

MONTREAL.

The funeral of the late Mr. James Bowles was largely attended by his numerous friends. The Rev. James Fleck conducted the service.

Mr. H. B. Ross, B.A., a recent graduate of the Congregational College, was ordained to the ministry in Emmanuel Church last week. He goes to New Brunswick.

Special evangelistic services were inaugurated at Point St. Charles on Sunday by the Rev. Messrs. Crossley and Hunter, who preached in the Methodist and Congregational Churches.

At the meeting of the Protestant Ministerial Association on Monday, the Rev. Dr. Jackson concluded his paper on "Snotticism." His scholarly treatment of the subject was much appreciated.

At the annual convocation of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, Dean Carmichael made a strong plea for its permanent endowment. Only by being endowed, he said, could colleges do their best work.

A "boy healer" has appeared in the city. It is claimed that he has performed a large number of cures by the saying of an "Our Father" and a "Hall Mary." Crowds of people call at his mother's house to secure his services.

Mr. Arthur Scott, B.A., B.Sc., son of the Rev. E. Scott, M.A., editor of the Presbyterian Record, has gone to Glace Bay, Cape Breton, where he will fill the position of assistant chemist in the laboratory of the Dominion Coal Company.

The Rev. Prof. Warriner, M.A., B.D., Professor of Biblical Language and Literature in the Congregational College, and acting pastor of Zion Congregational Church, has had the honorary degree of D.D. conferred on him by Victoria University.

The annual meeting of the Hochelaga County W.C.T.U. will be held in St. John's (French) Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, May 30, with morning, afternoon and evening sessions. Delegates are expected from all the unions in the city and the surrounding towns.

A resolution regarding the regulation of the liquor traffic was passed at Westmont Council of Royal Templars at a recent meeting. It detailed the evils which accompany the liquor traffic, and the benefits which would ensue to the Dominion of Canada by the regulation or suppression of the business.

At the meeting of the Quebec Provincial Executive of the Dominion Alliance, in the Y.M.C.A. building, the Rev. James Fleck moved to endorse the proposal to have a bill introduced by private members at the present session of Parliament, which would give prohibition to each province voting in favor of such a law at the general election. The motion was adopted.

Mr. S. P. Leet has returned home from Atlanta, Ga., where he attended the ninth annual Sunday-school Convention as the representative of the Province of Quebec on the Executive Committee. Mr. Leet says he had a very enjoyable time. The attendance was good, and the convention was acknowledged on all hands to be one of the most successful ever held. Principal E. J. Rexford replied to the address of welcome on behalf of Canada.

The Rev. Abbe Rouxel, for over forty years Professor of Moral Theology in the Grand Seminary, died at Hotel Dieu last week. For many years he has been one of the most extensively consulted men on the continent. He was regarded by his former students and by priests and missionaries everywhere as an authority on theological subjects, and had latterly to devote a portion of his sleeping hours to correspondence.

For several years past the antiquated educational system in vogue throughout the greater part of the Province of Quebec has been undergoing a very marked renovation, and educational progress seems to be the order of the day in all but a few of the more backward sections of the oldest province in the Dominion. The report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Province of Quebec for the years 1897-98 has just been issued, and contains more than the usual amount of interesting information concerning the workings of the educational problem in this province. While gratifying progress is recorded in various departments, there is still room for much more if Quebec is to take her place in the front ranks of scholastic development. The government has within the past two or three years inaugurated several important reforms, the beneficial effects of which are already apparent. There are 4,274 Roman Catholic elementary schools in the province; the pupils attending them number 176,681; the average attendance is 125,594, or 70 per cent. of the pupils.

Studyard Kipling is likely ere long to be enrolled among the alumni of McGill University. It is proposed to confer on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at the Medical Faculty Convocation on June 16th. Although he has written a somewhat doubtful letter to Dr. Peterson, the anticipation is generally entertained that he will be present in person to receive the degree.

Dr. J. Clarence Webster, lecturer in Gynaecology in the Medical Faculty of McGill University, and assistant Gynaecologist at the Royal Victoria Hospital, has accepted the professorship of obstetrics and gynaecology in the University of Chicago. Although only in McGill for two years, he had become one of its most prominent men, and he was also one of the most prominent figures in the Medical Scientific Research Circles of the Dominion, and indeed, of America. Dr. Webster was a member of St. Paul's Church.

Public attention has been drawn to two sermons preached in Montreal Presbyterian pulpits. One was by the Rev. A. J. Mowatt, of Eskridge Church, denouncing the gambling evil so rampant in the city. The other was by the Rev. W. D. Reid, B.D., of Taylor Church, dealing with the relations of employer and employee, and advocating what the preacher called "nationalization socialism." Mr. Reid would have the Government "own the land and operate all the great business of the country, especially in the line of supplying the great needs of the nation."

The Rev. Dr. Amaron, pastor of L'Eglise St. Jean, returned home last week after an absence of three weeks in Chicago and St. Anne, Ill. He had been accepting an invitation to preach for the St. Anne Presbyterian Church, which became vacant by the resignation of the Rev. P. Boudreau. The rumor being current that the people of St. Anne were disposed to call on Dr. Amaron, a large number of the members of his congregation assembled to welcome him on his return, and greeted him cordially with an address, which was accompanied by presents to Mrs. Amaron and himself.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

Mr. A. F. Fisher will be ordained as a missionary at Quiddon, N.S.

Rev. Mr. Davidson has decided to remain at Carleton, N.S., during the summer.

The Gordon Memorial Church, Bridgetown, N.S., being fitted with new seats and otherwise improved.

