

CHURCH NOTES AND NOTICES.

The summer session of Manitoba College closed on 18 Sept. Other colleges will soon begin; Montreal and Knox, Oct. 3 and 4.

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces will meet in St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, N.B., Tuesday, 2 Oct., 7.30 p.m. Opening sermon by Rev. M. G. Henry, retiring moderator.

St. Andrew's Church, Sydney, C.B., celebrated its jubilee, 22 August. Fifty years ago there were but eight Presbyterian ministers in Cape Breton. This year there are thirty ministers in charge and eight student catechists.

Rev. D. Cock, Truro, N.S., who graduated from the Presbyterian College, Halifax, in the spring of '99, and is now laboring in the Klondyke, reports that his congregation is self-sustaining. This is the second self-supporting charge in the far North, Dawson having attained that position some two years ago.

It is hard to realize the field for mission work and the need of it furnished by our lumber camps in winter. A committee appointed by one Presbytery, North Bay, reports nearly twenty thousand men in four hundred and twenty-two camps in the limits of the Presbytery. What must be the number throughout the Dominion.

Rev. J. G. Shearer, agent of the Ontario Lord's Day Alliance, and also of the Dominion Alliance, has visited the Maritime Provinces, and been warmly received. Provincial Alliances have been formed in N.S. and N.B. and branches in all the leading towns. The Sabbath is being steadily encroached upon, and constant vigilance will be necessary to preserve it with its priceless blessings to our country.

Knox College has been disappointed. It called Rev. Dr. Forrest, of Shelmorlie, Scotland, to fill its Chair of Apologetics. He has declined. Whereat the Presbyterian Review calls attention to the oft-repeated fact that, while men from abroad may have advantages for such work, our own men have others that counterbalance. They are sons of the soil. They have grown up with the life and work of the Church. Besides, it is a rule of life that a people or class will rise to that for which they are deemed worthy. Many thanks for the good and great from abroad, and utilize the best at home.

Welcome is the following from Rev. D. Sutherland, of Gabarus, C.B., who heads the active ministry of Sydney Presbytery, with forty years of service. He says, referring to September Record:—"Louisburg, C.B., was wrought by me as pastor from my induction in Gabarus, 1875, for several years.

I held services on a chosen hill in the woods at 12 Mile Lake, and in a house at Middle Height, giving the Word of Life to a circuit of many miles not otherwise reached. Finally a great communion was held of five days' continuance, and attended by an overflowing concourse of people. This was the foundation of the present congregation in Louisburg.

College fashions must be followed,—if goods ones, well,—and Manitoba has held its first "summer meeting," August 5 to 10. Special sermons in all the churches, on Sabbath, 5 August, began the work. The following days were full of interest and profit, with papers, addresses, conferences, on a wide range of subjects, ancient and modern, scholarly, historical, scriptural and practical; from "Assyrian and Babylonian Archaeology" down through "Israel's Development," "Old Testament Criticism," "The Apostolic Age," "The Nicene Creed," "John Knox's Book of Common Order," to "Christian Education," "Sociology," and "Our Religious Future;" which, needless to say, was the theme of Dr. Robertson, as with sweep historic and prophetic he surveyed the Western Canada that is and is to be.

A pretty feature of the social evening of the meeting was the presentation to the College of a portrait (oil painting) of Dr. Robertson.

Obituaries.

Rev. J. J. Bourgoin died at Pont-aux-Trembles on the 10th Sept. Mr. Bourgoin was born at Glay, France, 52 years ago. He came to this country at the age of nineteen as a missionary to the French-Canadians, and did colportage work in Quebec city and vicinity until he became a teacher at the Pointe-aux-Trembles schools. A year or two later he was appointed principal of the institution, and has held that position for the past 25 years. He was ordained Nov. 9, 1859.

Rev. Jno. McMillan was a native of Arran, Scotland. Coming to Canada early in life, he studied at Knox College, Toronto. He was ordained in 1856 and labored for six years at Fingal; removing to Mount Forest, he remained twenty years. For two years previous to his retirement he had charge of Havelock congregation. Latterly he resided with his son, Rev. J. W. McMillen, of Lindsay, where he died on Sabbath, 2nd Sept.

Rev. James Donaldson died at Galt, Ont., 11th Sept., in the 52nd year of his age. He was educated at Glasgow and Edinburgh. In 1852 he was licensed to preach by Glasgow Presbytery. Reaching New York in 1857, he remained there four years as city missionary. Later he was superintendent of missions, first of Montreal, then of part of Western Ontario.