

MONTREAL.

One of the most successful congregational socials ever held in connection with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Westmount, was that to welcome back amongst them their pastor, the Rev. G. F. Johnson, B.D., who, with Mrs. Johnson, had spent the winter at Ste. Agathe for the benefit of his health, and who first officiated since his return at the services in the church on Sunday, and at the same time to say farewell to the Rev. Donald Tait, B.D., lately of Chalmers' Church, Quebec, who had so ably filled the pastorate during Mr. Johnson's absence. Mr. A. C. Hutchison presided, and there was music by the choir and vocal solos by Miss Henderson and Miss Snell. A pleasing feature of the business of the evening was the presentation of an address, along with a gold-headed cane to Rev. D. Tait in slight acknowledgment of his valuable services to the congregation during the absence of the pastor. He was also the recipient of some valuable books from the Young People's Society and an elegantly-bound copy of Browning's works from the Rev. G. F. Johnson. Mr. McCormick also presented Mrs. Johnson with a lovely bouquet of flowers. The Rev. Mr. Clarke, of Melville Church; the Rev. Frank S. Weston, of the Westmount Baptist Church, and the Rev. Mr. Johnson also delivered addresses; and the Rev. Mr. Tait made an appropriate and feeling acknowledgment of the handsome gifts, which would always remind him of the happy days spent in Westmount. St. Andrew's Church, Westmount, was organized some four years ago. Since then the membership has doubled and the congregation has now a sufficient amount subscribed to lift the entire mortgage on the church on July 1st. The church started with a debt of \$14,500, all of which has now been raised, and in addition during the last three months \$535 have been subscribed to make additions to the Sabbath school library.

Members of Knox Church gathered in large numbers recently for the purpose of offering congratulations to their much-loved pastor, the Rev. James Fleck, upon his having had conferred upon him by Queen's University, recently, the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Mr. Walter Paul presided, and voiced the feelings of the congregation, and congratulatory addresses were also made by the Rev. Dr. Barclay, the Rev. Dr. Johnston, the Rev. Dr. Scrimger, the Very Rev. Dr. Evans (Dean of Montreal), the Rev. J. L. Gilmour, the Rev. John Mackay, and others. On behalf of the ladies of the congregation, Mrs. Walter Paul presented Dr. Fleck with a minister's gown, while to Mrs. Fleck handsome bouquets of flowers were offered by Mrs. Allan and by one of the members of the Chinese mission connected with the church. Dr. Fleck suitably acknowledged the kind expressions of the congregation.

QUEBEC.

The Rev. C. W. Nicol, formerly of Lynn, Mass., was inducted to the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church, in succession to the Rev. William Shearer, who is now connected with the Pointe aux Trembles extension movement. There was a large congregation, and the necessary formalities having been conducted, the Rev. W. C. Clark, of Chalmers' Church, Quebec, preached the sermon; the Rev. Dr. Kellock addressed the new minister, and the Rev. C. A. Tanner, the people.

Leave has been granted to Chalmers' Church, Richmond, to moderate in a call to the Rev. Mr. Carmichael, Dunbar, Ontario.

The Empress Eugenie, once the most beautiful, now certainly the most pathetic, figure in Europe, has just entered upon her eightieth year.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The St. Paul's church, Hamilton, have notified Dr. R. P. McKay, secretary for Foreign Missions, that they will undertake the support of Mr. J. G. T. Ferguson, B.A., M.D., who will go to Formosa next fall. There is a steadily increasing number of congregations in the church that maintain a foreign missionary. The number now of such congregations is about thirty-five.

The Motherwell Sunday School held anniversary services on Sunday last. Rev. Mr. McKinnon, of Milverton, occupied the pulpit, a very acceptably. On Monday evening Mr. Isaac Hord, of Mitchell, a Sunday school delegate to Jerusalem a year ago, delivered his deservedly popular and instructive address on his trip to Jerusalem.

Identified as he was with every good work and reform, says the Owen Sound Sun, it is little cause for wonder that the funeral of the Rev. R. Rodgers was such as has seldom been seen in this town. Early in the afternoon a private service, conducted by Rev. Dr. Somerville and Rev. W. H. Cline, was held at his late residence, only the immediate relatives being present. The public service was then held in Division Street Presbyterian church and was largely attended. Brief addresses, bearing upon the long and faithful Christian life of deceased, were delivered by Rev. Dr. Somerville and Rev. James Lediard. Revs. G. R. Turk and R. I. Macalpine led in prayer and the Scripture reading was read by Rev. Rural Dean Ardill and Dr. W. McLaren, of Rockton. Almost every member of Owen Sound Presbytery was present. The pallbearers were Revs. E. J. Macalpine, F. W. McBrien, J. Lediard, W. H. Cline, G. R. Turk and Rev. Rural Dean Ardill. The remains were followed to their last resting place by a lengthy cortege which bore ample testimony to the universal respect in which the aged minister was held.

