

Church News

[All communications to this column ought to be sent to the Editor immediately after the occurrences to which they refer have taken place.]

In Canada.

Rev. Mr. Carruthers, has entered his fourth year as pastor of James Church, New Glasgow.

Rev. E. A. HENRY, of Knox College, has received a call from the congregation at Brandon, Man.

His old congregation, Princetown, P. E. Island, lately presented Rev. George McMillan with \$100 as a token of regard.

The Halifax Witness says that the late graduates of Pine Hill are likely soon to be all settled and engaged in the Master's work.

The Presbytery of Orangetown has nominated the Rev. Dr. Torrance, of Guelph, for the moderatorship of the General Assembly, which meets in London next June.

THE REV. MR. PRACOCK, Presbyterian minister of Brandon, is stationed in Pipestone District, and will hold services in the Huston school on Sabbaths, at 10.30 o'clock until further notice is given.

Rev. JOHN GOURLAY, of Carp, who has finished his theological course at Montreal Presbyterian College, has gone to take charge of an appointment at Lake Dolphin, Man.

Rev. Mr. CLARK, of London, conducted a special service in the Presbyterian church, Parkhill, recently. He preached an eloquent and instructive sermon. Those who had the privilege of hearing the reverend gentleman will easily understand why Mr. Clark is looked upon as one of the most promising young men in the Church.

At the close of the prayer meeting in the Presbyterian church, Brantford, recently, Mrs. G. Hunter was presented with a purse containing \$20, as a mark of appreciation by the Presbyterian congregation, for services cheerfully and efficiently rendered as organizer for some time past. Mrs. Hunter, having recently moved out of the village, Miss Lizzie Armstrong has been appointed her successor.

Rev. R. McNABB, of Beasburgh, who is moderator of the session in the mission field of Ouelala, Stafford and Scotland, Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, dispensed the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in that field last Sabbath. On Saturday, at the preparatory service, two new elders were ordained, and an infant baptized. Twenty-eight new members were received this time by certificate and eighteen on profession of their faith in Jesus. A good work is going on in the old conducted by Mr. D. J. Scott.

A very pleasant reunion was held in the Town Hall in Perth on the occasion of the commencement of the eighth year of the pastorate of the Rev. A. H. Scott. The friends of St. Andrew's joined with Mr. Scott's congregation in the reunion exercises. The speaking of the evening was done by Rev. Mr. Currie, of the sister Presbyterian church in Perth; by Rev. Mr. Macgillivray, of Chalmers church, Kingston, a former pastor; by Rev. Dr. Moore, of Bank Street church, Ottawa; and by the pastor of the celebrating congregation. The reunion was held under the auspices of the Ladies' Association.

The monthly meeting of the Bradford Presbyterian Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society, of Bradford, was held a week earlier than usual, as two ladies, Mrs. Stevenson from Tarrrie, and Mrs. Cameron from Allandale, at that time visited the Auxiliary on behalf of the Harrie Presbyterian Society. They each gave an excellent address, Mrs. Cameron on "Our responsibilities and opportunities," and Mrs. Stevenson on "Consecration," based upon the well known couplets of Francis Ridley Havergal. There was a good attendance of ladies present, and the communion with the visiting sisters was recognized as very helpful. An excellent spirit pervaded the whole

meeting, which was one of unusual interest, as the delegates to the General Society meeting gave their reports.

A Presbyterian C. E. Convention was held at Hespler on May 7th, and another at Paris on the same day. Both had excellent programmes. At Hespler a paper was read on "Mission Bands, how fostered and developed," by Miss L. Kribba. The following questions were discussed: "What shall I do for my own church?" "What more can we do for our associate members than we are doing?" "The C. E. Society and the General Assembly." "The relation of the Pastor to the Society." "The possibilities of our Society." Delegates were present from over twenty pastoral charges. Thirteen ministers were there and the attendance was large and enthusiastic. Eighteen societies sent in reports and two or three gave verbal reports at the evening session. From sixteen reports that were pure C. E. Societies, the following figures are gathered: Total membership, 980; 700 active; 217 associate and 63 honorary; Total amount of money raised during last year, \$717, of which \$453.96 was given to missions, and the remainder used in the work of the Society, purchasing flowers, sustaining Mission Sabbath schools, etc. Addition last year, 166 members. Two societies were organized in '89, five in '90, five in '91, two in '93, two in '94. The C. E. Society is the chief society in the congregations in the Presbytery. They ask for another convention next year.

Presbytery of Ottawa

The quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of Ottawa was held in St. Andrew's church, on Tuesday, May 7th. There was a large attendance of members and a large amount of business was transacted. Mr. Waddell, a member of Bank street church, was examined and received as a catechist. Mr. Donist was appointed a commissioner to the General Assembly in place of Mr. Herridge who resigned his commission. Mr. J. Keane and Mr. D. J. Craig, elders, were appointed instead of Mr. W. Hamilton and Mr. F. I. Bronson, resigned. Mr. McLaren, of Carp, asked and received two months leave of absence. Dr. Armstrong was nominated for the Chair of Apologetics and Church History in Knox College. Reports were presented on Home Missions and French Evangelization. Several students applied to be taken on trial for license. Their examination was fixed for an adjourned meeting which is to be held on June 3rd. Shawville was annexed to Campbell's Bay and Bryson, and Mr. Nelson appointed moderator of session during the vacancy. A deputation of Presbytery was appointed to visit Richmond on the 27th inst. In the evening a public conference on the State of Religion was held, at which stirring practical addresses were delivered. The conference cannot fail to be productive of much good. An adjourned meeting will be held in St. Andrew's church on June 3rd, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.—ISAAC CAMPBELL, Clerk.

