

Church News

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MONTREAL NOTES.

The chief event in the religious world here during the week has, of course, been the visit of Mr. Moody and the services in St. James' Methodist church. This large edifice has been well-filled at every service whether afternoon or evening, and the noted evangelist has spoken with all his old time force and directness. It is too soon to speak of definite results, but the themes presented were of such a character that they could not fail of producing a deep impression on the minds of eager listeners. If this effort is followed up in any real way by the regular church organizations it must mean the rescue of not a few from lives of selfishness or sin and the strengthening of the forces that make for righteousness. Mr. Moody left on Friday evening.

At a special meeting of the Presbytery held on Tuesday last, the call from Taylor church in favor of the Rev. G. H. Smith, of Thamesford, was sustained and ordered to be forwarded to the Presbytery of London. Prof. Ross, the Moderator of the Session, was appointed to plead for the translation before that court at its meeting on the 8th March, when it is earnestly hoped that Mr. Smith may see his way clear to accept the call. Taylor church is the only Presbyterian church in a large district of the east end of the city with a growing Protestant population. The church building is a new one with modern equipment for Sunday school work and other organized effort. There is a good nucleus of a congregation already in admirable working condition, and ready to aid an earnest pastor in all his endeavors. The sooner it is settled the better.

The call from Streetsville, Ont., in favor of the Rev. G. C. Pidgeon, having reached the hands of the Clerk, the Presbytery ordered that his congregation at Montreal West should be cited to appear for their interests at a meeting on the 21st inst., when the call will be disposed of.

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 8th, took place the induction of the Rev. W. T. Morrison at Norwood. This had been postponed from the previous Tuesday owing to the snow storm which had made all the roads impassable. There was a good attendance of the congregation on the occasion, some of the summer residents having made a point of going out to be present. A chaste and comprehensive sermon was preached by the Rev. T. W. Winfield of Westmount, at the close of which the formal induction took place. The minister was most appropriately addressed by the Rev. James Fleck, his former pastor, and the people by the Rev. G. C. Pidgeon. The new pastor was heartily welcomed by the congregation, and a pleasant hour was spent by all before returning to their homes. Refreshments were provided by the ladies. This little congregation has been unfortunate in the loss by death of two of its official members in the short time that has elapsed since the call was given to Mr. Morrison. Mr. Rollo C. Muir, one of the elders, being buried on the day of the induction. But in most respects Mr. Morrison begins his work under hopeful circumstances, and with every reason to expect a successful pastorate.

The Rev. Dr. Campbell continues his replies to Father Pardow, and in his sermon on Sunday evening, Feb. 6th, carried the war into Africa by pointing out the marked contrast between the legal Pharisaic spirit dominating the Roman Catholic church and the liberty that is set forth in the Gospel. Dr. Campbell is rendering good service to the cause of Protestantism by these sermons. Father Pardow is somewhat of an exception to the usual type of Jesuit pulpit controversy. These courses of sermons addressed to Protestants have been delivered in the Jesuit church every winter for many years back but for the most part they have been so contemptible both in matter and tone that no one thought it worth while to take any notice of them. Father Pardow was at once able and courteous, thus winning attention in quarters that otherwise would have paid no heed. Conversations to Roman

Catholicism usually take place for other than religious reasons, but it is not well to leave the impression that Protestantism has nothing to answer to Rome's pretensions, especially when these are somewhat extensively reported in Protestant papers.

The Rev. Dr. Bryce, of Winnipeg, has been in the city during the week purchasing new apparatus for the University of Manitoba, to replace that destroyed by the recent fire in the McIntyre Block where the University classes in Science were held. He left for home after completing his selection.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NOTES

A neat church, capable of seating about 100 people, has recently been erected at Colwood in the Presbytery of Victoria, and on Sabbath, Jan. 16th inst., was dedicated to the public worship of God. The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Leslie Clay, of St. Andrew's church, Rev. Dr. Campbell, of the First church, also took part in the service, while the praise was led by the choir of St. Paul's church, Victoria. Mr. Lyman Thomson, a student of Manitoba College, is in charge of this Mission.

The Union Evangelistic Service in Vancouver under the leadership of Dr. L. W. Munhall, are being largely attended and much good is being done. Over 300 have already signified their anxiety for a more Christ-like life and the interest deepens as the work progresses. After Dr. Munhall has completed his engagement in Vancouver he is to go to Victoria to enter upon a similar campaign there.

One by one the annual meetings of British Columbia congregations are being reported by the local press. Judging from these reports our Church seems to be generally alive to the demands of the day and keeping pace with the development of the country. Among the last of these annual gatherings to be held was that of St. Andrew's church, Victoria, which took place on Jan. 26th. The report of the Board of Management showed an expenditure for the year of \$9,930, but as about \$1,900 of that amount was in the hands of a special committee at the opening of the year the actual contributions for the year were about \$8,000. The membership was reported to be 282.

GENERAL.

Rev. Murray Watson, pastor of St. Lambert (Que.) Presbyterian church, has resigned his charge.

Rev. W. H. Brokenshire has entered upon his work as pastor of the mission stations of Eastman, Coal Fields and North Portal, (Man.)

