

Ministers and Churches.

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THE officials of the Medicine Hat Presbyterian Church have purchased Mr. Galt's house for a manse for their minister. They intend starting immediately to fit it up for Rev. Mr. Herald and his family.

THE Toronto M'All Auxiliary held its monthly meeting in Rev. Dr. Reid's office, 50 Church Street, lately. It was decided to have a public meeting early in the year. The treasurer reported an encouraging increase in contributions.

THE first anniversary of the induction of the Rev. Mr. Pullar, Morewood, was celebrated by a service on Wednesday evening last. There was a large attendance, excellent music, good readings, and a thoroughly practical address by the Rev. Dr. Moffat, of West Winchester.

AFTER returning from their marriage trip, the Rev. G. E. Freeman, of Deer Park, was presented by the congregation with a handsome easy chair, and Mrs. Freeman was waited on by members of her former class who presented her with an address and a photo-album containing portraits of her former pupils.

AT the close of the meeting of Presbytery of Paris last week it was agreed by the members present to propose Rev. Mr. McMullen, of Woodstock, as Moderator of next General Assembly. Several members having left it was thought best to leave the formal nomination till the next meeting. There can be no doubt that on the part of the Paris Presbytery the nomination will be unanimous.

ON Sabbath week the Rev. Mr. Todd, of Burnside lectured in the Presbyterian Church, Gladstone, on John Knox, the great Scottish Reformer. The lecturer handled his subjects in a masterly manner and held the rapt attention of his audience from first to last. It is some time since the people of Gladstone had such an intellectual treat. Mr. Todd is a young lecturer; but he appears to have the right material in him to make an excellent one, at least such was the opinion formed of him by his audience last night.

ON Thursday evening last, a party of over forty persons consisting of attendants at the religious services conducted at Lynden and Rockton by the Rev. S. W. Fisher, surprised the manse at West Flamboro' and took possession. W. Wood, on behalf of the attendants at said meetings, read an address to the pastor, expressing their appreciation of said services, and of his kindness to them. Mr. John Boyle handed him a gold watch, valued at \$200. The tables were then loaded with the good things the ladies had provided, and a splendid repast was partaken of by all present. The evening was spent in a very sociable and enjoyable manner.

THE new Presbyterian Church at Riverside, Albert County, was dedicated on Sabbath week. The *Maple Leaf* says the seats are free and the church out of debt. The interior of the church is arranged in the very best manner and will comfortably seat over 300 persons. Each pew is provided with Bibles, Testaments and hymnals. The aisles are carpeted with matting and the seats cushioned with rep. The platform is carpeted and adorned with a very beautiful walnut pulpit and walnut chairs, in modern design. The windows are of stained glass of a modern pattern; and the heaters are of the best and the stove-pipes of Russian iron, held in place by chains suspended from the roof. There are two beautiful chandeliers. The Rev. Joseph Hogg officiated at the dedicatory service.

THE Rev. R. J. Laidlaw, of Hamilton, delivered a lecture on the 17th of December, in St. Andrew's Church, Niagara Falls, subject, Our Successors. The forecast, based upon the history of the past and events now transpiring, was masterly and highly interesting and seemed to be appreciated and much enjoyed by all present. At the close a cordial vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Laidlaw, who, in reply, congratulated the congregation of St. Andrew's Church and the pastor on the improved appearance of the church and manse. The Rev. J. Gordon then made a brief report of the work done, and stated that although it had been greater than they had expected when begun, it had all been paid for by voluntary contributions, even to the carpet and sofa put on the platform that afternoon, and that there was still a small balance in hand.

THE congregation of Charles Street Church, Toronto, held a social meeting on Monday, the 21st inst., to commemorate the first anniversary of the Rev. John Neil's pastorate of the congregation. After doing justice to the good things provided by the ladies with their usual generous liberality, Mr. Gibson, of Deer Park, read an address to Mr. Neil from the ladies, congratulating him on the successful results of his labours, and assuring him of their prayers for his increased usefulness in the Master's service. Mr. Neil was then asked to accept from the ladies in acknowledgment of his labours a handsome marble clock, a revolving bookcase, and a beautifully got up and costly study chair; also an elegant chair for his mother. Mr. Neil made a feeling reply. This is a well merited compliment to a devoted young clergyman who, by his earnest and faithful preaching, has largely increased the congregation, and by his kindness, urbanity and Christian deportment has become a general favourite in North Toronto.

THE annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid Association of St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, took place last week in the Sabbath school building. The attendance was very good. The report of the secretary for the last year was read by Miss Jennie McDougall, and adopted, as was also that of the treasurer, by Miss Potter. The state of the funds was very encouraging, the receipts being over \$100. This sum, it should be remembered, is the receipt for work performed by the industry of the ladies at their weekly meetings. All credit is due them for this. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss Roos; vice-president, Mrs. D. B. Dewar; secretary and

treasurer, Miss Potter; chaplain, Miss Perine; collectors for the Schemes of the Church, North Ward, Miss Chalmers, East Ward, Miss Pearson, South and West Wards, Miss Moffat. It is only fair to state that the above amount mentioned does not include the collections for missionary purposes. The meeting was closed with prayer, the chaplain officiating. We congratulate this association—says the *Berlin Telegraph*—upon the very great success which has attended their noble efforts in aid of St. Andrew's Church, as well as forwarding the cause of missions.

