

Church News

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Montreal Notes.

On Sabbath, the 8th inst., Taylor church celebrated the 10th anniversary of the induction of the pastor, the Rev. Thomas Bennett, and the first of the opening of their new church building. The Rev. Principal MacVicar preached at the evening service to a large congregation. On entering their new building a year ago the congregation, which up to that date had received a grant from the Augmentation Fund, undertook to become self-supporting, and the first year has been a most successful, although a trying and anxious one for the pastor and board of management. Additions to the membership roll are steadily being made, the young people are working heartily and everything points to a useful future. The ten year's pastorate of Mr. Bennett have been marked by progress both temporal and spiritual from the beginning. He has great cause for rejoicing, and supported by a hard working session may take courage and go on till the church is clear of debt.

The ladies of Calvin church held a successful sale of work on Thursday, the 12th inst., during the afternoon and evening. During the progress of the sale orchestral music was dissonant by the Ratto brothers to the great delight of the company present.

At the annual meeting of the Point St. Charles Bible Society held a few days ago, a most interesting and effective address were delivered by Sir William Dawson. The late principal of McGill University has always taken a deep interest in the work of this society, and for many years past has been president of the Montreal Auxiliary. He is regularly present at the meetings of its Executive Committee and has done much to keep it in a thoroughly active condition.

THE REV. DR. BARCLAY delivered a lecture last week in Valleyfield on Savanarola which was much appreciated by a most attentive audience. This was one of a series of lectures arranged for the winter by the authorities of the Presbyterian church.

At the monthly meeting of the Erskine Church Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society held on Monday, the 9th inst., a most interesting address was given by Miss Lyman, who was for a number of years a missionary in India under the American Board, but was compelled to return owing to the climate which proved too severe for her health. She appeared in a native costume and, assuming the character of a Hindoo lady, gave a most graphic account of the ordinary life, experiences and social customs of a native woman as if they had been her own. It was done with perfect naturalness and brought the facts home to the minds of her audience in the most vivid way. Miss Lyman, who belongs to one of the best known families in Montreal, after her return from India made herself responsible for the cost of a native chapel, and has already largely succeeded in raising the amount.

A MEETING was held on the afternoon of the 9th inst. at the residence of Mrs. Grier, 58 Redpath street, for the purpose of interesting the ladies belonging to the different churches of the city in the Loper Mission of India, a non-denominational effort for ameliorating the condition of that unhappy class for which an appeal was recently made by the Rev. David Herron. It is hoped that something substantial may be done for a deserving cause which has a pathetic claim on the sympathy of the whole world.

British Columbia Notes.

THE new church at Central Park, Burnaby, is to be opened on December 22nd. The Rev. A. B. Winchester is expected to officiate. The ministers of Vancouver take turns in supplying this new field.

THE Rev. James Douglas, of Moosomin, has arrived and occupies the pulpit of Mount Pleasant church, during the vacancy. Arrangements for a pastor are in progress.

THE ladies of St. Andrew's, Westminster, gave a concert on December 3rd. Result, good concert, large audience and considerable money to aid in reducing debts on the manse.

AN interesting concert was given in Zion church, Vancouver, December 5th.

THE Rev. G. R. Maxwell delivered the first part of his famous lecture, "The Seven Stages of Matrimony," in Richmond church, December 2nd. Mr. Maxwell is racy, witty and wise. As a lecturer he holds not only front rank, but the only place on the coast.

ON Sabbath, December 1st, First church, Vancouver, was crowded to hear Mr. Maxwell on "The Survival of the Fittest." As a thinker and preacher everybody declares the minister of First Vancouver to be fitted to occupy the best church in the Dominion.

THE Rev. D. A. MacRae, of Nanaimo, preached a sermon on Nov. 14th, on the "Law of Physical and Moral Evolution." His text was "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."

THE F.M.C. erected a Chinese church in Union Mines. The teacher, Mr. Hall, was supported by Mr. Randall, a working engineer in the colliery, who gave \$30.00 a month for Mr. Hall's support. Mr. Randall has gone to China, and Mr. Hall is left without any support, except what is given from the pocket of Mr. Winchester. Unless Mr. R. P. McKay can waken an interest in the committee this most valuable work must collapse. There are thirteen hundred Chinese at Union, and unless our church can do something at once, the work should be handed over to another church. Twenty-five dollars a month will retain Mr. Hall's services. If the F.M.C. is unable to give a sum like this then some of the Lord's stewards in the church might feel honored in sending winter supplies for this much needed work.

A new Congregational church has been formed in Victoria. We wonder if this is the result of the erection of a new Central Presbyterian church in that city. Union is in the air.

THE new Japanese church and hospital in Richmond has been a great success. For ministering to mind and body, soul, spirit and flesh the Japs raised themselves \$673.80. Self-help is good help, and these Japanese Christians shame Canadians in the grace of giving.

THERE are six Japanese Christians members of our church at Union, who were baptised by Mr. McIntyre. Others are waiting for baptism till a new minister is settled. The missionary among the two hundred Japs there is compelled to earn his living as a cook, to enable him to preach the Gospel to his brother Japs. An application has been made to our church to take this work under our wing.

