

Church News

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MONTREAL NOTES.

The call from Streetville to the Rev. G. C. Pidgeon, of Montreal West, was dealt with at a special meeting of Presbytery on Monday morning, the 21st ult. As was expected Mr. Pidgeon accepted the call and the translation was granted. The representatives of the congregation were:—Dr. Kelley, Messrs F. Gunzinger, Percival and Millen. Feeling that it was useless to oppose the translation they took advantage of the opportunity to bear the very strongest testimony to the character of Mr. Pidgeon's work among them both as a preacher and as a pastor. Nothing could have been heartier or more appreciative than their language. It will not be easy to replace the parting minister, and the congregation that secures his services is much to be congratulated. The Rev. S. J. Taylor was appointed Moderator of the Session and authorized to Moderate in a call whenever the congregation is ready.

The Executive Committee of the Montreal Presbyterian Sabbath School Association held a most interesting and profitable meeting on Tuesday evening, the 22nd ult., at the residence of the President, Mr. David Morrice. About thirty were present. Upwards of two hours were spent in hearing reports from the schools, especially the smaller outlying ones which had most difficulties to contend with, and in discussing the various features of the work that were incidentally brought out. Amid some discouragements there was abundant evidence of the excellent work being done in the schools. Taking them as a whole there was never probably a time when they were in a more satisfactory condition than at the present. The staff of teachers is excellent and the schools are much better equipped than ever before. It was especially gratifying to find that the additional demand for teachers on account of the Chinese work had been well met and that these schools were in a hopeful condition. In one of them averaging an attendance of about thirty, no fewer than seven had made a profession of the Christian faith. The meeting was brought to a close by a brief address from Pres. MacVicar who called attention to the aid rendered to the cause of religious instruction by the Protestant Public Schools of the city, in which the Bible is both read and studied systematically under the guidance of teachers who were almost without exception heartily in sympathy with such instruction. The dual system of the Province has some very obvious disadvantages, but one of the counter-balance advantages is that religious and moral instruction gets its legitimate place in the curriculum of every school.

The Rev. W. S. McTavish, of Deseronto, paid a visit to the City last week and addressed the students of the Presbyterian

College on the organization of Young People's Societies in mission fields, at the request of the Assembly's Committee in charge of that work. At the close of the address the students passed a resolution thanking him for the same and pledging themselves to use their best endeavors to start such societies in their fields wherever possible.

A. T. Taylor, the prominent architect is giving a course of lectures at the present time to the students of the college on "Ecclesiastical Architecture."

The library of the College has just received a large collection of theological books numbering about 310 volumes, from the heirs of the late Rev. Wm. McAlister, of Melville.

A successful concert was held last Tuesday evening in the Maisonneuve Town Hall, for the benefit of the Presbyterian church there. This congregation is making good progress considering the extent of the Protestant population in the district. The Rev. W. M. MacKeracher, the missionary in charge, has fully gained the confidence of the people and they have asked that he be re-appointed for another year.

Rev. A. J. Mowatt, of Eureka church, preached in the Mountain St. Methodist church, on the 20th ult., at the morning service, on the occasion of its anniversary. The storm somewhat interfered with the attendance, but his sermon was much appreciated by those who were there. His own pulpit was supplied by Dr. Springer.

The new Presbyterian church at Curry Hill, in the Presbytery of Glengarry, will be formally opened on March 6th. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. Smith, of Kingston. He will also give a lecture for the benefit of the building fund on the 4th.

The Rev. D. Stewart, of Danbar, O., has accepted the call to Laguna and Fort Lewis, in the Presbytery of Montreal. His induction will be arranged for at the next regular meeting on the 6th inst.

GENERAL.

The Presbyterians of Manitoba are making a special effort to increase the Home Mission Fund.

Rev. A. McNabb, pastor at Whitechurch and Langside, has resigned and is to leave in the near future.

Rev. R. J. M. Glenford, pastor of Chalmers' church, Guelph, is suffering from a mild attack of diphtheria.

Rev. P. Fleming, of Harrowmith, has been presented with a purse by the members of his Wilton congregation.

Rev. C. W. Gordon, of Winnipeg, is this week visiting mission stations in the province in the interest of Home Mission work.

Rev. A. R. Linton, of Port Credit has been presented with an address and a well filled purse by the members of his congregation.

Rev. A. Stewart, Clinton, conducted anniversary services at Chisholm on Sunday, Feb. 20th, Rev. Mr. Murton, of Exeter, taking Mr. Stewart's work.

Rev. J. W. MacMillan, pastor of St. Andrew's church, Lindsay, is giving a series of very interesting Sunday evening lectures on "Abraham, the Friend of God."

Rev. J. S. Scott, who has been lecturing at Queen's College for some weeks past, occupied his own pulpit at Hespeler, on Sabbath, Feb. 20th, and was warmly welcomed by the congregation.

