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MONTREAL AND QUEBEC.

The next regular meeting of Montreal Presbytery is fixed for Tuesday, 14th December next.

Rev. P. A. Walker, of Mallesneuve Church, has resumed work after a brief absence from the city.

Mr. James Roger and Mr. R. Kilgour were appointed assessors for the Joliette congregation by Montreal Presbytery.

The following were appointed to name standing committees for Montreal Presbytery for the year:—The Rev. Mr. Cruikshank, Dr. Morrison, Mr. Walter Paul, and Mr. W. Allan.

The Lord's Supper was commemorated at the evening service in St. Matthew's church last Sabbath, the pastor, Rev. K. J. Macdonald officiating. There were several additions to the membership.

Presbytery has arranged for the induction of Rev. Prof. Bieler in the David Morrice Hall on Tuesday, 5th October, at 8 o'clock. The Moderator, Rev. I. P. Braneau, will preside, and Principal Brandt will give the charge.

Presbytery passed a motion favoring a union of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches at Farnham, and also at Mille Isles. Negotiations to this end have been going on for some time, and it is hoped that they will be successful.

At the recent meeting of Montreal Presbytery the Rev. W. C. Hannay, of the Albany Presbytery, New York; the Rev. Mr. Rivoire, of the Italian Church, Boston; the Rev. Mr. Mingie, recently of Glengarry Presbytery, were asked to sit as corresponding members.

The induction of Rev. G. A. McLennan will take place at Chateaugay on 3rd October, at 3 o'clock p.m. Rev. J. A. Anderson will preside; Rev. Mr. Shelley will preach; Rev. Mr. MacLean, of Huntingdon, will address the congregation, and Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, of Howick, the minister.

At the last meeting of Presbytery a petition for the formation of a Presbyterian Church at St. Anne's was presented. It was thought best to consult all parties concerned before taking action; but the general feeling expressed was that a union church would best suit the requirements of the situation.

Rev. Dr. Cruikshank, Convener of Home Mission Committee for Montreal Presbytery, was able to make an encouraging report of the work under his charge. The fields have been regularly supplied, and are in a prosperous condition. The Rev. Mr. Beattie will occupy Longueuil for the winter season. A new mission has been started at Mille Isles among newcomers. The mission is likely to grow. The Verdun field has grown in an encouraging manner and will become a good congregation in the near future. The Woodlands field has had a prosperous summer.

The various organizations at the Y.M.C.A. are preparing for a winter of great activity following upon the recent very successful campaign for extensions. It has been decided to devote every Tuesday evening to Bible study, from 7 till 7.45 sharp. Several classes will be organized for this study. One class will take up the missionary aspect of the Bible, and the support of the Laymen's Missionary movement will be asked for this class. Another will deal particularly with teacher training, and for this the Sunday School Union of the Province of Quebec has promised its support. Still another class will be devoted to the relation of the Bible to life problems and social problems. All these classes will be part of a movement to promote a more attentive study of the Bible throughout the city.

Last Sunday afternoon the annual rally of the MacVicar Memorial Sunday School took place in the presence of a large number of parents and friends. The children were out in force, and all were delighted with the address of Rev. Dr. Johnston, of the American Presbyterian Church, who was the speaker on the occasion. This Sunday School has grown greatly during the past year, with a present enrolment of nearly 500 scholars.

The marriage of Miss Isabella Craik (Isa.), daughter of Mr. Alexander Houliston, advocate, of Three Rivers, to Mr. William Black Blair, son of Mr. H. P. Blair, also of Three Rivers, was celebrated in St. Andrew's Church on Wednesday afternoon, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The bride was given away by her father, and the Rev. J. R. MacLeod, M.A., pastor of the church, officiated. After the ceremony the friends repaired to the residence of the father and mother of the bride, where a pleasant hour was spent. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful gifts, among them being a very handsome clock from St. Andrew's Church congregation. Mr. and Mrs. Blair left for Boston, New York and other points, and on their return will take up their residence in Montreal.

The Rev. Dr. Amarant, convener of the Presbytery's committee on French evangelization, presented to Presbytery the quarterly report. He said that good work had been done during the summer in the various fields under the care of the board. In connection with the church at Joliette, where he now preaches in French and English, he has reopened the field of St. Gabriel de Brandon. He found there twelve families anxious for gospel ordinances, and gave them services in French and English every other Sunday. He made a strong plea for a thousand dollars to erect a modest building for school purposes, which would also serve as a meeting house. He pledged two hundred dollars from the field, obtained a grant of three hundred dollars from the French Board's building fund, and appealed on behalf of these scattered English Protestant families, for five hundred dollars from the wealthy churches of the presbytery. "Surely," he said, "the blood of the covenants, which runs through your veins, brethren, will stir you up to come to the help of your own children, that they may maintain their faith, in this stronghold of Romanism."

