

Church News

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MONTREAL NOTES.

At a special meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal on Tuesday evening, April 27th, arrangements were made for the induction of the Rev. D. MacVicar, formerly of Drumore, Ont., as pastor of Victoria church on the 6th May. The Rev. W. R. Cruickshank is to preside, the Rev. J. D. Anderson of Beauharnois to preach, the Rev. Dr. Armon to address the minister and the Rev. Dr. Barclay the people. It was also agreed to secure an ordained missionary for a term of one or two years, if possible, for Maisonneuve.

At the same meeting an application was received from Mr. D. Downie, M.A., of Glasgow, to be received as a licentiate. After a careful examination of his papers it was unanimously agreed to forward his application to the General Assembly.

At the regular fortnightly meeting of the Ministerial Association on Monday morning April 26th, the Rev. G. C. Heino read a paper giving a sort of outline and brief characterization of Dr. McCurdy's great work on "Prophecy, History and the Monuments." The paper was much appreciated and gave rise to an interesting discussion.

St. Gabriel church annual report has just been published, and it shows that the Christian Endeavor Society, Young People's Association and missionary organizations are all in hearty co-operation with other branches of the church, working for the general progress of Christian conduct and morals. The finances of the church appear to have been managed with good results, and the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Campbell, remarks: "There is cheering evidence already that we have turned the corner of anxiety—and that having seen the worst, things are in all respects now on the mend."

The school-room of St. Matthew's Presbyterian church was the scene of a pleasant assembly of Christian workers one evening recently, the occasion being a farewell social to Mr. J. H. Cayford, late superintendent of the school, who is leaving that part of the city in a few days to reside in Westmount. Mr. Cayford was made the recipient of "Parkman's History of Canada." Mrs. Cayford was also made the recipient of a handsome bouquet of flowers. Their departure from the "Point" after fifteen years' residence is much regretted. Mr. George Burney succeeds Mr. Cayford as superintendent.

Mr. P. A. Walker, a member of the graduating class in the Presbyterian College this session, has been ordained by the Presbytery of Champlain, N.Y., and placed in charge of Bourke congregation, which lies immediately on the Canadian frontier. As a student Mr. Walker labored in an adjoining mission station under the Presbytery of Montreal.

GENERAL.

The ordination and induction of Mr. W. J. West, licentiate to the pastorate of Bluevale and Eadie's congregations—Presbytery of Maitland—took place on April, 20.

Rev. Dr. Warden, treasurer of Knox College, has received from Mr. William Mortimer Clark, Toronto, the handsome contribution of \$1,000, towards the funds of the college.

The Rev. Mr. Craw, of Douglas, intends in the course of a few weeks to resign his charge in Douglas. He proposes leaving for Scotland and entering one of the universities there for the purpose of continuing his studies.

The congregation of the South Plympton Presbyterian Church met at the manse on April 21st, and presented their pastor, Rev. Geo. Cathberton, with a purse and a suitably worded address. A very enjoyable evening was spent. Excellent music was furnished by the choir.

The Presbytery of Whitby, at quarterly meeting on April 20, appointed Rev. John Abraham, Rev. J. A. McKee, B. A., and Rev. George B. MacLeod, M. A., ministers, and Messrs. Colin Phillips, John Reed, and William Anderson, commissioners to General

Assembly. Mr. Abraham was nominated to serve on Committee of Bills and Ordinances of the General Assembly, and Mr. Eastman, minister, and Mr. Anderson, elder on Synod's Kindred Committee.

It was a cordial welcome that was extended to Rev. D. M. Ramsay, B. D., and Mrs. Ramsay by the congregation of Knox Church, Ottawa, on April 23. Rev. Dr. Campbell, moderator of Ottawa Presbytery welcomed Rev. Mr. Ramsay on behalf of his fellow Presbyters, a remarkably pleasant evening was spent. At the close of the programme Rev. Mr. Ramsay expressed thanks on behalf of himself and Mrs. Ramsay for the kind welcome that had been accorded them.

That the members of the graduating class of '96 from Knox College are not indifferent to the needs of their Alma Mater, is demonstrated by the following note from the class secretary: The secretary treasurer of the class of '96 desired to acknowledge the receipt of five dollars from each of the following members of the class, to be applied towards the reduction of the present college debt. Messrs. Dow, Ross, Dodds, Fasken, Campbell, (D. L.) Maclean, Jeffrey, Bell, Cameron, Nixon, Mackay, (E. W.) Radford, Tate, Macpherson and Mullin. The Rev. Dr. Warden, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the above \$75.

Chalmers' Church, Toronto, anniversary meeting to commemorate the dedication of the new church, was held April 26. Rev. Dr. McKay, moderator, presided, and conducted the opening exercises. An interesting address on Chinese Mission work was delivered by Rev. Mr. McKenzie, of Honan, China. Rev. Dr. McTavish delivered an address that was much appreciated. He told his hearers that they should not be discouraged on account of the death of their pastor, but should take courage, and be rather more earnest in the work that the church might not so keenly feel the great loss it had sustained. Rev. J. McP. Scott, of St. John's Presbyterian Church, spoke to the same purport.

