

The corner stone of the new Presbyterian church, Vankleek Hill, was laid on May 24th. Rev. Dr. MacKay of Montreal performed the ceremony and was assisted by local clergymen and several members of the Presbyteries of Glengarry and Ottawa. In the evening Rev. Dr. Mackay delivered a lecture "A Fisherman's Folly"—bearing on the present war in South Africa.

#### WESTERN ONTARIO.

Stayer Presbyterians have extended a call to Rev. A. W. McIntosh, of Seaford.

Rev. Mr. Graham of Avonon occupied the pulpit of Knox Church, Stratford, on Sunday.

Balfour Street Presbyterian Church, Brantford, has extended a call to Rev. E. B. Horne, of Toronto.

At the meeting of the Guelph Presbytery, at Guelph, Rev. H. A. McPherson, of Knox Church, Acton, declined a unanimous call to the Strathroy congregation with an increase of \$500 per annum in salary.

Very successful anniversary services were conducted at Knox Church, Kent Bridge, on Sunday and Monday, May 13 and 14th by Rev. P. F. Sinclair of Toronto who preached able sermons. In the evening the church was crowded to the doors. The Methodist church very kindly gave up their evening service and the Methodist choir conducted the service of praise. On Monday a bazaar was held. Tea served and in evening, with Rev. John McGinnis in the chair a very fine programme was given. The proceeds were over \$70 and the ladies were delighted at their success.

Presbytery of Hamilton met at St. Catharines on May 15th when Mr. Thomson, Locke Street, Hamilton, resigned his charge; action will be taken on June 5th. A call from Erskine Church, Hamilton to Mr. R. Martin, of Markham, was reported, but sent back to the congregation for more signatures. The remit of Assembly re supply of vacancies was disapproved and an alternative scheme suggested; that re election of Moderator of General Assembly was disapproved, and that re powers of Synod was approved generally and amendments were suggested.

#### NORTHERN ONTARIO.

Dr. B. P. McKay of Toronto occupied the Woodville church pulpit on Sabbath last.

The Rev. W. E. Baker conducted the services in Knox Church, Sundridge, last Sunday forenoon.

Rev. J. McD. Duncan preached anniversary services in Beeton, last Sabbath. Beeton was a former charge of the Rev. Mr. Duncan.

#### MONTREAL AND QUEBEC.

On the 16th inst, it pleased the Great King and Head of the church to call to his rest, after a short illness Mr. William Linton, aged 69 years who, for 29 years was the session clerk and the well beloved senior elder of St. Mark's Church, Montreal. A correspondent writes as follows: "We acknowledge the Father's hand in this trial, and bow with submissive faith to His holy and wise will. We pray that His widow and the members of his family, in this their great bereavement may be supported and comforted with all the consolation of the Holy Spirit; and feel assured that the departure of the husband and father is only the good night to meet again in the morning Mr. Linton was a native of Biggar, Lanarkshire Scotland, and came to Montreal in the sixties. We never knew a more consistent and happy Christian and commonsense Scotchman than Mr. Linton. We all really miss him."

For many years the small congregation of Levis has been worshipping in an old, dilapidated, uncomfortable church; and many thought that this condition of things would go on to the end. Last Sunday, however, the congregation entered into and took possession of a beautiful and commodious church which must have cost from \$4000 to \$5000 dollars. The Rev. Dr. Kellock, of Richmond, Moderator of

the Presbytery of Quebec, conducted the service in the forenoon; the Rev. D. Tait, B.A. of Chalmers Quebec, in the afternoon; and the Rev. A.T. Love B. A., of St. Andrew's, Quebec, at 7 p.m. The cost of the Church has been nearly all (or wholly) provided for through the pluck of a few members of the congregation and the generosity of outside friends.

The congregation of Richmond—handicapped with a very heavy debt for years—has responded so generously to the calls of the Century Fund, that by their own efforts, and generous aid from friends, the debt has been wholly provided for, and there is general rejoicing—corresponding to the joy experienced by the besieged towns in Africa when relieved.

The congregation of Danville, has put its church in excellent repair. The seats have been re-arranged, the walls and ceiling chastely decorated, and wood-work brightened with paint and varnish. The congregation though small, and finding its own support an increasing burden, will contribute \$600 to the century fund. A third of the amount will be given to the common fund. The pastor (Rev. A. Stevenson) has various causes for encouragement.

#### MARITIME PROVINCES.

Rev. R. McKay has been called to Sherbrooke, N.S.

Rev. A. F. Fisher has declined the call to Moser River.

Rev. E. M. Dill has declined the call to Bridge-water.

Summerside church was reopened last Sabbath, having been closed six weeks for repairs.

Rev. D. McLean has accepted a call to West Cape, P.E.I., and will be inducted on the 29th inst.

