

Church News

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MONTREAL NOTES.

At a special meeting of the Presbytery held on the evening of the 2nd inst. in Knox Church three calls were sustained, that to Dr. Whittier from Calvin Church, that to the Rev. D. MacVicar of Dromore Ont., to Victoria Church, and that to the Rev. C. W. Gordon of Winnipeg from Melville Church Westmount. The usual steps will of course have to be taken in the two latter cases for securing their translation. Dr. Whittier is now in Trinidad and has not been heard from. The Presbytery will consider itself fortunate should all three accept.

At the same meeting it was agreed to separate Norwood from Cote des Neiges and some re-arrangement of mission stations in the neighborhood of the city was made with a view to reducing the cost of working to the Home Mission Committee.

The congregation of Erskine church has contributed a special collection to the Foreign Mission Fund of five hundred and eleven dollars as the result of the appeal for a self-denial week in the interest of this cause.

Mr. W. B. Hamilton an aged member of Crescent St. Church died on Sunday the 4th inst., after a very brief illness. As his wife had predeceased him by some years and he had no direct heirs, the entire estate is left to various public objects. Legacies are specified amounting to \$92,000. These same objects are also made residuary legatees pro rata in case of any surplus. The special Presbyterian legacies are the following: St. John's French Church \$1,000, Scholarship Fund Presbyterian College \$1000, and to the Ordinary Fund \$250; to Crescent St. Church \$2000; to the Ministers' Widows and Orphans' Fund \$500; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund \$250; Home Missions \$250; Foreign Missions \$250.

On Sunday, March 28th, dedication services of a very interesting nature were held at Lost River at Lake View. The occasion was the opening of two churches which have recently been erected there, chiefly by the indefatigable efforts of the retiring minister, the Rev. Norman McPhee. Mr. McPhee has been in the district only eighteen months; but he has exerted himself so diligently that a beautiful manse has been built, and a church has been completed at Lost River, and a church has been built at Lake View. The Rev. Mr. Ross of Lachine conducted the dedication services, and took occasion warmly to commend the minister who is retiring on account of ill-health, caused in a measure by exertions in collecting for church and manse building. The congregations of Lost River and Lake View are now in a much more prosperous condition than ever they were before and have every reason to look forward hopefully to the future.

The congregation of St. Andrew's church Lancaster, which was one of the few that decided to remain out of the union of 1875, it is understood has now under serious consideration the advisability of connecting itself with the larger body. There are some difficulties in the way owing to the attitude of a few of the aged members but the advantages of such a change are so obvious that it stands a very good chance of going through.

The closing exercises of the Presbyterian College took place on Wednesday evening, the hall being crowded with members of the various city churches and the friends of the students. The proceedings included an excellent valedictory from Mr. M. H. MacIntosh and an able address from the Principal to the members of the graduating class which is the largest in the history of the College. Within a few days a large number of the students will be scattered through the country in the various mission fields to which they have been appointed by the different Committees of the church. Owing to the new regulation regarding the payment of expenses fewer than usual will go to the North West and British Columbia.

NORTH WEST NOTES.

The Rev. Wm. Dewar B.A. has been unanimously called by the congregation of North and South Plympton and Millbrook.

The Rev. John Wells M.A. of Meadow Lea has been called by the congregation of Holland in the Glenboro Presbytery of which the late Rev. Duncan Campbell was pastor—Mr. Wells has accepted the call and his release from his present field of labor, where he has done excellent work, will take effect after the 18th inst.

The congregation of Victoria and Dundas has resolved to call the Rev. A. G. Bell B.A.

Mr. F. T. Todd of Dugald has been appointed Indian missionary at the Moose Mountain in place of Mr D. A. MacKenzie.

Last week was a festival week for Knox Church, Winnipeg. It was spent in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the congregation. On Sabbath the 21st. of March anniversary services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Duval, the pastor, and by the Rev. E. A. Henry of Brandon. On Monday evening the Y.P.S.C.E. of Knox Church, the oldest in the Province, invited all the other similar societies in the city to join with it in a special service, and addresses were given by the Rev. J. J. Roy (Church of England) and the Rev. R. G. MacBeth. On Tuesday evening the Rev. Dr. Bryer gave a lecture on "Twenty-five years in Winnipeg." The lecture contained many interesting incidents in the early history of the city and the congregation, and was illustrated by lime-light views which brought the early days vividly to mind. On Wednesday evening a joint prayer meeting of the Presbyterian churches in the city was held and addresses were given by the Rev. John Hogg, C. B. Pilsbald, D. Munro and Professor Baird. On Thursday evening a feast was served by the ladies of the congregation, followed by a reception at which addresses were given by the Revs. Archdeacon Fortin and Cannon Matheson of the Church of England, Hugh Pedley (Congregational) G.R. Turk (Methodist) and the Rev. Joseph Hogg. The services on Sabbath the 28th were conducted by the Revs. Dr. King, Joseph Hogg and R. G. MacBeth. The whole series of services was largely attended and excited great interest throughout the city. It was a matter of regret on every hand however that Dr. Duval on account of the critical illness of Mrs. Duval was able to take but little part in the services.

