

## KNOX CHURCH, WOODSTOCK

OPENING OF THE NEW CHURCH  
DESCRIPTION OF THE  
BUILDING DEDICATION SERVICES.

An event of unusual interest to the Presbyterians of Western Ontario, was the



REV. DR. McMULLEN, WOODSTOCK.

opening, on Sabbath last, of the new church erected by Knox congregation Woodstock. It is a handsome edifice, and is considered one of the most beautiful and comfortable church buildings in the West. It is situated on the corner of Hunter and Riddell streets, a prominent site, and has a striking elevation with a tower 108 feet high. The building is of terra cotta brick and with the equipment will cost about \$46,000. It is amphitheatrical in form and is in the Romanesque style of architecture. It consists of an auditorium 67 feet square, with transepts on the north and south sides, 8 feet deep and 37 feet wide. Between the towers and at the rear of the auditorium is a commodious vestibule 13 feet wide, containing the principal stairs to the gallery. This can be opened into the auditorium, giving increased accommodation for about 80 persons. The gallery surrounds three sides of the auditorium and has curved stairways at the pulpit, giving access to the main floor. The pulpit platform is located at the west end of the auditorium, and immediately behind it is the choir and organ, under an arch some 29 feet in width. The total seating accommodation is 1,400. The school room adjoins the main body of the church at the rear and is 53 feet by 96 over all. Class rooms are arranged in both the ground floor and the gallery, and in all accommodation is found for a school of about 700. The basement of the school is arranged for a supper room capable of seating 400 persons. The architects of the church were Messrs. Burke & Harwood, Toronto, the work being superintended for them by Mr. Alex. White of Woodstock. The general contractors were Messrs. McIntosh & Griffiths of Woodstock. The news and pulpit furniture were made by the Globe Furniture Co. of Walkerville.

The organ, admittedly one of the finest in that section of country, was built by the well-known firm of Harn Warren Co., Woodstock, and is a most creditable construction.

## DEDICATION SERVICES.

Immense congregations assembled to the dedication services, resulting in the necessity of holding overflow meetings in the Central Methodist Church, kindly placed at the disposal of Knox church, by the trustees. The preachers were Rev. Principal Grant, in the new church and Rev. J. A. Macdonald, Toronto at the overflow meetings. In the afternoon a mass meeting was held at which addresses were delivered by local and visiting ministers. All the services were impressive and were greatly appreciated.

The subject of Principal Grant's dis-

course in the morning was "The Signs of the Times." In the course of a scholarly treatment of the subject he said that men were prone to identify the material with the spiritual; that was one of the great mistakes of human nature. The spiritual so infinitely transcended the material that we should never identify the two. The Jews of old required a sign. That was their great weakness. It had been the weakness of the Christian church ever since. It was the weakness of human nature. Jesus came into contact with the same carnal conditions at the outset of His career. The devil tempted Him in the same way. The spirit could not be reached by external signs. Jesus Himself was the sign to that generation, but they could not see it. The indications of the Scriptures were that people should discern the signs of the times. God was the living God, and expected us to see the meaning of His dealings with us, and to learn our duty in the movements of men and nations. It seemed to him the signs of the times with ever increasing urgency had been saying to all who had ears to hear, quite. We heard that word in 1867, and again in 1871, accompanied on both occasions by the protests of many good men and sacrifices on the part of many, yet, looking back upon these things, was there a man in church or state who did not see that it was God's will, and that we had risen to a higher height in consequence. In closing he called upon his hearers to unite against the forces of evil.

## Church News

[All communications to this column ought to be sent to the Editor immediately after the occurrences to which they refer have taken place.]

## MONTREAL NOTES.

The Rev. Principal MacVicar has returned to town from his holiday at Bic in good health and spirits for another session.

Dr. Scrimger spent last Sunday at Grand Mere on the St. Maurice River and preached in the Presbyterian Church there. This is the only Protestant church in the place and the point is becoming one of considerable importance, though the Protestant population is never likely to be larger. At the present time the Laurentide Pulp Company is making an extensive addition to its plant with a view of making paper for export to Britain out of the wood pulp which they are now sending away as an unfinished product. These additions will involve an expenditure of about \$1,000,000 and when completed will furnish constant employment to a large number of people. The work is being pushed forward rapidly and the buildings are expected to be covered in before the winter opens. The church is at the present time cared for by a student missionary, but it is important that the work should be continued during the winter and that there should be a minister resident in the place.

