

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.

Another index of the Westwood movement of the Protestant population in our city is furnished by the position of St. Bartholomew's Reformed Episcopal church, situated on Beamer Hall Hill. The congregation has never been very strong financially, and of late years its pastors have remained but a short time on the field. And now once again it is without a shepherd by the resignation of the Rev. De Rondon Pos, who gives as his reason the impossibility of holding the congregation together with the church so far from the centre of the Protestant population. So far as can be learned this is the real and only reason since he leaves retaining the entire confidence of his people. It is, however, a very serious matter for the congregation, and may endanger its future existence unless an advantageous sale can be made of the present property which is just on the border of the business section of the city.

The loss of a pastor there is balanced for the city by the gain of one in another direction. Dr. E. W. Dodson has just entered on the charge of the Olivet Baptist church on Osborne street, which has been vacant for some months. Dr. Dodson, we understand, comes from Woodstock, Ont., and has a high reputation as a preacher and platform speaker. He has a good field for work and an active aggressive congregation behind him. And whatever may be the case elsewhere the Baptists of this city are aggressive in the right way, seeking to reach the careless and the non-churchgoing rather than to make proselytes from other denominations. Most of the Baptist ministers are active members of the Protestant ministerial Association and co-operate heartily in all its efforts. In French mission work there is a good understanding as to the division of the field between their Board and that of our own church, so that any serious friction is impossible. May this happy state of things long continue.

The ministers who have been spending their holiday across the Atlantic are now flocking homeward. Dr. Milligan of Toronto, passed through the city recently. Mr. Mackie, of Kingston was just done the same. Mr. Heine of Chalmers' Church arrived on the Lake Superior and Dr. Barclay is expected in a few days. All seem to have enjoyed themselves and profited by the change.

Morrin College, Quebec, announces its opening under the new management on Oct. 1. Since the close of last session its staff has received most important additions. Apart from the appointment of Dr. MacRae as Principal and Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy, Prof. Wm. Gunn, B. A. will fill the chair of Modern Languages and Prof. McIntyre that of Chemistry and Experimental Physics. These additions to the staff will enable the institution to retain its affiliation with McGill University. In McGill, itself, ground has been broken for the new Chemical Laboratory and the work will be pushed on to completion at as early a date as possible.

Dr. Smyth, of Calvin Church, who is now lying in the Royal Victoria Hospital has had a serious relapse and his condition is again causing the greatest anxiety to his friends. His pupil in the meantime is being supplied by the Rev. J. A. G. Calder.

General.

Rev. N. Campbell, of Oro, laid the corner stone of the new Presbyterian church at Hillsdale last week.

Rev. N. Paterson, of Hanover, is dead. For a number of years he ministered to the Presbyterian congregation there. He was buried on Aug. 11.

On Tuesday, Aug. 11 Rev. Mr. Taylor of St. Andrew's church, Albert, was ordained. At the same meeting of the Presbytery, Rev. Mr. Macrae, of Nanaimo, tendered the resignation of his charge to accept a call to a church in Los Angeles.

Rev. J. H. Graham, B. A., of Watford, has received a hearty and unanimous call to Avonton and Carlingford.

Prof. James Ross, of Montreal Presbyterian Church, preached two sermons at Knox Church, London, Aug. 23.

St. Andrew's, Napier and Chalmers Brooke, in Sarnia Presbytery, have extended a unanimous call to Mr. I. S. Bell, B. A., of Avonton.

Principal Grant has returned to Kingston, from his trip to Great Britain. The genial Master of Queen's looks bright and refreshed after his vacation.

Rev. John Sharp, who recently resigned the charge of Admaston church, was presented with an address, accompanied by a generous gift of money, from the members of the Bible class in South Admaston.

The sod is broken on the site for the new church, Millbrook, and they are busily engaged at the foundation and judging from appearances, rapid progress will be made in the erection of the church.

Rev. John Campbell, Granton, is seriously ill. He returned from California in May, but was unable to resume active work. He has now gone to his old home in New Brunswick to endeavor to recuperate.

The resignation of Rev. J. Sieveright has been accepted by the Barrie Presbytery. The Presbyterian congregation of Huntsville and Allansville will be declared vacant on the 13th Sept. Rev. J. Carswell, Burks Falls, has been appointed moderator during the vacancy.

Rev. George Gilmore of the North Presbyterian Mission, reports that he is meeting with great success in his collections on behalf of the Pottersburg new Church. He says building operations will be pushed forward with all dispatch, and that the edifice will probably be open, free of debt, about the middle of October.

Students attending Knox College are reminded that they must be certified to the Senate of the College by the Presbytery within whose bounds they have been laboring or resident during the summer. Students within the bounds of the Presbytery of Toronto are requested to report at once to the Clerk of Presbytery, Rev. R. C. Tibb, 36 Macdonell Ave., Toronto, that arrangements may be made for them to meet with the Presbytery's Committee.

