

Church News

[All communications to this column ought to be sent to the Editor immediately after the occurrences to which they refer have taken place.]

MONTREAL NOTES.

The Presbytery held its annual quarterly meeting on the 29th ult. The attendance was not large and the business was for the most part of a routine character. A number of the commissioners to the Assembly who were present reported their diligence and gave some account of the work done. The evening sederunt was held in Calvin church and was devoted to the induction of the Rev. J. L. George as pastor of that congregation. The sermon was preached by the Rev. D. MacVicar of Victoria church. The Rev. E. Scott addressed the minister and the Rev. Prof. Ross the people. There was a good attendance of the congregation and at the close of the service the new pastor received a cordial welcome from them individually as he was introduced to them. A social meeting to afford a welcome of a less formal kind was held on Friday, July 2nd, when addresses were delivered by a number of the neighboring ministers of different denominations. At almost any other season of the year the attendance would have been larger but there was nothing lacking in the heartiness of the reception and Mr. George enters upon his work under the most favorable circumstances, and with the good promise of success.

The closing exercises of the French Union mission school at Point St. Charles were most successful and interesting. Miss Clara Gatignol, who has charge of the school, is to be congratulated on the marked progress the pupils have made and the manner in which they acquitted themselves reflected great credit upon all concerned in the work. A very interesting picnic was held by the children of the mission, when the Junior Christian Society of the Congregational church united with them in a few hours' enjoyment at the Point St. Charles Athletic Association grounds. Various games were engaged in, refreshments were served, and a short programme of singing hymns, and repeating the pledge in French and English, was rendered. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and a very happy afternoon was brought to a close by the French children singing the National Anthem in their own tongue.

The annual picnic of the Norwood Presbyterian Sunday-school was held on Saturday, July 3rd, at Electric Park, Back River. The members of the school were out in force, and during the afternoon their number was considerably augmented by friends from the city, St. Laurent and Back River. A lengthy and very enjoyable programme of races and games was carried out, after which supper was served by the ladies of the Sunday-school, the committee charge being Mrs. F. Tolhurst, Mrs. Hague, Mrs. Busby and others.

A congregational meeting was held in Melville church, Westmount, on the 20th ult., for the purpose of ascertaining whether the congregation was prepared to give a call to a minister. Two names were proposed, and considerable discussion took place as to the comparative merits of the two candidates. On a vote being taken the meeting was found to be so evenly divided that it was decided to take no further action at the present time. The probability is that both names will have to be dropped and an effort made to unite upon some other candidate. Owing to the large number of the members absent from home during July and August little progress can be made in arriving at a decision until September.

The Rev. W. D. Reid, B. D., formerly pastor of Victoria Church, is now attending the session of the Summer School of Theology, in Oxford, England. During the past few months he has made an extensive tour in Southern Europe, Palestine, and Egypt. He is likely to remain another winter abroad before returning to resume pastoral work in Canada. Mr. Reid's letters to his friends in Montreal indicate that he has thoroughly enjoyed his trip and that he has a keen appreciation of the interesting points in the places he has visited.

An advance step in the way of practical church union has been taken in Sherbrooke, where, during the months of July and August, the Presbyterian and Methodist congregations will worship together, the service being held in the one church in the morning and in the other in the evening. During July the services will be conducted by the Rev. Mr. Shoarer of the Presbyterian Church in order to allow the Methodist minister to take a holiday. In August the arrangement will be reversed and Mr. Shoarer will take a rest. Such examples of interdenominational good will are much to be encouraged and must ultimately simplify the problem of ecclesiastical co-operation in other directions as well.

GENERAL.

Rev. Dr. Moore, Ottawa, left on July 6th for Ireland. He will be absent several months.

The semi annual Christian Endeavor Convention of East Pictou was held in the Church at Barney's River on Wednesday.

Three congregations in Hants Co., N.S., Elmsdale, Gore and Kennetcook, and Maitland are still without settled pastors.

The Presbyterian church, Cape Vincent, has extended a call to Rev. Mr. Marsh of Buffalo. Mr. Marsh has accepted the same.

The corner stone of the new Presbyterian manse, Moorefield, was laid on Dominion Day by Rev. H. Edmison, M.A., of Rothesay.

The half-yearly business meeting of St. David's, Maitland, N.S., Y.P.S.C.E., was held July 2nd. The reports showed the society to be in a flourishing condition.

Mrs. Jeffrey, of Toronto, Secretary of the Women's Foreign Mission Society is visiting the Presbyterian Mission schools among the Indians. She is at present visiting the Fife Hills School.

The Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth met on Tuesday, June 24th, for the purpose of ordaining and inducting to the charge of the congregation of Clyde and Parrington, Rev. Archibald Williamson. Rev. E. D. Millar presided.

A meeting of the Presbytery of Peterborough will be held in Centerville on Thursday Aug. 26th, at 9 p.m., for the purpose of ordaining and inducting Mr. McIntosh, who has been called to the pastoral charge of Centerville.

