

## Church News

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### MONTREAL NOTES.

At a special meeting of the General Committee of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society, held on Friday afternoon last, the Rev. Thos. Bennett, of Taylor Church, was elected to the position of Travelling Secretary, in room of the Rev. A. Gomery, resigned. The meeting was an unusually large one; there were some thirty candidates for the position, but Mr. Bennett received a majority of votes on the first ballot. The salary attached to the office is \$1,200 per annum, with an allowance not exceeding \$250 more for expenses. Mr. Bennett will enter upon his duties in the beginning of the year, and in the meantime will resign the charge of Taylor Church, which he has held for the past twelve years. During that time the Church has grown from an augmented charge to a position of self-support, and has erected a new place of worship of much larger size on a better site. There is no doubt Mr. Bennett will put the same energy and zeal into the work of his new and responsible position. He is already well acquainted with a large part of the field in which his work is to lie.

Thanksgiving day was well observed on Thursday last by the Protestant population. Services were held in most of the churches, attended by good congregations, which gave liberal collections usually for some charitable object.

Arrangements are now completed for the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the completion of the Shorter Catechism as the next meeting of Presbytery. There are to be three evening meetings in Crescent street Church. On the first evening, Dec. 14th, Dr. Robert Campbell will speak on the "Historical Setting of the Westminster Assembly" and Principal MacVicar on the "Distinctive Features of the Westminster Standards." On the second evening Dr. Scrimger will speak on the "Catholicity of Presbyterianism" and the Rev. P. H. Hutchinson, of Huntingdon, on the "Influence of the Shorter Catechism on Character." On the third evening, Dr. Moore, of Ottawa, the Moderator of the General Assembly, will speak on "The Presbyterian Form of Church Government," the Rev. A. J. Mowat on the "Presbyterian Form of Worship," and the Rev. W. T. Herridge on "The Future of Presbyterianism."

On Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, the ladies of Knox Church held a sale of work in aid of the Building Fund of the Church, and realized the handsome sum of \$400. The debt on this church is being steadily provided for by annual payments of premiums on life insurance policies on a number of the members. There will fall due in ten years from present date. When these are paid over only a small amount will remain to be provided for.

### GENERAL.

The Presbytery of Quebec has sustained a call from Sawyerville to Mr. P. W. Gilmour, licentiate.

Rev. Dr. Buchanan left last week for his field of labor in India. Mrs. Buchanan and family will remain in Galt for a time.

The W. F. M. S., of Zion Church, Carleton Place, held their annual thank-offering meeting on Wednesday evening 10th inst. Mrs. W. A. Paterson in the chair. The attendance was large and the proceedings interesting. The proceeds of the offering including the collection amounted to \$168.

The anniversary services of the First Presbyterian Church, in Port Hope, were conducted on Sabbath, Nov. 21st, by the Rev. Dr. McTavish, of the Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto. Large audiences were present, when two most excellent, earnest, and practical discourses were delivered, which were greatly enjoyed.

The harvest home services held in the Central Presbyterian church, Inuvik, on Nov. 14th and 15th, were of a particularly interesting character, the floral decorations being very fine. On Sabbath the pastor, Rev. W. McConnell, who has been connected

with this charge for twenty six years, was ably assisted by Rev. J. R. S. Barnett of Alliston. His addresses both morning and evening were able expositions of the great truths which the Old Testament symbolized, and were listened to by large and appreciative audiences. At the social gathering on the following evening the attendance was large and the programme excellent. The clergymen of the different denominations of the neighborhood were present and delivered instructive addresses.

The anniversary service and tea meeting in connection with Knox church, Pilot Mound, Man., held on Nov. 21st and 22nd, were most successful in every way. The sum of \$170 was raised for the church debt which is now entirely removed. Rev. Mr. Fraser, of Morris, preached at both services on Sabbath, and had large audiences. The Rev. Mr. McKeith delivered his lecture on "Chinese Gordon" to a full house on Monday evening.

At a meeting held recently at Emsdale it was unanimously decided that the interests of the Church would be best served by the formation of a new Presbytery in Parry Sound district this district at present being a part of Barrie Presbytery. The new Presbytery would contain four self-sustaining and one augmented congregations, seven fields having ordained missionaries and nineteen groups of stations supplied by students and catechists.

The New Book of Praise was introduced in St. Andrew's Church, Three Rivers, on Sabbath, Nov. 14. At the conclusion of the sermon (which was on Praise) the pastor, Rev. J. H. MacLeod, gave the history of the book, and spoke of its contents and arrangement. As to the "Amen" he held its use was Presbyterian, appropriate, Scriptural. In answer to the claim put forward by some to the effect that its use savors of Catholicism or Anglicanism, he replied that even if that were so, it should not be rejected if it is right and good to use it.

