

while engaged working on a farm. He graduated from McGill in 1880, where he had taken the Day scholarship in Science and Mathematics. He also carried off prizes in Classics and public speaking. During his Theological course, which was pursued at the Presbyterian College, Montreal, he received several prizes, and was valedictorian of the graduating class of '81, the largest that has been sent out from the college. Mr. Bayne took an active part in the societies of the Hall during his course, having collected for the Student's Missionary Society over \$400.00.

Shortly after graduating, he received and accepted a call to Wakefield, where he remained two years, during which a handsome and commodious church was built and freed from debt. In 1883 he was called to Knox church, Morrisburg, where he still labors. He is very methodical in his pastoral work. In dealing with young men and boys he seems to have a peculiar facility. Nine have already gone forth from his present congregation to study for the ministry, and two others are being prepared with the same end. The congregation numbers nearly four hundred, and has a large body of young men. The Sabbath school has about two hundred scholars.

Mr. Bayne takes a keen pleasure and has been very successful in personal dealing with young men inclined to be sceptical. He is a hard student, and keeps posted on the scientific and philosophical questions of the day. The result is that considerable ability has been developed in the department of practical apologetics. Disciples of Ingersoll don't care to tackle him more than once.

In addition to his pastoral work Mr. B. discharged the duties of classical master in the Morrisburg High school during the session of 1884-5. Two of his pupils took respectively first and second exhibitions at McGill in 1885, and one took the first in 1886. One took first rank honors in Classics at the Matriculation examinations, Toronto; and two others got first rank honors at Victoria College, Cobourg.

Since his settlement at Morrisburg more conspicuous positions have been offered him, but he has declined them.

Mr. B. was married, on the 14th June, 1883, to Eliza, second daughter of the late Mr. Richard Loucks, an elder of the Presbyterian church, and a man who took an active part in establishing the church in Eastown, Ontario.

GROWTH OF PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

According to the *Foreign Missionary*, the reports for 1886 show the total number of communicants in the mission churches to be 20,294. The following is a comparative statement of the number of communicants for the years 1876 and 1886: