

## Church News

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### Montreal Notes.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Campbell has just completed the thirtieth year of his pastorate in St. Gabriel Church, and the occasion is being celebrated with appropriate services. On Sunday morning last he preached an historical sermon reviewing his work in the congregation and the changes that had taken place in that period. The city had increased its population threefold, the membership of the congregation had grown to fivefold what it was then. Of the 108 names on the roll at the beginning 26 still remained in the congregation, and a good many more were still alive, though now connected with other congregations in the city or elsewhere. He had baptized 833 and received 1,560 to communion with the church. He had married 882 and buried 515. He had preached 2,520 sermons and held 1,250 week day services. For the last twenty years he had scarcely missed a service through ill-health. For a good many years past Dr. Campbell has been the senior Presbyterian pastor in the city, and he bids fair to hold his place for a long while to come, for he is still as active as multitudes of much younger men. His figure is a familiar one both on the golf field and in the curling rink, while he is also an enthusiastic naturalist and enjoys many a long tramp in search of botanical specimens for his collection. The special services will be continued on Sunday next, when Principal Grant is to preach both morning and evening. Congratulations will be brought at a congregation social on Monday evening, when the other churches are likely to be represented.

Arrangements have been made for the opening of a new suburban mission in Verdure, a municipality adjoining the city on the lower Lachine road. The mission meantime will be under the session of St. Mathew's Church. A new house just finished has been placed at their disposal for the present but it is hoped that a suitable site for a church building may be secured in the near future. The population is growing rapidly, and the increase is largely Protestant.

Anniversary services were held in the Presbyterian Church at Richmond on Sunday last. The preacher for the day was the Rev. Prof. Ross, of the Presbyterian College, who gave two able discourses. Under Dr. Kellock's ministry the congregation is making good progress, and maintains its position as one of the most vigorous and prosperous in the Presbytery of Quebec.

Mr. H. J. Dulcis has just been appointed as missionary in charge of the bilingual field of Lake Megantic and Dittfield. Though of French extraction Mr. Dulcis' mother tongue is English, but he has learned the French language in order that he may be qualified for work among his fellow countrymen.

At the communion service in Erskine Church last Sunday morning, twenty-four new members were received, six of these were on profession of faith, the remainder represent families that have recently come to the city or removed to the neighborhood of the church.

During the past two or three weeks more than the usual amount of sickness has prevailed among the Presbyterian ministers of the city and vicinity. Mr. Gideon, of Montreal West, has just recovered sufficiently to resume his duties. Several members of Mr. Dwyer's family have been in the Civic Hospital from slight attacks of diphtheria. Mr. Heine was unable to take his services last Sunday, and his pulpit was filled from the Presbyterian College. Mr. Boyd, of Beauharnois, has been suffering for the past month from an attack of bronchitis. Fortunately none of these cases are such as to occasion any special anxiety, but even slight illnesses interrupt the continuity of Christian work, and disarrange plans to the great regret of the pastors themselves, as well as of their people.

### General.

Rev. Nell McPherson, M. A., B. D., Petrolia, has received a call to St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Hamilton.

Dr. Moore, of Ottawa, has been nominated for the Moderatorship of next assembly by the Presbytery of Paris. Rev. E. C. Currie, a graduate of Queen's, of the class of '90, received a call from the Presbyterian congregation at Delhi, Ont.

A very pleasant social was held in Knox church, Ayr, on the evening of December 1st. (The social was held in honor of the Rev. John Thompson's pastorate for twenty-five years.)

The usual monthly meeting of the Toronto Auxiliary to the Leper Mission will be held (D.V.) Monday next, 3.30 p.m., at 632 Church street. All are welcome.

Two Chinamen became members of Bank street Presbyterian church, Ottawa, at the communion service, Dec. 6th. The names of the two Celestials are Yesh Shu and Mark Chung. They are both members of the Chinese class in connection with that church.

The Scot.—At Home and Abroad is the subject of a lecture to be delivered by John Imrie, The Scottish Canadian Poet, in the College street Presbyterian church, Toronto, on Monday evening, Dec. 21st.

Under the pastorate of the Rev. W. M. Reid, in the settlement in Leaksdale and Zephyr, there has been a marked increase in the number attending the Sabbath services, and quite a number of new members have been added to the church. The Thanksgiving offering for the Armenians was \$23.00.