THE necessity of obtaining more church accommodation has been for some time pressing upon the managers of St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, says the *Canadian Post*, as the pews are all occupied and many applicants for seats cannot obtain them. Under the circumstances the question of building the new church has been taken up again at an informal meeting of the managers and leading members of the congregation the other night, and the project was so favourably received that the way seems clear for the construction of a fine edifice the coming summer. Mr. W. Needler has taken a deep interest in the scheme, and offers as a site the Graham lot on William Street, which will cost \$1,200, while his contribution will be advanced to \$2,000, a handsome and generous subscription. Sheriff McLennan has put his name down for \$1,000, and Mr. D. J. McIntyre, M. P., and Mr. A. Campbell \$500 each. There should be no difficulty in raising the required sum. The site proposed is central and convenient; and a handsome church built there would be a very desirable addition to the town. The popularity of Rev. Dr. McTavish, and the hearty desire of the congregation to increase his scope of usefulness by a larger and more centrally situated church, will prove a stimulus in promoting this commendable object.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEN.—This Presbytery met in Mount Forest, on Dec. 15. Mr. Straith presented a call from the Durham congregation, signed by 106 members and sixty-one adherents, in favour of Mr. Robert McNair, licentiate, salary, \$900 per annum, without manse. The call was sustained and the Clerk was instructed to send it to Mr. McNair. Mr. Nichol tendered his resignation of North Luther, Ross and Gordonville, on account of an affection of the throat. Tiff representatives from the congregation, while deeply regretting that he was compelled to take this step, could not offer any opposition under the circumstances. His resignation was accepted, and Mr. Thorn was appointed to declare the pastoral charge vacant on the first Sabbath of January. Delegates from Ayrton, East Normanby, North Luther and Ross were present, asking for more satisfactory connections than they had at present. After considering at length the different positions and conditions of all the fields concerned, it was agreed to cite all parties to appear for their interest at next meeting. Mr. Ross, of Dundalk, was appointed to organize Corbuden and Riverview into mission stations. The Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, Manitoba College and the Augmentation Scheme were all duly considered. A committee was appointed to take charge of the Augmentation Scheme, and parties were appointed to visit supplemented congregations. It was agreed "that in view of the financial difficulties of the College and in view of the fact that a committee on Consolidation of the Colleges has been appointed by the Assembly, the system of lectureships should be continued for the present." The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Knox Church, Harriston, on the 16th day of March next, at eleven a.m.—S. YOUNG, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—A well attended meeting of this court was held in Sherbrooke on the 15th December. The Revs. R. H. Warden and L. Jordan, of Montreal, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members. It was reported that the Rev. John McDonald, of Scotstown, was removed on the 7th December by the hand of death. The following minute was adopted as expressing the feelings of the Presbytery in the circumstances.—Whereas it has pleased our heavenly Father to remove our beloved brother from amongst us, be it resolved: 1. That the Presbytery put upon record the high esteem in which they held their departed brother as a Christian gentleman, as an accomplished scholar, as a faithful labourer in the Master's vineyard, and as a most valuable member of this court. 2. That the sympathy of this Presbytery be tendered to the widow and family of our late brother, and they be commended to the care of Him who is the Husband of the widow, and the Father of the fatherless. 3. That the sympathy of the Presbytery be tendered to the congregation of Scots town in their great loss, with the earnest prayer that their bereavement may be blessed to them, and that the great Head of the Church may soon send them another efficient and faithful pastor. The resignation of the Rev. Jos. Allard, pastor of the French Protestant Church, Quebec, was taken up. Mr. Ruthman appeared in behalf of the congregation, and read a petition, praying that steps be taken to retain the services of Mr. Allard as their pastor. The Rev. Mr. Warden also addressed the court, with the same object in view. He stated that he had recently visited the congregation, and found it in an encouraging condition as could be expected under the circumstances. Mr. Allard was asked to express his mind in the case. He stated that two reasons had led him to offer his resignation. First—Insufficient support. Second—A pressing invitation to undertake work in Fall River, Mass.; but as his people were anxious to retain him, and as a great work seemed to be possible in Quebec, he would be willing to withdraw his resignation if the question of support were satisfactorily settled. With the view of retaining his services, the Presbytery agreed to petition the central board, so to increase their grant that his salary would be raised to \$1,100 per annum. A call from the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, was presented in favour of the Rev. J. C. Cattinach, of Sherbrooke. It was signed by seventy-seven members and twenty-eight adherents, and promised a stipend of \$1,600 per annum, with a manse. The congregation of Sherbrooke were cited to appear at a meeting, to be held in their church on the 29th December, at eight p.m. Mr. Warden addressed the court in the interest of the Augmentation Scheme. A

