxiliaries were added during the year. The total amount raised was \$756.32, North Sydney being the banner. The reports read from Mission Bands show that mission work among the young people is greatly increasing. An excellent report on Young People's work was read by Mrs. Rosborough, Secretary Y. P. W.

Rev. Dr. Johnston, at a meeting of St. Andrew's Church, London, congregation last week was granted leave to attend Knox College at Toronto and teach classes in homiletics and pastoral theology. It was moved by Mr. A. Fraser, seconded by Mr. R. A. Little, that the application of the senate and board of Knox College, which requested the services of Dr. Johnston, be granted. The meeting was largely attended and the above motion was passed unanimously. Mr. Malcolm Rowland, chairman of the board of management, occupied the chair. Short speeches were made by members of the congregation and by the pastor.

Winnipeg.

The Free Press says, that the congregation of St. Andrew's church, Winnipeg, is trying to secure Rev. Wm. Patterson, Philadelphia, formerly of Cool's Church, Toronto, for their pastor.

CORNER STONE LAID.

The corner stone of the new St. Stephen's church was laid on the 3rd instant, with fitting and impressive ceremonies. Although the hour was an inconvenient one for many who desired to be present, yet there was a large attendance.

Rev. C. W. Gordon, pastor of the church gave a short review of the church history and referred in most feeling terms to the work of Mrs. Murray, from whose Sunday school class this congregation arose, and to the Reverend Dr. King, whose mighty influence was one of the most powerful factors in its up-growth. "Our beloved Dr. King is not with us here in the body," he said, "but we have thought it fitting that this stone be laid by his daughter, Mrs. Gordon."

Mrs. Gordon, with a silver trowel then performed the laying of the stone, and Mrs. Murray, with a stroke of a beautiful ebony mallet, declared the stone well and truly laid, and a box was placed in a receptacle in the stone, containing the records of the church, and a scroll on which was written the date and the names of the Governor-General, Lieut-Governor, and the Mayor of the city.

Rev. Dr. Kilpatrick then offered the dedicatory prayer and the congregation proceeded to the old church building, where addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Bryce, and Rev. Dr. Parick.

Dr. Bryce congratulated the congregation upon their new venture now assured of success. He said a new church was a castle of defence in its vicinity, and referred to the great destiny of the west and the need for aggressive and fervent Christianity to build up here a people for God, and declared that the whole church of Christ rejoiced this evening over the building up of a new home for its people.

Rev. Dr. Patrick also congratulated the people and the pastor upon the grand occasion they celebrated. He said that a beautiful church was in itself of great moral worth, but "it is the spirit that quickeneth," and he trusted to see fervent, active work continued in the new St. Stephen's. He referred to the work done in Dundee by the church of which he was pastor there, in establishing reading rooms, gymnasium and classes for women, and hoped to see the work of the church here developed to its fullest extent. The church has in the west a great mission work to do, and any church which freely took up this work would be amply repaid. He exhorted the congregation to take up the burden of labor imposed on them as a church of Christ, and not to weary in well-doing.

Mr. Gordon replied for the congregation, promising that St. Stephen's would be loyal to her God and to the work of the church.

At the conclusion of the service refreshments were served by the ladies of the congregation.

SUMMARY OF THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH.

Mrs. Murray's Sabbath School class begun Oct. 29, 1887.

This school removed to Langside street in 1889. Mr. Mathews, superintendent.

Removed to Portage avenue, Thos. Young, superintendent, and a mission established by Knox church in 1890.

First building erected, 1892.

First service, Sunday, Oct. 16, 1892.

Congregation organized by Rev. Dr. King, with 24 members, Sept. 28, 1893.

First communion, Oct. 19, 1893.

Rev. C. W. Gordon called, April 28, 1895.

Corner stone of new building laid, Sept. 3, 1902.

Presbytery of Owen Sound.

The Presbytery met in Division street Hall on Tuesday, September 2nd, and was opened with devotional exercises led by Mr. Acheson.

Rev. Dr. Somerville reported that he had moderated in a call in Chatsworth to Rev. Finlay Matheson, salary \$800, manse and three weeks' vacation. Messrs. Cromar and Mitchell represented the congregation of Chatsworth. The call was sustained, and provisional arrangements made for the induction of Mr. Matheson at 2.30 p. m. on 16th September. Mr. Currie to preside, Mr. McAlpine to preach, Mr. Eastman to address the minister, Dr. McLaren to address the people, and Dr. Somerville to narrate the proceedings in the call.

Mr. Davidson presented the report on Home Missions, showing progress in all our fields. It was agreed to apply to the Home Mission committee for the grants promised—Indian Peninsula requiring only \$13 for the half year, and Lion's Head \$50.

Dr. Somerville reported for the committee appointed to revise the standing orders of Presbytery. The report was carefully considered, and after some amendments were adopted and one hundred copies ordered to be printed for the use of members.

Rev. Thurlow Fraser, the newly appointed Missionary to Formosa, was present and gave a brief address, at the close of which Dr. Somerville led the Presbytery in prayer, commending the missionary and his work to the care of God.

Dr. Fraser resigned his position as convener of the Sabbath school committee, and Rev. Mr. McAlpine was appointed in his place.

Mr. Eastman reported for the committee appointed to visit Daywood, &c., in connection with Mr. Smith's resignation. The report was received and the following resolution adopted: That the Presbytery express satisfaction with the hopeful nature of the report presented by Mr. Eastman, its cordial appreciation of the fact that the congregation have initiated steps looking forward to a union of Daywood and Johnston congregations, and to express the hope that such a union may be consummated at an early day in the interest of the cause of Christ in the community.

The committee was continued.

The Presbytery expressed general approval of the Aids to Family Worship sent down by the General Assembly for the consideration of Presbytery, and recommended that appropriate Scripture selections be connected with each prayer, and that a table of daily lessons covering the whole of Scripture be incorporated in the book when finally issued.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Chatsworth church on the 16th day of September, at 2 p. m., and the meeting was closed with the Benediction.

J. SOMERVILLE, Clerk.

The Manitoba College "Summer Meeting."

Early in August there was held in Manitoba a conference which lasted a week in which great themes were discussed by leaders of thought. Professor Baird gave a sketch of the life and work of Chrysostom. Christ as the Son of Man and as the Son of God, was thoughtfully and reverently discussed. Dr. Bryce dealt with the Geology of Canada, showing how the continent took its present shape. Dr. Du Val read a paper on the Social Teaching of our Saviour. The discussion was lively, Dr. Pitblado and others taking part in it. Rev. C. W. Gordon read a paper on home missions, and the agency of work in some parts of the field was dwelt on. Dr. Bryce expressed the conviction from thirty-one years of home missionary work, that what was needed was red-hot, earnest, determined men, educated men, full of enthusiasm, with manliness, power of adaptation and full of the Spirit of God. He believed there were such in the colleges, who only needed to be given the opportunity. The relation of the Church to politics was discussed. The sentiment of the meeting was fairly conducted by C. W. Gordon: "The question for ministers and every man is this? We are here as citizens to make the public and private life of the country as high and pure and good as we can help to make it. We should refuse to keep silence about wrongs and do all we can to make political life pure." Dr. Kilpatrick dealt with Christ's Doctrine of God. Other subjects of living interest were discussed, and the Conference as a whole was felt to be profitable.