

tainly a masterly one. For fifty minutes he was given the closest attention as he dwelt on the mission and methods of religion, drawing lessons from St. Paul's life and work.

The church was crowded at both services on Sunday, many being turned away. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. E. Mitchell, assisted by Rev. Joseph White, the first minister of Erskine church, and Rev. Dr. Milligan of Toronto, who preached both morning and evening.

In the afternoon special Sunday school services were conducted in order that the children might also have the occasion marked for them also. They were out in force, accompanied by a large number of adult members of the congregation. Rev. Dr. Ramsay of Knox church and Rev. W. T. G. Brown of the Hintonburgh Methodist church delivered addresses to the children. Mr. Brown took as his subject Christ the Chief Corner Stone, leading up to what he meant to explain by referring to the necessity of the corner stone in the new church. Dr. Ramsay used a lead pencil to illustrate his remarks, showing its various parts and uses and the necessity of keeping it sharp and prepared for work all the time.



REV. DR. JOHNSON,  
of Montreal.

In the evening Dr. Milligan took as his text, "And they said, the Lord hath need of it," showing the importance of the ordinary things of life. The text referred to the colt of the ass made use of by Christ on His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. His entry was made in a humble and meek manner, showing that he had come to minister to others, not for His self-aggrandisement. In choosing the colt for such a high purpose, Christ had shown God's character as a great economist. Everything no matter how humble or ordinary had a place and use in His great scheme of things. One of the great sins of this age was that of waste. Christ's entry to Jerusalem should teach us to regard the little things and the details in their proper light. It was an easy thing to be anything in this world but a Christian, and the reason for this was largely because it had to be done through the ordinary details of life. Everything in this world was a means of grace for God. Religion was not a special feature to be adopted at times but was a life and showed in going through each detail. The ambitious, worldly man could not believe in a merciful, disinterested God. The man who did

not believe in his fellow-men, again, was a bad man. Reverence for God, fellow-man and other works of God would be an apprenticeship for us which would make us faithful in small things and so worthy of ruling over many things. The Lord needed the colt to enter Jerusalem and much more he needed us. The preacher concluded an eloquent and practical discourse with an appeal that all should honor God in every act in life, however trivial.

The sacred concert held in the new Erskine church on Monday night was a brilliant success. It was an object lesson, demonstrating to 1,000 delighted people that sacred concerts can be made as interesting and enjoyable as secular entertainments. Where all did well it would be invidious to particularize. The pastor presided in a happy manner. He made a pleasing announcement to the effect that the \$1,500 asked for by the committee at the dedication of the church had been passed, pledges to the amount of about \$2,400 having been received. He thought that when all the circulars sent out by the men's association were in the amount would easily reach \$3,000.

A bright and sensible address was given by Rev. D. Strachan, of Brockville, who is evidently an old favorite with the congregation. He spoke on "men." What was wanted, he said, was men of strong hearts, men that will not lie, that will be true. He congratulated the congregation on its beautiful church. Any man could burn a church, but it took a strong congregation to build one. He hoped the blessing of God would rest on their children and on their children's children.

#### MONTREAL.

Rev. W. D. Reid, B.D., of Taylor church, Montreal, will preach in Erskine church, Ottawa, next Sunday, continuing the opening services of the new edifice.

Mr. H. B. Ames, M.P., gave his illustrated talk on "Canada and its resources" last Monday evening in St. Gabriel church, before a large audience, who listened with great interest to his description of the journey from Montreal to Victoria. The lecture was illustrated with stereoscopic views, and Mr. Ames was able to speak interestingly of one points photographed, as he had personally visited each of them. Of special interest were his views of the wheat fields of our great Northwest, and of the men who are engaged in the work of turning the prairie into sources of wealth to the country.

