

Church News

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MONTREAL NOTES.

The congregation of Victoria church has given a call to the Rev. D. MacVicar of Dromore. The salary promised is \$900. The Rev. A. W. Cruickshank acted as Moderator.

The annual meeting of the Montreal Woman's Missionary Society was held on Tuesday, March 9th, in Erskine Church. The attendance both from the city and country auxiliaries was considerably larger than any previous year and the interest greater. Four new auxiliaries have been added during the year bringing the number up to twenty-three, and an effort is to be made to reach every congregation in the Province. The total receipts amounted to \$3,143—an increase of \$500. The annual address of the President, Mrs. G. A. Grier, called special attention to the fact that this was the Jubilee year of our Foreign Work and took encouragement from the condition of things now as compared with what they were a half-century ago. A most interesting address was given afterwards by Mrs. Stait, formerly Miss Fraser of the Indore Mission.

Mrs. Stait and Dr. Buchanan addressed a public meeting in Stanley st. church on Monday evening. Dr. Buchanan is taking advantage of the opportunity to address a number of congregations in the Presbytery with reference to his work among the Bheels.

The Presbytery of Montreal held its regular quarterly meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 9th and 10th. There was a good attendance. As is always the case at the spring meeting a large portion of the time was taken up with routine work preparing for the meetings of the Missionary Committees, the Synod and the General Assembly. The Rev. Dr. Mair, of Huntingdon, applied to be allowed to retire from the active duties of the ministry owing to the state of his health. A medical certificate being furnished the application was approved. The Commissioners appointed to the Assembly are the Rev's. J. E. Ducloux, Dr. Macdonald, John Nichols, George Whillans, N. Waddell, C. B. Ross and E. Scott (by rotation). Dr. MacVicar, P. H. Hutchinson, A. Rawat, Dr. Thomson, Dr. Scrimger, W. R. Cruickshank, Prof. Ross and Dr. R. Campbell; elders, James Rodger, James Brodie, W. Paul, John Herdt, David Morrice, W. D. McLaren, William Drysdale, Dr. Christie, D. Torrance Fraser, Donald McPhee, Alex. Cameron, Alex. Clark, Alex. McFee, James Ross (Stanley

Among the missionary reports presented, that regarding the Chinese work was most encouraging. Under Dr. Thomson's able management this effort continues to increase its hold on the interest of the city churches. Two new schools have been opened during the year in churches in addition to a regular day school taught by Miss Thomson. About five hundred dollars were raised by the Chinese themselves and as much more has come from special sources outside the Assembly's Foreign Mission Fund. In order to awaken a deeper interest in mission work among their fellow countrymen at home arrangements have been made for the appointment of a native preacher in the Canton district from which they all come. With the approval of the Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee the Montreal Woman's Missionary Society has made itself responsible for his support, but it is confidently expected that the whole amount necessary will be provided by the Chinese Sunday schools without interfering with the support of any other work.

The Presbytery sustained the call from Beauharnois and Chateaugay to Mr. J. D. Anderson, B.A., and appointed his ordination and induction for the 25th inst. Arrangements were also made for the induction of the Rev. J. W. McLeod at Hawick and Riverside on the 31st inst. his translation having been agreed to by the Presbytery of Glengarry. Leave was granted for moderation in a call at Victoria church and

at Cote des Neiges. At this latter point, however, there is likely to be some rearrangement of the field before action is taken and a Committee was appointed to deal with the matter.

Considerable time was spent over the remits from the Assembly. The reduction in representation was approved as also the discontinuance of the billeting system, but not the fixing of the place of meeting at any one point and it was finally decided after a good deal of discussion to make no return regarding the payment of Commissioners' expenses. The Board of Publication was disapproved but the proposal to appoint a paid editor for Sunday school help approved.

Dr. Moore, of Ottawa, was nominated as Moderator of the Assembly and Dr. Macdonald, of Dundee, for the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.

The Rev. C. B. Ross gave a well digested report on Christian Life and Work, and the Rev. J. R. Dobson another on Young People's Societies.

NORTH WEST NOTES.

The Presbytery of Brandon has nominated the Rev. Dr. Moore of Ottawa for the Moderatorship of the General Assembly, and the Presbytery of Calgary has nominated the Rev. J. C. Herdman, B.D.

The congregation of Deloraine in the Melita Presbytery has called the Rev. Peter Fisher of Biasevain and the call has been accepted.

The Rev. John Ferry, formerly of Qu'Appelle has accepted a call to Chater, near Brandon and will be inducted on the 16th inst.

Plans are being prepared for the erection of a church during the coming summer at Blythfield in the Presbytery of Winnipeg.

Rev. Prof. Hart and Miss Hart are in Geneva, Switzerland. The latest news from them is of a very gratifying character. Both are much improved in health.

