

LINDSAY PRESBYTERY NOTES.

A special meeting of the Presbytery of Lindsay was held in Chalmers' church, Uxbridge, on Monday evening of last week at which Mr. J. A. Sherrard, M.A., a recent graduate of Knox College, was ordained and designated for work as a teacher in Indore College, Central India.

Mr. W. M. Kannavin, the Moderator, presided and Mr. H. D. Leitch of St. Andrew's, Sonya, conducted public worship and preached a thoughtful sermon from the words of the Great Commission, in which he dealt with the Authority for Mission Work—The Encouragements there are for carrying it on—and the Results Attained. Then followed the simple and impressive ceremony of ordination, which to the Presbyterian mind is so appropriate. The moderator then called upon the Rev. A. E. Armstrong, M.A., Assistant Secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee, who delivered an address, and on behalf of the F. M. C. formally designated Mr. Sherrard to his work as a teacher in Indore College. The church was filled with a deeply interested audience, for Uxbridge is Mr. Sherrard's native place and the townspeople are proud of his achievements, not only in the way of scholarship, but also in strength and nobleness of character.

Erstwhile schoolmates and companions, themselves too retiring had enlisted the services of Mr. Fraser, the pastor of the church, who in his own faultless way on their behalf presented a token of remembrance—a handsome travelling companion—Your correspondent took the liberty to peep inside and found certain receptacles for want of other contents filled with crisp bank notes. Mr. Sherrard is already on his way to India, where everyone who knows him expects the promise of his early life will be fulfilled in an honorable and useful career.

Another has been added to the list of vacancies in our presbytery that is becoming uncomfortably long by the resignation of Mr. A. F. Webster of Cambridge and Oakwood which took effect at the end of June. Mr. and Mrs. Webster are leaving soon for a trip to the British Isles. Here is a charge in many ways an attractive one where the preaching required is not too exacting as to quantity and where a notable work may be done.

The people of Fenelon Falls are still looking for a minister able and willing to do the work that awaits some good man there.

Sunderland has decided to call Mr. Wesley of Knox College and the matter will be issued by Presbytery next Tuesday, while, probably before this is printed, Knox Church, Cannington, will have decided upon a successor to Mr. D. M. Martin.

Rev. A. D. Menzies, agent for the Pointe aux Trembles schools has been at Sonya, Glenarm, and other points in the Presbytery and has met with generous response to his appeals.

The Rev. E. D. MacLaren, D.D., Sec. of Home Missions, was in Beaverton on June 30th and addressed the congregations of St. Andrews and Knox Churches there.

The next meeting of Presbytery will be held in St. Andrews church, Lindsay, on the third Tuesday in September at eleven o'clock, a.m.

Rev. B. B. Williams, one of our ministers, who some time ago undertook the pastoral charge of the Paris Congregational church, has sent in his resignation, in which he states that "it gave unspeakable relief to separate himself from those for whom he had no sympathy, no respect and no fellowship."

A new church is being erected at Cheltenham, and Homing's Mills has over \$3,000 subscribed for erection of church.

MONTREAL.

The resignation of Rev. Thomas Corbett, of Hickburn, has been accepted; and ministers wishing a hearing should correspond with Rev. E. W. Florence, Huntingdon, Que., interim moderator of session.

The Rev. J. W. Woodside, assistant in St. Gabriel church, was ordained on Sabbath evening so that in the absence of the Rev. Dr. Campbell in the Old Country, he may be qualified to fulfill all the duties of a pastor. Dr. Mowatt presided and addressed the people, and Dr. Fleck the minister.

The congregation of Knox church and Dominion Square Methodist churches worshipped together in the Methodist church on a recent Sabbath, and both congregations enjoyed the good services of Dr. Fleck. Such unions make for the spirit of unity and friendship, and are signs of the times.

English River and Howick congregations in Montreal Presbytery was visited last week by Rev. Robert Laird in the interests of the Queen's Fund. The Rev. J. M. Kellock has been minister of this charge for the past four years, and with his characteristic enthusiasm has steadily cultivated the missionary liberality of the people. Queen's gathered some of the fruit of his labor in what was a splendid response for a congregation of their strength. The subscription list totalled \$406.50.

At the last regular meeting of Presbytery of Montreal, held on the 25th ult., Rev. H. J. McDiarmid, St. Lambert, was chosen moderator for the next six months.

Dr. Campbell, moderator of General Assembly, asked for and obtained leave of absence for two or three months in order to visit the Old Land.

