

MONTREAL AND QUEBEC.

Professor Charles Bieler, who was recently appointed to the chair of French literature at the Presbyterian College, and who arrived in Montreal a few weeks ago, has received news from Paris that he has been honored by the French government, which has conferred on him the distinction of "Officer d'Academie."

Communion was dispensed last Sunday morning in the Verdun church, the Rev. K. J. Macdonald, of St. Matthew's church, officiating. It was the largest communion service in the history of the church, and fifteen new members were added to the roll of membership. Rev. Drumm, the minister in charge of the field, is doing excellent work, and the interest is constantly growing.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Manse, Three Rivers, September 23rd, when Miss Helen R. MacLeod, youngest daughter of Rev. J. R. and Mrs. MacLeod, was married to Mr. J. D. MacNeill, of Vancouver, B.C. The ceremony was performed by the father of the bride. Miss Enid Baptist, of Three Rivers, was bridesmaid, and Mr. J. M. MacLeod, of Midland, Ont., was best man. The bride was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. T. Christie, of Lachine. Mr. and Mrs. MacNeill have left for Boston, Washington, New Orleans and San Francisco, thence to Vancouver, where they will reside.

A mass meeting was held in the Gault Institute, Valleyfield, in the interest of temperance. It was the largest gathering of the kind ever held in the city, and it indicated that the temperance sentiment has been growing. Rev. J. E. Duclos, B.A., who presided over the meeting, said that it was chiefly due to the education of the youth in the lines of temperance. Rev. Mr. Huxtable, secretary of the Dominion Alliance; Montreal, gave a vigorous and instructive address, which was much appreciated by the audience. Rev. John Scanlan and Rev. Mr. Asch also took part with much acceptance.

A highly successful harvest home festival, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, was held last week in the Cote des Neiges church, which was most artistically decorated with palms, autumn leaves, ivy and crimson berries. A bountiful supper was served in the basement, by the ladies. Afterwards the company adjourned upstairs to listen to an interesting lecture by Mr. Birch, on "Ghosts." The Rev. Mr. Steven followed with a short address. A vocal solo by Miss Helena Tait was beautifully rendered. A cleverly executed dialogue by Miss O. Bond and Miss E. Clendinning, and recitations by Miss Hayden, Miss Clendinning and Miss Myrtle Boa were much enjoyed and heartily applauded. The singing of the doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

Mere mention was made last week of the anniversary services in Chalmers church, Richmond, conducted by Rev. Dr. Kellock, so long the greatly beloved minister of the congregation, but now of Kinnear's Mills. The Guardian, just to hand, makes reference to the occasion in terms following: "At both morning and evening services Rev. Dr. Kellock delivered very eloquent addresses. The church presented a very attractive appearance, decorated as it was with beautiful cut flowers, palms, foliage and red berries. During the morning and evening services the choir rendered special music. At the evening service Mrs. H. E. Bieber and Mrs. Angus McCrae sang solos, which were very much appreciated by the large congregation present. The members of the Congregational and Methodist churches united with the Presbyterians for the evening service. The special anniversary collection was a good one.

QUEBEC.

The English River and Howick congregation recently presented their pastor, the Rev. J. M. Kellock, with a kindly-worded address and a purse of money, the address being read by Mr. James McKell, and the money handed to him by Mr. W. J. McClenaghan. After five years of successful and much appreciated work, Mr. Kellock is going to Elva, Man., from where he has received an unsolicited call. The best wishes and prayers of his late charge will follow him and his family to his new field of labor.

At the special meeting of Quebec Presbytery, held at Richmond on the 15th inst., to consider the call from Erekine church, Ottawa, to Rev. C. W. Nicol, of Sherbrooke, Dr. Ramsay, Ottawa, pleaded for Mr. Nicol's transfer in the name of the Presbytery of Ottawa, and Mr. J. Baxter for Erekine church. Messrs. Price and Edwards, representing Sherbrooke, spoke of the high esteem in which Mr. Nicol is held, and while deeply regretting his prospective removal would not oppose the call. Mr. Nicol accepted the call, and the Presbytery of Quebec agreed to his translation, to take effect on Oct. 28.

There was a good attendance at the first meeting of the Quebec Ministerial Association with Rev. Wylie C. Clark, as president in the chair. After devotional exercises, the reading of minutes, and the secretary-treasurer's annual statement, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Rev. J. A. MacFarlane, M.A.; vice-president, Rev. A. J. Lebeau; secretary-treasurer, Rev. E. J. Stone. The following essayists were appointed:—Rev. J. A. MacFarlane, Oct. 19th; Rev. E. P. H. King, Nov. 9th; Rev. Wylie C. Clark, Nov. 23rd. The Revs. E. P. H. King and Wylie C. Clark were appointed as a deputation to wait upon the Mayor in the interests of a better observance of the Lord's Day, as required by City By-law No. 249.

