

Church News

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Montreal Notes.

Among the recent arrivals from Britain were the Rev. Murdock MacKenzie and Mrs. MacKenzie of the Honan Mission. They have been spending a few weeks in Scotland especially in the Highlands where Mr. MacKenzie had frequent opportunities of preaching and presenting his work. They will remain for a few days in Montreal, the guests of Mr. David Yule, after which Mr. MacKenzie will visit congregations in the interest of the Foreign Mission Fund as may be arranged by the Committee. He will speak in several of the city churches and at one or two points in the neighborhood before going to Toronto. He is looking well and will no doubt give a good account of himself wherever he appears, but it is to be hoped the Committee will not work him too hard and destroy the value of his furlough, as they may be tempted to do in the present state of the fund.

At a missionary service in Erskine church last Sunday evening a short address was given by Mr. R. M. Hobson, a grandson of Dr. Robert Morrison, the first Protestant missionary to China. He afterwards addressed the Chinese Mission School held in Knox Church, expressing his delight at the great interest taken by the churches here in that work and encouraging the workers. Owing to the fluctuating character of the Chinese population in the city—the numbers in attendance at these schools varies a good deal from time to time, but there were upwards of eighty Chinamen present on Sunday evening. Sometimes there have been over a hundred. Mr. Hobson's praise of the zeal of the teachers in these schools is fully deserved. One lady who has her full share of other duties teaches in two schools meeting at different hours on Sunday, three that meet on week evenings and not infrequently has a class in her own home during the forenoon. She could hardly do more if she were a foreign missionary. If the readiness with which teachers have offered themselves for this work is any indication of the missionary spirit that is being developed in our churches especially among the young then there need be no fear for the support of the mission in the future. It is noteworthy also that little objection has come to this effort from any quarter inside the Church. The effort cannot fail to produce good results both here and in China, whether most of them sooner or later return.

The professors and students in the College were greatly saddened last week by the death after a few days illness of Mr. I. T. Stewart, a candidate for the Presbyterian ministry, attending the second year in the University. The immediate cause was the rupture of a blood vessel leading to internal hemorrhage which the best skill of the surgeons in the Royal Victoria Hospital failed to check. He belonged to Atholstone in Huntingdon County. An impressive funeral service was held in the College conducted by Mr. Flock, his pastor in the city, and the professors before the remains were taken home for burial. The students both in Arts and Theology attended in a body and a deputation of their number went to Atholstone to represent them there. Mr. Stewart was a student of manly character and of considerable promise who was highly appreciated by those who knew him best.

At a social meeting held in Chalmers' church on Tuesday evening, Nov. 17th, the pastor Rev. Mr. Heine was presented with a handsome silk pulpit gown by the ladies of the congregation. Mr. Heine has just completed the fifteenth year of his pastorate in the church and by his successful administration has well deserved this mark of their appreciation.

The Rev. S. Rondeau who for several years back has been settled at Sudbury in the Algoma district has returned to French work and has been for the present appointed to the charge of the St. Jean Baptiste Mission in Montreal rendered vacant by the re-

moval of Mr. E. H. Brandt to the Pointe-aux-Trembles schools. This mission which was begun a number of years ago by the Students' Missionary Society is one of the most promising fields in the Province. His past experience in the work ought to enable him to carry it on here with prudence and success.

General.

Cheltenham and Mt. Pleasant Presbyteries, Orangeville, have extended a call to S. O. Nixon, a late graduate of Knox College.

On the 24th inst. Rev. Frank Davey was inducted to the pastorate of Maple Valley Singshampton Presbytery of Orangeville, as ordained missionary for two years.

A number of the Kildonan congregation assembled at the Presbyterian Manse, and presented Rev. Mr. McKinley with an address, accompanied by a well filled purse.

Union Thanksgiving services of the Baptist, Methodists and Presbyterian congregations will D. V. be conducted in the Presbyterian church, Kemptville on National Thanksgiving day, 26th inst.

Knox Church, St. Thomas, Ont. extended an unanimous call to the Rev. D. J. Fraser, Montreal, to become their pastor. The stipend is \$1,800. Mr. Fraser was born in Prince Edward Island, and comes from a noted family of Presbyterian ministers.

A reception was recently given Rev. Mr. Childerhose, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Parry Sound, and his bride, by the members of the Church and congregation. Congratulatory addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Evans, Rev. Mr. Rupert, Rev. Mr. Caird, and Mr. W. Beatty. A very pleasant evening was spent.

The Y. P. S. C. E. Kemptville has put into the manse a coal furnace costing \$90.00. To help pay for the same they held a concert in the L. O. F. Hall on Friday 13th inst. Leading friends from other denominations in the village gave kindly aid also Rev. D. G. S. Connery, Winchester, gave some excellent renderings. Some \$42.00 were taken in.

Cooke's Church, Toronto, was crowded to the doors on Sabbath evening, Nov. 15. The pastor, Rev. Wm. Patterson, preached a soul-stirring sermon on "The Two First Young Men" (Cain and Abel). In announcing his Bible class he stated that during the winter he would devote half of the time to the lesson proper and the other half to the study of the great events of the Bible.