The opening lecture of the theological department of Manitoba College (summer session) was delivered on the 30th ult. and was very largely attended. Dr. King announced that the attendance in the Arts classes during the past winter had been 179, the largest in the history of the College—Assistance in the theological session is to be received from Dr. Maclarin during the first half and from Dr. Beattie of Louisville and Dr. Scribner during the second half. Dr. King expects to pay a visit to Europe during the months of July and August.

The subject of the opening lecture given by Dr. King was "a purely ethical gospel examined." It was a strong presentation of the unscripturalness and inadequacy of that type of Christian teaching which lays excessive stress on the universal fatherhood of God and leaves the vicarious element out of the atonement. Dr. John Watson's "Mind of the Master" was quoted to show the positions taken by the advocates of an ethical gospel.

The Rev. Dr. Bryon lectured before a large audience in Augustine Church, Winnipeg on Monday evening the 29th, on "Picturesque Scotland." The lecture was illustrated by a series of lime-light views.

GENERAL.

The Glamis Presbyterian church raised \$3400 last year or an average of \$24 per member.

A stone church will be erected this summer by the Presbyterian congregation at Kellarney.

Rev. Norman McPhee of Lost River, Que., goes to the old country shortly for the benefit of his health.

Mr. W. B. Hutton preached his farewell sermon in St. Paul's Church, Sparrow Lake recently. An unusually large congregation was present. He intends spending a short

time at his home in Galt before going to his new field of labor at South River. Mr. McArthur, of Knox College, Toronto, has been appointed Mr. Hutton's successor.

At a meeting of the congregation of Knox Church, Dutton, a unanimous call was extended to the Rev. James Stevens of Tiverton.

The Rev. R. Thynne, minister of St. Andrew's and Zion Churches Markham is leaving for an extended trip to British Columbia, and possibly around the world.

"The regular monthly meeting of the Leper Mission will be held in the O. I. M. Home, Church St., Toronto, on Monday the 19th inst. at 3.30 p. m. All are cordially invited.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, will convene in Central Church, Hamilton, on the 20th, 21st, and 22nd of April.

Rev. Jas. Cattanaoh has been called to a congregation in Baltimore Presbytery, U. S. His congregation in Centreville will be without a pastor after 25th April. Mr. Johnston, of Millbrooke, is the Moderator of Session while vacant.

The Rev. Dr. Warden, Toronto, Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of \$500 from Donald MacKay, Toronto, behalf of Knox College, and \$250 from a friend to enable the Home Mission Committee to end the Church year free from debt.

A meeting of the congregation of the Presbyterian Church, Bridgeburg, was held recently, when the resolution was passed that in the opinion of the meeting the congregation should take steps to call Mr. Martin, of Knox College. Mr. Martin filled the pulpit the summer the church was built.

In the MacNab Street Presbyterian Church Hamilton, Sunday morning, April 11th, Rev. Dr. Fletcher announced that the following were elected elders of the church in the recent election:—Rev. John Gauld, Messrs. Duncan, Lavroca, A. Turner, R. B. Ballentine, Chas. D. Hossack, James Patterson.

Rev. R. Haddow was inducted into the charge at Watford last week. Rev. Geo. Cuthbertson conducted devotional exercises; Rev. W. G. Jordan preached the sermon, and Rev. Dr. Thompson addressed the minister and people. On Wednesday evening a social gathering was held at which Rev. W. G. Jordan presided.

Rev. Mr. Carwell concluded his ministration as pastor of the Presbyterian Church Katrine Mar. 28th. Hereafter, he will devote his whole time to the Burks Fall's congregation, to which charge he will shortly be inducted. It is understood that for the present, Katrine will be joined to the Sand Lake field, and will be supplied by a student.

Rev. Jno. Wells, late of Flesherton, Ont., recently called to Holland, Man., to be inducted Thursday 22nd inst. Rev. A. Currie to preside and address the minister. Rev. A. MacTavish to preach, and Rev. A. McD. Haig to address the people. Next regular meeting of Glenboro Presbytery at Chalmers Church, in Treherne, second Tuesday of July, at 3 p. m.

Rev. G. M. Milligan, D.D., Old St. Andrew's Church, will fill the pulpit of Rev. Dr. Monro Gibson, St. John's Wood, London, Eng., during the month of August. The request has come at the instance of the congregation, before whom Dr. Milligan preached on the occasion of a trip to the old land, and as he has to visit Britain this summer in connection with his daughter's health, he has consented to give a month's preaching to St. John's Wood congregation.

At College street Presbyterian church, Toronto, April 12th, Rev. A. Gilray, the pastor, delivered to a good sized audience an address, "The Land of Toll." He spoke in an interesting and instructive manner of Switzerland, the land of mountain and of lake, of its scenery and its people. A silver collection was taken up to help the general fund of the church. Mr. Imrie occupied the chair in the absence of Mr. James Clelland, M.P., who was to have presided.

The Rev. D. MacRae and Mrs. MacRae, of St. Paul's church, Victoria West, B.C., on their return from a visit of several weeks to the east, were met by a large represen-