

Church News.

CHARLES KELLY, the vocalist, has been engaged to sing in the Hampton Presbyterian choir at \$300 per year.

THE Rev. J. B. Scott, Leamington, Ont., prints an interesting sketch of the life and conversion and death of Mr. Charles Getty—a brand plucked from the burning.

WESLEY Congregational Church, Montreal, has been purchased by the congregation of Old St. Gabriel's for a new place of worship. The old historic building will soon be deserted.

A NEW St. Andrew's church is to be built at Carleton Place, and Zion church is to be enlarged, the Presbyterians being so numerous that neither church can furnish sufficient accommodation.

REV. DR. BRUCE, who is at present in Ottawa engaged on a new historical work, is filling the pulpit of St. Andrew's of that city during the absence of the pastor, the Rev. W. Herridge, for his summer holidays.

REV. J. A. P. MCBAIN, of Georgetown congregation, in the Presbytery of Montreal, has been called to the First Presbyterian Church in Providence, Rhode Island U.S. The salary offered is \$1,800 a year, with a month's holidays.

THE Sabbath school of St. Andrew's Church, Pickering, was entertained in the most liberal fashion on the 3rd inst. by a strawberry festival, on the spacious grounds of the "Kinnaird," the residence of Geo. Maier, Esq., of Pickering.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. J. C. Smith, of Oshawa, a gentleman who took an active interest in church and especially in Sabbath school work. As our correspondence columns have frequently shown he was a man of much intelligence.

THE bazaar and strawberry festival given in the Town Hall on Dominion day by the ladies of Knox church, Mitchell, was a great success. The attendance was large, and the tables were all liberally patronized. The receipts, after paying all expenses, amounted to \$175.

REV. A. CAMPBELL delivered a lecture in the Presbyterian Church, Greenfield, 5th inst. Subject:—"The Manners and Customs of the Hindu in the South." The meeting was largely attended, and the sum of \$24.35 was received, which goes towards repairing the church.

A BRANCH of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society has been organized at Kippen by Mrs. T. Fair, of Clinton; thirteen members. The following officers were appointed:—Mrs. S. Acheson, president; Mrs. R. Hunt and Miss McMordie, vice-presidents; Miss Brown, secretary; Miss J. Mellis, treasurer.

REV. P. WEIR has received from Sir George Stephen, President of the Canadian Pacific railway, a generous donation of \$2,500 towards the erection of a new building for boys, in connection with Morris College, of which the total cost is estimated at \$7,500. The construction will be immediately begun.

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at Iroquois on Sabbath, July 11th, by the Rev. G. D. Bayne, of Morrisburgh. Twelve new communicants were added to the roll of church membership. There being no settled pastor, Mr. R. Whimian, student of Queen's College, has charge of the congregation for the summer months.

THE induction of Rev. F. P. Sym, Melbourne, Que., into the pastoral charge of Warton, Presbytery of Owen Sound, took place on the 19th inst. Rev. A. H. Scott, Owen Sound, moderator, presided. Rev. John Stewart, Keady, preached. Rev. D. Morrison, Owen Sound, addressed the minister, and Rev. John McInnis, Sydenham and St. Vincent, addressed the people.

SABBATH, July 4th, was Communion Sabbath in St. John's church, Windsor, N.S. Nine persons were received into the fellowship of the congregation by profession of faith, four of whom were baptized. This makes fifty additions to the membership within the last year. A quiet and steady work of grace seems to be going on within the bounds of this congregation. Sabbath, July 13th, was the first anniversary of Mr. Nelson's pastorate.

MONDAY evening a deputation from the St. Andrew's Church Board of Managers, consisting of Messrs. Neltes, Muir and McDonald, presented Rev. J. A. Murray, London, with a purse of \$150 as an expression of the congregation's good will, confidence and esteem, and with warmly expressed wishes on his behalf for a happy holiday season, and a safe return in increased strength and vigour. Mr. Murray proposes visiting Cape Breton.

At the meeting of the congregation of Knox church, Acton, Thursday evening, July 8th, it was unanimously agreed to extend a call to Mr. John McKay, B.A., to be their pastor. After the motion had carried without dissent, an objection was raised that Mr. McKay could not preach in Gaelic, but as there are only a very few members who ask for Gaelic, the objection was waived by the presbytery.

