

of the church would be purer and deeper. Principal Grant made a forcible address. He emphasized the fact that there was no better way of getting the imagination developed into full proportions than by hard work. There were, he said, more souls destroyed by indolence than by strong drink. There are men who will not work. Preachers should work on the Scriptures, for regarding them the average preacher was terribly ignorant. Ministers did not study in the way they should. They were content to accept aids and work out nothing themselves. Truth gains great power when translated from the page to the voice of the earnest preacher. The Principal described as tragic in their awfulness many of the sermons he had been compelled to listen to during the past forty years.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. W. J. Clark of London gave an address in Zion Church, Brantford, Monday.

Rev. Dr. Johnston of London lectured in Cranlin Presbyterian Church Thursday evening.

Rev. Principal Wilkie, M.A., of Indore, India, preached in the MacNab Street Church, Hamilton, last Sunday.

At the meeting of Knox, Hamilton, Young Men's Club recently Rev. Dr. Fraser gave a most interesting address on "A Trip to Jerusalem and the Pyramids." Messrs. John Brown, Charles Peebles, H.N. Anderson and John Cheyne took part in the programme.

As there was no service in Knox Church, Ayr, on Sabbath night, many took the opportunity of hearing the new minister of Stanley street church, Rev. S. O. Nixon, who spoke to a crowded house. Mr. Nixon is a very fluent speaker and has the faculty of keeping the attention of his hearers.

The annual business meeting of the Presbyterian Church, Mimosa, was held on Wednesday evening of last week and a pleasant and enjoyable time was spent, business being interspersed with tea, music and social intercourse. The finances of the church are in a flourishing condition and everything running smoothly.

A service of praise was given by the choir of St. Andrew's Church, London, on Monday evening last, when a splendid programme was rendered. The assisting artists were Master Bernie Rautenberg, a boy soprano, possessing a wonderful voice, many flattering press notices from large cities testifying to his ability; and Miss Janet D. Grant, a favorite contralto of Toronto. Mr. Charles E. Wheeler also rendered several organ solos.

Rev. R. W. Ross, pastor of Knox Church Guelph, and Mrs. Ross had recently a very pleasant duty to perform at the manse, in tendering a reception to the young people in the country belonging to the congregation. There was a large turnout. The host and hostess soon made their guests feel at home, and an enjoyable evening was spent. A pleasing feature of the evening was the stereopticon views made by Mr. Ross himself while in Germany and other foreign parts. Refreshments were served during the evening.

NORTHERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Dr. Waits delivered a sermon last Sunday evening in Owen Sound, on the war in South Africa. Subject: "Shall we win?" the text being Rev. II. 10. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity.

The Presbytery of Lindsay, will meet at Woodville on March 13, instead of March 20, as formerly announced.

On Tuesday of last week the Pointe aux Trembles schools received a visit from a committee of the Board of French Evangelization, comprising the Rev. Dr. Amaron, the Rev. F. M. Dewey, and the Rev. G. Colborne Heine. Devotional exercises were held, the pupils were thoroughly examined, and dinner was partaken of. The examiners were satisfied with the proficiency of the pupils.

MONTREAL.

A general gathering of the Montreal Chinese Sunday schools was held in Calvin Church on Monday evening.

A series of meetings to discuss the best means of training boys and girls is being held in Taylor Church all this week.

At the Protestant House of Industry and Refuge a very enjoyable concert was given on Friday evening by the St. Gabriel Church C. E. Society.

The Rev. Dean Carmichael addressed a meeting of the students of McGill University on Sunday afternoon in the Presbyterian College.

The health of the Rev. Mr. Bourgoin, principal of the Pointe aux Trembles schools is slowly improving. He is still, however, very weak.

Last Sunday the Rev. Dr. Scrimger continued the special services which are being held in connection with the opening of the new church at Lachine.

War sermons were preached in the various Anglican churches on Sunday in connection with the observance of that day as a day of intercession for the army.

The people of Petite Cote presented the Rev. W. T. Morrison with a purse in recognition of his giving them evening services during the winter, while the evening service at Norwood is suspended.

The first concert under the auspices of the newly-organized French Protestant Benevolent Society was held last week in l'Eglise St. Jean, and was a gratifying success to the promoters of the movement.

The McGill University quadrennial dinner, which was postponed in the hope that Lord Strathcona might be present, has now been fixed for Feb. 22, when it will be held without him, as he is unable to leave London.

Archbishop Begin, of Quebec, has addressed a circular letter to his clergy, calling on them to say special prayers at the daily sacrifice of the mass for the prompt cessation of the present war and the early restoration of peace.

