

## Church News

[All communications to this column ought to be sent to the Editor immediately after the occurrences to which they refer have taken place.]

### Montreal Notes.

A new Presbyterian church was dedicated at Grande Mere on a recent Sunday by the Rev. J. R. MacLeod, of Three Rivers. Grande Mere is a point some distance north of Three Rivers on the St. Maurice River, where are situated extensive pulp mills employing a large number of hands. A certain proportion of these are English and Protestant, who for years past have worshipped in a little room over a store. This summer the missionary, Mr. M. H. McIntosh, encouraged by the manager of the mills, secured such assistance from Montreal and elsewhere as enabled the people to erect a small but suitable building in which to hold their services. It seats a little over a hundred, but has been arranged in such a way that the capacity can be easily doubled at any future time if necessary. Though the people are of various denominations, they have all combined in support of the one church in a most harmonious way. This is one of the places in which the movement for ecclesiastical co-operation has done good. Before the field was entered upon at all, the Presbytery had a conference with the representatives of the Methodist church, and they agreed to leave this point entirely to the Presbyterians. This agreement has been faithfully kept. The result is a sufficient encouragement for similar effort in other places. At the dedication Mr. MacLeod was accompanied by a number of the members of his church in Three Rivers who conducted the musical part of the services with such spirit and good taste as contributed much to the profit and satisfaction of the little congregation on the happy occasion.

On the 13th inst. a new edifice to be known as Calvin church was opened at Bathurst near Perth by the Rev. Professor Ross, of Montreal, and the Rev. A. H. Scott, of St. Andrew's church, Perth. The congregation at this point is composed largely of families formerly connected with the Perth churches. They have now been organized separately as part of an independent field.

The Rev. W. D. Reid, B. D., of Victoria Church Montreal, has decided to offer his resignation at the next meeting of Presbytery. During the three years of his pastorate the congregation has flourished abundantly in every way and his loss will be keenly felt by the people. Mr. Reid is anxious however to continue his studies in Edinburgh for a time.

The Rev. Professor Coussirat, who has been seriously ill for the past fortnight, is now on a fair way to recovery and expects fully to be able to take up his work at the opening of the session.

Principal Peterson, of McGill University, returned a few days ago from Britain where he had gone to make full inquiries regarding the new appointments just made to the college staff. The students of all the faculties are coming into the city daily in large numbers, so as to be in readiness for the opening of the classes on Monday. The prospects are that there will be a larger attendance than ever in previous years, attracted by the increased facilities for work which the University is now in a position to offer.

The Diocesan Theological College is to be congratulated on the completion of its new and handsome building on University St., erected by A. F. Gault, Esq. It will be ready for occupation at the beginning of the session, though the formal opening will not take place for a few weeks yet. The Board has also appointed on the staff as professor of Theology the Rev. F. J. Stoen, of Berlin, Ont., who will enter upon his duties immediately.

### British Columbia.

Two important Christian Conventions have lately been held in the City of Victoria. One was on missionary topics and interdenominational in constitution. Methodists, Baptists, Reformed Episcopalians and Presbyterians met in the spirit of brother-

hood to discuss every phase of mission work among the Chinese and Indian of the province, and to devise, if possible, wiser methods for the accomplishment of the Master's will among the heathen of the Pacific coast. Such topics as the "Indian Doctor," the "Potlatch," the "Division of the field," the "Day-school and the Boarding-school," the "Treatment accorded the Chinese," the "Need of proper text-books in Chinese and Indian Schools," were fully and intelligently discussed, and measures were adopted looking to the removal of many obstacles and the general strengthening of the work. Among those present none filled a larger place in popular esteem or took a livelier interest in all that transpired than our own Dr. McLaren and R. P. McKay of Toronto, in order to secure whose valuable assistance the Conference was arranged to come off during their visit to the Coast.

The other Convention was purely Presbyterian in its make-up and was in the interests of the Sabbath School work of the Synod of British Columbia. Three years ago this means of developing the work and the workers took on a visibility which promises to be permanent. Under the direction of the President, Rev. J. A. Logan, of Union Mines, a very comprehensive programme was arranged and admirably executed. The Convention decided to meet next year at Union Mines.

I have heard that a gathering of some kind is to be held this week in the interior at Enderby. No hint of the programme has reached me, but seeing that among those expected to take part are Revs. Dr. Robertson, J. C. Herdman, and D. G. McQueen, I shall not be surprised if something is said about Home Missions.

At a late meeting of the Presbytery of Victoria the resignation of Rev. T. H. Rogers, of Wellington, was accepted and a special meeting of Presbytery appointed to take place in Wellington at an early date. Rev. Alex. Young, Nanaimo, was appointed interim Moderator of Session, Dr. Campbell of Victoria was appointed to similar duties in connection with St. Andrew's church Nanaimo.

Mr. J. Clarke Stewart, a recent graduate of Montreal, has been called to Kamloops.

Rev. J. M. McLeod, of Zion church, Vancouver, is spending a holiday in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, while the Rev. Robt. Frew, of Birtle, Man., is renewing acquaintances on the Pacific coast.

