

Church News.

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Montreal Notes.

Some recent events in Ottawa, serve to throw out into strong relief the real attitude of the Roman Catholic authorities towards the education of the masses. The Rev. Father Whelan, of St. Patrick's Church there, has handed in his resignation and will in a few days sever his connection with the church. The immediate cause of his departure is the dispute between himself and Father Fallon, of the Ottawa University, in which the ecclesiastical authorities have given decision against him. But the origin of that dispute and the real cause for his leaving was his earnestness in prosecuting the work of education among his people. In the controversy which arose in the Separate School Board, over the dismissal of the Christian Brothers some two years ago he took strong ground against the Brothers on account of their inefficiency. He was determined to have something better and succeeded. But from that moment his superiors were against him and it was clearly seen by many that it was only a question of time when he would be crowded out. The object aimed at has now been reached. And yet even he deserved more consideration at the hands of the ultramontanes. Father Whelan will be remembered by many as the priest who some years ago offered a donation of \$500 to any charitable institution that might be named if it could be proved that the maxim "The end justifies the means," could be found in any Jesuit author. Perhaps, however, they were dissatisfied also with that incident, for the challenge led to more investigation of their teaching, and more exposure of its iniquities than could have been agreeable to them. His departure from Ottawa will be widely regretted, for few men stand higher in the regard of his fellow citizens of all classes.

The Rev. Mr. Chiniquy, who is an expert angler, has been surprising many of the people of the Black Lake district in L'Islet County, by his agility. Though in his eighty-seventh year he was seen walking about and climbing the mountains like a young man. Having resided in the count, in his youth, the children, grand children and even the great grand children of some of his former companions, he found residing there, and they received him with great kindness everywhere. Some of them having heard false reports of his being dead were greatly surprised to see him alive, and especially to observe his remarkable activity. He even visited some of the cures on the excuse of looking up the registers of friends long since departed, and was kindly received by them. He had not a few opportunities of speaking a word on behalf of the gospel. He found them much more open minded than in former years.

The Rev. Principal MacVicar is resting since the adjournment of the Presbyterian Council, at Llandudno in North Wales, which he characterizes as an ideal watering place. He has been preaching in Chester for the Rev. John Mitchell, a graduate of the Montreal College, who has charge of a portion of the congregation formerly ministered to by Matthew Henry, the famous commentator.

The Fresh Air Fund, an undenominational charity which was initiated by the Star newspaper is doing its good work as usual this year, though under a somewhat changed form. In former years a house was secured in the country to which deserving cases were sent for a week or two at a time. This year it was found impossible to secure a suitable building in the country, and instead they are giving an increased number of day excursions down to the river. The Rev. James Patterson, the Presbytery's city missionary, is taking active part in the management, for which he is well qualified by his prudence and experience, as well as by his wide knowledge of the deserving poor of the city, among whom he has labored for so many years.

The westward movement of the English Protestant population of the city is well illustrated by a statement which has just been made with reference to St. Stephen's Anglican church on the Haymarket Square, in Griffintown. It is not more than fifteen years since this handsome church was erected and the pastor, Archdeacon Evans is one of the most efficient in the city so that there has always been a fairly good congregation, but it is stated that there are not more than twelve families of those connected with the church, who are now resident in the parish. They propose to erect a new edifice somewhere on Dorchester St., West. The movement, however, does not seem as yet to have affected the Presbyterian population of the district to anything like the same extent. St. Mark's church which stands on the opposite side of the Square is about as strong as it was twenty years ago. There is also a mission on Nazareth St., not far off, sustained by Crescent St. church, with a large Sabbath school, and another in the immediate vicinity on Inspector St., sustained by the American church. It has been suggested that these three organizations might be amalgamated into one and the present St. Stephen's church purchased as the church house of the united body, which would then become the only Protestant church fairly within the district. It would abundantly meet all its needs and would be by far the most economical way of carrying on the work. Unless something of this kind is done there is the danger that all three will become mere missions before very long without a regular church organization anywhere.

The announcement is made by the governors of McGill University, that Mr. Frank Carter, of London, England, has been appointed to the additional chair of Classics, recently established as a first step towards the reorganization and extension of the Faculty of Arts. Mr. Carter is an Englishman by birth and received his education at Balliol College, Oxford. Recently he has filled the position of headmaster of St. Paul's school, in London, during which time he has made the school one of the most successful in the English metropolis. Mr. Carter comes to McGill with the highest recommendations from several well known educationalists in Great Britain. He will arrive in this city in the course of the coming month, and will enter upon the duties of his new vocation at the opening of the autumn term in September next.

Principal MacVicar, who has already served on the Protestant Board of School Commissioners for upwards of twenty years, has been re-appointed by the government for another term.

