

MONTREAL

Thanksgiving Day will be observed by services in the Episcopal churches.

A scheme is on foot to establish a hospital at Point St. Charles.

Many of the churches held their Thanksgiving services last Sunday.

The Rev. Prof. Scrimger, D.D., preached in the Maisonneuve Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening.

The Rev. J. L. George, M.A., lectured in his own church last Friday evening on "Across the Great Pond."

Knox Church choir provided the programme of a concert at the Sailors' Institute last week.

The Ladies' Aid of Chalmers Church gave their annual concert last evening (Tuesday). The programme was choice.

The W.P.D.C.T.C.A.A. will hold its annual field day on October 24. This will be the first field day of the association.

A few of the Presbyterian churches will hold service on Thursday morning. In a number of the churches Thanksgiving concerts will be given in the evening.

At the close of the evening service in the Maisonneuve Church last Sunday, a congregational meeting was held for the election of three elders. Mr. Palmer, Mr. A. Leney and Dr. Kerr were chosen.

The Corporation of McGill University met last week and heard the annual report. The number of students in attendance in each of the faculties is large, and compares favorably with former years.

W.P.D.C.T.C.A.A. is, being interpreted, The Wesleyan, Presbyterian, Diocesan and Congregational Theological Colleges Athletic Association. This association is presumably amateur, although that fact is not specified in the letters which indicate the title.

The Rev. Adam Murrman was on Thursday evening last installed as pastor of Zion Congregational Church. Before the installation service a council of Congregational pastors of the city, together with a lay representative from each church, was held to formally consider and approve of the call.

Dr. Peterson expects that Lord Strathcona will be home about Christmas to formally hand over the Royal Victoria College to the University, and to assist in unveiling the statue of Her Majesty. The Royal Victoria College for Women will become a constituent part of the University, and will, as soon as the constitution is effected, rank jointly with the faculty of arts as one of the faculties of the University.

The McGill University annual sports were held last Saturday, and in the large crowd of spectators were observed many of the city ministers. Mr. Morrow, of the Presbyterian College, was the only Theological College athlete entered. He won two of the chief events amid great enthusiasm. The Rev. Prof. Coueslat, D.D., who had the gratification of seeing his son win the one mile bicycle race, the Rev. Dr. Barclay, and the Rev. James Patterson, were present.

Last week the death occurred at their home on Lower Lachine road of Mr. John Fraser and his wife. They were among the oldest settlers. Mr. Fraser having been born at his late home in 1820. Mrs. Fraser died on Monday and Mr. Fraser followed her on Thursday. They were members of St. Andrew's Church, and the Rev. Dr. Hill conducted the funeral services. The late Mr. Hugh Fraser, who founded the Fraser Institute, was a brother of the deceased gentleman.

The congregation of Taylor Church celebrated the fifth anniversary of the opening of the new church by holding special services on Sunday. The Rev. Dr. Warriner, of the Congregational College preached at the morning service, and the Rev. A. J. Mowatt, of Erskine Church, preached in the evening. Under the pastorate of the Rev. W. D. Reid, this congregation has continued to grow. The growth has been rapid and evident. Since Mr. Reid's induction in June of last year, one hundred and seventy-one members have been added to the congregation, making the total number of communicants now four hundred and eleven.

On Thursday and Friday of last week the Provincial Teachers' Association held its convention. About three hundred and forty teachers were in attendance, and a lively interest was shown in the meeting. Many papers were read, which had been prepared with great care, and which were helpful. At the social feature of the convention on Thursday evening in the High School, the Rev. Principal MacVicar, D.D., Chairman of the Montreal Protestant School Board of School Commissioners, spoke of the desirability of

raising the standard of teaching in the Province, and also the qualifications of the teachers.

The Presbyterian Association met in the parlor of Stanley Street Church on Monday morning. Among those present were the Rev. Doctors MacVicar, Amaron and Thomson, and the Rev. Messrs. Fleck, Dewey, Mowatt, George, Patterson, King, Duclos and Bruneau. The Rev. R. P. Duclos was elected President and the Rev. J. L. George Secretary. During the winter it was proposed to consider the following subjects: "Systematic Benevolence and the Century Fund," "The Washington Presbyterian Council," and "Ministers' Week's Work," and also to hold conferences for the discussion of the subjects, "Work and Worship in the Twentieth Century," and "The Protestant non-church going population of Montreal."

QUEBEC

Next meeting of Quebec Presbytery will be held at Richmond, on 12th December.

Arrangements were made at last meeting of Quebec Presbytery for the ordination of Messrs. E. Curly and J. Rey. Licentiate, for French work within the bounds; and it was decided to continue the election of commissioners to the General Assembly by rotation.

The Presbytery of Quebec expressed their approval of the reduction of grants to French congregations and preaching stations as fast and as largely as circumstances and the interests of the work will permit, but disapproved of the adoption of a fixed rate of reduction to be enforced in such case.

At last meeting of Quebec Presbytery, encouraging openings in French work were reported from St. Cyrien and Grande Mere, and the following appointments were made for English mission fields, viz.: Rev. A. O. MacLae, Ph.D., to take Megantic; Rev. C. E. Dobbs, to Scotstown; Rev. G. F. Walker, to Valcartier; and Mr. Wm. Miller, to East Angus and Dadsweil.

The Rev. Dr. Campbell, Moderator of the General Assembly, Agent for the Century Fund, was heard by Quebec Presbytery in relation to that fund. The Presbytery cordially thanked Dr. Campbell and pledged themselves to aid him in the great undertaking.