The Galt Reporter says: Rev. R. E. Knowles preached on Sabbath, 11th inst., in the Presbyterian church at Ramsey, of which the late Rev. Dr. J. K. Smith, pastor of Knox church, was the minister back in the fifties. At the close of the service Mr. Knowles requested any to stand who still remembered the ministry of Dr. Smith, and only one responded in all the large congregation present. Dr. Smith went from Ramsey to Brockville in 1856 and came from Brockville to Galt in 1865.

The important charge of Alvinston and Euphemia, in Sarnia Presbytery, is vacant by the removal of Rev. F. W. Mahaffy to Parry Sound. Alvinston is a village on the G.T.R. and M.C.R. of about one thousand, in an excellent farming district and having a number of thriving industries. There is a manse electric lighted and furnace heated. Rev. N. A. Campbell, Inwood, Ont., is interim moderator, and would be glad to hear from any who may desire a hearing.

Mr. H. B. Johnston, the student in charge of the Washago station during the past summer, left behind him many attached friends on his return to College work. The local correspondent of the Orillia Pocket says of him: Pains-taking and conscientious, and with exceptional ability, Mr. Johnston has laboured, and not in vain, to promote the welfare of the community at large. His efforts have not been purely spiritual alone, for he has entered into our sports and pleasures as well, and his tact has won for him hosts of friends, not least among whom might be mentioned the tourists who sojourn with us during the summer.

TORONTO.

The induction of Rev. Dr. Gandier as principal of Knox College, will take place on the afternoon of Thursday, 19th November, and a public meeting in connection with it will likely be held in Varsity convocation hall in the evening.

An English firm has been granted an option for the purchase of the site of Knox College for \$185,000, this price not to include the building or fence. Many citizens are of opinion that the site should have been purchased by the city for a park.

The Men's Bible class of Bloor Street Church last week presented Mr. Frank Zeish, the class teacher, with a dinner service as a token of the regard in which he is held by the many young men he has known, and in commemoration of his recent wedding.

The programme for the Laymen's Missionary Institute to be held in St. James' Square Church has been issued and is being sent broadcast throughout the province. The dates of meeting are Nov. 2nd and 3rd. Mr. J. Campbell White at 3 o'clock on Tuesday will conduct training institute into the way of launching the campaign in individual congregations. A mass meeting for men will be held in Evescator Bink 622 College street. Rev. Dr. Robt. Johnston, Montreal, and Mr. White will speak. The campaign now being carried on in the West is said to be meeting with large success.

Rev. J. W. H. Milne, B.A. of Ottawa, preached in the Deer Park Church last Sunday week and conducted communion services. The preparatory sermon was preached by Rev. G. R. Pecken.

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

Classes have begun at Manitoba College. The attendance of Arts students is very large, judged by all former years. In Theology, as usual, the classrooms are not crowded, but the quality is stated to be excellent.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of Stonewall church was observed last Sunday. The preacher was Rev. Dr. Pittblado of this city. An entertainment was given on Monday night at which some Winnipeg talent was heard with pleasure.

Rev. Dr. Parsons, of Toronto, has been giving a series of most interesting discourses on the "Dispensations of the Bible" to large audiences in Winnipeg on such themes as The Auld Shire, Restoration of Israel, The Importance of the Resurrection of Christ, The Divine Programme in this Age, and the Natl, etc.

On Tuesday afternoon, October 12th, the Presbytery of Rock Lake met in the Presbyterian church, Kew-Bank, and inducted Rev. Alex. Russell, late of Manchester, England, to the pastoral charge of that congregation and associate stations. Rev. Jno. A. Beattie, Miami, presided. Rev. F. J. Hartley, Kildare, in the absence of Rev. Dr. McEwen, whom Presbytery had appointed to preach, preached from the last three verses of the 91st Psalm. Rev. M. C. Rumball, Morden, addressed the minister, and Mr. Beattie the people.

The wedding took place in Halifax last week of Rev. George William Wilson, pastor of St. Andrew's church, Guelph, Ont., to Miss Annie, eldest daughter of Lieut.-Gov. D. C. Fraser. The ceremony was performed at the Government House by Rev. Dr. McCurdy, who married the bride's parents 30 years ago. The presents were very beautiful, including a grandfather's clock from Rev. Mr. Wilson's congregation.

France, Great Britain and Russia agreed to call a conference of the signatories of the Berlin treaty to preserve peace in the Balkans, and sent proposals to Turkey for the recognition of Bulgaria's independence.