

NEW MACKAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

This substantial and stately church edifice, so auspiciously dedicated last Sunday by special services conducted by Rev. Principal Gandier, D.D., of Knox college, Toronto, adds another to the numerous fine churches which adorn the Capital. Built of stone in its entirety it presents an imposing appearance. In the front, facing MacKay street, there are three heavy oaken doors, separated by immense stone piers. Above these are three large windows, all of which are surmounted by a large cut stone arch. On the northeast corner stands a massive tower. On the southwest corner is an office lighted with three oblong windows, corresponding with the lower windows in the tower. The tower doors and the three front doors are finished in golden oak. Throughout the windows are of a very heavy leaded glass of chaste design. Heavy buttresses support the walls at many points.

The interior is finished in golden oak. Ten columns, spanned by arches, support the roof. The ceiling is divided into squares by exposed beams. The floor slopes towards the pulpit in saucer shape. The seating arrangements are in amphitheatre style, so that every pew commands a clear view of the preacher. The pews are built of ash, with oak ends, and are of a modern design.

The screen separating the auditorium from the vestibule is three quarters glass and artistically panelled. The vestibule opens into the tower room at one end and into the church office at the other. Three doors lead from the vestibule into the nave, and above the vestibule is a gallery with a seating capacity of 100.

The lighting system is very complete, there being four hammered brass chandeliers, three with eight lights and one with twelve, suspended from the ceiling by heavy brass chains. On the columns and walls are corresponding double brackets.

The pulpit and minister's settee are of quarter cut oak, artistically carved. The choir gallery, behind the pulpit, is built to accommodate thirty singers. The pipe organ, installed in the old church three years ago, corresponds with the furnishings of the new church. It possesses an excellent tone.

The whole property is valued at between \$45,000 and \$50,000. Mr. D. J. Mackenzie, secretary of the Ottawa Builders' exchange, is chairman of the board of managers and also of the building committee. Mr. T. B. Rankin is secretary of the building committee and financial secretary of the church.

The pastor, Rev. P. W. Anderson, as well as being closely interested in Mackay church, is also active in the larger work of the Presbyterian church of the city, being moderator of the Presbytery of Ottawa, president of the Presbyterian Ministerial association of the city, and a member of the trustee board of Ottawa Ladies' college.

Three largely attended and important services on Sunday marked the opening of the new Mackay church. While the dedication service was in the morning the stately and beautiful auditorium was crowded morning, afternoon and evening. A unique feature of the first service in the new church was three baptisms, which were performed in the presence of the congregation by the pastor, Rev. P. W. Anderson. Those baptized were Helen May MacKay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Jeffery, of Rideau terrace; Victoria Elisabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Jackson, of Springfield road, and William Raymond, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Cassidy.

Reference was made by Mr. Anderson to the presence of Earl Grey and party from Government House, and during the service the congregation sang the National Anthem. Another feature of the service was the sing-

ing of a hymn composed by the first pastor of MacKay, Rev. Charles I. Cameron.

A powerful sermon was preached by Rev. Principal Gandier, of Knox college, from the text "Other men have labored and ye have entered into their labors." He pointed out that the people living now were the heirs of all the labors of former generations, remarking that this means all the more responsibility on Canadians and on the church. He emphasized this responsibility in connection with the great immigration coming to this country, and how necessary that they should be met with good pure religion and pure family life.

In the afternoon the service was particularly for the Sunday school. It was conducted by the superintendent, Mr. T. B. Rankin, and was a bright service with plenty of singing, in which the Sunday school choir of about forty voices took part. The Sunday school orchestra also assisted. There was a special set of responsive readings arranged and a short address was given by Rev. Principal Gandier.

At the evening service Principal Gandier made an appeal for young men to enter the ministry and also to go into the mission fields. "There is no sphere of service in this world which is greater than that of the Christian minister or missionary."

NOTES FROM KINGSTON.

The Presbytery of Kingston met in St. Andrew's Church on the first day of March at 10 o'clock and continued its sittings till late at night. Twenty-three ministers were present, and five elders, Rev. Mr. Kerr having accepted the call to St. Andrew's, Belleville, arrangements were made for his induction on the 18th inst. A call was sustained from the congregation of Newburgh, etc., to Rev. A. Thompson, B.D., late of Rothsay, and appointments made for his induction. Reports of special committees were received. The one on a change in the time of the meeting of Synod, was in favor of still meeting in spring, but not later than the first week in April. That on the amalgamation of Y. P. S. with S. schools, opposed this, and that on the supply of vacancies, generally approved of the method submitted. All those were agreed to. Progress was reported in the Home Mission fields, especially in giving to the schemes of the church, and the very large addition to church membership. Augmentation makes little progress, though the congregations concerned are generally in a satisfactory condition. Eleven students about completing their preparatory studies, apply for license at a meeting of Presbytery on the 28th April. The Foreign Mission Committee asked that a missionary committee be appointed in every congregation, and that the duplex envelope system be adopted. Rev. Mr. Rohold is to be invited to visit some of the congregations. Moral and Social Reform is making progress, gambling now the object of attack. The Presbytery highly approve of the bill against gambling now before the Dominion Parliament. Commissioners to the General Assembly were appointed as follows viz:—Ministers by rotation, Revs. Drs. MacKie, Cumberland, Shearer and Henry, and by ballot, Principal Gordon, Conn and Blinn; elders, Prof. Matheson, G. M. Macdonnell, J. M. Strang, Prof. Morrison, Prof. McClement, D. A. Shaw, and J. McIntosh. Church Life and Work was fully reported on, showing a decline in some important respects. Systematic beneficence is making progress; but much is required in order to attain a right position on this important subject. Sessions should act decidedly, and secure the adoption of a good method of collecting.

