

Church News

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Montreal Notes

The Presbytery of Glengarry has just suffered two serious losses by the departure of the Rev. I. P. Burnet, of Martintown, and the Rev. A. K. McLennan, of Dalhousie Mills. The latter has assigned his charge in order to accept the pastorate of a church in Boston recently left vacant by the death of his brother. His four years' ministry in Glengarry has been a successful one, and his people part from him with regret while wishing him all prosperity in his new and more difficult field of labour. Mr. Burnet retires owing to his advancing years, and proposes to spend the remainder of his days in Scotland whither he will be accompanied by his estimable wife. Mr. Burnet is a native of Dumfriesshire and came to Canada as a young man. His first charge was as assistant pastor of St. John's Church, Cornwall. He afterwards settled at Martintown where he has labored faithfully and acceptably for the past twenty-eight years. At the last meeting of the Presbytery on the 5th inst., when his resignation took effect, the members dined together and took advantage of the occasion to express in a marked way their appreciation of his work and of the many excellent qualities of both Mr. and Mrs. Burnet. Many who have throughout these long years of active service enjoyed the cultured hospitality of the Martintown Manse, will follow them with their kind wishes that their lives may be spared many days and that they may enjoy much happiness in them. The congregation is in good condition and the vacancy a most desirable one.

The annual meeting of the Christian Endeavour Society of St. Matthew's Church, Montreal, was held on Monday evening, the 7th inst., in the Lecture Hall. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss A. Buchanan; Vice-President, Mr. J. C. Mace; Recording Secretary, Miss M. Gray; Corresponding Secretary, Miss N. Paterson, and Treasurer, Mr. R. A. Mingie. Conveners of Committees: Prayer meeting, Mr. A. Munroe; look-out, W. Hudson; missionary intelligence, Mr. McLea, music, Miss Blackham; two-cent-a-week-extra, Miss S. Simpson; temperance, Mr. D. Thomson; St. Charles street mission, Mr. J. Mancantellie, flower and sick visiting, Miss J. Duncan; missionary collection, Miss Cayford; junior Endeavor, Miss Fraser; good literature, J. Simpson; Sunday-school, Miss M. Buchanan; and reception committee, Mr. A. Thomson. This Society is one of the largest and most vigorous in the city. The hands of the pastor, Rev. W. R. Cruickshank, are immensely strengthened by their help in the work of the church.

The Rev. Dr. Buchanan, of the Central India Mission, was in the city last Sunday, and at the morning service in Knox Church gave an interesting account of the Bheel aboriginals among whom his work is hereafter to lie.

The Rev. Dr. Chiniquy preached to a crowded congregation in St. John's Church last Sunday evening, every available seat being occupied, and people standing in the aisles up to the doors. A large number of them were nominal Roman Catholics who listened in silence with the closest attention to his presentation of the way of salvation through Christ alone. Though in his eighty-eighth year the aged father is about to sail for England in a day or two in order that he may raise money for the planting of evangelical churches in his native province, especially in the county of Leitrim which he himself visited the past summer, and where he found a hearty welcome. A mission has already been begun here and a has already been begun there and a notice of the French Press.

This question of the schools is in fact being pushed to the front by a portion of the French Press in a most vigorous way. Referring to the boast of one of the English papers that the Ontario people are superior to those of Quebec, based on the fact that the percentage of those who can read and

write is larger in Toronto than in Montreal, the "Patrie" says: "Our confreres is right in glorying over the comparison, for we stand behind our neighbors in the point of primary education, and why is that? Because we have an antiquated system of education; because we have an irresponsible department of public instruction, which is shy of all that bears the name of progress; because those who should have worked soul and body for reforms remained satisfied with saying and doing nothing. Do you believe that it would be contrary to the interests of our country and of our nationality, if, in all the parishes, the curés undertook a patriotic and disinterested campaign to explain to the people that they are wrong in building grand presbyteries, that is to say, unbecoming presbyteries, and too sumptuous churches, that is to say, churches that cost too much, and that, instead, it would be better to build more spacious, better ventilated and more hygienic schoolhouses, and to pay the price to have good masters and mistresses. Now, God surely does not demand that there should be a cathedral and a "chateau" in each country parish. Besides our people are not rich and they should know how to divide and spend the money intended to promote the general interests. . . . A change is needed, reforms are needed, for our province and our race have nothing to gain by holding the same place in the Confederation.

Stanley street church, of which Mr. Dewey is pastor, was reopened on Sunday last after having been cleaned, re-fitted and fitted up with the Auer light besides other improvements. The attendance has increased considerably during the past year, and the church now presents an attractive appearance.

General.

Rev. John Mackie, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, has arrived home from a trip to England.

"Rev. Wm. J. West, M. A., Woodstock, has declined the call extended to him by Osgoode Presbyterian church, Ottawa."

Rev. John Campbell, for fourteen years pastor of Granton and Lucan Presbyterian churches, died at Richmond, N. B., on August 29th.

The Winnipeg Presbytery met at Selkirk on 29th, at 8 p.m., to induct the Rev. J. M. Gray, recently of Stirling, Ont., into the pastoral charge of the Selkirk church.

