

Church News.

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Montreal Notes.

THE Committee appointed by the last General Assembly to consider the whole question of the improvement and uniformity of public worship, met in the session room of Lennox church on Tuesday, Nov. 26th, the Rev. Dr. Laing, convener, in the chair. Mr. Sandford Fleming, of Ottawa, who was present by invitation of the convener, was asked to sit as a corresponding member and rendered valuable assistance. As the members of the committee are very scattered, and no provision had been made for the payment of travelling expenses, the attendance was not large, but the views of many of the members on the points to be considered had been forwarded to the convener in writing and were fully presented to the meeting. After a careful collation of these it was decided to draw up for presentation to the Assembly, an order of public worship suitable for general use, that would provide, at the same time, for the audible repetition of the Lord's Prayer by the congregation, responsive readings of selected passages, the recitation of the apostles' creed and of the ten commandments, in cases where these features of the service were desired. It was agreed, also, to prepare a revision of the Westminster Directory of Public Worship so as to furnish fuller suggestions than it now contains, for the administration of the sacraments for marriage and burial services; likewise to draw up a complete form of public worship that might be used by laymen in conducting services where no minister is available, such as remote mission stations, seaside resorts, camping parties, lumber shanties, etc. Sub-committees were appointed to prepare drafts on all these subjects. These are to be sent to the convener by the first of March for distribution to all the members of the Committee, in order that they may consider them fully before another meeting, to be held immediately preceding the Assembly. Some other matters under consideration were held over for this future meeting.

ST. GABRIEL church was crowded on Tuesday evening, the 26th ult., with an eager assembly of guests and others to witness the marriage of the Rev. C. E. Amaron, pastor-elect of St. John's French church, to Miss Lynch, daughter of the late George E. Lynch. The bride had been an active worker in the Christian Endeavour movement, and the church was handsomely draped and decorated for the occasion by the enthusiastic members of the society who had a few days before also presented her with a beautiful silver tea service. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Campbell, pastor of the church, assisted by the Rev. D. G. Cameron, of Strathane, brother-in-law of the bride, and by the Rev. J. L. Morin. What would otherwise have been one of the happiest occasions was saddened by a fatality of a most distressing character during the performance of the ceremony. The bride was given away by her uncle and guardian, Mr. Thomas Patton. He had hardly done so when he fell back into the arms of one of the guests in what seemed to be a fainting fit. Without interrupting the service he was immediately carried to the vestry, only to find that he was dead. Mr. Patton had been suffering from heart disease for some time, and was known to be in a precarious condition, but his devotion to his niece made him unwilling to absent himself from her marriage. Though the sad news quickly circulated among the guests, all knowledge of the real facts was kept from the bride until after she had left with her husband on the wedding journey to Toronto. Mr. Patton was one of the most prominent and active members of Douglas Methodist church, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him.

THE annual social of St. Paul's church was held on Friday evening, 22nd ult., and was attended by about 500 of the congregation. Invitations had also been sent to the professors and students of the Presbyterian College both of whom were well represented. The lecture hall was adorned with plants and flowers. Dr. Barclay presided, and a most pleasant evening was spent in listening to an

excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music under the direction of Mr. Robinson, the organist and choirmaster of the church. Refreshments were afterwards served by the ladies, and an opportunity afforded for free conversation. Among those present were a Chinaman, a Syrian and an Armenian.

A WELL attended Scotch concert was given in the hall of St. Mark's church, on November 25th, and an Irish concert in the lecture room of Knox church on the following evening.

General.

REV. J. K. McCLURE was inducted at Harcourt, N. B., on the 18th.

A NEAT little sum was added to the funds of the Rossau Presbyterian church as the result of a parlor social.

REV. A. MACDONALD, B. A., has been appointed by Presbytery to conduct the services at Sand Hill Presbyterian church, Hay Bay, N.S.

REV. ALEXANDER GRANT, who has faithfully served for many years in the pastoral charge of Lake Ainslie, has removed to Whycomoh.

SERVICE was held in the Presbyterian church, Princeton, on Thanksgiving day. The pastor, Rev. W. K. Shearer, preached an excellent sermon from part of the 136th Psalm.

At the Presbyterian church, Napanee, the attendance was small, but the thanksgiving collection amounted to nearly \$91. When all the envelopes are sent in, it will likely reach \$150.

REV. DR. DUVAL, lately opened the new Presbyterian church at Glenboro' Man., the structure recently built to replace the one destroyed last spring. The doctor preached both morning and evening.

THE Presbytery of London will meet on the second Tuesday of December, at Glencoe, for conference, at 10.30 a.m. The Presbytery will meet for conference, in First Presbyterian church, London, second Tuesday of January, 1896, at 10.30 a.m. and for business at 3.30 p.m.

THE Rev. W. J. Ellison, who for some time past has been filling the charge of Mono Centre, was prior to his departure presented with a very complimentary address by the young people of the congregation, who expressed their regret at so soon parting with Mr. Ellison and his estimable wife.

ANNIVERSARY services were observed in Knox church, Carberry, on the 17th November. The Rev. E. A. Henry, of Brandon, preached most acceptably both morning and evening, and the people look forward with anticipation to some future opportunity of hearing him. Contributions of day amounted to \$155.20.