The Presbyterian church, Grand Bend, was opened recently. Rev. Mr. Pritchard, of Forest, preached very able sermons both forenoon and afternoon, the church being well filled. The following Monday evening Rev. Mr. Aylward, of Parkhill, delivered a very able lecture on "Hymns and Hymn Writers."

The congregation of Knox Church held a business meeting at the close of the prayer meeting June 30th. The recent grant of \$750 made to Rev. Dr. Jackson, was sanctioned by the congregation. The pew rent system was discussed, but nothing definite was done, the voluntary system at present in vogue continuing until the end of the year.

PICTOU PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Pictou met at New Glasgow, on Tuesday July 6th. Dr. Murray and Messrs. Ross, F. J. Coffin and A. J. MacKichan were present as corresponding members.

Elders' commissions were received and sustained as follows: New St. Andrew's, J. R. Cunningham; United Church, W. McMillan; St. Luke's, Salt Springs, K. F. Cameron; St. James, Antigonish, W. D. MacMillan; Zion Church, E. R. Fraser; Glenelg, and E. River, St. Mary's, Angus Cameron; Carmel Church, Westville, D. McPherson; West River and Green Hill, T. Kennedy.

Mr. W. M. Thompson was appointed Moderator for the current six months and the clerk was re-appointed.

Messrs. P. Cavanagh, D. R. McKenzie and Kenneth Cameron were present as Commissioners from the united congregation of Barney's River. They asked for the services of Mr. J. R. Macdonald as ordained missionary. Presbytery was much gratified to learn of the progress being made at Barney's River. Continued Mr. Macdonald as supply until next meeting of Presbytery

and directed the clerk to exchange with Mr. Macdonald at an early date with a view to perfecting arrangements for Mr. Macdonald's appointment.

In response to a petition from Wine Harbor it was agreed that that station be supplied by the minister of Sherbrooke until the next meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. Henderson obtained leave of absence for three months, in order to visit Scotland.

Dr. Patterson, on behalf of the Committee appointed to look into the state of the Sabbath Law, reported, showing that the Committee had attended to the matter with due diligence.

Standing Committees were appointed as follows:—

Church Life and Work,—W. P. Archibald, Convener; Dr. Patterson, Messrs. Thompson, Rogers and Grant, Ministers and Dr. MacKay, Thos. Macdonald and J. W. Fraser, elders.

Sabbath Schools,—Mr. MacNicol, Convener; Dr. MacLeod, Messrs. J. W. Penman, W. H. Smith, Ministers, and John Ross and A. Macdougall, elders.

Young People's Societies,—Mr. Grant, Convener; Messrs. Rogers, Tufts, Campbell and Henderson, Ministers and Messrs. R. Murray and J. D. Macmillan, elders.

Statistics,—Mr. Carson, Convener; Messrs. Cairns and Coffin, Ministers and Messrs. Daniel Macdonald and J. D. Macgregor, elders.

Augmentation,—Mr. Sinclair, Convener; Messrs. Macfarlane, A. J. Macdonald, Tufts, Cairns, Coffin, Cumming, Carson and Carruthers, Ministers, and Messrs. Angus Cameron, R. Macdougall, T. Kennedy and T. Cantley, elders.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in James Church Hall, Tuesday, September 7th, at 9.30 a.m.—J. R. MUNRO, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY

Met at Cannington, June 29th, and was duly constituted by the Moderator, Rev. D. D. McDonald. The following members were present, namely, Messrs. D. McDonald, W. G. Hanna, M. McKinnon, P. A. McLeod, D. D. McDonald, G. McKay, J. A. McKenzie and A. E. Duncan, Ministers; and Messrs. John Smith, C. C. McPhadden, J. L. Brown, J. Kirtin, W. Cameron, John Thompson and Robert Irwin, Elders.

The minutes of the last regular meeting held at Sunderland on the 16th of March last, also of the special meetings held at Cannington and Lindsay on the 30th of March and 12th of May were read and duly sustained.

Rev. Mr. Cooper, of Listowel, and Messrs. Cleland and Inglis, of Atwood, were invited to visit and deliberate as corresponding members. The Clerk laid on the table a call and papers from the congregation of Atwood and Monkton in the Presbytery of Stratford, addressed to Rev. P. A. McLeod, Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Sonya.

The Atwood and Monkton call was taken up. Papers were read, and Rev. Mr. Cooper, the commissioner from Stratford Presbytery, and Messrs. Cleland and Inglis representatives from Atwood and Monkton respectively, were heard in support of the call and craving translation. Messrs. Thomson, C.

A MISSIONARY'S WIFE

Interesting Letter from India—A Long Summer Season.

The following letter is from the wife of an American Baptist missionary at Nowgong, Assam, India: "After living here for several years I found the climate was weakening me. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla every summer. This I found so beneficial that I now take one dose every morning for nine months in the year, that is, through the hot weather. My general health is excellent and my blood is in good condition. My weight does not vary more than one pound throughout the year. I find Hood's Sarsaparilla indispensable in the summer and recommend it for use in a debilitating climate." MRS. P. H. MOORE.

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