Rev. J. C. Smith, D.D., of St. Andrew's church, Guelph, has not been well for some time past and his physician has ordered complete rest.

Rev. Hugh McLean, of Casselman, Ont., is open to appointments for preaching in vacant Churches with a view to a call. Address, Casselman, Ont.

Rev. J. L. Small, of Keewatin, will be present at the Presbytery of Toronto on the 22nd inst., to plead for the translation of Rev. W. M. Rochester to Rat Portage.

Rev. J. C. Wilson was ordained and inducted as pastor of St. James church, S'ouffville, and Melville church, Markham, on Tuesday by the Presbytery of Toronto.

The Presbytery of Toronto holds its next regular meeting on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., in order that the call to Rev. W. M. Rochester may be dealt with at as early a date as possible.

The congregation and the C. E. Society, of First church, Tilbury, presented Rev. J. Hodges with an illuminated address and a parlor clock respectively prior to their leaving for Oshawa.

The Glebe Presbyterian church, Ottawa, has extended a unanimous call to Rev. J. H. W. Milne, of Manwood, Ont. Mr. Milne has been pastor of the Manwood church about ten years.

The Presbytery of Whitby meet at Oshawa on Tuesday, Feb. 8th, to induct Rev. J. Hodges, B.A., late of Whitby, as pastor of Oshawa Presbyterian church. The Moderator, Rev. R. M. Phalen, occupied the chair; Rev. J. Abraham preached, Rev. J. A. McKeen addressed the minister and Rev.

Mr. McLaren the congregation. In the evening a reception was held and Mr. and Mrs. Hodges were given a hearty welcome. During the evening an address and purse were presented to Rev. Mr. McLaren who has been Moderator during the vacancy.

On Friday evening last the Mimico Presbyterian choir met at the house of the pastor, Rev. J. Hamilton, and presented Mr. French, the choir leader, with a beautiful seal morocco Book of Praise as a token of their appreciation.

Rev. A. McMillan, pastor of St. Enoch's church, Toronto, conducted anniversary services in St. John's church, Whitby, on Sunday, Feb. 6th, and on Monday evening delivered a lecture on "The Scottish Covenanters." All the services were well attended.

The Presbytery of Montreal will hold a special meeting on Monday, the 21st inst., to consider the call addressed to Rev. G. C. Pidgeon, from Streetsville in the Presbytery of Toronto. The latter Presbytery meets on the 22nd inst., and will complete all arrangements.

At a congregational meeting held in Southampton church to consider matters pertaining to the vacancy, the members pledged themselves to raise \$600 a year for the maintenance of a pastor. The matter will come up at the next meeting of the Presbytery of Bruce.

The congregation of Knox church, Galt, has extended a unanimous call to the Rev. R. E. Knowles, pastor of Stewarton Presbyterian church, Ottawa. The stipend is \$2,500 and a free manse. Mr. Knowles has been seven years in Ottawa and during his pastorate the membership has increased from twenty-six to nearly three hundred.

Rev. J. G. Shearer has completed seven years of his pastorate in Eskimo Presbyterian church, Hamilton, and special anniversary services were held Sabbath, Feb. 6th, to celebrate the event. Rev. D. McGilivray, of Honan, China, preached in the morning, and Rev. Neil McPherson, of St. Paul's church, preached in the evening.

Toronto Presbytery has arranged for a most interesting Conference on Monday afternoon and evening, 21st inst., and on Tuesday evening, 22nd inst. The meetings will be held in Knox church and will begin at 2 p.m. and at 8 p.m. The topics are:—Monday afternoon, "The Supply of Vacant Charges and the Employment of Ministers without Charge." In the evening the various phases of Church Life and Work will be discussed.

Last Sabbath was Anniversary Day in Wentworth Presbyterian Sabbath school, Hamilton. Rev. Dr. Fletcher preached to the parents in the morning. The School was addressed by Rev. Mr. Wilson and the pastor, the Rev. A. MacWilliams. This school has about 600 scholars and over 40 teachers. Tea was served the children on Monday evening, after which an excellent programme was rendered by the pupils. It is estimated that not less than 1,500 were present, both the church and large school-room being full. The programme had to be repeated.

We regret that the annual meeting of Knox church, Winnipeg, as given in our issue of the 3rd, was misleading, as the amount raised for congregational and missionary purposes was very much larger than reported. The Board of Management reported that \$9,802 had been contributed to meet current expenses. The Ladies' Aid Society reported a most successful year. For the charity fund \$253.09 was raised; in aid of the Managers \$1,323.50, and for the Scheme of the Church, \$812.20. The Sabbath school raised \$752, and the Bible class \$61. The total amount raised for missions was \$1,565.55. The total contributed for all purposes was \$12,335.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's congregation, Peterboro, was held Feb. 9th. The reports presented were as follows:—There are 755 members on the roll, ordinary revenue was about \$1,000, amount contributed for Missions \$908.47, W.F.M.S. reported \$116.05, including amounts contributed by the Fraser and Faithful Worker's Bands. Y.P.S.C.E. reported 69 members, receipts about \$105; Sabbath School 410 names on the roll, average attendance 277; amount raised for missionary was \$316.16.