At a joint meeting of the congregations of St. Columbia church, Pricoville, and St. Andrew's, Swinton Park, held at Pricoville Feb. 21st, a unanimous call was extended to Rev. John A. Matheson of Calodon.

The mission stations of Berriedale and Elh, which have formerly been without church services during the winter months, will hereafter have an afternoon service every two weeks, when Rev. Jas. Carwell, of Burk's Falls, will preach.

Rev. Dr. Milligan, of Old St. Andrew's church, Toronto, preached in St. Paul's church, Hamilton, on Sunday last, the occasion being the first anniversary of Rev. Neil McPherson's induction. Mr. McPherson occupied the pulpit of Old St. Andrew's

The late Rev. G. M. Clark, of Halifax, left bequests to the funds of the Church as follows: Trinidad College, to aid in the education of a native ministry, \$1,000; Presbyterian College, Halifax, \$1,000; Foreign Missions, New Hebrides, \$500; Aged Ministers' Fund West, \$500; Foreign Missions, Formosa, \$500.

Rev. Mr. Tarrayon was ordained at Dominion City, Friday Feb. 18th, and inducted into the spiritual charge of the Presbyterian congregation of that town. Rev. Jos. Hogg and Rev. Mr. Duval, of Winnipeg, conducted the ceremonies of ordination and induction, and delivered addresses appropriate to the occasion.

The congregation of St. Andrew's church Kingston, have just celebrated the eighth anniversary of the opening of the church. Rev. Dr. Moore, of Ottawa, preached, and delivered eloquent sermons, taking as his text in the morning 1 Tim. iv. 9, and in the evening Rom. xii. 1. Special offerings in aid of the Building Fund reached nearly one thousand dollars.

Rev. Donald Guthrie, pastor of Knox church, Walkerton, has tendered his resignation. It is his intention to remain in the Southern States, where he is at present, having gone South on account of Mrs. Guthrie's health. Mrs. Guthrie has already improved much since the change. Mr. Guthrie had three months leave of absence, but has decided to remain South. They are at present in Richmond, Va. His resignation will be dealt with by the Presbytery at the meeting in Paisley on March 1st.

The ordination and induction of Rev. W. G. Bach over the united congregations of Shawville, Starks Corners and Portage du Fort, took place in Shawville on Thursday, Feb. 17th, at 2 p.m. Rev. T. A. Nelson, of Bristol, presided, Rev. Wm. Black, of Campbell's Bay, preached the sermon, Rev. Geo. Crombie, of Fort Coulonge, addressed the minister, Rev. J. McNicol, of Aymer, addressed the congregation. The call to Mr. Bach on the part of the congregation was very hearty and unanimous. The reverend gentleman enters upon his field of labor with bright prospects.

The Bridgton Presbyterian church has been the recipient of the sum of one hundred dollars from the estate of Mr. James Shaw which has been forwarded to the Boards of Home Missions and Foreign Missions. Mr. Shaw came to Canada from Inverness, Scotland, many, many years since. As a member of the Presbyterian Church, his life was that of a consistent Christian, a regular attendant of divine service, simple in his habits, courteous in his manner and hospitable to his friends. When death came at quite an advanced age—calmly and peacefully he passed away.

A movement is under way in Manitoba to petition the local legislature for a Lord's Day Act similar to the one in force in the other Provinces. Rev. Dr. Duval, of Knox church, Winnipeg, drew the attention of his congregation to the matter on a recent Sabbath, and preached a sermon from Ezekiel xx. 12, 20: "Moreover, also, I gave them my Sabbath's, etc." Dr. Duval spoke of the need of such an act, and expressed the hope that it might soon come into force. In conclusion the doctor appealed for a domestic influence that mothers might bring up their children to a sweet and holy reverence for the Sabbath.

The annual meeting of the Brockville Presbyterian of the W.F.M.S. was held on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 14th and 15th. The Treasurer's statement showed that the auxiliaries had contributed \$1,250.00, and the mission bands \$176.21, making a total of \$1,426.21. The balance on hand was \$1,412.85 of which \$1,400 will be forwarded to the General Society. Clothing valued at \$75 had been sent to the North West. The Secretary reported that one new auxiliary had been started during the year, and five juvenile mission bands. There are now 30 auxiliaries and 15 mission bands with a membership of 772 in the Presbytery. Two life members have been added during the year. Many helpful addresses were given by the officers and by visiting clergymen, that by the president being particularly interesting. Rev. D. Strachan, of Brockville, at the closing meeting reviewed the Anniversary Outlook, which he considered very hopeful.

Clergyman's Statement

Nerve Strength Gained by Taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

BRIGHTON, IOWA. Rev. Bernard M. Shulick of this place, owing to weakness of the nerves, was for a time unable to attend to his duties. He makes this statement: "I have suffered for a long time from weak nerves. After I had taken a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla I became quite well again. The weakness of the nerves has now wholly disappeared and I am able to attend to my duties again. I am therefore grateful to Hood's Sarsaparilla and I recommend it to everyone who suffers from weak nerves."

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