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association of the Pointe aux Trembles Institute took place on Friday. During the morning the conference of French Presbyterian workers, presided over by the Rev. Dr. Amaron, had its closing session. The Rev. G. C. Mousseau, the Rev. S. J. Taylor, and the Rev. C. F. Cruchon gave interesting addresses on the work of French Protestantism in Canada. The meeting of the association began at half-past two. The retiring president, the Rev. C. F. Cruchon, gave the opening address. The Rev. G. C. Mousseau was elected president. Mr. F. Lapointe, vice-president; Mr. H. Joliat, recording secretary; Principal Brandt, treasurer; the Rev. Dr. Amaron, corresponding secretary, and the Rev. Messrs. R. P. Ducloux and J. Provost, historians. The Rev. R. P. Ducloux gave a brief summary of the important events in French Protestant circles during the past year, and delegates from sister institutions presented kindly greetings. The report of the treasurer showed that the year had been a record one. Over five hundred dollars was contributed towards the missionary objects of the society. Of that sum \$200 were paid to the building fund, \$100 was given to the library of the school, \$50 to prizes, \$20 to "L'Aurore," \$10 to the general fund of the schools, and \$25 to French evangelization. Mr. Silas Ducloux proposed that a grand picnic be held at Pointe aux Trembles in June to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the schools, which may coincide with the laying of the founda-

tion stone of a new building. The proposal was received with great enthusiasm. The meeting was a most enthusiastic one.

#### TORONTO.

The congregation of Davenport Road was organized last Sunday evening. Rev. James Wilson, of Dovercourt church, represented the Presbytery at the services. Rev. D. C. Hossack, of Deer Park, presided the sermon, and Rev. Dr. Abraham also took part in the services.

Rev. Dr. A. S. Grant of Dawson City, who has been spending part of the winter in Toronto, conducted the service in the church at Deer Park on Sunday evening. His text was Prov. xxix, 18: "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Dr. Grant has been doing pioneer work in western Canada, having been the minister in Dawson City for seven years. He will return to the West in March.

The anniversary services of Cowan Avenue Presbyterian Church on Sunday were attended by large congregations. Rev. Peter M. MacDonald, pastor, conducted the services in the morning, and Rev. Professor Kilpatrick of Knox College preached an able and altogether fine discourse from II. Corinthians v. 14 and 15: "The love of Christ constraineth us," his theme being a plea for usefulness in living. In the evening Rev. Professor Kennedy, also of Knox College, preached another excellent expository sermon upon the curing of the blind man, as narrated in the eighth chapter of Mark.

The death of Mrs. Robert Herbison, wife of the pastor of St. Giles' Presbyterian church, has evoked the deepest sympathy on the part of the congregation and friends. Mrs. Herbison came from Scotland to be married only in October last and had quickly won the hearts of all with whom she had come into contact. The funeral, which took place last Saturday afternoon to Mount Pleasant cemetery, was the occasion for a manifestation of the universal sympathy felt with Mr. Herbison in his mournful bereavement. Many of the Presbyterian clergy of the city were present, and a large proportion of the congregation was in attendance. The service at the house was participated in by Rev. Dr. Neil, of Westminster church, Rev. T. C. Brown, of St. Andrew's, and Rev. A. Gaudier, of St. James' Square Presbyterian church, and the service at the grave was conducted by Rev. J. McP. Scott. Rev. Prof. McFadyen, of Knox College, conducted the service at St. Giles' church on Sunday morning.

#### TEMPTATION OVERCOME.

A young man who worked in a store noticed, one day, after a woman had bought some goods and gone home, that he had charged her a few cents too much. At first he thought, "Oh, well I can give it to her the next time she comes to the store." Then the Devil whispered, tempting him to "Keep it, she will never miss it; never mind such a few cents." The clerk said "No," and decided that just as soon as the store closed in the evening he would walk to her home and give her the money. It was a long way and quite late when he reached the place, and the woman was much surprised, and said: "You must be an honest young man. I shall be glad to trade with you." He felt very happy as he walked home.

The Devil tempts everybody, even good people, very often. They cannot help being tempted, but they can help yielding, and each time they refuse, they grow stronger. Our song teaches:

"Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin;

Each victory will help you some other to win."

Some people are very disturbed over eternal punishment, yet if they would seek Christ and His righteousness, the subject would not distress them.