The annual thankoffering meeting of the W. F. M. Society of the Presbyterian Church, Lethbridge, was held on Friday, Nov. 13th. The week before the meeting invitations, with thank-offering envelopes enclosed, were sent out to all the ladies of the congregation. The weather was very cold, so that only a few ladies were present to enjoy the programme and tea which followed, but the envelopes brought or sent to the meeting spoke volumes for the liberality of the congregation. The offering amounted to some twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

At the eighth annual rally of the Toronto Christian Endeavor Union, held in the Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Dec. 10th, the following officers were elected: Pres., J. C. Atkinson, of Broadview Ave. Congregational Church; Vice-Pres., chairman of the districts; Rec. Sec., W. A. Bowker, Northern Congregational; Cor. Sec., Miss Cecilia Gray, College Street Presbyterian Church; Treas., Miss A. M. Hall, Cecil Street Church of Christ's Disciples; Press Editor, W. H. Bryce, Central Presbyterian; Missionary Supt., H. Asson; Junior Supt., Frank D. Mills.

Mr. N. W. Rowe delivered an able address against Sunday cars.

The new Presbyterian Church at Palmerston was opened recently with appropriate ceremonies, the sermon being delivered by Dr. McKay, Woodstock. The Palmerston Presbyterian people, in 1894, erected a new church, which was opened in January of that year by Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford. In January, 1895, the first anniversary sermon was to have been preached by Rev. Dr. McKay, of Woodstock, and this event also was to have been a most auspicious occasion. Dr. McKay chose for his text, "A Church on Fire," and sent it on a couple of weeks ahead. Bills were printed and posted up around the town, but the sermon was never preached, for on the morning of the first anniversary, the edifice was burned to the ground. It was a very remarkable coincidence. Rev. John M. Auld, pastor of the church, has an enterprising and hard-working congregation and quite a large sum has been raised to pay off the indebtedness of the new building.

### Evangelical Alliance.

Topics suggested for the week of universal prayer, January 3-10, 1897.

Sunday, Jan. 3.—Sermons.—"The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him."—Lam. iii. 25.

Monday, Jan. 4.—Praise and Thanksgiving: For the countless mercies that have crowned the past year. Humiliation and Confession of Sin: For slothfulness in Christ's service. Prayer, for more entire consecration of heart and life, for a more steadfast "looking for

the coming of the day of God."

Tuesday, Jan. 5.—The Church Universal.—Prayer that the whole Church of Christ may be more separate from the world.

Wednesday, Jan. 6.—Nations and their Rulers.—Prayer for the speedy evangelization of the nations, for Sovereigns and Rulers, and for all that are in authority; that cruelty and oppression may cease, that protection may be extended to the Armenian Christians, the Stundists, and all who are suffering grievously for Christ's sake.

Thursday, Jan. 7.—Foreign Missions. Praise to God for the "open doors" in nearly every part of the world. Prayer, that the hearts of Mohammedans and heathen may be opened to receive the Gospel; that the Church of Christ may fully realize her responsibility with regard to those who are still in darkness.

Friday, Jan. 8.—Home Missions.—Praise for increased activity amongst God's people, and for many tokens of the power of the Holy Spirit accompanying the names used. Prayer, for the blessing of God to rest abundantly upon all Evangelistic efforts; for work amongst Soldiers and Sailors; and for the better observance of the Sabbath.

Jews.—Praise for the wide circulation obtained for the Hebrew New Testament, and for the encouraging work amongst Jews. Prayer that there may be such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Jews as has never been witnessed since Apostolic times.

Saturday, Jan. 9.—Families and Schools. Thanksgiving, for Families bound together by the love of Christ; for the earnest work carried on by many Students in our Universities and Colleges. Prayer, that Parents may more constantly seek to bring up their Children in the fear and love of God, that greater prominence may be given in Christian households to the study of God's EWord and to united prayer.

Sunday, Jan. 10.—Sermons on Foreign Missions.

### The Cinematographe.

By the record of tickets sold during the three visits of the cinematographe to Toronto no fewer than 25,800 people have seen the exhibition, and yet 96 Yonge street, west side, continues to be practically besieged all day long. One feature of the cinematographe exhibition is that the management is not niggardly in the number of views shown. On the programme a series of 24 is announced to be given at each entertainment, but half a dozen of the humorous variety are thrown in. Each afternoon the hall is well filled with ladies and children, but in the evening there is an equal sprinkling of ladies and gentlemen. In the morning many early shoppers attend, except on Saturdays, when heads of families take advantage of the few hours before lunch to avoid the throngs of later in the day.

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