The Guelph Mercury says: Nothing could be more fitting as a closing class gathering than the attendance at Divine service at St. Andrew's church of the graduating class of the Ontario Agricultural college, and the institution of such an observance is most creditable to President Creelman and the class of '05. And the class were favored in having as their preacher, in Rev. Thos Eakin, M. A., one who was thoroughly in touch with the spirit and aspiration of graduate attainment and whose words of counsel would be full of fellowship and sympathy.

Mr. Robert Campbell Divinity Student of Chatham, occupied the Tilbury pulpit on a recent Sunday, on account of the absence through illness of Rev. P. Nichol.

The Rev. James Barber, of Ashbur, who conducted the services at Wakefield and Shelburne on a recent Sabbath, was the guest of the Rev. and Mrs. Morrison, of Rosebank, Cedarville.

A news report says:—The Union Evangelistic Meetings of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist churches of Vankeek Hill, conducted by Revs. Crowder and Hunter, assisted by the pastor of each church, Rev. L. Conely (Methodist), Mr. Thompson (Presbyterian) and Mr. MacLachlin (Baptist), are certainly most wonderful meetings. About nine hundred people were present at the Sunday evening service and several were unable to gain an entrance. The meetings are full of interest and thousands are deciding to become Christians.

The John Knox quarter-centenary celebrations were begun by a gathering in his birth-place, Haddington, which was addressed by "Ian MacLaren."

TORONTO.

It is announced that the Rev. H. A. A. Kennedy, M.A., D.Sc., of Callander, Scotland, accepts the nomination to the chair of New Testament Literature and Exegesis in Knox College, made vacant by the death of Principal Caven in December last. The appointment is regarded as exceptionally important, and great care has been taken by the authorities in order that the selection might be the very best possible both from the standpoint of scholarship and of teaching power. The choice of Dr. Kennedy has been generally approved, and his acceptance will be enthusiastically received. Dr. Kennedy is well known to not a few Canadians. Principal Falconer of Halifax was a fellow-student with him in Edinburgh and Berlin. He is regarded as the finest New Testament scholar in Scotland, both learned and trusted. He is a fine personality, varied in his gifts, and a good preacher. That Knox College has been so fortunate as to secure so well-furnished a teacher to add to its present efficient staff, must be gratifying to Canadians.

Rev. Dr. Milligan, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, who has returned from a four weeks' visit in the Northwest, said in the course of a sermon on Sunday evening that the people of the West did not think much about the autonomy bill or about any bills except dollar bills.

Last Sunday Rev. A. B. Winchester continued his special sermons on "The Mountains of the Bible," his subject being "Mount Carmel."

Rev. W. A. Hunter, D.D., formerly pastor of Erskine Church, who has for the past seven years been resident in Denver, Colo., will reach Toronto on a visit on Thursday morning by the C.P.R. at 8.31. After spending several days with his mother at Millbrook he will return to Toronto and spend some times renewing old associations. Mrs. Hunter accompanies him.

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Rev. David Smith, formerly of Fort Frances, has been engaged by the session to occupy the pulpit during the absence of the pastor. He has attended to the work of the congregation for the past four weeks.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The whole length of the Mediterranean will soon be virtually covered by an extensive installation of wireless telegraphy.

Sweden and Norway are the only countries where practically every grown man can read and write. Bavaria comes next in this respect.

Rev. P. Clarkson, Aberfeldy Free Church, has accepted a call to Kirkcaldy.

Rev. A. Douglas has been elected moderator of Arbroath Established Presbytery.

A Presbyterian Elders' Union is being formed in London to watch the Higher Criticism.

Rev. Wm. Ross, Leith, has accepted the call to the High U.F. Church, Kilmarnock.

One of "Dr. Barnardo's boys," is now a member of the Australian Federal Parliament.

Rev. T. B. Nicholson, London, has been elected minister of Chalmers Street U.F. Church, Dunfermline.

It is said that Madame Patti's voice has always been insured for \$8,000 against permanent accidental loss.

The "Wee Press" are seeking possession of Perth U. F. churches. Their lawyers are simply piling up a bill of costs.

The Duke of Argyll will visit Belfast on the 6th June for the purpose of opening the new Presbyterian Assembly Hall.

Rev. Alex. Osborne, Martyn's U. F. Church, Dundee, has, on account of ill health, been granted three months' leave of absence.