Negotiations of an important and promising character are going on between the University of Manitoba and the Provincial Government. At present the Government makes a grant of \$1,500 per annum to provide and maintain laboratories and classrooms for the teaching of the natural sciences, the teaching being given by professors whose salaries are paid by the denominational colleges. It is now proposed that the Government erect a suitable university building at a cost of about \$60,000 and charge the interest on this sum against the university land grant, and also that the Government provide annually \$10,000 or 12,000 to pay salaries and otherwise equip this institution for the teaching of the sciences. It is expected that the building will also provide quarters for the bacteriologist who has lately been appointed by the Provincial Government, and also in the meantime for the Normal school, which now is being carried on in one of the city public schools. The scant means of the province seem to make this combination necessary for the present, but although a normal school apart from a model school is far from an ideal management, the proposal upon the whole is a decided improvement on what we now have, and it is to be hoped that the Government will have the support of the legislature in giving effect to the proposal.

During the Month of March, twenty-five years ago the first Presbyterian congregation in Winnipeg was organized, although services had been carried on in Fort Garry as an outpost of the old Kildonan congregation for several years before that; and Knox church is making somewhat elaborate arrangements to celebrate the completion of the first quarter-century of its history. The celebration is to cover the greater part of a week. On Sabbath the 21st of March the services will be conducted by the Rev. Joseph Hogg, of St. Andrew's, and the Rev. R. G. MacBeth, of Angustine, two of the off-shoots of Knox Church. On Monday evening there is to be an anniversary gathering of the Sabbath school and Young People's Societies. On Tuesday evening Dr. Bryce will give a lecture illustrated by stereopticon views setting forth the history of the congregation, and scenes from "the old times." Wednesday evening will be marked by a gathering of the Presbyterian congregations of the city, and addresses

will be given by Rev. Prof. Baird, O. W. Gordon, and Donald Munro. On Thursday evening there will be a social gathering of the congregation and its friends. Refreshments will be provided by the ladies, and addresses will be given by representatives of the Methodist, Anglican, Congregational and Baptist Churches. The anniversary services will also be continued on the succeeding Sabbath. There are now nine Presbyterian congregations in Winnipeg.

GENERAL.

Knox church, Ottawa, have extended a call to Rev. Mr. Ramsay, Mount Forest.

Rev. John Somerville, D.D., of Owen Sound, is suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

W. A. McLean, of Knox College, has received and accepted a call to the Presbyterian church, of Oak Lake, Man.

The offering contributed in Knox Presbyterian church, South London, in aid of the Famine Fund for India amounted to \$165.

Rev. A. McLean was inducted to the pastorate of the Presbyterian congregation Oak Lake, St. David's Man., on March 2nd.

The Rev. Alexander McMillan, of St. Enoch's church, Toronto, gave a very interesting lecture in the Presbyterian church Niagara Falls, on Tuesday evening March 9th, on the Scottish Covenanters.

The congregation of the Presbyterian church, Russell, have given a call to the Rev. Mr. Saddler, which he has accepted. He was inducted on the 16th inst. There has been no settled minister there since Rev. O. Bennett left.

There is some talk of erecting a church in connection with the Presbyterian mission on the Tyendinaga Reserve a few miles from Deseronto. Contributions of money and material have been offered for the purpose, and a plot of land will also be given if necessary.

The Bible class of St. Andrew's church, Peterboro, Ont., has decided to contribute the sum of \$500 to Queen's University, Kingston, payable in instalments of \$100 a year for which they will have the privilege of sending a student to the University each year for ever.

The anniversary services at Blakney Presbyterian church, Sunday March 7th, were largely attended. The following evening a successful tea meeting was held, at which quite a number from Almonte were present. St. John's church choir, of Almonte, furnished the main part of the music.

Twenty-eight new members were received at the First Presbyterian church, London, March 7th, twenty-four at St. Andrew's, and five at Knox. The Friday evening preparatory services at St. Andrew's were conducted by Rev. Mr. Fowler, of the Christian church, and at Knox by Rev. Mr. Pedley of the First Congregational.

A Sabbath school was opened at the village of New Toronto on Sunday the 7th March by the Rev. Joseph Hamilton, pastor of the Mimico Presbyterian church. The attendance was large, which promises much for the future prosperity of the school. Mr. Hamilton has been laboring indefatigably to relieve the spiritual wants of this village. We feel sure his efforts will be crowned with success.

Dr. Torrance, as Clerk of the Presbytery of Guelph, has had placed in his hand, a call from the congregation of Madison Ave., Cleveland, O., to the Rev. Dr. Jackson, of Knox church, Galt. Accompanying letters give assurance that it is unanimous and cordial, and that should it be accepted there is the prospect of a comfortable and prosperous settlement. Steps are being taken to summon the Session and congregation of Knox church to appear for their interests at the meeting of Presbytery to be held in Flora on the 16th March, when it is expected the call will come up for consideration and decision.

At the last regular meeting of the Knox College Students' Missionary Society the following officers were elected for the ensuing college year:—President, G. Arnold, B.A.; First Vice-President, D. B. McDonald, B.A.; Second Vice-President, H. McCulloch, B.A.; Rec. Sec., E. A. Wicher, M.A.; Cor. Sec., R. J. Ross, B.A.; Treasurer, J. T. Taylor; Fin. Sec., M. Mc-