

Montreal.

A pleasant and profitable evening was enjoyed by the pupils and friends of St. Gabriel Sabbath-school last evening in the lecture-room, when Mr. Charles F. Bardorf, gave an illustrated lecture on 'The Flame and the Candle.'

The Congregations of Emmanuel Congregational and the American Presbyterian churches will unite for services during the months of July and August. The services will be held in Emmanuel Church in July and in the American Presbyterian Church in August. This is an example that might well be followed by congregations in all our large cities.

On Sunday last anniversary services to commemorate the completion by the Rev. James Fleck, B. A., of a pastorate of twenty-five years at Knox Church, were held in that church. The attendance was large, the sermons eloquent, the music inspiring and the enthusiasm worthy of the occasion. The preacher at both services was the Rev. William Patterson, of Philadelphia. At the close of the sermon in the morning the preacher referring to the long pastorate of Rev. Mr. Fleck, said: 'In the past twenty-five years the pastor of Knox Church has been throwing out a strong and steady light, and both pastor and people were to be congratulated upon the steady progress that had been made. There had been no boom and no failure, but a continuous advance, and the preacher's prayer was that they might shine on, and that those anniversary services might not only inspire them with thankfulness, but encourage them to work for still greater things. In the afternoon an open session of the Sunday school was held, when a special programme of music was given, and very appropriate, happy and complimentary addresses were delivered by the Rev. Wm. Patterson, the Rev. Mr. Fleck, the Rev. Dr. Scrimger, Mr. James Croil, Mr. David Morrice, Mr. Forbes the superintendent, and Mr. Henderson, the assistant superintendent. The Rev. James Patterson opened the session with prayer. There were a large number of parents and other visitors present.

The Montreal Chinese Mission room was filled last Monday evening with teachers, scholars and friends, who much enjoyed an interesting programme. The opening exercises consisted of singing, and reading and recitation of Scripture in English and Chinese by the scholars, with prayer by Mr. Grimson, supt. of Chalmers' Chinese S. S. A presentation to Miss McCaul, daughter of Rev. James McCaul, of Toronto, teacher in charge of the Chinese night school for the past two years, was the chief feature. Rev. F. M. Dewey, Convener of F. M. Com., made fitting remarks in acknowledgment of faithful and successful service, and introduced her successor Miss Nellie Tweedie, of St. Paul's Church; while Chin Seng, the native helper, representing the scholars, presented her with a handsome oak bookcase and writing desk. To all of which Miss McCaul briefly and feelingly responded. Reference was also made to the previous faithful teacher now the wife of Rev. G. A. Woodside, of Carleton Place, from whom came some lines of ever prayerful remembrance, and regret at inability to be present. And in view of his recent appointment to India advantage was taken by the scholars of this opportunity to present Rev. F. J. Anderson, the successful superintendent of St. Matthew's Chinese S. S. for a number of years, with a Hindustani New Testament and Life of the famous India missionary, Dr. Duff, as a helpful outfit. In his appropriate reply and exhortation to teachers and scholars Mr. Anderson said 'he didn't know that he would have gone to the foreign field—China or India, to which he offered himself, but for this work. Several others during the evening also remarked that reflex advantage of the Chinese work. Miss King, about to return to China, but ever helpful towards Chinese work in Montreal and elsewhere, was by Ju Ho presented with a handsome bouquet in view of her return to the "Flowery Land," and responded with earnest words of thanks and counsel. Mr. David Yuile also spoke in support of missions, in which his own heart is so deeply enlisted, followed by Mr. Cayford supt. of St. Andrew's Chinese S. S., and Dr. Thomson, Chinese missionary, in closing remarks specially in Chinese to the scholars, also referring to the regret of a number at inability to be present. A former faithful worker just returned from a sojourn in California, who thinks such work more encouraging here than there, offered an earnest prayer in behalf of the above subjects; and all was concluded by the

repetition of the Lord's Prayer in Chinese by the scholars.

The address presented to Rev. Mr. Fleck on the occasion of his semi-jubilee as pastor of Knox Church, among other encouraging things said: 'Twenty-five years ago the membership of the congregation was 224. Now the roll contains 750 names in full communion. The Sabbath school also grew greatly with the growth of the church, rendering it necessary, seven years ago, to provide this larger and more commodious building, in which we are this evening met.

On Monday evening a pleasant social reunion took place in connection with the semi-jubilee celebration of the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Fleck in Knox Church, Montreal. Mr. Walter Paul discharged the duties of the chair in a manner leaving nothing to be desired. In the course of his remarks he said he had travelled with Mr. Fleck over land and sea, eaten with and roomed with him, been brought into the closest contact with him and had never known of a single action of his unworthy of a minister of Christ. A warmly worded address, expressive of the affection and esteem of the congregation was then read by Rev. James Patterson and Rev. Mr. Fleck replied in an address that was received with hearty applause. Rev. Dr. MacVicar, Rev. Canon Ellekoode, and Rev. Dr. J. Edgar Hill voiced the good wishes of many outside Knox Church for its pastor; and Dr. MacVicar, who had known six ministers of the church expressed the hope that no further change should take place in the pastorate during his lifetime. Mr. John Bailey, president of the church board, on behalf of the congregation, presented the Rev. Mr. Fleck with a cabinet of cutlery and Mr. Robert Henderson, representing the ladies of the church, presented Mrs. Fleck with a bouquet of roses. The Rev. Mr. Fleck made a happy reply emphasizing the importance of Christian hospitality.

Ottawa.

Mr. Thurlow Fraser was the preacher at St. Paul's last Sabbath evening.

