

Church News

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MANITOBA NOTES.

Rev. Mr. Muldrow, of Toronto, is expected to preach in the Presbyterian church, Norris, next Sunday and will remain some weeks.

The Presbyterians in the Bridgen district have \$1,250 subscribed toward a new church and as soon as seeding is completed they will break ground for the new edifice.

Rev. R. G. MacBeth has been engaged to write a special article on the first Riel rebellion for the new Encyclopedia of Canada, being published by J. Cassell Hopkins.

The membership of Knox church, Morden having steadily increased, the Session decided to ask the congregation to elect three new elders, the ballots will be handed in the next two Sabbaths.

The services morning and evening in the Presbyterian church, Carman, on Sabbath last were conducted by Mr. Robertson, a student of Manitoba College. They were in the interests of the Students' Missionary Society.

The building committee of the Presbyterian church, Carman, held a meeting on Friday last and decided to build the new church on the site of the old one. A rough draft of a plan was submitted for discussion, when it was resolved to have a perfect detailed plan made upon the general lines of what they had before them.

On Sunday and Monday last considerable damage was done by fire in the vicinity of Altamont. A great deal of standing timber was burnt the high winds causing the flames to spread rapidly. On Sunday the village itself was in imminent danger of being swept by fire, which started in the wood pile near the station, close to the Presbyterian church.

Wm. Borthwick, son of Rev. H. J. Borthwick, arrived in Morden on Monday last, accompanied by Mrs. Borthwick and family. They have been residing in R. Island, B.C., during the past year. Mr. Borthwick was one of the pioneers of this district, coming with his father in the early seventies. He left for the coast in 1882, where he has resided since. He is much surprised at the changes that have taken place in this district since he left.—The concert in Knox church, Morden, on Tuesday evening was well attended and the programme was well received. Mr. Auld's hour with Dr. Guthrie was very entertaining.

Rev. C. W. Gordon, of St. Stephen's church, Winnipeg, has received word from Mr. John Bayne Maclean, honorary general representative of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and Royal College of Music, London, Eng., that His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, has approved of the appointment of the following gentlemen as local representatives of the academy and college: Rev. C. W. Gordon, Winnipeg; His Honor, Lieutenant-Governor Daly, Halifax, N.S.; J. S. Skinner, Esq., Kingston; and S. J. John Carling, K.C.M.G., London, Ont. It is understood that Rev. Mr. Gordon's appointment was made upon recommendation of the His Excellency, Lord Aberdeen, and he has agreed to accept it.

The induction by Rock Lake Presbytery of the Rev. J. C. D. Gourlay took place at Thornhill and within the Presbyterian church there, on Thursday, 12th inst., at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Romball, Morden, in the absence of the Moderator acted *pro tem*. Mr. Hartley Roland preached. Mr. Romball addressed the minister, Mr. Beveridge, Mainton addressed the people. Thornhill has just been raised to the status of an augmented charge. This is their first minister with the field in the shape it is at present. While Mr. McLennan had charge of it there were six appointments now there are only three. Much regret is felt by congregation and Presbytery at the continued ill health of Mr. McLennan. At the close of the induction a reception was tendered the new minister. The ladies had provided a most sumptuous repast. The future looks bright for the new Thornhill field.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NOTES

A call from St. George's Union to Rev. W. C. Dodds has been sustained by the Presbytery of Victoria and provisional arrangements made for his induction on June 2nd.

The nurses sent to the Klondike by the Victorian Order have been the recipients of much attention in Vancouver and Victoria. Through the kindness of Lieut. Gov. and Mrs. McInnes, they were given a reception in the ball-room of the Government House, Victoria, where also Faith Fenton gave an address on the work of the order.

Rev. E. G. Taylor, who has been two years at Alberni as ordained missionary, was recently presented with an address and gold watch by his friends in the congregation. This speaks well for both pastor and people.

A new church was opened on Sabbath, May 8th, at Salmon Arm in the Presbytery of Kamloops by the Rev. George A. Wilson, of Vernon.

GENERAL.

The Committees are busy preparing reports for the meeting of the General Assembly, to be held in Knox church, Montreal, on Wednesday, 8th June. We are asked to remind Presbytery Clerks that the list of Commissioners should be sent to the Rev. Dr. Campbell, 68 St. Famille St., Montreal, and that all other documents and papers for the Assembly, should be addressed to the Rev. Dr. Warden, Presbyterian Offices, Toronto. These should be mailed so as to reach Dr. Warden, prior to the 1st June. Each individual item of business should be upon a separate sheet of paper.

Rev. Walter Moir and family, of Brucefield, have left on an extended trip to Scotland.

Rev. S. G. Graeb, of Port Dalhousie, has accepted the call to Fern avenue church, Toronto.

The steeple of Knox church, Goderich, was struck by lightning during a recent storm. The damage was very slight.

During a recent thunderstorm, the steeple of the church at Columbus was struck by lightning causing about fifty dollars damage.

An adjourned meeting of Guelph Presbytery will be held in Rockwood on May 31st, at 5 o'clock for the induction of Rev. J. A. Cranston.

Mr. F. Matheson, of Knox College, is in charge of Brucefield church during the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. Muir, who has gone to Scotland.

