

Ministers and Churches.

Ottawa.

At St. Andrew's church on Sunday evening Rev. Dr. Herridge preached a powerful sermon on the evil of useless worry over the things of this life taking for his text Matt. 6: 26. "Which of you therefore by taking thought, can add one cubit to his stature?"

Rev. John L. Gourlay, one of the oldest Presbyterian ministers in the Ottawa Valley, passed away at his home in Ottawa last week. Deceased had resided in this district since the early days of Bytown. He was a scholarly man, writing a book on the history of the Ottawa Valley.

Rev. Norman MacLeod's farewell sermons in Mackay church were of an inspiring nature. After five years of faithful work the beloved minister found it very difficult to say the parting words. In the evening the subject was Paul's Farewell, the text being from 11 Corinthians 13, 11: Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you." The church on Sunday was crowded at both services.

Toronto

An emphatic protest against military church parades was uttered by Rev. A. B. Winchester in the course of his sermon last Sunday at Knox church.

Rev. Peter E. Nichol, formerly of St. Mark's church, has decided to accept the call from the Tilbury congregation.

Anniversary services in connection with Cooke's church was held on Sunday. Rev. William Patterson, D. D., of Philadelphia preached at both services. In the morning his text was: "But thou hast kept the good wine to the last." Dr. Patterson is always heartily welcomed by his old congregation.

The church at Mimico was filled to its utmost capacity last week, the occasion of the induction of the Rev. William Morin.

Rev. Alex. McMillan, moderator of the Presbytery of Toronto, in his address to the minister, said that he remembered his own induction to the same charge, which took place about thirteen years ago.

Rev. A. McGillivray of the Bonar church delivered the charge to the congregation instead of Rev. A. L. Geggie, who was ill; and Rev. P. M. Macdonald preached the sermon.

Montreal.

Rev. Dr. Johnston, pastor of the American Presbyterian Church, who is already winning golden opinions in his new field of labour, is at present in attendance at Presbyterian General Assembly in Buffalo.

After examination Montreal Presbytery licensed the following young men, all of whom acquitted themselves most creditably: Messrs. A. W. Lochead B. A., B.D., J. H. Mowat, B. A., B.D., J. D. Morrow, B.A., B.D., W. T. Touchette, B.A., B.D., and A. Brown, B.A., B.D. The first two have offered themselves for work in China and will sail for Vancouver on 15th August for Honan.

At the recent communion in Melville Church there were 12 additions of young people on profession of faith. Since the resignation of Rev. Mr. Winfield, Rev. Prof. Campbell, D.D., is in charge, preaching twice every Sunday, visiting the sick and overtaking all the pastoral work of the congregation. This he will continue doing until 1st of September, when the congregation will proceed to hear candidates, or call without hearing. The charge is a most promising one, and offers a fine field for good work to an able and energetic minister.

The ordination of Mr. A. W. Lochead, B.A., B.D., took place in St. Paul's church last Sunday morning. Rev. Dr. Barclay conducting the services and giving the ordination address. Rev. Dr. MacKay, F. M. Secretary, was present and took part in the solemn service. In the evening in Erskine church, Mr. J. H. Mowat B.A., B.D., was set apart for the ministry by Montreal Presbytery. His father, Rev. Dr. Mowat, preached a most suitable sermon from the words: "And salute no man by the way." Thereafter both young men were designed for mission work in Honan, China, the address

being delivered by Rev. Dr. MacKay, F. M. Secretary, who presented each candidate with a bible.

Mr. Walker, M.L.A. for Huntingdon, is not only devoted to the material interests of his constituents, but he is also an active churchman, as is evidenced by his recently writing to Lord Mount Stephen, asking for a subscription towards the new St. Andrew's church, Huntingdon, now in course of erection. His Lordship's response was a cheque for \$1,000.00.

Dealing with the "Signs of the Times" in a recent sermon, Rev. Dr. Campbell of St. Gabriel's, strongly advocated the federation of all the Protestants of Canada, the Anglican and Baptists included. All the denominations might maintain their distinctive tenets, while exhibiting a friendly consideration to one another as to the planting and upholding of ordinances in sparse, settlements, small towns, and new mission stations, thus securing the husbanding of resources, which was one of the main practical ends to be gained by union. He did not despair of seeing such an alliance brought about, and confessed that personally he had a strong liking for the type of Christian character developed among the Anglicans and Baptists, the two organizations which were not included in the proposed union programme, and after all, the fruits of a system were the best test by which to estimate it. This being so, he thought that any negotiations for union should include these two churches, and it was worth while waiting and working to attain the consummation of some form of federation, which would embrace them.

Quebec.

A memorial service for the late Rev. Kenneth McLennan was held in St. Andrew's church, Levis, Que., on Sunday last. A tablet to his memory was unveiled and Rev. Mr. McCuaig, the present minister, delivered an eloquent sermon from the text "Your fathers, where are they?" Mr. McLennan was for many years clerk of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.

At a meeting of the Montreal Presbytery on Tuesday in Knox Church, Montreal, five gentlemen who graduated from the Presbyterian Theological College were examined and awarded their licenses. The five candidates were Messrs. J. D. Morrow, A. W. Lochead, B.D.; B. A.; J. A. Mowat, B.A.; W. T. Touchette and A. V. Brown, B.D., B. A. The candidates will be ordained at the different churches to which they will be called, with the exception of Messrs. Lochead and Mowat, who are to go as missionaries to the Far East. Mr. Lochead will be ordained at a special ordination service in St. Paul's Church next Sunday morning. Mr. Mowat's ordination will take place at a special service to be held in Erskine Church next Sunday evening.

