

**DEMISSIONS.**—Mr. F. McCuaig, 4th January, Chalmers' Church, Kingston,—*Kingston*. Mr. McCuaig has accepted the appointment of the Home Mission Committee to British Columbia.

**DEATHS.**—On 13th Oct., *George Smith*, for 29 years an elder in St. James' Square Church, Toronto, and prior to his coming to Canada, an elder for many years of St. Nicholas Lane Church, Aberdeen, Scotland; a man of keen intellect, of consistent life and highly respected by all who knew him. On 26th October, Mrs. Fenwick, at Elders Mills, Ontario, mother of Rev. T. Fenwick, formerly of Metis. Fifty-five years ago she came from Scotland to Toronto, then Little York, was present at the first communion celebrated in the Presbyterian Church there, and prepared the bread used on the occasion. On 20th Nov., *Alexander Orr*, Bobcaygeon, Ont. An elder of the Church for 25 years; a devoted Presbyterian, a warm friend of the Sabbath School, and a strong advocate and supporter of every good cause. On 2nd January, *Frederick W. Torrance*, Judge of the Superior Court, Montreal, and a member of Crescent Street Church Session. He was a liberal giver, a wise counsellor, a man of unbending integrity, of kind, gentle disposition and earnest unobtrusive piety. Attached from conviction to the Presbyterian Church, he laboured with untiring zeal and fidelity to advance its interests, and at the same time did what he could to further the cause of Christ in general. The death of *Mr. Robert A. Ramsay*, which occurred on 15th January, adds another to the serious blanks in church circles in Montreal. He was yet a young man, of brilliant attainments, of sterling character, a trusted member of the legal profession, and a trustee and active worker in St. Paul's Church. We cannot see now the reasons why he has been so early removed. God doeth well, and to Him we commend the bereaved family of the true friend who has been so suddenly called to his reward above.

We regret our inability to publish the many obituary notices sent us. To do so for the present month, would require several pages of the Record. Some of the lengthy notices sent us are those of persons not even office-bearers of the church, and in more than one case not even members. Unless in very exceptional circumstances, we can only find room for notices of the death of ministers or active office-bearers of our church.

**MANITOBA ITEMS.**—Rev. Mr. Warden has been visiting Winnipeg in connection with Home Mission affairs. He was surprised at the change since his former visit six or seven years ago. His time was very fully taken up, and he has given many wise hints and suggestions as to the mode of carrying on the Home Mission business in the North-West. He preached in both Knox and St. Andrew's Churches. Revival services have been held, at

which a considerable interest was shown in Portage La Prairie and High Bluff congregations. New missions are being opened in the Murilio Mines in the Port Arthur district, and in the Rocky Mountains. In the new Town of Anthracite, and the Rocky Mountain Sanatorium of Banff, the population is increasing. In Indian mission matters, plans for extending the work are being laid. Another minister is likely to be added to the staff. The Indians are quiet, and the present is an excellent year for advancing the mission work. Manitoba College authorities have appointed Rev. James Farquharson, B.A., of Pilot Mound, assistant lecturer for three months in philosophy, and Bible introduction. The appointment is popular with the students, and is much needed to relieve the over-weighted staff. Nothing but the ozone in the North-West air enables the professors to do double work. Manitoba College B.A.'s of 1886, of whom there are twelve, have divided up as follows:—Theology 3, Law 6, Medicine 1, Business 1, Office of School Inspector of Winnipeg 1. The "College Journal" has entered in the second year of its existence. Among the other societies, a vigorous Y. M. C. A. is carried on. Among the candidates for the 35 constituencies of Manitoba, in the late Provincial Elections, no less than 22 were Presbyterians. Fortunately the Presbyterians have no church disabilities or grievances such as they had in the early history of the other Provinces. The season of anniversary tea-meetings has been in full operation in Manitoba this winter. Food of every kind is plentiful, and the gatherings are hearty. Municipal and provincial elections have all passed away after keeping the country in turmoil. Mr. Urquhart of Regina has given himself for the Indian work. Rivière Sale in Winnipeg Presbytery has called Rev. James Douglas of Morris. Four young University students from Toronto have come to the North-West for the winter months and are doing good service for the church. A new church at Boissevain in Southern Manitoba, was opened by Rev. Dr. Bryce on Dec. 19th. Though the subscriptions of the people had already covered the cost of the building, \$125 was raised at the opening. The new churches that are going up throughout the country are mostly all of a neat architectural design, and also much more comfortable than those built in the earlier stage of the country. The schools are in good condition, although great complaints arise on account of the heavy taxes to maintain them. Manitoba College opened after the holidays, with a still larger number of students. The number of theological, arts, preparatory, and occasional students now has reached between 90 and 100, and the boarding department is filled to repletion. Much regret is felt for the poor state of health of Principal King, he having been compelled to go east to Clifton Springs for a very brief period of rest and re-invigoration.