A heavy problem weighs upon the minds of all our western Home Mission Conveners as to how the gospel ordinances are to be secured throughout the winter to our numerous mission fields. Perhaps some of our students in College might help them to a solution.

### General.

The P. E. I. presbytery met at Cavendish on the 8th and ordained and inducted the Rev. G. C. Robertson into that charge. The Rev. Mr. McKay preached the sermon.

The Rev. W. D. Reid, B. A., B. D., has resigned the pastorate of Victoria Presbyterian Church, Point St. Charles, to take place about the end of October. Mr. Reid intends leaving for Edinburgh, Scotland, for some years.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Cochrane arrived home on Tuesday September 8th, after a three months' visit to Europe. Both looked in excellent health, and have received great benefit from their holiday. Speaking of his trip the doctor said it had been a most enjoyable one. Besides the usual tour through England, Ireland and Scotland he had gone to Paris and thence to Holland. From thence he went through to Germany, Austria and Hungary. The latter were new countries to the doctor, and he was deeply interested in what he saw there, both as regards the condition of the people and the scenery through which he passed. Mrs. Cochrane and himself have enjoyed splendid health, and bore the fatigue of travel very well indeed.

The Rev. J. Carawell, of Burks Falls, preached at Huntville and Allansville on Sabbath the 13th inst. and declared the charge vacant. He held a meeting with the session and congregation on Monday to consider the question of the supply of the

pulpit when it was resolved to try and secure a suitable party for six months.

During the summer the Presbyterian Congregation of Nanaimo has been making extensive repairs to their church. The interior with its frescoed walls and ceiling, grained woodwork, stained glass windows, polished oak seats, new pulpit, etc., is now one of the most beautiful in this section of the province. Since Rev. W. W. Peck's induction about a year ago fifty-four names have been added to the communion roll, interest in the different services has increased and in every way Presbyterianism of Nanaimo is in a prosperous condition.

The jubilee of Rev. R. Wallace in West Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening, Sept. 16th, was a very pleasant affair. Refreshments were served in the lecture room from 6.30 to 8.30 o'clock. During that time Mr. Wallace had the great pleasure of speaking to many old friends in the Church. There was a large attendance. Those who took part were Rev. Dr. Gregg, who presided, Rev. W. S. Ball, Rev. Professor McLaren, Rev. Prof. Wallace of Victoria College, Dr. Parsons of Knox Church, Rev. Wm. Katterson, Rev. J. A. Turnbull, Rev. W. C. Wallace, Rev. Dr. Cavan, Dr. Blackstock and Dr. Parker, R. S. Gourley, Elder, and John Laidlaw.

At the last meeting of the Presbytery of Halifax, Rev. W. M. Fraser was granted three or four months' leave of absence from his congregation. Rev. J. P. McPhie, of Pictou, and a graduate of Auburn, N.Y., will take his place in the pulpit of Coburg road church, commencing work on the second Sunday in October.

The induction of the Rev. W. A. J. Martin, formerly of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Toronto, into the pastoral charge of Knox Presbyterian church, Guelph, took place on Sept. 15th. The new minister was addressed by the Rev. Dr. Wardrop, while the Rev. J. C. Smith preached, and the Rev. Dr. Torrance addressed the people. In the evening a tea was served in the basement of the church from 5.30 to 7.30, after which a public reception was held upstairs, and addresses were delivered by the Rev. W. A. Hunter, of Toronto, the Rev. Mr. Glassford, and the Rev. S. Sellery. Choice music was rendered by the combined Presbyterian choirs, under the leadership of Prof. Fenwick.

The annual meeting of the W.F.M.S. and Mission Band was held at Knox church, Scarborough, the President, Miss Henry, presiding. The ladies of the congregation were out in good force. There was also a good representation of the ladies from St. Andrew's and Zion's, Scarborough, and St. John's, Markham. The Treasurers' reports, presented by Miss Davidson and Miss L. Clark, were highly encouraging, showing a year of continued prosperity in the societies. The contributions for the year amounted to \$146, besides \$50 worth of clothing for the Indians. Mrs. J. Darrock of the China Inland Mission, who for seven years labored in the City of Lu Han Chio, in the Province of Ohluli, gave a most interesting and instructive address on what we do in China, and how we do it. Mrs. Jeffry, of Toronto, gave a very graphic description of her visit to the missions stations among the Indians of the Northwest.

Principal Grant of Queen's College, Kingston, preached twice on September 18th in the Presbyterian church, Nanaimo, it being the opening of the church after the recent repairs. The church now is one of the neatest and most comfortable edifices in town. A new pipe organ will be added a little later on.

The Presbytery of Maitland at a special meeting in the Presbyterian church at Kinlough, inducted the Rev. John Maxwell, lately ordained missionary at Lion's Head, Presbytery of Owen Sound, into the pastoral charge of the united congregations of North Kinlough, Riversdale and Enniskillen.

The Presbyterian church at Little Bras d'Or, was dedicated Sept. 13th, Rev. Dr. Gordon, Moderator of the General Assembly, officiating.

The three auxiliaries of the W.F.M.S. of the congregation of Moser's River and Newdy Quoddy raised during the past year over \$75. This is double what was formerly raised for Foreign Missions.