Peterborough.

Rev. Dr. Torrance, of St. Paul's church, and Rev. J. M. Whitelaw of Omemece, exchanged pulpits on Sabbath last.

Most of the ministers from this Presbytery attended the meeting of Synod recently held in Toronto.

Rev. G. Yule, of Springville, is receiving the congratulations of his friends on the arrival of a new Scotch-Canadian boy at the Springville manse.

At a recent baptismal service held in St. Paul's church, Rev. J. G. Potter assisted Rev. Dr. Torrance, while Rev. J. A. Wilson, of St. Paul's, took Mr. Potter's work at St. Andrew's.

Arrangements are being made for the annual town and township Sunday school conventions to be held early in June. Rev. J. G. Potter is County President, and Rev. G. A. MacLennan, of Norwood, is Field Secretary.

Sheriff Hall, one of the respected elders of St. Paul's church, recently delivered a most interesting lecture in Peterborough on behalf of the Children's Aid Society. The lecture was entitled, "An evening with the poets." The result, financially and otherwise, was very gratifying. Rev. Dr. Torrance acted as chairman.

Mr. George Stewart, County Treasurer, passed away at the Nicholl's Hospital last week. Mr. Stewart was a man whom everybody esteemed. He had for many years been an elder of St. Paul's church, Peterborough, and also superintendent of the River Road Sabbath School in Otonabee. The funeral was largely attended.

An elocution contest under the auspices of the Royal Templars was held on Friday evening in the school-room of St. Andrew's church. The contestants were five in number, Miss Laura Sager being awarded the prize, which consisted of a neat silver medal presented by the Royal Templars. Rev. J. A. Wilson, of St. Paul's church, made the presentation. Rev. J. G. Potter, of St. Andrew's church, was chairman.

Quebec Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Quebec met in Chalmers Church, Quebec, on the 10th, 11th and 12th May, with good attendance. Dr. Kellock Moderator. An Elder's Commission in favor of Mr. John McCamon, Inverness, was submitted and accepted. The session Records of Three Rivers, Valcartier and Leeds were submitted for revision, and the Presbytery, having heard the Report of their Committees on the said Records attested them as correctly kept. The Presbytery took up the consideration of the enlargement of powers of Synod, and appointed a Committee consisting of Messrs. H. C. Sutherland, A. T. Love, A. Stevenson, W. Shearer, R. Stewart and P. Johnston. The committee made the following recommendations: 1. That the Presbytery re-affirm the decision reached at last meeting respecting the first four changes, proposed by the Assembly's Committee. 2. That it approve the changes proposed concerning the management of the Home Mission work of the church.

Circular letters, from various Presbyteries were read, intimating the intention to apply to the General Assembly for leave to receive the following as ministers of this Church, viz., Revs. Wallace Johnston, Wm. F. Allan, John Wood, H. George Gunn, W. Cameron, J. H. Davis, C. R. Ashdown, A. F. Thompson, James Fernie, J. A. Ralston T. G. MacLeod, and Mr. T. A. Roger, evangelist.

A notice was read intimating that the Rev. John Buchanan had, at the request of the Presbytery of Sydney, N. B. retired from the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Home Mission Convener presented a claim made by Mr. J. E. Menancon to the amount of fifty-two dollars for services at River du Loup; and upon the recommendation of a Committee appointed to consider this matter the Presbytery resolved as follows:

Whereas Mr. Menancon has already received from the H. M. C. fund all that was promised him for the past six months, and thirty-nine dollars more, the Presbytery cannot see its way to apply for additional grant. The following were appointed to visit the Mission fields during the summer, viz., Mr. A. T. Love, Grand Mere and Valcartier; Mr. J. R. MacLeod, Grand Mere Portneuf; Mr. W. Shearer, Lake Megantic and Massawippi; Mr. H. C. Sutherland, Kennebec Road.

It was resolved to accept and operate Cap a L'Aigle Church on the conditions imposed by Mrs. MacKay, widow of the late Dr. A. B. MacKay. The question of trustees for this Church having come up it was resolved that the properties about to be secured at Cap a L'Aigle, River du Loup and St. Bladine be vested in the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Call from Winslow—Mr. Mackenzie accepted a unanimous call from the Winslow congregation. The stipend is \$500.00 and the Presbytery will apply for \$250 from the Augmentation Fund. He will be inducted on Thursday of this week. Rev. W. MacLeod will preside, Rev. E. MacQueen will preach, Rev. W. Shearer address the congregation, and Dr. Pattison will speak to the minister. An overture on modified itinerancy submitted by Rev. E. MacQueen was approved and will be transmitted to the General Assembly simpliciter.

Call From Leeds or Kinnear's Mills.—There was submitted a call from the Congregation of Leeds, signed by one hundred and ninety communicants, and one hundred and thirty adherents in favor of Mr. J. M. Whitelaw, and accompanied by a guarantee for stipend to the amount of \$800 per annum, with use of glebe and manse. Messrs. A. Moffitt, Edward Bracken and Absalom Morrison representing the congregation, were heard in support of the call. After consideration, on motion, duly seconded, a committee consisting of W. Shearer, Convener, D. Tait, J. R. MacLeod, C. A. Tanner and E. MacQueen, was appointed to bring in a resolution looking in the direction of a disposal of the matter. The committee appointed submitted the following: "The Presbytery having carefully considered the call from the congregation