

Presbytery of Guelph

On the 1st of September the Presbytery of Guelph met in Knox church, Acton, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to hear Mr. Hugh McPherson, who was under call to that congregation, undergo his Trial Exercises for ordination to the holy ministry, and induction into the pastoral office and work. The usual examination in Hebrew, Biblical Greek, Systematic Theology and Church History were conducted by members of Presbytery appointed for that purpose, and were passed in a satisfactory manner. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the Presbytery met in the church, after adjournment, and after satisfying themselves that the edict of induction had been duly served upon the congregation and that no one had any objection to offer to the life and doctrine of Mr. McPherson, the pulpit was taken by John McVicar, B.A., of Melville church, Fergus, who preached from Isaiah xvi—3: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusted in Thee." After the sermon, the Moderator gave a narrative of the steps in the call to Mr. McPherson, and these having been satisfactorily answered he was by solemn prayer and the imposition of hands ordained to the office of the gospel ministry, and commended to Divine grace for guidance and support. He was afterwards suitably addressed by Dr. Jackson, of Knox church, Galt, to whose congregation he belonged, on the duties, responsibilities and encouragements of his office, and the congregation was addressed by Mr. D. Strachan, of Rockwood, who has acted as Moderator of Session since the charge became vacant. The people then had the opportunity of welcoming him as their pastor by taking him by the right hand as they retired at the close of the public services. Having apprised the Presbytery of his readiness to sign the formula when required, his name was added to the roll, and he took his seat as a member of the court. Mr. Strachan was appointed to introduce him to the Session which was instructed to meet immediately after the rising of the court. This settlement in Acton takes place after a very brief vacancy. It was only in the beginning of May that the former pastor left for the charge he has accepted at the Presbytery of Toronto. Then, Mr. McPherson had completed his theological course only at the last session of Knox College and had been licensed to preach Gospel in May last. At the Presbytery there was an unusually large attendance of ministers for such an occasion, among whom were three belonging to the Methodist church in Acton, and four from other Presbyteries than that of Guelph. The attendance at the services was large, showing the interest taken not only by those belonging to the congregation but by those also connected with other religious denominations, in the settlement. All the circumstances connected with it are most satisfactory and full of promise to the young pastor, the people who have chosen him, the locality and the church generally.

Presbytery of Inverness.

The Presbytery of Inverness met at Malagawatch on the 27th ult. for the induction of Rev. John Rose, lately of the Presbytery of Maitland. The weather was of the best. The congregation present was large, considering the busy season. The services were appropriate. The reception given to Mr. Rose by the Presbytery and congregation was very cordial. Mr. Rose is a very earnest and a very evangelical preacher, and it is confidently expected that he will be the means of doing much good in the congregation of Malagawatch and River Dennis. The Presbytery of Inverness will meet at Whycomagh, Sept. 15.—D. McDonald, Clerk.

Glenboro' Presbyterial W.F.M.S.

A meeting of all the societies of the Glenboro' was accepted. Miss Armitage Aug 6th for the purpose of organizing a Presbyterial Society. Mrs. MacTavish, Treherne, was asked to preside until officers had been elected. After devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. MacTavish and Mrs. J. Robertson, the following officers were chosen: Pres., Mrs. MacTavish, Treherne; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Haig, Glenboro'; Mrs. Sutherland, Carmen; Mrs. Campbell, Cypress

River, Treas., Mrs. Campbell, Holland, Recording and Cor. Secy's., Miss Henselwood and Mrs. Alexander, Treherne. Miss Henselwood, on behalf of Treherne Aux., extended a cordial welcome to the visitors. Mrs. Haig, Glenboro', replied in her usual pleasing manner, referring to the steps which led to the formation of this third Presbyterial in Manitoba. Short verbal reports were given by the Secys. of the different Aux. Two excellent papers were read by Mrs. Thompson, Glenboro', and Mrs. Palmer, Camille. An invitation to hold next annual meeting in Glenboro' was accepted. Miss Armstrong, of the Methodist church, presented greetings on behalf of their church. The meeting closed with prayer, led by Mrs. Campbell, Cypress River. In response to a kind invitation to tea, given by the young ladies of the Ch. Ed. Soc. the ladies repaired to Dr. Lamont's lawn, where a most tempting repast was prepared and all spent a most enjoyable social time. The public meeting in the evening was presided over by the pastor the Rev. A. MacTavish who gave a full account of the work of the W.F.M.S. for the past eleven years in Manitoba. Very interesting addresses were given by Rev. D. Campbell, Holland, and Rev. J. Mowat, Indianford. Solos by Mrs. Haig, Mrs. Rolson and Miss Ross, added much to the enjoyment of the evening. It is yet the day of small things, but we trust the work will steadily advance until there is an Auxiliary in every congregation in the Presbytery.

Correspondence.

The Decalogue binds Cities as well as persons.

Editor Presbyterian Review:

Sir, I am sorry to see that both sides in your controversy about Sunday street cars makes so much of secondary questions, such as the needs and desires of workmen, for whom both sides claim to be solicitous, and so little of the main question of Right. The people of Canada, as well as the people of the United States, were abocked when one of our senators said

that "politics owes no allegiance to the Decalogue and the Golden Rule." Even those who never heard about the State being a "moral person," as indeed every corporation is, felt instinctively that a State had no more right to steal or promote adultery, or speak falsehood than an individual. Toronto is as much bound to keep the fourth commandment as its individual citizens, aye, and to follow the Golden Rule, which translated for this case is, "Rest and let Rest on the Rest Day."

"For right is right, since God is God. And right the day must win.

To doubt would be disloyalty.

To falter would be sin."

Wilbur F. Crafts,
Superintendent of the Reform Bureau
Washington, D. C.

Sept. 9th. 1896.

Editor Presbyterian Review:

Sir.—The action of the Mission Synod of the New Hebrides, regarding the new Dayspring, at its late meeting, has been awaited with anxiety by those interested in the future of that mission. Intelligence has at length come to hand and happily it is of a reassuring character. From a minute of Synod transmitted to me by the Clerk, the Rev. W. Watt, of Tanna, I learn that the new steamship was accepted as the mission vessel and that that decision was arrived at unanimously. The Victorian Committee was appointed a Board of Management for the vessel and the Dayspring Committee (Sydney) was requested to co-operate with it in conducting the maritime service. Those whose interest in the New Dayspring project was awakened by the visit of Dr. Paton to Canada three years ago may now contribute to her maintenance in the assurance that she is doing the work for which she was designed.

Let us hope and pray that she may contribute even more largely than her friends have anticipated, toward the speedy evangelization of these blood-stained islands.

Yours very truly,

J. W. Mitchell.

Thorold, Aug. 10, 1896.

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