For the better working of the scheme within the bounds, the Presbytery was divided into six groups of congregations and stations. The following are the conveners of the respective groups: Quebec group, Rev. D. Tait; Three Rivers group, Rev. J. R. McLeod; Inverness group, Rev. J. M. Whitelaw; Richmond group, Rev. Dr. Kellack; Sherbrooke group, Rev. W. Shearer; Compton County group, Rev. J. M. MacLennan.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

A moderation in a call to St. David's Church will be held shortly.

Rev. P. K. McRae, of Earlton, has accepted the call to Baddeck Forks.

Rev. J. D. McGillivray is supplying Dufferin Mines.

The Presbytery of Truro will hold a S.S. convention at Lower Steviacke, on November 21st.

A new church was dedicated at Cleveland, C.B., on the 8th inst. Rev. A. McMillan is pastor.

Rev. E. Scott, editor of the Record, preached to his old congregation in New Glasgow last Sabbath.

Rev. J. F. McCurdy, of New Richmond, lost his barn and its contents by fire while attending the meeting of Synod.

The N.B. Sunday School Association held its convention at St. Stephen this week. Mr. Alfred Day, of Toronto, is expected to be present.

The new Presbyterian Church at Chipman, N.B., was opened on October 1st by Rev. J. M. Robinson, of Antigonish. By the help of "Century Fund" enthusiasm it is hoped that the debt will be paid off in two years. Rev. D. Clark is pastor.

The oldest minister in the Maritime Provinces is the Rev. James Bennet, D.D., of St. John. He was ordained on July 16th, 1842. So far as the list published goes he is also the "Father of the Presbyterian Church in Canada."

The Provincial S.S. Association of P.E.I. was held last week. Prof. Hammill was in attendance. Prof. Hammill says that Presbyterians in Canada do not lead in Sunday school work as they do everywhere in the States.

OTTAWA

Thanksgiving service in Bank Street Church will be conducted by Rev. Thurlow Fraser; and the children's service next Sunday by Rev. Rae, of Toronto Junction.

Last Sabbath was Children's Day at Stewart Church, when the pastor, Rev. R. Herblison preached a practical discourse, illustrating his remarks by means of charts and objects. The church was beautifully decorated with grain, fruit and flowers.

Rev. Robt. Badie, of Bethany Church, preached a sermon brimful of patriotism last Sabbath morning. In the present war, he said, Britain was quite justified. He deprecated the idea that the war was forced by England in order to satiate a greed for territory. He was sorry to see the outbreak, but hoped for and prophesied the triumph of the British arms.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

A successful social was given by the Ladies' Aid of the Gleebe Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, October 12, at the residence of Mrs. C. M. Woodburn. The pastor, Rev. J. H. W. Milne, occupied the chair. A large sum was realized by the event, which will be devoted to purchasing a new furnace.

The Provincial W.C.T.U. Convention meetings at Ormstown last week were decidedly successful. They were held in the McDougall Hall, which was well filled at all the evening sessions. The speakers were Mrs. Sanderson, the President; Miss Eysart, of California; Mrs. Edwards, of Montreal; Mrs. Nutting, Mrs. Dunsmore, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Craig, and Miss Dougall.

Rev. W. S. MacTavish, B.D., of Deseronto, conducted services in the church at Burnbrae on the 15th inst. The large congregation listened with closest attention to the practical and earnest exposition of the Word. The contributions were very liberal, and will assist materially in clearing off the small debt which still remains upon the Church. During the eight years which Rev. John Moore, B.A., has been laboring at Burnbrae he has become very strongly entrenched in the affections of his congregation.

Special services in connection with the reopening of Knox Church, Black's Corners, Renfrew County, were held on Sunday. The day was fine and large congregations were present at both services, which were highly successful. The Rev. Dr. Smith, of Queen's University, Kingston, conducted the services and delivered an eloquent and impressive sermon. The recent improvements to the church consist of new stained glass windows, new doors, new pews, carpets, pulpit, and upholstered pulpit chairs, all of which gave a fine appearance to the interior of the church. The congregation has been making progress of late and deserves congratulation.

NORTHERN ONTARIO.

The Rev. J. L. Robertson, of Merriton, preached in the Presbyterian Church, Orillia, on Sunday evening, October 8. He is pastor of the church which was destroyed over a year ago and is endeavoring to raise sufficient money to replace it. A considerable sum was subscribed by Orillia Presbyterians.

The convention of the Barrie Presbyterial W.F.M. Society, held on October 4, was the most successful in the history of the organization. The reports concerning the different branches of the work were all very satisfactory; especially encouraging was the treasurer's report, showing that more than the amount required had been raised. This meeting will doubtless prove a stimulus to the different societies.

At the annual meeting of the Bradford Auxiliary, W.F.M.S., held October 19, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. A. McLean; first vice-president, Mrs. Jas. Faris; second vice-president, Mrs. E. Garrett; recording secretary, Miss Ada Faris; assistant secretary, Miss L. Moore; treasurer, Miss P. Henderson; corresponding secretary, Miss J. Henderson. The annual thank-offering meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening, Oct. 24th, when Rev. Mr. Pogue, of Stayner, will deliver an address.

Rev. M. H. McIntosh, retiring pastor of the Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver, has been tendered a farewell social by the members of the choir and congregation.

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