committee consisting of Dr. Mathews, Convener, F. M. Dewey, J. E. Pritchard, A. T. Love, D. Currie and J. Whyte, M. P., were entrusted with the matter, and given instructions to visit congregations, and to apportion to each that proportion of the whole sum which they think they should raise. Much interest was manifested in the matter, and it was determined that every effort would be put forth to raise the amount asked from the Presbytery of Quebec. F. M. Dewey gave a very satisfactory report of the condition of the mission stations of the Presbytery. He read a letter from Metts, showing that the Rev. Mr. McKay is doing excellent work there, very much to the satisfaction of the people. Not only is he attending to his duties as pastor, but he has also started a school, with an attendance of over twenty scholars. A letter from Mr. John McGregor, who was appointed to the mission of Sawyerville and Island Brook, showed that he is a most diligent and laborious missionary, and that the mission promises well. Permanent supply not having been secured for Massawippi, etc., it was agreed to ask the Missionary Association of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, to give supply for the remainder of the winter. F. M. Dewey was appointed Convener of the Presbyterial Home Mission Committee for the next year. Mr. Charbonnel read a report of his work amongst the French-speaking Roman Catholics. It showed that his field is a very extensive one, that his work is very difficult, and that while there are many discouragements, there are also bright features in it. Mr. Cattinach gave a statement of the finances of this mission, which showed the Presbytery to be in arrears to Mr. Charbonnel to the extent of over \$200, and that there was still a debt on the school house at Ditchfield of nearly \$30. In order to meet this indebtedness, it was proposed to sell the timber on certain lots of land granted the Presbytery, by the Government of Quebec, for church purposes. Major McMin, of Agnes, was appointed the Presbytery's agent to look after and protect their properties at Agnes, Spalding and Ditchfield. F. M. DEWEY, Pres. Clerk.

MONTREAL NOTES.

ON the evening of Sabbath, the 20th inst., Mr. Alex. D. Brown, student of the Presbyterian College, died here, after a fortnight's illness, of inflammation of the bowels. He was in his second year in arts in McGill College, was a young man of great promise and much loved by his fellow-students. The remains were removed to his father's residence in South Gloucester on Monday, a short service being conducted in the David Morrice Hall by Rev. A. B. Mackay, Principal MacVicar and Professor Scrimger. Though the hour was early and the season that of the college Christmas vacation, yet the funeral was attended to the railway depot by a large number, including all the professors of the Presbyterian College, Sir William Dawson, Rev. Professor Murray, Professor Thorpe, Dr. Harrington, Rev. Messrs. Mackay and Warden, Mr. David Morrice and several students of the Congregational and Episcopal Colleges, as well as of our own. The family have the warm sympathy of the professors and students here in their bereavement.

THE *Presbyterian College Journal* for December is a number of more than ordinary interest from the fact of its containing a very readable sketch, in nine chapters, of the history of the college, from its inception in 1864 to the present time, with views of the old and new buildings, as also of McGill College, and a portrait of Sir William Dawson. The *Journal* reflects great credit on the students, and more particularly on those of their number charged with its management.

LAST year the Presbyterian College students here contributed \$25 for the support of a teacher in Aneiteum, and \$25 for one in Fromanga. They handed the \$50 to Rev. H. A. Robertson while in Montreal last January. They have resolved this year to continue the support of these two teachers, and already most of the money has been contributed.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH (Bell Hall) has recently undergone extensive improvements, the whole interior being repainted, the walls and ceiling frescoed, etc. On the 20th inst. the church was re-opened, Rev. C. A. Doudiet, the pastor, preaching in French in the morning, and the Rev. R. Campbell in English in the evening. On Christmas morning a union service of the French congregations was held here, which was largely attended. Mr. Doudiet presided, and short addresses were delivered by him and two of the other French ministers. The church is very much improved and now presents a handsome appearance.

BESIDES the meeting in St. John's Church, services were held on Christmas morning in St. Paul's and St. Matthew's Churches. The latter was a children's service, largely for the purpose of giving the young people an opportunity of bringing with them gifts for the poor. Christmas cards, candies, fruit, toys, etc., were brought in great abundance, and were afterwards distributed to the Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools, the Infants' Home and the Orphans' Asylum. This is a custom which might with profit be introduced into all Sabbath schools.

THE congregation of Crescent Street Church recently elected a number of deacons, and on Sabbath, the 20th, Messrs. C. Fleet, G. B. Reid and F. Ferlie were ordained to that office and along with Mr. James McGour, who had already been ordained, were duly inducted. The new scheme introduced in this congregation this year for the maintenance of ordinances and the support of missions, etc., proving a marked success. The weekly offerings averaged fully \$190 per Sabbath, in addition to the sum of about \$4,000 received during the year for pew-rents.

IN Erskine Church the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered on Sabbath last, when thirty-seven names were added to the communion roll, twenty-six by certificate and eleven on profession of faith. The galleries of the church are at present being cushioned at the expense of some of the members of the congregation.

THE annual gathering of all the Presbyterian Sabbath schools of the city takes place in Erskine Church on New Year's Morning at ten o'clock. The speakers are the Rev. J. Fleck, Dr. Smith and L. H. Jordan.