Dr. Reid, who has been laboring among the Doukhobors and Gallicians for many months, gave interesting addresses last week in several of the Ottawa churches.

Mr. David McElroy the newly elected secretary and travelling agent of the Ottawa Auxiliary Bible Society, was presented with an address and a well-filled purse last week at Carp. Mr. McElroy intends moving to Ottawa in the near future.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed in Bank Street Church and St. Paul's last Sabbath morning. At the evening service in Bank Street Church Rev. Dr. Moore made suitable and feeling reference to the death of the late Mr. John Hardie, whom, he said, had been a life-long worker in the congregation. Deceased's life had been an example to the workers in every walk of life. He had fulfilled the scriptural injunction to be faithful in the few things, and the speaker was satisfied that the reward which their departed friend now enjoyed was commensurate with his labors in the cause of righteousness on earth.

Principal McMeekin, of the Ottawa College of Oratory, the students and friends, must have been greatly pleased with the result of the annual public competition, which took place last Thursday evening in St. John's Hall. There was a large attendance, filling the spacious hall, and the frequent as well as discriminating, applause indicated an appreciative as well as an interested audience. The prizes and diplomas were presented, in the absence of Mr. Birkett, by Mr. G. P. Woodcombe, of Ashbury College, who in his introductory remarks paid a well-deserved compliment to Dr. McMeekin for his able and painstaking work of which the exhibition given that evening by the students was the highest kind of testimonial. In the ladies competition the gold medal, which was the gift of Mr. John Manuel, was won by Miss Eliza Watt. Miss Watt also received a gold medal, the gift of Mr. J. R. McNeil, for having passed the best written examination in the principles of oratory. Silver medals were awarded to Miss Brouse, and Miss Feeley, the first being the gift of the mayor and Alderman Morris, and the second by Mr. Stewart McClenaghan. Miss L. Craig won a book given by Ald. R. J. Davidson. Mr. R. R. Latimer won the gentleman's gold medal, the gift of Mr. Thomas Birkett, M. P. The other prizes were books given by J. H. Pope and Sons, and Dr. McMeekin. They were won by Mr. Watt and Master P. Mahon.

Diplomas for proficiency in the principals of oratory were presented to Miss Mary Wall, Mr. R. R. Latimer, Mr. H. Gilchrist and Miss Eliza Watt. The Ottawa College of Oratory should open after the vacation with well filled classes. It has earned success.

The induction of Rev. D. M. McLeod into the pastorate of Billings Bridge Church took place last Monday evening, when the sermon was preached by Rev. A. E. Mitchell of Erskine Church, who took his text from John 20: 21, "As My Father has sent Me, even so send I you." The Rev. R. Eadie, of Bethany church, Hintonburgh, addressed the newly inducted pastor and the Rev. Norman McLeod, of McKay church, addressed the congregation. Previous to the induction services the ladies of the congregation invited the members of Presbytery and friends who were present to bountifully provided refreshments. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of a handsome leather covered chair to the Rev. J. W. Milne, who has acted as moderator of the congregation during the vacancy. Rev. Geo. Crombie, who has occupied the pulpit for the past five months, was also remembered by the congregation. He was made the recipient of a beautiful cane, suitably engraved. The church was elaborately decorated for the occasion and presented a bright and attractive appearance.

A Cheerful Letter.

DEAR DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN: There has been no time for completing "Century Fund Notes" these two or three busy weeks, but the work has been going on. It might have been thought, that hope of large contributions was past but still they continue to come, and are welcomed. Its never too late for contributions large or small, and it will be quite in order for any of your readers to notify Rev. Dr. Warden or myself of any original or additional contributions which shall help us forward to our goal. \$250, \$1000, \$2500, and many smaller sums were amongst the reports of the last few days, as additional contributions to Common Fund from individuals. What about Common Fund? Within \$40,000 needed still, is what we see. The delay in reports from Congregations, and even from Congregations that are known to have done good work, is embarrassing. We are not depending on "estimates" at this stage, and this makes it necessary that we should hear definitely from all who have not reported. This will meet the eye of some who have delayed and may, it is hoped, result in a return being sent to Rev. Dr. Campbell, Perth, Ont., which will yet be in time for supplementary report to Assembly.

Some very encouraging notes may be extracted from the returns, if space permitted. We can only give samples, however. Additional sums from congregations have been very much in evidence. One of our larger congregations transfers \$2000 from Debt to Common Fund. Others say "We Guarantee amounts for Common Fund; if there is any shortage we shall carry it on our debt." "We can do a little more if necessary." The Treasurers have been kept busy receiving amounts paid to Common Fund. It looks now as if the total amount actually paid, for Debt and Common Fund combined, may reach \$1,000,000 before the Assembly meets. Here again we are embarrassed by lack of full returns. Looking over the returns of Dec. 31st, it can be easily seen that there are large amounts which have been paid on debt. Subscriptions which have not yet been reported as paid to the Agent. It would be a very gratifying thing were we able to inform the assembly that an actual million had been paid; indeed, as I have said already, I believe this could be done were the returns up to date all in my hands. Will not ministers and treasurers assist in bringing this to pass? They can do so by reporting at once. Some were not able to arrange the special envelope collection the Sabbath named. Some perhaps thought it in vain to make such an attempt. But we are so near the \$600,000 now that, if all would use the envelopes, we would be brought practically to assurance that it shall be completely made up. Who will act on this suggestion?

R. CAMPBELL, Agent.

Perth, June 1st. 1901.

Almost every one removes his hat on entering a church; but what a farce it is to take off the hat if the soul remains covered!