Knox Church Sunday school held its annual festival on Friday last in the lecture room of the church. An interesting feature of the proceedings was a presentation to Mr. Walter Paul in celebration of his attainment of his majority as superintendent.

Mr. Heine's latest contribution to his series of sermons on the Roman Catholic Church is "The Supremacy of Peter," preached on Sunday evening.

Sunday was observed in the McGill Y.M.C.A. and elsewhere as a special day of prayer for students.

On Saturday evening the annual meeting of the McGill University Y.M.C.A. was held in the association's building. Mr. George Hague commended the students for their work during the past year. Mr. Charles S. Paterson was elected president for the ensuing year.

The excellent union teachers' meeting held under the auspices of the Sunday School Union of the Province, in the Y.M.C.A. building on Friday evenings, was addressed on the two last Fridays by Dr. F. W. Kelley, who treated his subjects in an instructive and interesting manner.

Mr. F. W. Anderson, of Toronto, travelling secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, was in the city last week, and addressed several student's meetings. He held conferences with the students of all the colleges, with a view to impressing on them the needs of the missionary movement.

A series of revival services, arranged for by the French Protestant Churches of the city, was opened on Monday afternoon. The Rev. S. Delagneau of Boston, is to lead the meetings. Mr. Delagneau was born in France, and was educated at Lansanne, Paris, Geneva and Chicago. He is spoken of as a fluent and effective speaker and a man of deep piety.

The Rev. Mr. Duclos, the venerable pastor of La Croix Church, was delightfully surprised one evening last week by the presentation to him from his

young people of an address expressive of their appreciation of his solicitude for their spiritual welfare. The address was accompanied by a copy of the Bible. Mrs. Duclos was not forgotten, and was presented with a writing portfolio.

The Protestant Ministerial Association met on Monday and heard a report from the Rev. Mr. Fleck of the mission to Catholics arranged by the Presbyterian Association. After speeches by Dr. Amaron, Dr. J. Edgar Hill and others, it was moved seconded, and carried that Protestant Ministerial Association concur in the advisability of the course of lectures about to be delivered by Protestant leaders on points of difference between Roman Catholics and Protestants.

The chief part of the arrangements for the projected mission to Catholics is now completed. The mission will be held in Knox Church, and will begin on Sunday evening, Feb. 25. It will be opened by the Rev. Father O'Connor of New York, an ex-priest, and a convert to Protestantism, who will, for a fortnight, conduct a series of conferences in the afternoons and evenings, and will answer questions. His lectures will treat of the essential truths of the Christian religion, as repentance, regeneration, etc. A number of theological professors and ministers will also take part.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

Rev. J. A. Greenlees has been appointed missionary at Belle Isle, N. F.

Rev. Dr. Robertson addressed the Halifax Presbytery last Tuesday.

Annapolis and Pictou have called their ordained missionary Rev. J. R. Douglas.

Rev. H. H. Macpherson has tendered his resignation of St. John's Church, Halifax.

Halifax Presbytery has approved of "Aids to Social Worship" with slight emendations.

Rev. Dr. Robertson preached in New Glasgow last Sabbath in James' and United Churches.

Rev. Chas. McKay has resigned the charge of New London P.E.I., on account of ill health.

The Presbytery of Wallace has nominated Rev. Dr. Pollok as moderator of next General Assembly.

Halifax Presbytery has nominated Rev. Principal Pollok as moderator of the next General Assembly.

The Canada, N.S., congregation raised last year for all purposes \$1,385 which was \$200 more than the expenditure.

Mr. T. C. James is clerk pro tem., of the Presbytery of P.E.I. during the absence of Chaplain Fullerton of the First Contingent.

The presbytery of P.E.I. has approved of the remits and election of Moderator of General Assembly and powers of Synod.

St. Stephen's Church, St. Stephens N.B., has unanimously voted that anyone visit during the year by the pastor to each family would be expected.

At a meeting of North Badeque congregation, P.E.I., \$238 were subscribed for the Century Fund. The probability is that the congregation will give in the vicinity of \$1000.

The total income of St. Andrew's Church, St. Johns, N.F., for 1899 was \$5,327.77. An assistant pastor is expected shortly. Total membership 329 of which 82 were added during the year.

The Millburn, N.B., congregation is making substantial progress under its energetic pastor, Rev. F. W. Murray. Nearly \$19.0 were raised during the year and it will give over \$1000 to the Century Fund.

Kingston and Richibucto, N.B., will raise \$1000 for the Century Fund, Blackville and connected churches will give \$650. The absence of men in the lumber woods has suspended the canvass during the winter in many parts of rural New Brunswick. The outbreak of smallpox at Campbellton and Newcastle has arrested matters in those places.