Rev. G. M. Milligan, D.D., pastor of old St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, returned on Saturday from a trip to Scotland. His health has been benefited by his trip.

On the 1st of September the Presbytery of Guelph met in Knox Church, Acton, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to hear Mr. Hugh McPherson, who was under call to that congregation.

A convention of all the Young People's Societies, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Barrie, will be held on Monday, 29th September, the day before the meeting of Presbytery.

The Rev. J. S. Burnet, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Martintown, has resigned his charge, taking effect on Sept. 1. The church was duly declared vacant by the Rev. A. Givan on Sunday last.

The Rev. J. W. Mitchell, of Thorold, has resumed evangelistic work after the heated term, at Camilla, where he is conducting a series of special meetings with the pastor, the Rev. James McMillan.

Rev. Wm. J. West, M. A., who has been spending a year at Edinburg taking a post-graduate course in Theology there, has received a unanimous call to Osgoode Presbyterian Church, Ottawa Presbytery.

Rev. Wm. Meikle, a retired Presbyterian minister, formerly of Oakville, but who now resides at 62 Robert street, on Saturday afternoon met with a serious accident. A branch of a shade tree excluded the light from an upper window and with the aid of a ladder, he climbed up to cut it off. When the limb was partly sawn through it broke and Mr. Meikle was thrown to the ground from a height of about twelve feet. Dr. Hunter found two ribs broken, a bad bruised side and arm, and, as Mr.

Meikle is over seventy years of age and is suffering from shock, a fatal result is feared.

On Sunday Aug. 30th, the Rev. J. S. Burnett very feelingly preached his farewell sermon to St. Andrew's congregation, Martintown. Mr. Burnett leaves shortly for his native land—Scotland.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the Presbytery met in the church, the pulpit was taken by Rev. John W. McVicar, B.A., of Melville church, Ferguson, who preached from Is. XXVI-3; addresses were given by Rev. Dr. Jackson and D. Srachan.

Children's services were held in St. Andrew's Church, Appleton, on Sunday, Aug. 30th. The pastor, Rev. G. T. Bayne, preached in the morning, and the Rev. Robt. McNair, of Carleton Place, in the evening.

The Rev. Goro Kogoburagi, Vancouver's new Japanese pastor, was tendered a hearty welcome by the Y.P.S. C.E. of St. Andrew's Church recently. The Endeavorers presented Mr. Kogoburagi with a number of chairs for use in the Japanese mission.

The new additions to the New Edinburgh Presbyterian church, which have been building during the summer, are now nearly completed. The first service since the new improvements will take place shortly, when Dr. Clark of Halifax, a former pastor of the church, will be present.

A meeting of the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, was held Sept. 2nd, to consider the question of calling a pastor, and by a vote of 99 to 64 communicants, and 25 to 12 adherents, it was decided to extend a call to Rev. Horatio S. Beavis, who occupied St. Paul's pulpit during the illness of and subsequent to the death of Rev. Dr. Laidlaw. His stipend was placed at \$2,000.

King Street Presbyterian Church, London, will no longer be a tax on the augmentation fund. The step of becoming self-sustaining was suggested by the new pastor, Rev. Thomas Wilson, at a recent meeting of the management board, and met with their unanimous approval. When the important announcement was made public at the church services the congregation were very much pleased.

On Sabbath, Aug. 30th, the Presbyterian Church at Little Rapids was formally opened. Mr. P. F. Sinclair, B.A. student, has been laboring on the field very successfully during the summer. It is due to his zeal and energy assisted by others that the church has been completed. Rev. W. C. Armstrong, M.A., assisted by Mr. Sinclair conducted the opening services. The Thessalon Presbyterian choir furnished excellent music for the occasion.

Rev. Mr. McNair, Carleton Place, during Mrs. McNair's absence had the Manse wired, and a handsome set of electric light fixtures put in, much to the surprise of his better half. But to Mr. McNair's surprise the system was no sooner in operation than he received through the Ladies' Aid Society the receipted accounts for the whole work. This consideration on behalf of the ladies is very highly appreciated by the pastor and his lady.

Last Sabbath, the Rev. J. A. Morrison, B. A., of East Presbyterian Church, Toronto, resumed work after his holidays. He was met by large audiences, more especially at the evening service. This church is making very satisfactory progress in membership, and in financial matters. In the afternoon, the Rev. Dr. Moffat addressed the large Bible Class, on the many sided mission work of the Upper Canada Tract Society, and received a most hearty welcome, followed by a handsome collection.

At the last meeting of the Executive of the Foreign Mission Committee the Rev. J. Fraser Smith, M.D., a returned missionary from Homan, was appointed to Mission work in Central India. He will leave Canada about October 31 with his family. The designation serves in connection with the departure of Miss Weir as a missionary will take place in St. Andrew's church, East, Oxford on the 2nd inst., and those in connection with Miss Laylen will be held in St. John's church, Almonte, on September 18. On October 1st, at Scarborough, Mrs. Hurr of Thomson will also be designated for the work.