Rev. J. W. McKenzie has been granted leave of



#### PENITENTIARY SUPPLIES.

SEALED TENDERS addressed "Inspector of penitentiaries, Ottawa," and indorsed "Tender for supplies," will be received until Saturday, 16 June, inclusive from parties desirous of contracting for supplies, for the fiscal year of 1900-1901, for the following institutions, namely:—

- Kingston penitentiary.
- St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary.
- Dorchester penitentiary.
- Manitoba penitentiary.
- British Columbia penitentiary.
- Regina jail.
- Prince Albert jail.
- Separate tenders will be received for each of the following classes of supplies:
  1. Flour (Canadian Strong Baker)
  2. Beef and mutton (fresh).
  3. Forage.
  4. Coal (anthracite bituminous).
  5. Cordwood.
  6. Groceries.
  7. Coal Oil (in barrels).
  8. Dry goods.
  9. Drugs and medicines.
  10. Leather and Findings.
  11. Hardware.
  12. Lumber.

Details of information as to form of contract, together with forms of tender, will be furnished on application to the wardens of the various institutions.

All supplies are subject to the approval of the warden.

All tenders submitted must specify clearly the institution, or institutions, which it is proposed to supply, and must bear the endorsement of at least two responsible sureties.

DOUGLAS STEWART,  
Inspector of Penitentiaries,

Department of Justice,  
Ottawa, May 6th, 1900.

absence for three months from East St. Peters, P.E.I.

Rev. F. S. Coffin has resigned the clerkship of Truro Presbytery and Rev. A. B. Dickie has been appointed in his stead.

The presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth approves of preparing aids to socials worship but objects to the book submitted as un Presbyterian.

The commissioners to the General Assembly from the presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth are: Revs. G. A. Leck and J. H. Stewart and Messrs. J. Levi Oaner and E. L. Nash.

Rev. E. S. Bayne of Mabon, C.B., recently was bereaved of his eldest children, a son and a daughter. The former was in the employ of the Dominion Coal Co., and the latter was undergoing treatment at Mount Hope. He has the warm sympathy of a host of friends.

#### Melville Church, Fergus.

Several Sabbaths ago, the worshippers of Melville Church, Fergus, Rev. John H. MacVicar, B. A., past., for the last time sat in their familiar places in the straight narrow pews of the quaint old structure that had so long served them as a place of worship. On the 13th of May their new building was opened. It presents a most imposing appearance, with Credit Valley redstone walls and trimmings in Guelph sandstone. The interior is very pleasing to the eye. The organ recess is surrounded by a Gothic arch, supported by chaste capitals. The pulpit platform is slightly lower than the choir, and the Memorial Pulpit, donated by Dr. Thomas Smellie of Fort William, as well as the pulpit chairs and communion table from the same donor, constitute the richest pieces of furniture in the building. The Bible is handsomely bound in Morocco, and on the fly leaf has been placed a beautifully illuminated inscription, the work of Mrs. Rose of Elora. It reads as follows: "To perpetuate the memory of the lives and labors of the late Rev. George Smellie, D. D., first pastor of this congregation, and Margaret L. Smellie, his wife. This pulpit and Bible were placed in the new Melville Church, Fergus by their eldest surviving son, May 13th, 1900."

The pews, which are in golden oak finish, are circular and so placed that the farthest hearer is within easy range of the preacher's voice. There are three memorial panels, donated by relatives and friends of the late Messrs. James McQueen, A. D. Ferrier and James Cattenach. From the centre of the vaulted ceiling hangs a striking electrolier in highly polished brass, with thirty incandescent lamps. This, together with all the electric fixtures throughout the building is the gift of the Women's Aid Society, the members of which for upwards of ten years have accumulated funds amounting to almost of \$1,200 to pay for the furnishing. They have also donated all the Brussels carpet on the choir, pulpit and communion platforms, as well as matting and carpet on the stairs and aisles throughout the church. The carpet is a rich crimson. The ladies have, besides, furnished the vestry, dining room and kitchen.

The Opening Services were conducted in the morning by the pastor's father, Rev. Principal MacVicar, of Montreal, in the afternoon by Rev. Dr. J. S. Ross, of Dublin Street Methodist Church, Guelph, a former scholar of the Sabbath School, and in the evening by Rev. Dr. Robert Johnston, of St. Andrew's Church, London. There were large congregations, especially in the morning and evening, when the seating capacity of the building was fully taxed. At night, it has been estimated, there must have been 1,400 present. The special offering for the Building Fund amounted over \$140 in cash. With the net proceeds from Monday night social, it grew to over \$2,500. Promises of additional subscriptions were also put on the plate, amounting to over \$2,000. With the \$8,600 originally subscribed, this brings the total now in sight to upwards of \$12,500. The building, when all extras are known, may have cost a little over \$16,000. On Monday night a very successful social was held, at which warm tributes were paid to the Building Committee, especially to the chairman, Mr. Hugh Black, and the Executive, Dr. J. P. Roger, Messrs. Alex. Mills, A. A. Armstrong, James Russell, jr., and R. M. Glen, secretary.