

Church News

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Montreal Notes

At the annual convocation of the Arts Faculty of McGill University, held in the Windsor Hall, on the 30th ult., seventeen ladies received the degree of B. A., and one the degree of M. A. They also carried off three out of the seven medals awarded. At the close Sir Donald Smith announced that during the ensuing year a building would be erected on a suitable site adjoining the University grounds, to furnish accommodation for this growing department which would then by Her Majesty's permission, be known as the Royal Victoria College for women. He expected it would be ready in time for the opening of the session of 1897-8. In an interview with a reporter from one of the daily papers he further indicated that the site had been secured on Sherbrooke st., that the plans for the building were already prepared, and that tenders for the work had been received so that the structure will soon be under way. In addition to class rooms, it will also furnish residence and board, to the lady students. No details are as yet given as to the relation which the new college will hold to the University, or how the staff will be organized, but there is little doubt that it will be arranged in such a way as to strengthen the Arts Faculty. This new College can hardly be started on any proper basis with less than a quarter of a million dollars, and is likely to run considerably beyond that amount. Whatever is necessary will be undoubtedly provided by Sir Donald, who for many years past has had the project under consideration, and takes the deepest interest in its success.

Much regret is felt at the death of the Rev. A. E. N. Suckling, on the 24th ult., at the early age of 43. Mr. Suckling was formerly a minister of the Reformed Episcopal church, in Newfoundland, but joined the Presbyterian church in 1858. He rendered valuable service as an ordained missionary in Farnham, Que., and more recently at Chelsea. He was gentle, unassuming, devout and earnest, enjoying the respect all who knew him. His health failed in January last, and the closing few weeks of his life were spent at the residence of his father-in-law Mr. Lulham in this city. He leaves a widow and two sons to mourn his loss.

The Rev. Prin. MacVicar has been absent from the city this week attending a meeting of the Executive of the Pan-Presbyterian Council in Philadelphia. He expected also to be present at Dr. Green's jubilee celebration in Princeton seminary, on the invitation of the faculty.

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The Rev. A. Gilray, of Toronto, will re-open Erskine Presbyterian church, Montreal, on May 15th.

St. Andrew's church, Renfrew, is talking of erecting a new manse to cost between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

Rev. D. Y. Ross, Cannington, has received two calls, one to St. George, Ont., the other to Newmarket.

Rev. J. F. Forbes, Sydney, and formerly minister at Durham and Green Hill, will visit Britain in June. He has been granted four months leave of absence by his Presbytery.

The Presbyterians of North Bay are endeavoring to secure the services of Rev. Thomas MacLennan, who has been supplying them for the last six months, as their stated pastor.

Right Rev. Andrew Macdonald Tait, who was ordained and inducted in 1870 in Bristol, Que., and remained there three years has just been elected moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in New South Wales.

Mr. John S. Gordon, B.A., who graduated a few days ago from the Presbyterian College, Montreal, has received a unanimous call to the pastorate of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, B.C., as successor to the Rev. J. W. McMillan, B.A., now of Lindsay, Ont.

The Rev. S. Childerhose, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in the Allen Settlement was presented with an address and watch by the members of the congregation. He will shortly be inducted into the pastoral charge of the Parry Sound Presbyterian congregation.

Rev. Joseph Hogg moderated in a call April 21st, in Point Douglass, Man., Presbyterian church. The call was in favor of Rev. Peter Fisher, B. A., of Boissevain. The people were unanimous and hearty in their choice. The call was signed by all the members and adherents present.

The anniversary services of East Presbyterian church Sunday school were held last Sabbath. At the morning service Rev. D. C. Hossack preached, and Rev. W. G. Wallace occupied the pulpit in the evening. A mass meeting, held in the afternoon, was addressed by Rev. G. K. Adams. All the services were well attended.

The Rev. Professor Scrimger lectured in St. John's Presbyterian Church on 26th, on "Protestantism and Education." He discussed the aims of the Protestant and Catholic educational systems respectively, and expressed a preference for the former. Protestants and Catholics were at one upon the point of religious instruction in schools, but different as to the application of the principle. We hope to publish this interesting paper in our next issue.

Rev. John B. Logan, M.A., a retired clergyman who resided with his son-in-law, Dr. Webster, South Plackett Place, died suddenly on April 15th, at Glasgow. He was connected with the United Presbyterian Church and spent over thirty years of his life in Canada. Since he returned to Scotland, the state of his health prevented him taking a regular charge, but he was much in request for pulpit supply, and in that way became known in almost every parish in Scotland.

Considering the other meetings and entertainments in town there was a first rate audience in St. Paul's Church, Bowmanville, on Monday evening, April 27, at the lecture on John Knox. The old fashioned psalm and paraphrase in which the congregation joined carried one far back. The anthem by the choir and the duet of Miss McLaughlin and Mr. H. Lascelles Simpson were capital rendered. Rev. H. Douglas Fraser gave a sketch of an hour's length of John Knox as Priest, Preacher, Galley Slave, Refugee, Reformer, Patriot, at Queen Mary Court, and of his last days. His influence on Scotland's church and people and on the life and thought of all English speaking peoples the world over was clearly traced. Dr. McLaughlin occupied the chair.

