

The W.F.M.S. of Knox church, Lancaster, held their annual thankoffering meeting in the church Sunday evening, November 18th. The attendance was good, and the meeting was addressed by Mrs. R. Harkness of Cornwall, who spoke on the Homan Missions, in connection with the Presbyterian Church. The speaker proved to be thoroughly conversant with her subject, and gave an interesting, instructive and practical talk on the same. The collection amounted to \$45.

A hearty and unanimous call from Valleyfield, P.E.I., in favor of Rev. L. Beaton, of Moose Creek, was before the Presbytery of Glengarry, which met recently at Maxville. The call was signed by 244 communicants and 68 adherents. The congregation of Roxborough, having learned of this call, asked Mr. Beaton the privilege of showing their appreciation of his work among them, and their attachment to him, by getting up new lists and giving the opportunity to the congregation to express their minds as if calling him anew. This privilege was granted, with the understanding that all would be given the opportunity of adding or subtracting or removing their names, if desired. The result of this was that many new names were added, and none subtracted or removed, and an addition of nearly \$200 was added to the former lists. At a meeting of the congregation, called for the purpose of appointing delegates to go before the Presbytery to defend the interests of the congregation, by a unanimous vote \$100 was added to the salary of the pastor, and the delegates appointed were asked to put forth every effort to retain Mr. Beaton. The latter, on reviewing the position in which he was placed—on the one hand the voice of over 330 people in Valleyfield, a large congregation of pure Scotch blood, furnishing excellent material for good work; on the other hand the claims and attachment of his present people, said their action now was no new attachment and appreciation of his work among them, but it was confirmation of his opinion. Taking both sides into careful consideration, he deemed it was his duty to stay at Roxborough.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

On November 7th the first Saskatchewan Synod opened at Regina, and a large amount of business was despatched.

Rev. Mr. Woodside, of Carleton Place, is reported better after his long illness. He hopes to be able to resume his pastoral work by the New Year.

The Box Social held by the Ladies' Aid of the Mitchell church, was quite a success. Mr. Wm. Elliott, B.A., acted as chairman, and there were songs and recitations. The proceeds amounted to \$33.

The Rev. D. Robertson, Presbyterian minister at Stettler, Alta., is busy building himself a house. The reverend gentlemen, before he studied for the ministry, learned the carpenter trade, and finds his early experiences in that direction a great help in a new country, where everybody works—not even excepting father, says the Independent.

The anniversary services of the Norwich church were held Sunday and Monday, 4th and 5th. The attendance showed their appreciation of the fact. On Sunday Rev. Mr. Brown, of Tilsonburg, preached two excellent sermons and the choir of the church rendered suitable music. On Monday evening the anniversary supper and entertainment were held. After the bountiful repast, those who had fully enjoyed it, went upstairs to listen to a splendid programme. Rev. J. A. McConnell presiding with ease and ability. Addresses were given by Rev. Mr. Ward, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Bowyer and Dr. Sutherland, both humorous and instructive. The musical part of the programme was good, the selections being well rendered.

At the afternoon session of the Stratford Presbytery meeting most of the time was taken up with a discussion on Church Union, led by Rev. Mr. McIntosh. A committee was appointed to take action in reference to supplying the pulpit of Knox church, St. Marys, during the illness of the pastor, Rev. A. Grant. At the morning session, Rev. R. Martin presented the report of the committee on home mission work in God-shill and territory, and the recommendations were adopted as follows: That no organization be attempted for the present; that the services at God-shill be continued under present arrangements and an effort made to organize a Sabbath school; that the session of North Easthore have oversight over their services; that the district lying north of the 12th concession of Elnice be regarded as under the pastoral oversight of Milverton, Millbrook and Hampstead, and that occasional prayer meetings be held in the vicinity.

Under the title, "Presbyterianism in Canada," Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, of Guelph, gave a highly interesting estimate of the history of the establishment and growth of the Presbyterian church in this country, in the Knox church lecture room, Acton, on Tuesday evening, November 13th. In vivid detail Mr. Glassford traced this splendid movement from the landing of the Hurenots on our shores, the subsequent organization of the old St. Matthew's church at Halifax and the rapid advance of the church's operations into all the provinces of the Dominion. Reference was made to the various unions and the final consummation of the great united Presbyterian church of Canada. Rev. J. C. Wilson, B.A., presided and there was a good attendance. Miss Margaret Thompson sang with good effect a solo during the evening.