Presbytery of St. John.

The Presbytery of St. John, at its meeting held last week, transacted a great deal of routine business. Professor D. M. Gordon, D.D., was nominated for the moderatorship of Assembly. Dr. Macrae nominated Rev. T. F. Fotheringham as a candidate to fill the chair made vacant in Knox College by the death of Prof. Thomson. Dr. Macrae paid a high tribute to the scholarship and zeal and high Christian character of Rev. Mr. Fotheringham. Rev. J. Ross seconded the motion, which was also endorsed by Rev. Dr. Bruce, and unanimously adopted. The Home Mission Report was read by the superintendent, Rev. J. Ross, showing that he had been very busy since last meeting of Presbytery. Of Fairville he said, "A congregational meeting was held in Fairville and I am happy to say that steps have been taken to prepare for building a church. Our case here is in a most promising condition, fifty families are reported by the catechist, a flourishing Sabbath school is in operation, and although the draft on the board is large

the people have promised to contribute more liberally for the summer." He also reported that the H. M. B. had granted \$50 to Riley's Brook. The report noted collections of \$26.63; expenses, \$19.35. The contributions were: St. Stephen, \$3; St. Stephen S. C. E., \$5; St. Stephen W.F.M.S., \$26; Wo Wolfe W.F.M.S., \$5; balance from Riverside for supply at Christmas, \$8.77. The balance on hand was now \$59.55.

Presbytery of Paris.

At a special meeting of this Presbytery at Paris, May 7th, the translation of Rev. R. W. Leitch, from Waterford and Windham to Delaware and Caradoc in the Presbytery of London, was granted. Rev. R. G. Sinclair was appointed moderator of session during the vacancy, the pulpit to be declared vacant on and after the first Sabbath of June. The Rev. J. Munro Gibson, D.D., of London, Eng., was nominated for professor in Knox College.—W. T. McMULLEN, Clerk.

Summer School of Theology, Halifax.

The following is the programme for Summer School of Theology.—July 16th to 26th, 1855:

- THE REV. PRINCIPAL POLLOK, B.D.—The Covenanting Age.—4 lectures.
- THE REV. DR. CURRIE.—Pentateuchal Criticism.—4 lectures.
- THE REV. DR. GORDON.—Revelations.—3 lectures.
- THE REV. R. A. FALCONER, B.D.—The Trustworthiness of the Historical Books of N. T.—3 lectures.
- THE REV. PRINCIPAL GRANT, D.D.—Comparative Religion.
- THE REV. PROFESSOR MCCURDY, LL.D.
- PROFESSOR J. G. MCGREGOR, D.Sc.—Science and the Argument from Design.
- THE REV. D. J. MACDONELL, B.D.—The Minister and His Work.—3 lectures.
- THE REV. NEIL MACKAY.—Revivals.
- THE REV. E. D. MILLAR, B.A.—Methods of Congregational Activity.
- THE REV. ANDERSON ROGERS, B.A.—The Training of the Young and their Work in the Church.
- THE REV. JAMES CARRO HERS.—The Reading of the Scriptures.

All correspondence is to be directed to the Rev. Dr. CURRIE, Pine Hill. Appropriations of rooms in the college will be reserved for applicants within the bounds of the Maritime Synod till May 31st.

The fee of \$10 covers all expenses for lectures and board for the ten days for the term. A fee of \$2 is charged for attendance on lectures alone. All applicants for boarding accommodation or lectures must be for the full term, and the fees must be paid at registration on July 16th.

At 9.15 each morning there will be devotional exercises for a quarter of an hour. Lectures commence at 9.30 a.m., and with discussions will continue till 12.30 p.m. The afternoons will be devoted to recreation. The evening session from 7.30 to 9 will be occupied with more directly practical subjects of the ministry.

Young People's Union

The semi-annual missionary meeting of the Young People's Presbyterian Union, of Toronto, was held on Monday evening, May 6th, in West church, Denison avenue. The great majority of Presbyterian churches of the city and suburbs sent strong representations from their Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor, the result being a very interesting and profitable gathering of young Presbyterians. From 6.30 to 8 o'clock the Christian Endeavor of West church welcomed the visitors from the different societies in the church parlors. Then a most pleasant hour was spent in social intercourse and interchange of greetings.

At eight o'clock the chair was taken by Rev. W. G. Wallace, president of the Union. The opening exercises were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Turnbull, of West church. Rev. J. Neil, of Westminster church, delivered an able address on the subject "Why Christian Endeavors in their missionary efforts should be loyal to the recognised Schemes