THE lawn party held on the grounds of the First Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's, to celebrate the second anniversary of the present pastor's induction, was a complete success, over \$30 being realized after defraying expenses. During the two years pastorate of the Rev. J. A. Turnbull, L.L.B., the membership has largely increased, whilst the financial position of the church is firmer at the present time than at any period in the history of the congregation. The efforts put forth by the Ladies' Aid Society, combined with the liberality of the congregation, in liquidating the debt on the church property, have met with gratifying success.

THE lawn social in connection with the Cedar Grove Presbyterian church, held at Mr. D. Reesor's "Silver Spring Park," on Wednesday, 8th inst., was the most largely attended of the three annual socials held at the same place. There were about 4,000 present, including some 600 from Toronto and Scarborough, who came by the excursion train. Mr. Reesor's large stables, barnyard, and the lane clear back to the bush, were completely filled with horses and vehicles, while more than as many more were accommodated by the neighbours for fully half a mile around. The large park, which was lighted with Chinese lanterns and torches, was completely alive with people, and the scene was a most animated and brilliant one. The receipts were in the neighbourhood of \$1,500, of which about half will be added to the building fund after all expenses are paid.

AFTER 32 years service, Rev. Duncan Anderson, B.A., retires from the pastorate of the Point Lewis

Church, Que. The Quebec Chronicle, in announcing the retirement of Mr. Anderson, pays a high tribute to his zeal, learning and pulpit abilities:—"Mr. Anderson was licensed by the Presbytery of Goderich in 1853, and in the following year, as we have said, he went to Lewis, where he has remained ever since. For many years he was chaplain to the imperial troops, and for two decades he occupied the position of presbytery clerk, fulfilling the duties of the office in a most unexceptionable manner. Mr. Anderson is also known far and wide as an ornithologist of fine attainments. His work has always been done in the field, and the labour of his hands has found its way to Kensington Palace, and the Castle of Inverary. But our readers are too familiar with Mr. Anderson's career in the study of natural history to need further remarks from us. As a preacher he occupies a high place among the divines of his Church, his sermons are enriched always by classical allusion, and their literary finish and poetic beauty entitle them to a good place among the pulpit utterances of the day. Mr. Anderson's poetic gifts are also well known, his "Well come to the Prince of Wales in 1860," published in our columns twenty-six years ago, being among the more musical and spirited of his performances in this direction. Our readers, we feel sure, will heartily join us in hoping that the reverend gentleman and his amiable wife will enjoy many more years of life together, and that his well-earned leisure will add strength to his health and physical energies.

OBITUARY.

JOHN GOLDIE, AYR.

On Friday of last week there died at the residence of his son, Ayr, John Goldie, in the 93th year of his age. The deceased, says the Galt Reformer, was a native of the district of Carrick, Ayrshire, Scotland, where he was born in 1793. He received his early training as a gardener and nurseryman, and was a diligent student of botany. During his early married life he received the appointment of botanist to take charge of a vessel load of plants being sent from Great Britain for the establishment of a botanical garden in St. Petersburg, Russia. He afterwards revisited the land of the Czar, and made a tour of the country, collecting botanical specimens. He was twice in America before coming out to settle permanently, having in 1819 made a pedestrian tour from Montreal through York (afterwards Toronto) across the Niagara, and on through the States of New York and Pennsylvania, with Sir Wm. Hooker, the celebrated English botanist, his friend and patron, and bestowed his name upon a plant which he was the first to make known to the botanical world, Aspidium Goldianum—"Goldie's Fern." Having formed a favourable opinion of Canada during his scientific researches he finally emigrated with his family in 1844, and settled upon the property upon which he resided up to the present time of his death, and which is now widely known as the Greenfield Mills property. The deceased was a man of wide intelligence, and having travelled extensively he was a most interesting conversationalist. The members of his family who survive him are Mr. John Goldie, of Goldie & McCulloch, Galt; Mr. James Goldie, People's Mills, Guelph; Mr. David Goldie, Greenfield Mills, Ayr—three of the most widely known and successful business men in the Province; Mrs. Dr. Caven, Knox College, Toronto; and Mrs. Andrew McIlwraith, Galt. He was pre-deceased by his wife, his eldest son William, who died in New York City, Mrs. Sidney Smith, of Galt, and Mrs. Andrew Smith, of Galt, and Mrs. Andrew McEwan, of the Township of Blenheim.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY.