The venerable clerk of Presbytery, Rev. James Patterson, who for fifty years has been so abundant in labours in connection with the Presbytery of Montreal and the church in Canada, and for 25 years acted as city missionary also asked for leave of absence for two months to visit the Old Land. This was cordially granted and a committee appointed to arrange for due celebration of his bi-centenary.

The Presbytery also took notice of Assembly's action in raising the minimum stipend from \$800 to \$900.

Rev. W. P. Tauner, Fitzroy Harbour Presbytery of Ottawa has been called to Dundee, Presbytery of Montreal.

Next meeting of Montreal Presbytery will be held on the 10th of September.

QUEBEC.

Rev. R. C. H. Sinclair was inducted into the pastoral charge of Inverness, Que., on Tuesday, June 18. Rev. Dr. Kellock, Moderator of Synod, presided and preached. Rev. H. C. Sutherland and Rev. P. D. Muir of Leeds Village, the congregation. After the right hand of fellowship had been extended by the members of Presbytery and Session, the congregation adjourned to the Court Hall, where a supper was provided by the ladies. A very pleasant sociable time was spent in making the acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair. Words of welcome were extended by the pastor of the Methodist Church, Rev. D. Mink, Rev. H. A. Dickson of the Episcopal Church, Mr. McKinnon, Mr. George Whyte of Wapella, and others. Mr. McCammon, on behalf of the Session and Managers thanked the friends who had assisted during the vacancy, and presented the moderator with a purse as a token of their appreciation of his services. Mr. Sinclair begins his work in Inverness with the good wishes of the entire community.

On Sunday last the preacher in First church, London, was Rev. H. B. A. Kitchen, of Hamilton.

OUR HIGH CALLING.

Men are often called to high places. The king is called to an exalted position. The president of the republic has a high calling. But we are all called to honors and positions higher still. The King of all kingdoms has called us to the highest and best in this world and in the world to come.

We are called to a kingdom and a crown. None of us shall ever rule over an earthly empire, but we shall sit on a throne if we are faithful to our calling. It is a greater thing to be a Christian than to be a king. A Christian is a true man. "What is man?" asked the psalmist, and in answer to his own question he said, "Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels. Thou hast crowned him with glory and honor."

There is another answer to this great question. If one were asked to-day, "What is man?" the best answer he could give would be to point to Jesus of Nazareth, and say, "Behold the man." There have been many great men but He is the perfect man. Behold His meekness, His gentleness, His firmness and courage, His compassion and charity. We are called to be like Him. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

We are called to the highest social position. This may appear to be a strange statement. The Christian may not aspire to shine among the fashionable people, who think they are the perfection of social life. He has no desire to do so. That is an empty show. But the true Christian is the best father, the best husband, the best brother, the best friend, the best neighbor. Why will men and women struggle and break their hearts for positions which are empty and vain when the highest and best is within easy reach? It is to this that God hath called us.

We are called to the highest honor. There is honor of a certain kind in office and wealth. These things make one conspicuous, and attract the admiration of men. Men and women will stand for hours in the snow and rain to see a great procession in honor of a president or governor. This is all the honor some men ask. But this honor cometh from men. Jesus said, "If any man serve me, him will my Father honor." To be conscious of the fact that the Spirit of God beareth witness with my spirit that I am His child, that He is not ashamed to call me His own, this is honor enough for me.

We are called to the glory of heaven. We may inhabit a mansion, sit on a throne, and be forever with the Lord. This is the high calling wherewith we are called. All this is within reach of everyone. Not one need miss it. If we miss it it will be our own fault.

Rev. Clarence Mackinnon, of Westminster church, has left for a holiday trip which will include many of the leading points in the old country. Before his departure there was a large gathering of the congregation to speed him on his journey. At the close of the prayer meeting A. D. McKay took the platform, and after a brief address to the pastor, presented him with a purse containing \$400 in gold as an expression of good-will from the congregation. Mr. Mackinnon will not return till some time in September, and during his absence the pulpit will be occupied by his brother, Rev. A. G. Mackinnon, of Lochmaben, Scotland, a prominent author and minister, who came over with the express idea of allowing Mr. Mackinnon to take a holiday.

Rev. John MacKay, M.A., member of Crescent street church will spend his holidays on Prince Edward Island, surrounded by the beautiful green of that delightful resort, and within hearing of the calling sound of the restless sea.