

# Ministers and Churches.

## Our Toronto Letter.

Advantage was taken of the meeting of the Home Mission Committee, and the presence at it of our three Home Mission superintendents, to hold a general missionary meeting representative of all the churches in the city, in Westminster church, Rev. John Neil's on Wednesday evening. It was well attended, but the church should have been packed to the doors. Rev. Dr. Warden, convener of the committee, was in the chair, and said that from 45 to 50 new mission stations would be opened during the summer. The speakers were, Rev. Dr. Herdman and Carmichael, and Rev. D. G. McQueen of Edmonton. It would be out of place here to attempt to give the briefest summary of their addresses, all good, but we may give the impression conveyed, and the thoughts regarding the work evidently uppermost in the minds of these men straight from the first. These were, its rapid expansion in the past, the prospect of still more rapid growth in the immediate future; the need of more men, the best that can be got, and more means; and the absolute necessity of this work keeping pace with the inrush of settlers from all quarters, if we are to keep our country safe and sound in its morals, and have a law-abiding, peaceable loyal population. Then respecting the speakers themselves, as I listened and looked on them, and weighed their words, I thought, what wide awake men these are; what a large outlook they take, what catholicity and hopefulness they have, laying hold of all kinds of material that can be used to help our church in its work, concerned and caring for all classes and nationalities, what loyalty to Christ and his church, what warmth of patriotism animates them.

The Augmentation Fund, for which the late Rev. D. J. Macdonnell laboured so long and arduously, and which very many of our people were so slow to appreciate the benefit and importance of as really another phase of Home Mission work, appears at last, to be becoming understood, and has a revenue this year of almost \$1000.00 over last. But so pressing are the claims that for next year grants have been made to the amount of \$6000.00 over last year. The committee is trusting the church and the church is proving itself worthy of being trusted. The completion of Century Fund practically, by the committee which met here a short time ago, marks another long and bold advance of our church. It is most gratifying to know that the committee believes that the \$600,000.00 Common Fund, which the church undertook to raise will be fully reached, and that well on to one million dollars have been contributed to pay off church debts, and that of this, almost \$25,000.00 has been given by strong churches to help weak ones. One cause of regret respecting this fund must be that, the demands it has made upon the agent. Rev. Dr. Campbell has been so great as to seriously impair his health and strength.

The opening of the Local Legislative does not necessarily lie very much in the way of your correspondent, but while it is a provincial event, it is also a local event of no small importance. The opening, except for the absence of His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, and the lamented cause of it, his being unwell, was unusually imposing and interesting in a spectacular sense. Unhappily the eclat of Tuesday afternoon, gave place to a very different kind of spectacular scene on the next afternoon when the House met, and Mr. Gagey, the member for Manitoulin, made a solemn, most specific and most damaging indictment against one member of the government, should his statements prove upon investigation to be true, and also in this case, besmirching the good name and reputation of at least two other members of the Cabinet. The interest in the proceedings was intense, and true or false the reading of the whole account must make every lover of this country, who is concerned for the good name of our public men sick at heart. This subject fills all our newspapers. It is a hopeful feature in the whole miserable business, that no one minimizes it, or professes to think lightly of it, that all are either grieved at or ashamed of it. It is to be hoped that both the fullest investigation, the best, most thorough method of investigation, and the speediest will be made, will put the blame where it belongs, and mete out the full measure of deserved punishment to the guilty whoever he be. In a case like this whether men be Liberals or

Conservatives, whether the party be in power or out of it, is a small matter; above all let us have men whose hands are clean and who are above suspicion.

The question of the location of the new library building to be erected with Mr. Carnegie's money gift, has been giving some difficulty to those entrusted with the selection of it by the City Council. It is now recommended that it be somewhere above St. Patrick and Elm streets, and between Spadina Avenue and Yonge street. The location of the two branch libraries will depend somewhat upon the precise situation of the main library.

At the Temperance League meeting in Massey Hall a week ago, Rev. Principal Caven was in the chair; Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent of the Methodist church, and Mr. John A. Paterson K. C., were the principal speakers. Dr. Caven well pointed out that, wise legislation is invested with moral power. Dr. Carman counselled moderation, steadiness, and vigor in the ranks of the temperance hosts. Mr. Paterson summed up what the people wanted as (a) abate the abomination, (b) banish the bar, (c) close the clubs. In his closing remarks Dr. Caven said, not dreaming that events would so soon justify his advice: "Pray for the politicians, and pray for the editors too, they need your prayers."

Last Sunday was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of Old St. Andrew's church, Rev. Dr. Milligan's, and the doctor at the morning service preached a special sermon in connection with so interesting an event.

The Baptists in the city have just made a very significant forward movement. At a banquet given at McConkey's, by Mr. S. J. Moore to about fifty pastors and Sunday School superintendents, it was stated by Mr. Moore that, as the superintendents of their schools were, for the most part, business men, they could not give that time and attention to the work which its importance demanded. Consequently a committee which had the matter in charge, had resolved to appoint a general superintendent to have general supervision of the twenty three Baptist Sunday Schools of the city at a salary of \$1,800 and \$200 for expenses. Rev. Dr. Bates, who was pastor of the College street Baptist church, has resigned his charge to accept this appointment, which is a far seeing move in the right direction.