The Protestant Ministerial Association is engaged in making arrangements for the visit of the Keswick brethren during the first week in October. This movement as all know has evoked some criticism, but one cannot help sympathizing with the object aimed at by it,—the elevation of spiritual life among Christians.

The Rev. Dr. George, the new Principal of the Congregational College, has arrived and will begin his work at the opening of the session. Dr. Barbour the late Principal has gone to reside at Middleboro, Mass.

The congregation of the American Presbyterian Church are to be congratulated upon the completion of two of the most elegant memorial windows to be found anywhere. The windows occupy two large spaces above the gallery on the Drummond street side of the church, and are the work of the Tiffany Glass and Decorating Company of New York. They are of what is known as favrite glass. The colors, instead of being painted on the surface, are in the body of the glass, and the shading is effected by varying the thickness of the glass. The result is a new, deeper and richer effect than can be produced by the old method, and is especially adapted to Canada where we have so much clear sunshine. The window nearest the pulpit is erected by the congregation in memory of their late pastor, the Rev. George H. Wells, D.D. The

subject is the "Good Shepherd," designed by Frederick Wilson.

The other window is put in by Mr. Charles Lyman and his sister, Mrs. Elah, in memory of their father, the late Benjamin Lyman, who was so long and so actively identified with that church. The subject is "The first Easter evening," the designer being Mr. E. P. Sperry. These windows were dedicated in connection with the morning and evening service, respectively, last Sunday, the pastor, the Rev. T. S. McWilliams, taking the subject of the windows as the themes of his sermons.

## MARITIME NOTES.

St. Church, Labavo, is receiving a new coat of paint on the outside. Rev. Geo. A. Leck is pastor of this church.

Rev. D. MacGillivray was not able to return to Lunenburg, after his holidays, owing to the serious illness of his niece, Miss Jessie Fraser, of Pictou Co., N. S. Rev. W. M. Toffis, who was visiting in the vicinity, occupied his pulpit last Sabbath.

Rev. F. C. Simpson, of Bridgewater, after three months absence in the Old Country, filled his own pulpit Sept. 5th. During his trip his pulpit was supplied largely by pastors of the city churches of Halifax Presbytery.

Rev. J. H. Stewart, of Riversdale, late of Calgary, now of Lunenburg and Sholburne Pres., is pushing the completion of the church building at New Germany, a rapidly growing section of his field.

## GENERAL.

Rev. W. T. Herridge occupied St. Andrew's pulpit Ottawa on Sunday Sept. 5th for the first time since his holidays.

Large congregations attended the services conducted by Rev. Dr. Parsons, of Toronto, in the two Presbyterian congregations in Fergus on Sept. 5th.

Rev. Dr. William Moore, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, preached in his own church on Sept. 5th returned a few days ago from Ireland.

Rev. Dr. Lyle pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, was tendered a reception, Sept. 7th, by his congregation in celebration of his recent return from Germany. Mr. J. Harvey occupied the chair, and nearly all the clergy in the city were present, irrespective of denomination. Mrs. J. M. Gibson and Mrs. Harvey, on behalf of the ladies of the congregation, presented the popular pastor with a handsome silk gown.

A joint meeting of the managers and congregation of St. James' Presbyterian church, London, was held Sept. 5th, for the purpose of discussing the resignation of Rev. M. P. Talling B.A., whose term expires on Sunday, Sept. 26th. The meeting was a large one. It was unanimously decided by a standing vote not to oppose the resignation of Mr. Talling when the matter shall come before the Presbytery, which meets on Sept. 14th. Rev. D. C. Johnston was appointed to represent the elders, and Messrs. Neil McNeil and Thos. McCurdy to represent the congregation. They were instructed not to

## Clergyman's Statement

Nerve Strength Gained by Taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

BRIGHTON, IOWA. - Rev. Bernard M. Shulick of this place, owing to weakness of the nerves, was for a time unable to attend to his duties. He makes this statement: "I have suffered for a long time from weak nerves. After I had taken a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla I became quite well again. The weakness of the nerves has now wholly disappeared and I am able to attend to my duties again. I am therefore grateful to Hood's Sarsaparilla and I recommend it to everyone who suffers from weak nerves."

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