

Church News

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MONTREAL NOTES.

The Alma Mater Society of the Presbyterian College held its annual meeting on the morning of the 8th inst. There was a fair attendance and more than the usual degree of interest manifested. The Rev. G. C. Pidgeon, of Montreal, West, was re-elected president, and Mr. N. D. Keith, sec-treasurer. The Rev. D. Currie, Perth, Rev. G. C. Pidgeon and Dr. C. E. Amaron, were nominated to the senate. After the routine business was disposed of, considerable discussion took place regarding a proposal to hold a conference some time during the ensuing season, for the purpose of drawing the graduates together and giving them an opportunity of discussing subjects theological and practical. After full consideration it was determined to hold such a conference during the week on which the session opens, beginning on Monday evening and continuing until Thursday, thus embracing the opening lectures as part of the programme. The arrangement of details was remitted to a committee with instructions to see that sufficient time was allowed for open discussion and not to overburden the proceedings with elaborate papers. It was understood also that the graduates of other institutions who felt disposed to attend would be made cordially welcome. Advantage was taken of the presence of the Rev. Murdoch MacKenzie, of Honan, to have an address from him on their work in China.

The ladies of St. Gabriel Church have closed a very successful sale of work, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the debt fund of the church.

Messrs Crossley and Hunter have just completed a series of Evangelistic services in Sherbrooke. The Presbyterian Church and its pastor, the Rev. Wm. Shearer heartily co-operated in the services, and a good deal of interest has been awakened.

Mrs. Gordon, of Ottawa, is holding a special series of meetings in Montreal, under the auspices of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. The afternoon meetings are held in the Evangelistic Hall maintained by the Union. The evening meetings are being held in Stanley Street Church. Mrs. Gordon is an effective speaker and impresses by her earnestness.

The Rev. J. R. Dobson, of St. Giles Church, gave an interesting and instructive lecture lately in the church at Cote des Neiges. The lecture was preceded by a social under the auspices of the ladies of the congregation and brought out a good attendance.

GENERAL.

The Synod of Hamilton and London will meet in Paris on April 26th, the Synod of Toronto and Kingston on May 10th, and the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa in Almonte on May 11th.

Rev. L. H. Jordan asked his congregation in St. James' square, Toronto for \$100 towards the Foreign Mission deficit and in response received \$107.55.

Professor Robinson of Knox College left last week for Germany, where he will take the summer university course in Oriental studies. Mrs. Robinson accompanies him and will visit her parents in Cairo, Egypt. They will return to Toronto in September.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in the King Street Presbyterian Church London, on the morning of April 11th, when thirty five new members were received into the church. The attendance was the largest in the history of the congregation. In the evening again the edifice was filled to overflowing. Rev. Thomas Wilson conducted both services. In the morning he chose as his subject, John, xvii. 17: "I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil." The evening subject was "The New Birth," from the words, "How can a man be born when he is old?"

The induction of Rev. Ewan McQueen to the pastoral charge of Chalmers Presbyterian Church Lingwick took place recently

and notwithstanding the bad condition of the roads and inclemency of the weather, the church was crowded. Besides the candidate for ordination there were present as representatives of the Presbytery of Quebec, the Revs. McKay, of Maraboro, McQueen of Hampden, McLennan of Winslow, and King of Scots town.

The congregation of Chalmers Presbyterian Church London, met on the evening of April 7th for organization purposes. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Moffatt, presided, and Mr. S. W. Milliken acted as secretary. The principal business consisted of the appointment of a board of managers for the church. Messrs. Wm. Baillie, Alex. Duguid, Wm. Michael, S. W. Milliken, George Linfoot and W. Kermath were appointed, the three first mentioned to serve two years and the three last mentioned one year. It was decided that the church year should end on Dec. 31st, and that the annual meeting should be held as soon thereafter as would be deemed advisable by the managers. Messrs. J. Clarke, John Atcheson, N. Colbert and W. Kermath, jun., were chosen ushers for the coming year. At the close of the meeting the new board met for organization, and elected Mr. Wm. Baillie chairman; Mr. Michael, secretary, and Mr. Geo. Linfoot, treasurer. The new congregation has a good field for honest work, and looks forward confidently to the future.

The Rev. D. McVicar has accepted a call to Montreal and the Presbytery has agreed to his translation. Mr. Miller of Holstein is appointed Moderator of Session of Amos and Knox Church Newnaby.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Executive of the Presbyterian Foreign Mission Committee met on Tuesday April 13th afternoon and evening. A memorial was read from the native congregation Indore, Central India, asking permission to call a native pastor. Letters were read stating that Dr. J. J. Thompson of Ujjani, Central India, is in poor health. A letter was read from Rev. Dr. Sutherland of the Methodist Board stating that he had received a communication asking that they should take up work at Chiquahat, an Indian village, on the west coast of Vancouver Island, and asking if it would interfere with the Presbyterian missions in the vicinity. The matter will be further considered. A letter was read urging the needs of the Indians in the Lake of the Woods district. A letter was read from a congregation in western Ontario proposing to pay half the salary of a foreign missionary in order to get closer in touch with the work. The proposal was approved of. In considering the deficit in the general fund Dr. Warden stated that he had received the sum of \$1,087.50 from St. James' Square Church. The deficit is now reduced to \$17,000, and it is believed that it can yet be wiped out if congregations which have not yet contributed would make an effort. The Rev. Dr. Warden, Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, acknowledges the following additional contributions on behalf of the foreign mission deficit:—Carlisle, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, \$37.30; Clinton, Willis Presbyterian Church, \$10; West Famboro' Presbyterian Church, \$6; Oakville (additional), Presbyterian Church, \$1; Jarvis, Knox Presbyterian Church, \$16; Theodora Acts, Presbyterian Church, \$5; Teeswater, C.E.S. Presbyterian Church, \$2.75; A. Pearis, Strathford, \$5; Kenyon Presbyterian Church, \$14; Sydenham, Union Sabbath School, 10th line \$5; Mrs. Fairbairn, Peterboro', \$5; Parry Sound, Zion Presbyterian Church, \$27; Miss Dawes, Lushine, \$10; friend Missions, S. London, \$1.50; Aberarder Presbyterian Church, \$8; Weavon, C. E. S. Presbyterian Church, \$10; Parkdale Presbyterian Church, \$208.78; Riverdale Presbyterian Church, \$3; Lake Charles Presbyterian Church, \$4.20; John Watt, Hamilton, \$30; Toronto, St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, \$1,657.55; Toronto, Queen Street, C. E. S. Presbyterian Church, \$5; Kingston, Cocks' Presbyterian Church, \$5; Thames Road Presbyterian Church, \$25; Hillsburg, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, C. E. S., \$5; Wallace-town, Sabbath School, Presbyterian Church, \$13; Oakwood Presbyterian Church, \$7.30; E. Oxford St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, \$625; Wingate, C. E. S., (additional),