At a late meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society, of St. Paul's Church, Victoria, B. C., a communication was read from the secretary of the Board of Management, informing the Society that at a recent meeting of the Board, Mrs. Macrae, the pastor's wife, had placed in their hands the sum of \$260, which she had collected while on a visit to the east, from personal friends at Dundas, Hamilton, Toronto, London, Chatham, Fergus, Strathroy, Bullocks Corners, West Flamboro, Norval, Brampton, Maxwellville, and Montreal,—to be applied towards the reduction of the debt on the church building, expressing also the Board's appreciation of Mrs. Macrae's services, the liberality of the contributors and also asking the Ladies' Aid Society, for a Grant of \$40 in order to enable the Board to pay an instalment of \$300 on the debt. The communication was received with great satisfaction, and the request of the Board cordially granted.

On Sabbath evening, April 25th, the Rev. J. A. Morison, B. A., of East Presbyterian Church, Toronto, preached from the text: "Oh Lord, I have heard Thy speech and was afraid: oh Lord, revive Thy work in the midst of the years."—Habakkuk iii. 2. The preacher discoursed upon the kind of revival that is needed at the present time, the true preparation for such revival being an obedient spirit that continually waits to hear God's word as revealed by the Bible, by God's Providence, or by the workings of the Holy Spirit in the human heart. He showed that this would inevitably lead to a return to the doctrine of the Bible, to the seeking of personal goodness, to the establishment of family religion and to the development of a vigorous Christian manhood and womanhood. During the course of the sermon he insisted that the Sabbath Day as a day of rest and worship rested upon the command of Almighty God, that the preservation of it was necessary not only for man's spiritual nature, but for his physical well-being and the development of domestic virtues and national prosperity.

Synod of Toronto and Kingston Conference on Christian Life and Work will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, on May 10th and 11th. Judging from the following programme, a pleasant and profitable time will be spent.

MONDAY EVENING—Rev. H. M. Parsons, D.D., Toronto, presiding; 7.30—Devotional Exercises; 8.00—"The relation of the Holy Spirit to deeper Christian life." Rev. J. A. Brown, B.A., Agincourt.

Conference.
9.00—"The relation of the Holy Spirit to more efficient Christian service." Rev. A. R. Linton, B.D., Port Credit.

Conference.
TUESDAY FORENOON—Rev. J. Abraham, Whitby, presiding. 9.30—Devotional Exercises. 9.45—"How to utilize and develop the force that lies in the young life of the Church." Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, Guelph.

Discussion.
10.30—"How to reach and hold the young men." Rev. D. L. McCrae, Ph.D., Collingwood.

Discussion.
11.15—"Is the tithing system, as at present advocated, sound in principle; and is it fair to all the parties concerned?" Rev. W. Bennett, Peterborough.

Discussion.
TUESDAY AFTERNOON—Rev. J. M. Cameron, Wick, presiding; 2.30—Devotional Exercises. 2.45—"How to present doctrine so as to be most helpful for Christian living." Rev. A. Blair, B.A., Nassagaweya.

Discussion.
3.45—"The church in relation to temperance reform." Rev. H. Gracey, M.A., Gananoque.

Discussion.
4.45—"The duty of the pulpit to the labor problem." Rev. W. A. Hunter, Ph.D., Toronto.

Discussion.
Committee—W. G. Hanna, J. McD., Duncan, J. W. MacMillan, S. C. Duncan-Clark.

QUEEN'S CONVOCATION.

Convocation Hall was comfortably filled on the afternoon of April 27th to witness the closing exercises of the session. The platform was occupied by Chancellor Fleming, Principal Grant, Rev. Dr. Bell, Professors, graduates and visitors.

Without any preliminary remarks, the Chancellor called upon Mr. D. L. Gordon to deliver the Valedictory for Arts. During the reading of the valedictory, the retiring Registrar, Rev. Geo. Bell, LL.D., accompanied by the new incumbent, Mr. G. Y. Chown, entered the hall, and the students' friend was received by them with rousing cheers.

The unveiling of Dr. Bell's portrait, which is the work of a Toronto artist, followed. Prof. D. H. Marshall, on behalf of the Senate and subscribers, unveiled the portrait, and presented it to the Chancellor, for a place in Convocation Hall, among the tributes to other distinguished men.

Dr. Wardrop, of Guelph, a fellow-student of the Rev. Dr. Bell in the first days of Queen's, contributed a few words of testimony in the farewell of the retiring Registrar. The speaker and Dr. Bell had met at Queen's fifty-five years ago, at the first opening of the University, and a fond remembrance of the meeting was retained until the present day. Although their paths had led in different courses since leaving the University, still he had always preserved an intimate acquaintance with the doctor. His work in every undertaking had been efficient, and efficiency was one of his characteristics. All bore witness to the capable manner in which the Doctor had performed his duties during his University career.

Mr. R. Burton then presented the Rev. Dr. Bell with an elaborately-framed address, bound in leather, in book form.

Dr. Bell made a touching reply expressing his appreciation of the gift, and of the kindness shown by the Faculty, subscribers and students.

Rev. S. H. Gould appeared as valedictorian for the Medicals, and in his introductory remarks made special reference to the successful year just closed.

Mr. T. S. Scott, M.A., M.P., delivered the Valedictory for the new department, the Faculty of Practical Science.

The Chancellor congratulated the first graduate, and expressed the hope that Mr. Scott, like Rev. Dr. Bell, would be found at Convocation fifty-five years hence.

Mr. A. D. McKinnon followed with the Valedictory for Divinity.