LUNenburg and SHELburne.—Met at Bridge-water on 6th July. Mr. Simpson was appointed moderator, and Mr. Fraser re-appointed clerk for the next year. Mr. Millan reported attendance at Assembly, and received thanks of Presbytery. Besides routine and local business, Presbytery considered recommendation of Assembly a year early action with regard to augmentation, and made allotments of amounts to be asked from congregations, in accordance with estimate of committee (Eastern Section) of \$9,000 for current year. Presbytery will bring their year for closing accounts to correspond with calendar year, in accordance with Assembly's recommendation.—D. STILES FRASER, Clerk.

HAMILTON.—Met on July 20th. A committee was appointed to visit Caledonia and consider a proposal to unite the two congregations, to meet on Wednesday, the 28th inst., viz., Messrs. Fletcher, Wells, Dr. Laing, Dr. McDonald, Mr. McQueen and Mr. Lawrie. Mr. J. A. Hoodsworth was received as a minister of the Church. The call from Nelson and Dundas street to Rev. R. McIntyre was sustained and ordered to be sent forward. In case of its being accepted the trials for ordination will be held at Burlington on Tuesday, August 10th, at 10 o'clock a.m., and the induction will take place at Nelson same day at 2 p.m., Mr. Laidlaw to preside, Mr. Cathcart to preach, Mr. Gordon to address the minister, and Mr. McDonald the people. Dr. Thompson received a certificate of his ministerial standing with a view of returning to Britain. The following double charges were made:—(1) Merritt and Port Robinson, (2) Port Dalhousie and Louth, (3) North Pelham and Wellandport. It not being found practicable to unite Delhi with Wyndham, a committee was appointed to see what can be done in connection with Simcoe. A call from Ancaster and Alberton to Rev. C. K. Caswell was reported, but was not sustained, but sent back for more signatures. A site on Balfour street for the Wentworth Street Mission was reported and approved.—J. LAING, Clerk.

HURON.—The presbytery met in Knox church, Goderich, on Tuesday, 13th July. Dr. Ure was appointed moderator for the ensuing six months. Elder's commissions were received, and the roll for the year made up. Commissioners to the Assembly gave a report of their attendance at the Supreme Court of the Church. The committees on Finance and the Superintendents of Students gave reports respectively. The presbytery took up the subject of arrears of stipends within the bounds, with a view of having all such arrears removed. The Assembly "Injunction" as to the ecclesiastical and calendar years was dealt with, and steps taken to secure the object aimed at. Mr. John Young, M.A., was licensed to preach the gospel, in the usual way. Mr. Danby resigned his pastoral charge of the congregations of Bayfield Road and Berne. The resignation to be disposed of at a special meeting of presbytery, held in Union church, Brucefield, on the 27th inst., at 11 a.m. On behalf of the committee appointed to draft the

dellivrance on Sabbath observance, Mr. McCoy submitted the following:—"Whereas, a strong tendency is manifested in certain quarters to hold funerals and other processions for display on the Lord's day; and, whereas, many are interrupted in their public and private devotions by such processions, and the quietness of the sacred day is thus broken up and an element sadly out of harmony with the discipline of Christian training introduced into the experiences of the day where these processions are held, be it resolved, that this presbytery take this opportunity of expressing its disapproval of the practice of holding funerals on the Sabbath except in cases of necessity, moreover, that ministers within the bounds be recommended to discountenance by all due means such processions and gatherings as are fitted to break down the reverence for the sacred day which is claimed for it by the Holy Scripture." The foregoing was unanimously adopted. Mr. McLean reported that in accordance with the request of the convener of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee, he forwarded to Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Vancouver, British Columbia, his disjunction from this presbytery that he might be prepared to unite with the new presbytery to be formed on the Pacific coast. Mr. McLean's conduct was approved of. Mr. McDonald stated that he had a letter from Mr. Thompson and that he desired that the brethren in this presbytery should remember him and his congregation at Vancouver in the loss which they sustained by the recent fire there. The following are the conveners of the standing committees for the year:—Home Mission, Mr. Musgrave; State of Religion, Mr. Acheson; Finance, Mr. Stewart; Sabbath School, Mr. D. D. Wilson; Temperance, Mr. Martin; Sabbath observance, Mr. Ramsay; Superintendence of students, Mr. R. Y. Thompson.—A. McLEAN, Clerk.