EASTERN ONTARIO.

The Diamond Jubilee services of the Woodville congregation will be held on the 26th and 27th inst.

Rev. James McNaughton and wife, of Smyrna, Turkey-in-Asia, are visiting friends at Netfield and neighborhood, who are delighted at seeing them again.

After a two months' absence Rev. H. Munro, B.A., of St. Paul's church, Bowmanville, has been warmly welcomed back by his congregation, and he resumes work greatly strengthened and refreshed by his holidays.

Rev. Allen Howard, M.A., of Kemptville, has gone to the Western Theological College, where he will take a post graduate course. Mrs. Howard and children will join him in Chicago, after a brief visit to friends in Hamilton, Ont.

Bruce Presbytery has arranged for simultaneous evangelistic meetings throughout the bounds. Rev. A. E. Mitchell, of Hamilton, was present by invitation, and aided greatly in the matter, his experience in the Kootenay campaign being the subject of a powerful address at a public meeting held in the evening. Mr. Mitchell was heartily thanked by Presbytery for his visit and inspiring address.

PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON.

The Presbytery of Brandon met and was duly constituted at St. Paul's Church, Brandon, Monday, Sept. 13th, at 7.30 p.m.

The first business was the election of a moderator to succeed the courteous and beloved Mr. Stephens, whose popularity is attested by the fact that he had occupied the chair for two terms.

Rev. J. A. Cormie, who had lately taken to himself a wife, and has therefore the full status of a bishop, was elected.

Mr. May, of Douglas, led in a conference on the subject of baptism, his paper calling forth spirited addresses from various members of the Presbytery.

The question was again up what to do with the charge of Kenton and associated stations, of which R. G. Stewart is minister. As at present situated, he drives 25 miles, and preaches three times each Sunday. The proposal was to put Tarbolton and Bradwardine to themselves, and Kenton, and a new station to be opened at Harding by themselves, thus making two congregations out of what is now but one. Tarbolton and Bradwardine opposed this settlement of the case, and at last it was agreed by all to recommend that Harding be opened and a student engaged to assist Mr. Stewart in looking after the four preaching places.

A letter from the clerk of Kingston Presbytery, expressing the regret of all the members at the severance of ties which occurs through the removal of Mr. Robinson, of Stirling, to Toronto, and Mr. Laidlaw to Brandon, he having accepted the call to St. Paul's Church, Brandon, to succeed Mr. Dickie. As Mr. Laidlaw wants to take up his work on the second Sabbath of October, his induction will be fixed for some evening between the 3rd and 10th, to suit himself and the congregation. He will be warmly welcomed by his fellow Presbyterians and his new people to the great field of usefulness that lies before him.

The convener, Mr. Kellock, presented the report of the Committee on Evangelism. Arrangements for the meetings in November and December are taking final shape, and many are in earnest prayer for "a time of refreshing" over our Presbytery "from the presence of the Lord."

Delighted reference was made to the building activity going on over our Presbytery this year. New churches are being erected at Elva, Sinclair, Hargreaves, Ingelow and Carberry, and a manse is being built at Wellwood.

The Committee on Church Extension was heard from. In terms of their resolutions, it was agreed that a new mission be established in the east end of Brandon. It is expected that it will be self-sustaining as a mission field from the first, but it will be under the supervision, for supply, of Mr. Strang, the energetic Convener of Home Missions.

Melita is still vacant. Excellent men are appearing before the people, and it is hoped that before long a decision will be made.

Hargreaves is vacant no longer. The new minister, Mr. Alexander, was at presbytery.

After the Sabbath School report had been heard, Mr. Wallace was asked to prepare a plan of visitation of the schools throughout the bounds.

The ordination and induction of Mr. H. W. Cliff, B.A., B.D., took place at North Lunenburg on the 15th inst. The moderator, the Rev. N. H. McGillivray, M.A., of Cornwall, presided, and the entire service was witnessed by a large congregation. At the close, the Rev. Mr. Cliff was introduced to the congregation present, and a ministry of great promise was begun.