Rev. James A. MacFarlane, of New Edinburgh, has obtained four months leave of absence, and will leave shortly to take a course at Princeton University.

Rev. D. Henderson, of Blue Mountain, N.S., has accepted the call to St. Andrew's church, Chatham, N.B. Rev. A. Rogers was appointed Moderator *pro tem*.

Rat Portage Presbyterians now conduct Sunday evening services in the opera house, as the church is not large enough for the congregation attending the evening meeting.

Rev. D. Guthrie, late of Walkerton, Ont., has accepted the call to be co-pastor with Rev. Dr. Hoge to Second Presbyterian church, Richmond, Va., at a salary of \$2,500 per annum.

Blenheim Presbyterians celebrated their anniversary on Sabbath, the 15th inst., with appropriate services. Rev. J. C. Colmie, of Windsor, preached morning and evening to very large congregations.

Rev. John A. Clark, a recent graduate of Knox College, who is at present in charge of Erskine church, Toronto, during the temporary absence of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Hunter, has received a unanimous call to Knox church, Walkerton.

The Rev. J. Matheson, B.A., of Martin-town, has received a unanimous call to Graniteville, Vermont, in the Presbytery of Boston, the stipend promised being one thousand dollars, paid monthly, a free house, and a four weeks' holiday annually.

On Monday, the 16th inst., Rev. A. D. Gunn, late pastor at Upper Stewiacke, N.S., passed away after a long illness. Mr. Gunn was a graduate of Pine Hill College, Halifax, and on May 27th 1891 was licensed by the Presbytery of Pictou. He labored as

ordained missionary at Barney's River, and was then called to Upper Stewiacke where he labored very successfully until about a year and a half ago when he resigned in consequence of failing health. Mr. Gunn was in his thirty-sixth year and his death, in the full vigor and activity of manhood and height of his usefulness, will be deeply lamented.

Mr. W. C. Bennett, B.A., will this (Thursday) afternoon be ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Calvin church, Bathurst. Rev. R. C. H. Sinclair, will preside, Rev. J. McIlraith will preach, Rev. A. A. Scott will address the people, and Rev. D. Currie the minister.

At the closing meeting of the class for the study of Tennyson's "In Memoriam," which Rev. Dr. King, of Manitoba College, has conducted during the past few months, the ladies of the class presented Dr. King with an appreciative address. Dr. King has acceded to the wish of the members of the class to sit for an oil-painting which will be hung in convocation hall of Manitoba College.

Rev. J. A. Cranston, of Colloiden and Verschoyle, has accepted the unanimous call tendered to him from Rockwood and Eden Mills, and will be inducted to his new charge on Tuesday, May 31st, when Rev. Mr. Knowler, of Galt, will preach the sermon. Rev. Mr. Blair, of Neepawa, will address the minister, and Rev. Mr. Watkie, of Eramosa, addresses the people. A reception will be tendered to the new pastor in the evening.

At a special meeting of Brandon Presbytery, held in Brandon on the 10th inst., Mr. J. A. McGerrigle, B.A., a recent graduate of Montreal Presbyterian College, was ordained as missionary to the Hargrave Mission Field, Mr. James Hood, Moderator of Presbytery, presiding, and conducting the ordination service. After the service was completed, Mr. J. Ferry addressed the newly ordained missionary, and conveyed to him the good wishes of the Presbytery.

Rev. Norman H. Russell will hold the following appointments:—

May 22-23	London.
" 25	Deer Park.
" 26	Balderson.
" 27	Janark.
" 28	Smith's Falls.
" 29	Franktown.
" 31	Ashton.
June 1	Carleton Place.
" 2	Pakenham.
" 3	Arnprior.

A largely attended meeting arranged by the Presbytery of Kingston was held in Cooke's church, Kingston, on Wednesday evening of last week, when nine young graduates of Queen's College were ordained. Rev. Mr. Mackie conducted the proceedings. After reading a portion of the twelfth chapter of Exodus, Rev. S. Houston briefly addressed those present on the qualifications necessary in order to be a successful minister, emphasizing the three things most essential to the minister, piety, prudence and learning. The Rev. Mr. Mackie followed Mr. Houston with a few very impressive and earnest words of advice to the candidates, and then proceeded with the ceremony of receiving them as ministers of the Gospel. Rev. W. W. Peck addressed the newly ordained ministers upon the responsibilities and temptations to be met with in the pulpit, and urged them to guard against allowing flattery or jest to enter the pulpit and to study the characters of their people that they might know what good was necessary for their spiritual life.

An adjourned meeting of the Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery was held in St. John's church, Almonte, for the purpose of ordaining and designating to the mission field of Temiscamingue Mr. Stephen Young, B.A., of Ramsay. There were present Rev. Hugh Taylor, M.A., of Lochwinnoch, Moderator. Revs. A. A. Scott and G. Woodruff, of Carleton place; Revs. R. J. Hutcheon and A. E. Mitchell, of Almonte, and Rev. Dr. Crombie, clerk of the Presbytery, Smith's Falls. Rev. Mr. Taylor presided, and preached an appropriate sermon. At the close of the sermon he narrated the steps that led to the meeting at which they were assembled, after which the Presbytery proceeded with the ceremony of ordaining Mr. Young. Rev. Mr. Scott addressed the people on the nature and responsibility of