Rev. P. M. McDonald, B.A., of Wolfville, N.S., has been granted a rest from pastoral work during the month of May.

Rev. A. L. Fisher leaves Port Elgin and Shemogue, and Mr. Wm. Dinkin will be ordained missionary in his place on the 25th instant.

Rev. D. Henderson, of St. Andrew's, Chatham, N.B., preached a sermon to the Odd-fellows last Sabbath. The choir rendered special music, and the whole service was deeply impressive.

Rev. A. L. Geggie, of St. Paul's Church, Truro, is fighting the liquor sellers with their own money. He has laid information against offenders and will devote his moiety of the fine to the prosecution of others.

The Y.P.C.E. of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, N.B., gave an entertainment last Monday evening in aid of the Literary Building Fund of the Presbyterian College, Halifax. The visit of Prof. Falconer and Judge Forbes last summer, in the interests of this fund, is bearing fruit.

St. Andrew's Church, St. John, has given its minister, Rev. L. G. McNeil, a two months furlough, undertaking all the expense of supply. It is hoped that he will return sufficiently recruited to resume his labors amongst them. The Rev. Prof. Falconer is at present locum tenens.

Miss Mary McNeil, a school teacher at McKinnon's Harbor, C.B., averted what might have been a serious accident on the I. C. R. a few days ago. When returning from school she noticed a washout at a dangerous section of the road near Jamesville and went a considerable distance out of her way to notify a section man. Before the express came along repairs were effected. The authorities recognized her thoughtfulness by the present of a cheque for \$300.

A new Sabbath observance law has been wrested from an unwilling Legislature in New Brunswick, mainly through the efforts of the St. John Evangelical Alliance. There has been practically no Sunday law in the province because the thing forbidden on the statute book, namely, "servile labor," has never been defined, and any attempt to enforce the law would only lead to endless litigation. Whether "worldly labor" is a more definite term or not remains to be proved. The new law, although far from perfect, is

a gain in that the question now has a status among the practical issues before the people. It forbids the sale of cigars and soda water, or any such beverages, all noisy games, such as baseball, etc., excursions for pleasure or gain, the running of local trains and the loading of vessels on Sunday, unless compelled by their contract with the Dominion Government to do so in order to sail on a fixed day. On the other hand it does not forbid on that day the entry or departure of vessels, the loading or unloading of fishing boats, the running of through freight trains, Sunday excursions to Beulah camp ground, or the operation of the street cars. One wise member, one of those who were "taken to the lunatic asylum," and ought not to have come back, moved an amendment to the effect that the law should not apply to any work necessary to prevent "public or private loss, damage, or inconvenience." More than one would have expected voted for this barefaced attempt to kill the whole measure. It enforced the law will correct a few evils. It will close the soda water fountains and the cigar shops on Sunday. It will stop the selling of refreshments on the camp grounds. It has been customary for the C. P. R. to store up freight on sidings between St. John and Macadam during the week, and on Sunday, when the track is clear of passenger trains, to run it down to the port. This will not be allowed any longer, and as no train can run across the State of Maine on Sunday there will be no through freight except by the I. C. R. To all who desire the preservation of the Sabbath, the camp meeting of the Reformed Baptists at Beulah, a few miles up the river, is a great grief. A Sunday excursion on the St. John was an impossibility until these professed lovers of "entire sanctification" made it respectable. It had been attempted again and again, with a free lunch added, but no one would imperil his respectability by patronizing such a thing. Now Church officers and members lead the throng of Sabbath-breakers, under the pretext that they are going to a religious service. They go on to the camp meeting and get "fired with the spirit," while their travelling companions drop off at the numerous "landings" on the way and get filled with something else that they have brought with them. The farmers along the river are complaining of the nuisance that they are subjected to through the heedless action of the camp authorities.

We remind our readers of the special collection upon behalf of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, which the committee ask every minister and missionary to have taken up on Sabbath, the 21st inst. The indebtedness of the fund was \$1,840. If the OPPORTUNITY IS GIVEN in every congregation of the Church, there will be no difficulty in receiving the full amount required. It is hoped not only that the collection will be taken up on the 21st, but that that will be at once forwarded so as to reach the Treasurer before the close of the month.

The Presbyterian Sabbath School publications, the Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, editor and business manager, have removed to offices in the Confederation Life building, Toronto, the removal having been made necessary by the increase of business. The publications reach a wide constituency in all parts of the Dominion.

We note with pleasure that Rev. R. E. Knowles, B.A., formerly in charge of Stewarston Church, Ottawa, now minister of Knox Church, Galt, is maintaining in the west the reputation he had in the east of being one of the foremost pulpits orators in the Canadian Church. He is in much demand for anniversary Sundays, and on such an occasion recently occupied the pulpit of Rev. Dr. McMullen, Woodstock. The Express thus alludes to his visit: "Large congregations heard Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt, in Knox Church, yesterday. In the evening the church was filled to the doors, indeed not since the opening of the edifice has there been such a large congregation as listened to the reverend gentleman's discourse. Rev. Mr. Knowles' fame as a pulpit orator is widely known, and many in Woodstock had heard him. Those who did want to hear him again, and did so; those who hadn't listened to his powerful oratory joined those who had told of his attractiveness, and the result was an immense congregation last night, too large, in fact, for a warm night, when the worshipper thinks of his personal comfort." We understand, on the invitation of his popular audience, he is likely to preach in Stewarston on 25th June, its anniversary Sunday. Should such be the case, he will receive an enthusiastic welcome from his old congregation, and his many friends in the Capital.