Presbyterian Church, 250; Boshwell Presbyterian Church, \$13; Florence Presbyterian Church, \$6; Sutherland's Corners Presbyterian Church, \$2; self-decided, 500; Kippen Presbyterian Church, \$13.70; Tucker Smith S. S., Presbyterian Church, No. 9, \$6; Gaelph, Chalmers C.E.S. Presbyterian Church, \$6.50; Grafton Presbyterian Church, \$8; Glenarm Presbyterian Church, \$29; Port Perry, St. John's Presbyterian Church, \$14; Port Perry, St. John's S. S. Presbyterian Church, \$1; Now Edinburg Presbyterian Church, \$26; Toronto, Central Church, \$302.80; Toronto, Central Sabbath School, Presbyterian Church, \$28.04; Toronto, Central Bible Class, Presbyterian Church \$36.40; Toronto, Elizabeth Street Mission, \$5.05; Moore Line Presbyterian Church, \$30; Moore Line Sabbath School, Presbyterian Church, \$3.40; Newbury Presbyterian Church, \$7.30; Sonya, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, \$2; Smith's Hill Presbyterian Church, \$3; Manchester Presbyterian Church, \$12; Janesville Presbyterian Church, \$10; Ballyduff Presbyterian Church, \$335; Wardsville (additional) Presbyterian Church, \$1.

PRESBYTERY OF INVERNESS.

This Presbytery met at Whycocomagh, March 23rd. Present, — Messrs. A. Ross, Moderator, A. Grant, A. McMillan, E. S. Bayne, D. McDonald, A. M. Thomson, J. Rose and Neil Currie, Ministers; and J. W. Cameron, Peter Carmichael and Angus McDonald elders. Rev. M. A. McKenzie sat as corresponding member and gave an account of his labors at L. Narrows. Mr. J. W. McPhail had labored for some time at Middle River and was continued there. Mr. Rose, Mr. Millan and the clerk had given some supply to the congregation of Port Hastings and River Inhabitants. Application was made for Rev. D. McLeod M. A. lately of Manitoba, Mr. L. H. McLean B.A., Halifax College, and Mr. J. B. McKinnon B.A., Queen's College, as probationers. Two catechists were asked for. Mr. Peter McIntosh, 2nd year under graduate, Dalhousie College, was recommended to the Home Mission Board for employment as catechist. Trials for license were assigned to Mr. L. H. McLean. Reports of more than usual interest were read on Church Life and Work, Young People's Societies, and Statistics. The report on Sabbath Schools is to be submitted at our next meeting. Many of the schools failed to report to our Convener in time for this one. The Presbytery approved of the remit of Assembly in favor of representation by one in six; approved of continuing the billing system; disapproved of a fixed place of meeting; approved of establishing a Sunday School Board of Publication, and of the appointment of an Editor. In the judgment of the Presbytery, the church should take hold of the Korean Mission opened by the late Rev. W. J. McKenzie, and carry on the work which he so nobly began. Many of our people are specially interested in that mission and will give it their cordial support. The following applications for grants from the Augmentation Fund were passed, Margaroo and Cheticamp \$200; Mabon and Port Hood \$150; Strathborne \$125. Rev. A. Ross, Rev. D. McPhail, Rev. E. S. Bayne, Mr. Alex. Campbell, Mr. Walter McDonald, and Mr. D. McLachlan, were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly, and Dr. Moore of Ottawa was nominated for Moderator. The Presbytery will meet again in the village Church, Whycocomagh, on May 20th.—D. McDONALD, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.

This Presbytery met on the 6th inst., in the Church of Lingwick to ordain and induct Mr. Ewan McQueen, lately from Scotland. The Presbytery met at 10 a.m., and were highly satisfied with Mr. McQueen's trial discourses, and with his arts (Glasgow University) and Theological (Free Church College Glasgow) certificates. The Presbytery and a large congregation met at 2 p.m., the Rev. A. F. MacQueen, Hampden, Moderator. The Rev. Jas. MacLellan, Winslow, preached an eloquent induction sermon from 1 Tim. iii. 15. The Rev. A. King, Scotstown, Pres. Clerk pro tem., addressed the minister; and the Rev. N. McKay, Maraboro, gave in English and Gaelic, suitable counsel to the people in a thoughtful, earnest, and practical address.