The Mission Band of the Orillia Presbyterian church gave a Chinese social on Friday evening, April 24th. The chair was occupied by Mr. H. Cooke. Papers were read by Mrs. W. M. Harvey, on "Our mission work in China," by Miss M. J. Thompson, on "The geography of Chinese missions," and by Miss Essie Miller, for Miss McKinnel, who was unable to be present, on "the customs of the Chinese." Dr. Grant gave an address on the three great religions of China, and a short musical programme also was rendered. Refreshments were provided, the rice being eaten in orthodox fashion, with chop sticks. Altogether the evening was profitably and enjoyably spent.

Trees were planted at Queen's College yesterday by Chancellor Fleming and Principal Grant in honor of deceased and living benefactors and honorary graduates. The trees were planted in memory of the late Sir Alexander Campbell, the late D. J. Macdonnell, Toronto, and the Rev. Dr. Laidlaw, Hamilton, Ont., also in honor of the following benefactors of Queen's—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Waddell, Peterborough, Ont.; the late R. Anderson, Montreal, the late Mrs. Charlotte Nichols, Peterborough, Ont.; and Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Allen, Ottawa. Trees were planted in honor of the following graduates—Prof. W. Saunders, Dominion Experimental Farm, Ottawa; Mr. James Fletcher, F.L.S.C., F.R.S.C., Dominion Entomologist, Ottawa; the Rev. A. A. Mackenzie, B.A., B.D., St. Stephens, N.B.

The fifth anniversary of Bomar Presbyterian church, Toronto, took place last Sabbath in the church building, on the corner of Lansdowne avenue and College street. The occasion was a most auspicious one, and indicated a healthy

condition of the church work, the audiences being at each service very large. In the morning Rev. W. Rochester, of Cowan avenue church preached, and in the evening the sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Allen, of the Metropolitan church. During the afternoon an address was delivered by Rev. W. Weeks, of the Walmer road church. The result of the last year's work indicates that the church is progressing in every department. The Sunday school membership is continually increasing, and the different church societies are very active. During the years of Rev. Mr. Macgillivray's incumbency he has succeeded in doing a great deal to increase the prosperity of the church, and the services of yesterday were most encouraging in the evidences of vitality which were apparent in them.

The anniversary services of the East Presbyterian church, Toronto, were held on Sabbath, May 3rd. The Rev. D. C. Hossack preached in his usual powerful and eloquent style at the morning service. The evening service was conducted by the Rev. W. G. Wallace, whose thoughtful discourse was also highly appreciated. The Rev. G. K. Adams delivered a very interesting address to a mass gathering of Sabbath school workers and scholars in the afternoon. The collection amounted to \$120. The church has made steady progress under the energetic and assiduous care of the pastor, Rev. J. A. Morison. The Sabbath services are largely attended. Many are being added to the membership, and the finances of the church are now in a most satisfactory condition.

A farewell meeting was held in St. Andrew's church, Enderby, B.C., on Monday, April 20th, to bid good-bye to Rev. J. K. Wright, B.D., who for seven years had been Presbyterian missionary at Spallumcheen, and who has accepted the call to Cook's church, Chilliwack. During the evening an address was read, accompanied by a well-filled purse, as a slight token of great regard for Rev. and Mrs. Wright.

Billy Williams, the oldest of the Nez Perce Indians, and the last of those who saw the explorers, Lewis and Clarke, when they crossed the continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific, 90 odd years ago, died at Kamiah, Idaho, April 6th. His exact age was not known. During many of his later years he was an elder of the Kamiah First Presbyterian church, and he leaves a son, who is a clergyman. He was the only one of the old members of the tribe who had but one wife, and she survives him. He was the historian of the tribe, and preserved the traditions of their origin and their history, much of which has been put into writing by his white friends in recent years.

The services by which Rev. A. H. Drumm was inducted into the pastoral charge of the Port Elgin Presbyterian church on April 28th, were largely attended, and were deeply interesting throughout. An able and appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. Isaac McDonald, of Glamis. The act of induction was performed by the moderator, Rev. J. Bell, B.A., and suitable words of counsel were addressed to pastor and people, respectively, by Rev. J. Johnston and Rev. H. McQuarrie. In the evening the church was thronged by a very large audience to cordially welcome Mr. and Mrs. Drumm to their new charge. The chair was taken by Rev. H. McQuarrie and beside him on the platform were Messrs. Drumm, Bell, Johnston, Fitzpatrick, Steven, Macdonald, Mackenzie and Huff, all of whom made short but pointed addresses. At the close of the programme the Board of Management presented Mr. McQuarrie with an address and a purse in appreciation of his faithful, kindly and efficient services as Moderator during the vacancy. Altogether the meetings will be long remembered by those present.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Queen's University, Kingston, was held, April 29th. Hon. Justice MacLennan presided. The following trustees were elected—The Rev. Messrs. J. Mackie and W. Macgillivray, Kingston, and M. W. MacLean, Belleville, and Messrs. Hugh Waddell, of Peterborough; W. C. Caldwell, Lanark; and G. W. MacDonnell, Q.C., and John McIntyre, Q.C., Kingston. Also the Rev. Dr. Cochran of Brantford, in place of the Rev. D.