In the line also of advance in Sunday School work and indicating a growing sense of its importance, in itself, and of teachers being properly qualified for it, is the arrangement by a committee representing the Sunday School and missionary work of our church, for a summer school to be held in Knox College from July 6th to 16th. Prof. Ballantyne is convener of this committee, and will take it is expected an active part in the work of the School Bible study. Sunday School and missionary methods and history will be taken up during the day, and the evenings will be devoted to subjects of a generally interesting nature.

Wireless telegraphy is not to be monopolized by the Atlantic ocean; the other day it was established between this city and Hamilton.

Rev. R. J. Hutcheon formerly pastor of St. Andrew's, Almonte, now of Ottawa, preached in the Unitarian Church here last Sunday. His subjects were, "The Main Points of Our Faith" and "Why I became a Unitarian." Rev. E. D. McLaren D.D., Presbyterian Home Mission Secretary, gave an address last Sabbath evening in St. Enoch's Church, taking as his subject, "The Outlook in the West." The Methodist Missionary Secretaries lately appointed for the west are in the city, and last Sabbath addressed congregations of the Methodist church on their work in the west.

### Ottawa

Rev. Dr. Moore has been asked to fill Bank street church pulpit until the induction of the new minister.

Rev. W. G. Jordan, D. D., of Queen's College, Kingston, preached very acceptably in Bank St. Church both morning and evening.

Rev. John Wood preached in St. Paul's church in the morning, while Rev. Dr. Armstrong took the communion service for Rev. A. E. Mitchell of Erskine church, who was indisposed.

On the 10th instant, St. Paul's Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society met when Mrs. J. Thorburn read a paper on Caste, one of a series on India. Mrs. W.D. Armstrong occupied the chair.

At the meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held on Tuesday of last week, Miss Isabel Gibson read a long and comprehensive paper on the need of missionaries in India. The paper was illustrated by photographs and was much enjoyed. Mrs. Gilbert Allan read the report of the recent Presbyterian Society. Mrs. Peter Larnmonth, president, was in the chair.

Bethany church, Hintonburg, has commenced arrangements for the Sunday School anniversary service, which will be held in May. Rev. Dr. Ross, of the Presbyterian College of Montreal, will assist. The church was founded 12 years ago and has grown so rapidly since that several building extensions have been necessary. The usual Sunday service and social on the following day will be carried out.

At the postponed meeting of the Presbyterian Ministers' Association held on Monday morning, Rev. Robt. Eadie of Bethany church, Hintonburg, read a paper on music, dealing in a comprehensive way with the subject. Mr. Eadie is himself a singer of considerable ability and is a strong advocate of good music as a part of divine service, as shown by his paper. An interesting discussion followed in which all present took part. The ministers at the meeting were Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Dr. Herridge, Dr. Moore, D. M. Ramsay, N. A. McLeod, J.W.H. Milne and Wm. McIntosh.

Rev. Dr. Moore has been chosen to undertake the duty of secretary, organizer and lecturer of the Canadian Tuberculosis Association. The appointment was made by the association executive on Monday at a meeting in the Governor-General's office. His chief duty will be to bring the work of the association more prominently before the public and to arouse Canadians generally to the wisdom of adopting such measures as will check the inroads of consumption. Dr. Moore will no doubt make a success of the office which is entrusted to him. The annual meeting of the Canadian Tuberculosis association will be held in Ottawa on the 16th of April.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Ottawa Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Mission Society, held in St. Andrew's Sunday School hall was well attended. The officers for 1903 are: President, Mrs. D. B. Gardner; Secretary, Mrs. Hay; Treasurer, Miss E. H. Gibson. At the afternoon session the annual report was read and showed a very encouraging state of affairs. Three auxiliaries had been organized, namely at Buckingham, South Gloucester and Rockland. Four mission bands had also been formed. There are 29 auxiliaries and 16 mission bands in connection. The secretary's report showed 742 subscribers or an increase of 92 names. The secretary of supplies reported that \$680.69 worth of clothing had been sent out. In the evening an address was given by Rev. Mr. Mackenzie, of Honan, China.

Last Friday evening Rev. J. H. Turnbull of Bowmanville, was made the unanimous choice of the congregation of Bank St. Church to fill the pastorate made vacant through the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Moore. The new pastor will receive a salary of \$2,000 per year. The meeting was largely attended and enthusiastic throughout. Four names were placed in nomination. They were: Rev. J. H. Turnbull, Bowmanville; Rev. P. M. McDonald, Truro, N.S.; Rev. J. R. Dobson, Montreal; Rev. W. C. Clarke, Brampton. Ballots were distributed and only members allowed to vote. The result showed an overwhelming majority for Mr. Turnbull. It was then moved that the choice be made unanimous, and the motion was heartily endorsed by everyone at the meeting. A committee composed of two members from the management committee, two from the session and two from the congregation was then appointed to present the matter to the Presbytery for approval. The members of this committee are Messrs. Neil McKinnon, R. H. Cowley, B. D. Gardner, John Fraser, Jas. Dalglisli and J. D. McGregor. Mr. Turnbull is said to be a young man with the prospect of a brilliant future, and has given evidence of more than ordinary ability as a preacher and pastor. He was a gold medalist in philosophy at Queen's University, of which he is a graduate in both arts and theology. The late Principal Grant is said to have predicted great attainments for him, and the other professors, under whom he studied,