MONTREAL.—Met in the David Morrice Hall, 7th inst. Mr. J. A. F. McLean, of North Georgetown, was elected moderator for the next six months. A call from Stanley Street Church, Montreal, to Mr. F. M. Dewey, M.A., Richmond, Que., was submitted. It was signed by one hundred and fifty-nine communicants and forty-five adherents, the stipend offered being \$1,400, with a month's holidays, during which supply will be provided by the congregation. It was sustained, and Professor Scrimger was appointed to support it before the Presbytery of Quebec. Three years ago the presbytery inaugurated its scheme for increasing the salaries of the ministers in the weaker charges. Subscriptions extending over three years were secured, sufficient to enable the presbytery to guarantee all its ministers in the country \$750 per annum and manse, and \$1,400 in the city without manse. The General Assembly's Augmentation Scheme was instituted soon after, and the presbytery's scheme was merged in it, in so far as this was practicable. During these years from the Presbytery Salary Fund the sum of \$10,000 was sent to the Assembly Augmentation Fund, and in addition the presbytery has paid the amount guaranteed to the ministers in the city in excess of that allowed by the Assembly's Scheme, as also several other special amounts. The three years having expired, the final statement of the treasurer, duly audited, was submitted to the Presbytery. It showed a balance on hand of \$240. It was agreed to forward this amount to the Assembly's Augmentation Fund, together with any of the unpaid subscriptions that may yet be collected. Leave was given to moderate in a call at West Farnham, where the people promise \$600 per annum toward the support of a minister. The congregation of Rockburn and Gore was cited to appear at the next regular meeting in connection with the resignation of Mr. W. A. Johnson, their pastor. The annual audited report of the treasurer of the presbytery expenses fund was submitted and adopted. Four congregations were reported as not having paid their quota, though frequently asked to do so. Messrs. A. and W. Burns, of Rawdon, made application for authority to collect a balance of \$132 due for repairs on the Rawdon church. They were requested to submit at the next meeting a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures, and in the meantime to have the people in Rawdon do what they can to remove the indebtedness. Mr. Warden was empowered to moderate in a call at Melville church, Cote St. Antoine, as soon as the congregation were ready to proceed with one. A constitution for this church was sanctioned with the exception of three clauses, which were referred to the congregation for reconsideration. The call from Sherbrooke to Mr. A. Lee, of Russelltown, was considered. Mr. J. R. McLeod, of Kingsbury, appeared for the presbytery of Quebec. Mr. Hall, for the Russelltown congregation, said that while they all exceedingly regretted Mr. Lee's departure because of their strong affection for him and their appreciation of his work, yet they had resolved to place no obstacle in the way of his removal. Mr. Lee having intimated that the path of duty seemed to lie toward Sherbrooke, the presbytery resolved to agree to his translation, several of the members expressing their regret at his departure from the bounds and their best wishes for his future usefulness and success. The Standing Committees for the year were appointed. The conveners of these are as follows:—Home Mission, Mr. Warden; City Mission, Mr. R. Campbell; French Work, Mr. Heine; Temperance, Mr. McLean; State of Religion, Mr. Jordan; Sabbath School, Mr. Fleck; Protestant Education, Principal MacVicar; Augmentation, Mr. Warden; Statistics, Mr. J. Patterson; Sabbath Observance, Mr. Nichols; Examination of Students, Mr. Watson. The report of the French Committee was submitted by Mr. Heine and was of a nature calculated to cheer and encourage. A committee, with Mr. Warden as convener, was appointed to arrange for a series of missionary meetings to be held throughout the Presbytery. The General Assembly having instructed Presbyteries to deal with congregations in arrears to their ministers, the moderator and Mr. Warden were appointed to visit Henry's Church, Lachute, the only congregation in the presbytery the salary of whose minister is in arrears. The City Mission report was given in by Mr. R. Campbell, and the missionary addressed the presbytery.

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