The revival meetings in the Presbyterian Church at Cotswald closed Friday evening, Nov. 19th, after continuing for four weeks, they were conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. Edmison, assisted by the Rev. T. W. Mitchell, of Thorold. On the whole they were well attended, especially during the last week, and many were brought to take a decided stand for Christ. Mr. Mitchell is an able evangelist, who, avoiding all sensational methods, calculated to work on the feelings seeks to make the way of salvation clear. As a result of the meetings, twenty-nine names were added to the communion roll.

All the services in connection with the opening of the new Presbyterian church at Moleworth were crowded to overflowing, in spite of the wet weather. The services were conducted by Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, B. A., of Guelph, and Rev. Wm. Cooper, B. A., of Listowel. The tea meeting was also largely attended, the speakers being Revs. West, of Bluevale, Kenner, of Trowbridge, and Cooper, of Listowel, in addition to the pastor, Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, who was chairman. The proceeds of the Sabbath collections were \$97 and the tea-meeting \$107. The church building is a handsome structure substantially built of brick on a stone foundation. It has a seating capacity for four hundred and fifty and cost \$3,500.

The twenty-second anniversary of College street Presbyterian Church, Toronto, was celebrated last Sabbath. At the morning service the Rev. John Neil was the preacher, and his eloquent discourse was heard by a large congregation. Rev. Wm. Patterson, pastor of Cooke's Church, preached in the afternoon on "Obstacles on the Road." His text was "Hast thou found me, O my enemy?" 1 Kings, xxx. 20. Elijah confronted the recent King Ahab. At the evening service, Rev. A. J. Macdonald, preached. The large and efficient choir of the Church rendered appropriate selections at all the services. The collections at all services were large and will be used for the reduction of the Church debt.

The Presbytery of Sangren met in the Presbyterian Church, Arthur, on Tuesday, November 16, at 10 o'clock, to prepare for the induction of Mr. Patterson to the Arthur and Gordonville mission. After hearing Mr. Patterson, the Presbytery again

met at 2 p. m. for his ordination and induction. Rev. E. Edmison, the Moderator of the Presbytery, presided, Rev. Mr. Hanna preached, Rev. Mr. Aull addressed the young clergyman and Rev. Mr. Dobson the audience. A largely attended reception was held in the evening when tea was served by the ladies and addresses were delivered by the visiting clergymen. An encouraging feature of the evening for the young pastor was the presentation to him of the first quarter salary in advance. Rev. Mr. Edmison was also paid \$15 for services during the vacancy.

The Rev. A. Leo, B. A., of Prince Albert, attended the late meeting of the Synod of Manitoba and the North West, which convened at Winnipeg. An idea of the great extent of the Synod is given when we learn that Mr. Leo and his elder, Mr. J. M. Taggart travelled going and returning to the Synod, a distance of over 1,100 miles. Mr. Leo occupied the pulpit of Westminster Church, Winnipeg, on the evening of Sabbath, Nov. 11, and preached with much acceptance from the text "Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound" Rev. W. S. Moore, our Foreign Missionary on the Mistawasis Reserve, near Prince Albert, at the meeting of the Synod in Winnipeg, gave a most interesting account of the progress of the Indian. He said the time would yet come when our Indian Missions would be handed over to the care of Home Missions, so rapidly are the Indians, in some places being evangelized.

### PRESBYTERY OF ORANGEVILLE.

This Presbytery met on Nov. 9th at Orangeville; Mr. Harriston, Moderator, in the chair.

Liberty was given to the Priceville congregation to sell their old manse.

Mr. Hudson's resignation of the pastoral charge of the congregations of Maxwell, McIntyre and Faversham was accepted, to take effect Nov. 30th. Mr. Hudson purposes retiring after being forty seven years in the ministry. Mr. Davey, of Maple Valley, was appointed interim Moderator, and will preach in these stations on Dec. 5th and declare the pulpit vacant.

Mr. McKenzie resigned his position as Convener of the Augmentation Committee and Mr. Bell was appointed in his place.

As Mr. Mahaffy, student, has left Caledon East and St. Andrew's, Caledon, Mr. Orr was instructed to secure a student for the winter, and failing that to have these stations supplied from Knox College.

Mr. Farquharson reported absent the work of the Sabbath School Committee of our Church.

Moved by Mr. Fawcett, seconded by Mr. Bell, and agreed, that the Sabbath Schools of the Presbytery be urged to adopt and use our own Sabbath School Hymns.

At the request of the people of Ballinacald and M'ville church, Mr. Fawcett was instructed to moderate in a call at these stations when they are prepared.

Messrs. Farquharson, Matheson and McKenzie were appointed to arrange an exchange by the ministers of Presbytery in order to impress the people of the neces-

### A MINISTER'S STATEMENT

Rev. C. H. Smith of Plymouth, Conn., Gives the Experience of Himself and Little Girl in a Trying Season. What He Depends Upon.

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