A very interesting service took place recently in St. Andrew's church, Winnipeg, when on the third day of the celebration of their silver jubilee, D. F. Smith was ordained and designated as a missionary to India. Dr. Wilson occupied the pulpit, supported by Rev. Dr. Baird, Rev. John MacKay, of Montreal, and Rev. J. W. Macmillan. There were also present Revs. Dr. Duval, Dr. Patrick, Dr. Pitblado, J. Hogg, D. McLachlan, and other ministers of the Presbyterian church in the city. Rev. J. W. Macmillan addressed the candidate and congregation. J. Fleming, on behalf of the session and congregation, next addressed Mr. Smith, congratulating him on the gratification of the hopes he had so long cherished. On behalf of the church he took the opportunity of giving him a small token of regard, presenting to Mr. Smith a purse containing ten sovereigns. Miss Connelly and Mr. M. McLeod, on behalf of the Christian Endeavor society, presented Mr. Smith with a handsome writing case. Mr. Baird followed and said that the Presbyterian church throughout the Foreign Mission Society was in the habit of presenting those going to labor in foreign fields with Bibles. It was entrusted to him to present the volume, which would be the warrant of the missionary's authority, and above all the source of strength. In the name of the committee he presented Rev. Mr. Smith with the Bible. Rev. John MacKay, of Montreal, was the next to speak, and in the course of a short and powerful address pointed out that to-day distance had been annihilated and that the world was the Christian parish.

Before Mr. Smith left for India, he gave a farewell address in the church, which took the form of a union meeting of the mother and her four daughter churches, St. Giles, Point Douglas, Westminster and Sherman street. Addresses were also given by the ministers of the churches.

MONTREAL.

Last Sabbath anniversary services were held in Melville church, Rev. Robt. Johnston of the American Presbyterian Church preaching in the morning and Rev. W. D. Reid of Taylor church in the evening.

Large congregations assembled in Zion church last Sunday on the occasion of its seventy-fourth anniversary. At the morning service Rev. W. D. Reid, of Taylor Presbyterian church preached. He congratulated the church upon its long service and said no church could live in a city like Montreal for 74 years without having materially influenced the life of the city. In the evening Rev. H. Young, Ph.D., preached on the subject of "Faith." Both discourses were listened to with great interest. In connection with the anniversary, Rev. W. R. Young, D.D., of St. James' Methodist church, will lecture on Thursday evening, his subject being "Patriotism."

The Presbytery of Montreal met at Huntington on the 16th of November for the induction of Rev. E. W. Florence to the pastorate of St. Andrew's church. Rev. D. W. Morrison, D.D., of Ormston, was interim moderator, with Rev. James Patterson as clerk. After some preliminary business, divine service was conducted by Rev. James Steves, of Cote des Neiges. At the conclusion of the service Rev. Dr. Morrison put the usual questions to the pastor-elect, and receiving satisfactory answers, he formally inducted him into the pastoral charge of the church in the name of Christ, the only King and Head of the Church. He then engaged in prayer, and the members of the presbytery extended to the Rev. Mr. Florence the right hand of fellowship. Rev. W. R. Cruikshank, B.A., then addressed the new pastor in suitable terms, urging him to study closely his spiritual life, and teach the things he was confident of—teach with power and teach positively. Hold daily communion with God, and cultivate conscience and keep without tar. Study the individual members of your congregation, and keep in touch with their different phases of life. Rev. W. D. Reid, B.D., of Taylor church, Montreal, addressed the congregation in relation to its duties, giving them some valuable and practical hints, amongst which might be noted, endeavor to look after church work from a spiritual standpoint; do not look upon the pastor as a drawing card, whose popularity would fill the church, but one that will do the most amount of good in the community. At the conclusion of the address, Mr. John Cunningham, senior elder, presented Rev. Dr. Morrison with an address and a suitable gift from the congregation for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of moderator, to which Dr. Morrison replied in feeling terms.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the induction of the Rev. G. Colborne Heine, B.A., to the pastorate of Chalmers church, was celebrated last Sabbath by special services, which, notwithstanding unfavorable weather, were largely attended. Rev. Principal Seringer, D.D., who preached in the evening, said that in these days there were many gospels abroad in the world, many messages that were proclaimed loudly as means of lifting up mankind—sanitation, education, a change in the constitution of society, socialism. These were all external, helpful if you will. But there was something more fundamental; we must have better men and women, and the one thing all history had revealed as capable of accomplishing that was the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The success and progress observable in the work of the Christian Church, Dr. Seringer remarked, was a matter for rejoicing. That congregation was to be congratulated upon the work done among the people for years, and the pastor was to be congratulated that God had bestowed upon him health and strength, in some measure, to continue so long in it, and they trusted that he might be spared for many years of active and useful service. And as he went forward again in the work, should he not be able to count, even more heartily than before, upon their support, sympathy and assistance. Only in the measure in which he received that would he be able to feel that his work was truly successful, and be able to take courage and go forward. Rev. Dr. Mossatt preached in the morning and in the afternoon there was a service in the Sunday school, at which addresses were delivered by Rev. W. R. Cruikshank and others. At a congregational gathering held in Chalmers church on Friday evening Mr. Heine was presented, and half of the members sang a hymn, and a beautiful cut glass salad dish, in a silver-mounted case, and Mrs. Heine with a magnificent bouquet of roses.