THE Chinese mission in Vancouver is now located at the corner of Carroll and Dupont. As a result the school and preaching services has largely increased in numbers, and Mr. Colman is asking for more teachers from the churches.

General.

PARTIES wishing a hearing at Alvinston and Euphemia will communicate with Rev. John H. Graham, Watford.

THE Rev. J. P. Mullen gave an interesting lecture entitled "Rambles in Great Britain," in Knox church, Harrison, on last Tuesday, to a large audience.

CANDIDATES wishing a hearing in the congregations of Kinlough and Rivordale, apply to the moderator of session, Rev. J. MacDonald, Glamis P.O., Ont.

AT Port Dalhousie Presbyterian church a most successful series of evangelistic services are being held by Mr. Thos. A. Rogers. The church is well filled every night.

A COURSE of lectures will be given, this winter, in the Presbyterian church, Valleyfield. The Rev. Dr. Barclay, of St. Paul's, Montreal, continued the series last week by delivering his admirable address on "Savanarola" to a very attentive audience.

PRESBYTERY of Orangeville will meet at Orangeville, Jan. 7th, at 10.30 a.m. Woman's Foreign Mission Society meets same day and place. A Presbyterian Society of Christian Endeavor will be organized next day.

AT a meeting of the Presbytery of Orangeville, held on 5th inst., Mr. McKenzie's resignation of the pastoral charge of Orangeville congregation was considered. On account of the strong pressure of the congregation

and Presbytery he agreed to reconsider his decision and report at next regular meeting.

WE regret to learn that the Rev. Hugh McKellar, his son and daughter, and Miss McDiarmid, his sister-in-law, are all down with typhoid fever. We unite with Mr. McKellar's many friends in sympathy, and hope that they may soon be completely restored to health.

THE choir of Bonar church, Toronto, gave their first annual concert in the church on Tuesday evening, 10th Dec., the pastor, Rev. Alex. Macgillivray, presiding. The soloists assisting were Messrs. M. Chester, F. Macpherson, F. J. Williams and Mr. Jas. Richardson, of the Toronto College of Music, and Miss A. Redway, with Miss Alexandrina Ramsey, of New York, elocutionist, all of whom acquitted themselves well, Miss Ramsey being particularly happy in her selections and rendering. The church was crowded to the doors, and the concert was a great success. Since its re organization in March last, under the leadership of Mr. Arthur H. Greene, organist, this choir, now composed of over thirty voices, has made marked improvement in its choral singing, and Bonar church may be congratulated upon now having one of the best choirs in the East End.

ON the evening of Thanksgiving Day the W.F.M.S. auxiliary of St. Andrew's church, Sonya, held their usual annual thank-offering meeting in the school-room of the church. There was a large gathering of the ladies of the congregation. A good programme of readings, recitations and music was rendered, and refreshments served towards the close of the meeting. When the envelopes containing the offerings were opened, and the verses expressive of gratitude read, which formed a very interesting part of the proceedings, the sum of \$34 was found to have been realized. Altogether a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent. The Ladies' Aid Society of the same church deserve great praise for providing and setting in place two outside lamps at the entrances to the church, and also a beautiful hanging lamp for the pulpit, as well as numerous acts of such a helpful character during the past four and a-half years.

WHEN it became known in Elkhorn that Brandon Presbytery had agreed to accept the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Fortune, the Presbyterians decided to show their affection for their pastor, and appreciation of his labors among them in a very tangible manner. A large number of people gathered in the town hall, where a very enjoyable time was spent. During the evening Mr. G. T. Rogers addressed the meeting. In the course of his remarks he expressed the regret which the congregation felt at Mr. Fortune's leaving. He referred to the complete harmony which had existed between pastor and people, and also to the progress made by the congregation in every branch of work. The membership had grown from forty-two to one hundred. A new church had been erected at Woodville, which had been paid for all but \$50. Money had been raised for the Schemes of the Church which had not been done formerly. A Y.P.S.C.E. had been organized at two of the stations. There was much reason, he said, to thank God for the success which attended the labors of their pastor. Mrs. R. M. Coombs on behalf of the congregation presented Mr. Fortune with a beautiful silver tea service. Mr. Fortune replied in fitting terms. After discussing the good things provided, a pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing the doxology.

ON Friday evening, Nov. 29th, the good people of the South Mountain congregation, presided over by the Rev. J. F. Macfarland, B.A., made his home-coming from the west with his bride the occasion of a grand reception. The happy couple were met at the station by a committee of the young people, and escorted to the manse where a large gathering from all parts of the congregation was waiting to receive them. The supper served at 6.30 p.m. to 135 guests was a most delicious one, and called forth very warm praise for the ladies who had provided the sumptuous repast. After the wants of the inner man had been satisfied the bride was introduced to the company, and a very pleasant time was spent socially. Towards the close of the evening the united congregations presented their pastor with an address of welcome and congratulation, which was read by the Rev. D. G. S. Connery, M.A., of Winchester, while their appreciation and esteem