THE thank-offering meeting which was held in the Presbyterian church, Alma, on the evening of Thanksgiving Day, under the auspices of Women's Foreign Missionary Society Auxiliary, was in every respect a success. The attendance was good; the address by Mrs. Goldie, of Guelph, was interesting and profitable. The thank-offering amounted to about \$20.

THE Centerville congregation met together in the church on Nov. 12th, for the purpose of making a presentation to their pastor, Rev. Jas. Cattanaeh, and his bride. They were presented with two easy chairs, a foot rest and a table. Mr. D. Armstrong occupied the chair. Mr. Wm. Smithson read an appropriate address. Rev. Mr. Cattanaeh made a suitable reply.

A VERY successful missionary meeting was held on the evening of Thanksgiving Day in the basement of the Presbyterian church, Warkworth, under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society. The speaker of the evening was Mrs. Graham, of Lakeside, secretary of the Presbyterian Society, who presented the claims of Foreign Missions and the work done by the women of the Church in a very pleasing and very sympathetic manner. Interesting addresses were also given by Mrs. Sutherland, president of the Warkworth Auxiliary, by Rev. Messrs. Sutherland and MacFarlane, and by Mr. D. Robertson, principal of the public school and chairman of the meeting. The choir rendered choice music, and refreshments were served in a complete set of new dishes which the ladies of the congregation had recently added to the furniture of the church.

THE Rev. J. A. Garinichal, of Regina, has declined the call from Mount Pleasant congregation, Vancouver.

THE members of the Presbyterian Young People Societies, Ottawa, are to meet together in quarterly rallies for the discussion and interchange of methods of work by which they hope to be mutually benefited. The committee that will make arrangements for the quarterly rallies consists of Rev. Dr. Armstrong, F. C. Gilbert, A. Miller, L. Alexander, Miss Cowan, Miss M. Carruthers and Miss Keir. Mr. F. C. Gilbert, being president of Bank street Y. P. A., will be convener of the committee, as the first rally will be held in Bank street church.

THE Presbyterian church, Princeton, was filled on Thanksgiving evening at a concert given by the united choirs, in aid of Woodstock Hospital. The programme was well rendered throughout. Short addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Shearer and Lee. Dr. Welford gave a very interesting account of the building and workings of the new hospital. James Sutherland, M. P., presided as chairman, and gave a short address which was well received. The proceeds of the concert, amounted to a little over \$15.

THERE will be an important gathering of the Presbyterian Young People from the different churches of the Toronto Presbytery in Old St. Andrew's church, corner of Jarvis and Carlton streets, Toronto, on Monday evening, December 9th, at 8 o'clock. The young people of this Presbytery recognizing the value of united efforts in doing work for Christ and the church have organized themselves into a Young People's Union of the Presbytery of Toronto; and as this is the first mass meeting under the new organization it is expected there will be a large and enthusiastic gathering from both the city and country congregations. The meeting will be addressed by Rev. Wm. Patterson, of Cooke's church, and Mr. G. Towers Ferguson.

THE thank-offering meeting of the auxiliary of the W. F. M. S., Cobourg Presbyterian church, was held in the lecture room on Thursday evening, November 14th. There was good attendance and deep interest taken in the proceedings. The Rev. J. K. Smith, D.D., of First church, Port Hope, gave an excellent address on the W. F. M. S. as a training in more thorough knowledge of God's Word, in deeper spirituality and in true sympathy with the needy. The pastor, Rev. J. Hay, spoke briefly of the growth and power of this organization. The church choir rendered very effective service during the evening. Mrs. N. F. McNachtan, president of the Peterboro' Presbyterial Society, read the texts and offered the dedicatory prayer. The offering was liberal, amounting to \$73.61.

THE new church at Whitechurch, which was built during the summer, was opened for public worship on Sabbath, the 10th inst. The opening services were conducted by the Rev. J. A. Anderson, B. A., Godeitch, a former pastor of the congregation, and the Rev. James Melroim, Teeswater. At the three services, the building was filled to its utmost capacity. A tea meeting was held on the Monday evening, which was in every way a decided success. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Andrew MacNab, M. A., Very interesting and instructive addresses were given by the Revs. Anderson, Hall, Burton, Henderson, and Messrs. Dr. P. Macdonald, Dawson, Kennedy, Oliver and Martin. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Robert Simpson, interspersed the addresses and readings with music.

THE new Presbyterian church, Oil Springs, was opened last Sabbath, under most auspicious circumstances. The new building is a handsome modern structure of red brick with grey limestone coping. The pulpit platform stands in a corner of the auditorium, with the choir platform before it, with the seats in under. Handsome stained glass windows add much to the beauty of the building. The Sabbath school is immediately behind the church and is splendidly adapted for the purpose. Rev. J. A. Macdonald, of St. Thomas, conducted the opening services. Large congregations listened to his eloquent and earnest addresses; collection \$140. At the entertainment on the following evening \$85 was cleared in spite of the inclemency of the weather. Cost of the building, \$3,400, covered by subscription.