"The Congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church South St. Marie Ont., have presented their pastor, Rev. W. A. Duncan with a beautiful bicycle. In presenting it one good man remarked that the congregation wished to impart to their pastor's feet the swiftness of the roe. Their example is worthy of imitation. Let the wheels also be pressed into the Master's Service."

The Young People's Association of St. Andrew's Church, Gananoque, last week handed over to the trustees a little over \$200 to apply to the reduction of the church debt. The whole of the money raised by this society is devoted to that purpose and they have for the past few years been paying sums ranging from \$200 to \$300 and the debt of the church is now reduced to a small figure.

The Avondale Literary Society of Tilsonburg, held its opening meeting on Thursday, Nov. 19th, under favorable auspices. A scholarly and thoughtful inaugural address was delivered by the President, Mr. Lorne Livingstone, on "Canadian Literature." Mr. John Charlton, M. P., delivered a splendid lecture on "Canada, considered on the line of its history, resources, constitution and future."

Knox Church, Cornwall, is about to celebrate its Semi-Centennial. The Rev. James Fleck B. A. Moderator of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, is to conduct services there on Sunday 6th December, and speak on Monday evg., following at the church re-union. Other meetings will be held during the week, and the Communion dispensed on the Second Sunday 13th. Mr. Hastie has just completed his 13th year as pastor, which is the longest in the history

of the congregation. The annual thanksgiving service of the W. F. M. S. (St John's and Knox Union) held in Knox Church Cornwall was very gratifying to all. The chief address was given by the Rev. John McGillivray, B. D., of Westmount, Montreal, and was very able and interesting. His theme was, "Our Debt to Foreign Missions." He delivered it in three sections, with musical selections by the choir between. It is conceded that it was the best missionary address given in the church for a long time. The music was furnished by the joint choir of Knox Church and St John's, and was most appropriate and well rendered. The offering amounted to over \$130. The Rev. Mr. Hastie presided.

Sunday last was the 30th anniversary of Rev. A. McLean's pastorate in St Andrew's church here. In these days of change it is seldom that a minister retains his position in the church and the hearts of the members of his congregation as Mr. McLean has done. The text chosen for the morning service was Deut. 2, 7, "The Lord thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand." The Communion roll shows a yearly average net gain of about 100 members during the 30 years pastorate.

The Presbytery of Peterboro met in Hastings on Monday Nov. 9th, to consider the call to Rev. S. O. Nixon, of Hollen, from Havelock congregation. The call was signed by eighty members and sixty-one adherents and was sustained by the Presbytery. Should Mr. Nixon accept, the induction service will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 1st. Rev. Mr. Potter, of Peterboro, to preach, Rev. Mr. Somerville, of Norwood, to preside, Rev. Mr. Johnston, of Milbrook, will address the minister, Rev. Mr. Laird of Campbellford will address the people.

Rev. Louis H. Jordan and Mrs. Jordan gave a charming "At Home" on Wednesday evening Nov. 18th, to the members of the congregation in the pretty lecture hall of St. James' Square Church. Decorators had quite transformed the appearance of the audience room—flags, Chinese and Japanese lanterns, eastern rugs and draperies, banks of foliage plants, etc., lending an altogether gala look to everything. An orchestra, stationed in one of the little galleries, furnished abundance of music. The hosts of the evening began to receive their guests at 8 o'clock, and thereafter for about two hours they were continually surrounded by changing groups of friends, all of whom seemed to be thoroughly enjoying themselves.

Some four years ago, Frankie, the only living child of Rev. J. Madill, Bishop's Mills, Ont., was taken to the "Upper Fold," after eight years of bright winsome life. Recently a baby sister was sent to the manse, who on the 4th inst. was baptized, receiving the name Anna Benita Carlyle, at the service preparatory to the Lord's Supper Sabbath following. At these services the beautiful Communion Service and Baptismal Bowl, presented by Mrs. Madill to the congregation of East Oxford and Bishop's Mills, were used for the first time. Instead of placing an expensive monument at the grave of a loved child, Mrs. Madill took this mode of testifying her love to the Master, His Church and people, as well as perpetuating the memory of her child.

Presbytery of Huron.

This Presbytery met in Clinton on the 10th inst. Messrs. Musgrave and J. Hamilton B. A. were appointed to address the Annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society in January next. The Treasurer's book was audited and certified as correctly kept. The following is the deliverance on the "Remit on Uniformity of Public worship"—"approve of the first recommendation, but with regard to the other recommendations, suggest that great caution be taken in moving along the lines indicated." It was agreed to disapprove of a Board of Publication. Mr. Henderson of Hensall was heard on behalf of the Assembly's Foreign Mission Society, and this scheme was thereafter warmly commended to the liberality of the brethren and congregations. A resolution was passed expressing the sympathy of Presbytery with Messrs. J. A. Hamilton of