The Presbytery of Brockville elected the following commissioners to the General Assembly: Ministers—Revs. Norman McLeod, D. O. McArthur, C. E. A. Pocock, A. G. Rondeau; elders—T. J. Storey, J. Thompson, Athens; R. H. Montgomery, Morrisburg; James Cumming, Lynn.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. J. S. Hardie, late of Listowel and formerly of Ayr, was inducted at Ashfield.

Rev. W. Reid, M. A., of Brigidon, was able to preach on the 27th ult., after a brief illness.

The Superior Presbytery has accepted the resignation of Rev. W. H. L. Rowland as pastor of St. Andrew's church, Fort William, to take effect on last Sunday in April.

Rev. G. Seaton Milligan, M. A., a member of Kingston Presbytery, has been given a unanimous call by Peshinton, Eltonda and Proton Station congregations. The stipend offered is \$850, with four weeks' holidays.

On Sunday morning, Jan. 30th, Rev. W. R. McIntosh, of Elora, having just completed the tenth year of his pastorate, gave some interesting statistics. During the decade Mr. McIntosh officiated at 53 marriages, 118 baptisms, and 124 funerals. Of those buried 57 were over 70, 24 over 80, 4 over 90 and 11 under 1 year.

At the recent meeting of Saugeen Presbytery the proceedings were largely routine. Rev. A. B. Dobson, of Fordwich, was elected moderator for the current year. It was decided to ask sessions as to the desirability of instituting an evangelistic campaign in the Presbytery, and if so, what time would be most suitable. An interesting report was received from the Moral and Social Reform Committee. Presbytery expressed its approval of local option and guaranteed its support to that cause. It also expressed strong disapproval of race-track gambling and of the "white slave" traffic. Arrangements were made for the supply of Cedarville and Espin provided the student in view will accept the appointment.

LIFE MEMBERS W.F.M. SOCIETY.

New life members of the W. F. M. Society to whom certificates have been issued in February:

Miss Donna McInnes, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Vankleek Hill; Mrs. Daniel Strachan, presented in the name of Rosedale Auxiliary, Toronto; Mrs. D. D. McLennan, Willowdale Auxiliary, Red Deer; Mrs. Frank W. Charteris, late Church Auxiliary, Chatham; Mrs. Hugh Masson, from Mrs. John M. Empey, Calgary, Knox Church, W.F.M.S. Ottawa; Mrs. G. D. Forbes, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Hespeler; Mrs. John Tower, presented by St. Andrew's Church Mission Band, Belleville; Mrs. W. R. Knapp, Chicago, Ill., presented by Cecilia Jeffrey Auxiliary, Ingolf, Ont.; Miss Jennie E. Ferguson, presented by the Misses Ferguson, in memory of their mother, St. Andrew's Church Auxiliary, Smith's Falls; Mrs. David Patterson, presented by W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Rodney; Mrs. G. F. Gibson, MacKay Auxiliary, St. John's Church, Vancouver; Mrs. J. G. Scott, MacKay Auxiliary, St. John's Church, Vancouver; Mrs. A. P. Campbell, Christ's Church, New Zealand. In commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary, Knox Church Auxiliary, St. Thomas; Mrs. H. S. Scaman, St. Stephen's Auxiliary, Winnipeg; Mrs. John Whitesides, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Huntsville; Ruth Pitblado Kent, Westminster Auxiliary, Winnipeg; Mrs. John Cavers, presented by St. Andrew's Church, Auxiliary, Carleton Place; Mrs. J. J. Monks, presented by St. Andrew's Church Auxiliary, Carleton Place; Mrs. Hugh McPhail, presented by W. F. M. S. Auxiliary, Orillia; Mrs. S. H. Brown, presented by Westminster Presbytery, B. C.; Mrs. Wm. Green, in loving memory of her son, Walter, St. Andrew's Church Auxiliary, Scarborough, Elmsmere; Mrs. H. J. Allsopp, presented by Kew Beach Auxiliary, Toronto; Mrs. F. P. Sym, of Warton, was incorrectly entered as Mrs. F. P. Lynn; Mrs. Jas. Gray was presented by Bonar W. F. M. S. Auxiliary; Miss Fraser, Emerson. By an error in December Tidings Mrs. James Gray, Rockwood, appeared as Mrs. James Craig.

We are not surprised that there are empty dinner pails where men close the factories and open the saloons.