Extensive repairs are being made on the church at Clyde River, N.B. The old building, which was altogether too small, is being replaced by a larger and more attractive edifice. Rev. Mr. MoInn, formerly of Scotland, is pastor.

At a union meeting of the congregations of Charleston and Alton, Orangeville Presbytery, held on August 25th, it was agreed to call Rev. J. A. Matheson, B.D., to be their pastor. Mr. Matheson is a graduate of Dalhousie University in Arts, of the Presbyterian College, Halifax, in Theology. Since ordination, he has been employed as home missionary in the ranching district along the foot of the Rockies, in Calgary Presbytery. Charleston and Alton form one of our large country charges, there being in the field, according to the blue book 154 families and 284 communicants.

Presbytery of Toronto.

At the regular September meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto, held on the 1st inst., the Rev. W. Patterson was elected Moderator for the next six months. Resolutions expressive of the Presbytery's esteem for Rev. W. A. J. Martin and J. G. Potter, translated to the Presbyteries of Guelph and Peterborough, respectively, were presented and adopted by the Presbytery. The Presbytery also adopted a resolution congratulating the Rev. R. Wallace on the completion of the 50th year as a minister of the Gospel. The Presbytery also passed a resolution expressing its deep sense of the loss sustained by the death of Mr. James Brown, one of its members, and one very active in charitable and benevolent works. On the report of a committee the Presbytery cordially approved of the system of keeping church accounts which a committee of the Presbytery of Hamilton has issued in book form, and agreed to commend this or some similar form to the congregations within the bounds. It was agreed to disjoin the congrega-

tion at Malton from the charge of Malton Dixie and Port Credit as soon as that congregation is prepared to meet its financial obligations, and to make Malton a Mission station and Port Credit and Dixie one charge. Mr. E. L. Hunt was examined for license, and his trial being sustained, he was duly licensed to preach the Gospel. In view of the agitation in favor of operating the Street Car System on the Sabbath day, Principal Caven submitted the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by the Presbytery.—

"The Presbytery remembers with thankfulness to God that the voters of the city of Toronto have twice given their decision in opposition to the operating of the street car system on the Lord's Day. In view of the fact that the matter of a Sabbath service is again probably to be submitted to a vote the Presbytery would earnestly and affectionately counsel the members and adherents of its congregations in the city zealously to bear their part in defending the sacred claim of the Lord's Day and in resisting all attempts to increase the labor by which the rest and quiet of the Sabbath would be impaired and irreparable injury in many ways inflicted on the community."—R. C. TIBB, Clerk.

The Rev. Robt Wallace's Jubilee.

The Presbytery of Toronto at its last regular meeting unanimously passed the following resolution on the occasion of the completion, by one of its members of the fiftieth year in the Ministry:

"As their co-presbyter, the Rev. Robert Wallace has, in the good providence of God, been spared to complete the fiftieth year of his ministry in the Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of Toronto agree to place on record an expression of their gratitude to the Great Head of the Church Who has so long enabled him to labor in His service with fidelity and success. Trained among the first band of students in Queen's University, and also among the first band of students in Knox College, and having as a student-catechist and licentiate toiled with indefatigable energy in carrying the Gospel message throughout a large portion of Western Canada, and virtually organizing not a few congregations, he was ordained, on the 15th July, 1846, as pastor of the congregation of Otonabee. This charge he resigned in consequence of failing health brought on chiefly by excessive labor. His next charge was that of Knox church, Ingersoll. He was afterward inducted to the charge of Thorold and Drummondville. His last charge was that of West church, Toronto. In all the congregations to which he ministered, he was a faithful and effective preacher and an exceedingly laborious pastor. Since his settlement in Toronto the Presbytery have had more immediately under their eyes his pulpit and pastoral work, and can therefore the better bear testimony to the zeal, fidelity and success with which he prosecuted his labors. West church was comparatively small when he became its minister, but during his pastorate it grew to be one of the largest in the city, while, under his supervision, its Sabbath school became one of the largest in the province. During an interval between his pastorate in Ingersoll and his settlement in Thorold and Drummondville Mr. Wallace rendered valuable service to the French Canadian Mission, in whose interests he visited, lectured and obtained contributions in numerous places not only in Canada, but in Great Britain, and in Ireland. In the cause of temperance he has always taken a deep interest, and on its behalf, has written and published several pamphlets which have been widely circulated. Though now released from stated ministerial work, he continues, as opportunity offers, to preach the Gospel, and to render other valuable services to the church. It is the earnest prayer of the Presbytery that he may still continue to bring forth fruit even in old age, and that when his work on earth is completed, he may receive the blessed welcome, 'Well done good and faithful servant! enter thou into the joy of the Lord.'"

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