The Rev. W. Shearer, of Sherbrooke, who had been spending a few weeks holidays with his friends at Matane, returned to his duties last week, looking much the better for the rest and change.

General.

Rev. J. C. Cameron, of B.C., was inducted at Moose Jaw on July 27th.

Mrs. McMullen, wife of the pastor, laid the corner stone of the new Knox Church at Woodstock, and Miss Eva Hunter laid the corner-stone of the Sunday School building.

The congregation of Henry's Church Lachute, gave their pastor the Rev. N. Waddell, B.D., and his family a pleasant surprise on Mr. Waddell's return from the vicinity of Ottawa where he had spent a short vacation. They presented them with a covered carriage.

The Rev. J. A. Morison, B.A., of East Presbyterian church, Toronto, and former pastor of Knox church, Listowel, has been spending part of his vacation amongst his many friends in Listowel. Last Sabbath he occupied his old pulpit both morning and evening and preached two very eloquent and powerful discourses. The church was crowded at both services.

Rev. J. G. Potter of the South Side Presbyterian Church, Toronto, who is leaving the city this week to accept a charge in Peterboro', preached his farewell sermon on the evening of Aug. 9, and on Thursday the ladies of the church will give a farewell social in Moss Park Park. He will be formally inducted at St. Andrew's church, Peterboro', on Aug. 27.

On Tuesday the 14th inst, the Rev. J. E. Duclos, of the Presbyterian Church, Valleyfield, was presented by the congregation with a handsome sum of money with the request that both he and Mrs. Duclos should spend a holiday at the sea side.

The corner stone of a new Presbyterian Church in course of erection in Hillsdale, in the Barrie Presbytery, was laid on the 5th inst., by the Rev. Neil Campbell, of Oro, with imposing ceremony. A large concourse of people had assembled to witness the laying of the stone and a number of ministers were present who took part in the proceedings of the day. A liberal collection was taken up at the close of the meeting in aid of the Building Fund. The Rev. James Skene is pastor of this congregation and although only settled a little over a year his labors have been abundantly blessed. The church is 60x40, to be built of brick, with basement, and will cost when completed over \$5,000.

Presbytery of Toronto.

At a special meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto held on Monday afternoon, the 27th inst. in St. Andrew's church, the call addressed to Mr. J. G. Potter of Southside congregation in this city was considered. Mr. Potter intimated his desire to accept the call, and the Presbytery agreed to release him from his present charge on and after the 10th day of August next. Mr. Frizzell was appointed interim Moderator of Southside. There was also presented a call from Knox church, Guelph, addressed to Mr. W. A. J. Martin of St. Paul's congregation in this City. The call was laid upon the table and at the request of the Presbytery of Guelph it was agreed to hold a special meeting of the Presbytery in St. Andrew's church, on Monday the tenth day of August next, for the purpose of dealing with this call, the session and congregation of St. Paul being cited to appear at that meeting. R. C. Tibb, Clerk.

Presbytery of Guelph.

This Presbytery met in Knox church, Guelph, on the 21st July. After reading the minutes of the last meeting, commissions were received from kirk sessions, reporting the names of representative elders for the ensuing year. The commissions, twenty in number, were sustained and the names placed on the roll. The Rev. Wm. Robertson, M.A. of Duff's Church, East Puslinch, and Knox Church, West Puslinch, was unanimously chosen moderator. A resolution of thanks to the late moderator, Rev. J. W. Rae, was cordially passed. A committee, Mr. Mullan convener, was appointed to consider as to the holding of annual missionary meetings and preaching missionary sermons in congregations to report at next meeting Commissioners to the Assembly who were present reported their diligence in fulfilling their duties. The list of vacancies and mission stations in the bounds was revised. The following were appointed conveners of Standing Committees: Superintendent of Students, Rev. J. C. Smith, B.D.; Church Life and Work, Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, Sabbath Schools, Rev. H. R. Horne, B.A., LL.B.; Finance, J. A. R. Dickson, B.D., Ph. D. Evangelistic services, Rev. J. B. Mullan, Young People's Societies, Rev. Daniel Strachan, B.A., Augmentation Grant, Rev. Dr. Torrance, Rev. R. T. Cockburn and Mr. Geo. R. Fasken, having completed their literary and theological course, and been examined and recommended by the Committee on the Superintendence of Students, were duly licensed to preach the Gospel wherever they may be called. The committee on the rearrangement of congregations in the bounds reported, recommending that no change be made in existing relations, but that steps should be taken to have regular pastoral supply at Dracoon and Metz. The committee was continued with instructions to consult and propose as to measures for the attainment of this object. The following minute was adopted in reference to the translation of Mr. Rae, late of Knox Church, Acton: In view of the recent translation of the Rev. J. W. Rae from the pastorate of Knox Church, Acton, to the oversight of another congregation in the adjoining Presbytery of Toronto, the Pres-