

## Church News

[All communications to this column ought to be sent to the Editor immediately after the occurrences to which they refer have taken place.]

### Montreal Notes.

The resignation of the Rev. W. D. Reid, B. D., as pastor of Victoria Church having been accepted by the Presbytery, he preached his farewell sermon last Sabbath. His connection with the church has extended over a period of five years, but during the first two of these it was as a student missionary. It was only in 1893 that he was ordained as pastor. In the three years which have elapsed since then, some three hundred members have been received into the church, and about seven thousand dollars have been raised by ordinary methods of finance. The church is the only one in a district that is somewhat out of the residential part of the city by the Grand Trunk Railway yard and the canal, and it has gathered in the people of all denominations residing within these boundaries. It is exceedingly important that Mr. Reid's successor should be a man of prudence as well as vigor in order to hold these diverse elements together. Mr. Reid sails for Scotland about the middle of November, but he is likely to be heard of again in Canada if his life is spared.

Special services in memory of the late Dr. Smyth were held in Calvin Church last Sabbath, conducted in the morning by Prof. Scrimger, and in the evening by the Rev. W. R. Craikbank. Large congregations were present on both occasions.

The Rev. John McGillivray of Melville Church conducted the anniversary services last Sabbath in Bank street church, Ottawa. Dr. Moore availed himself of the opportunity to attend the sesqui-centennial celebration of Princeton University during the preceding week and renewed his acquaintance with his Alma Mater. Bank street, Ottawa, is one of the best organized and most prosperous churches in the Dominion and has a long bright future before it.

The Rev. John Nicholls of St. Mark's Church, who usually remains at his post summer and winter, has this autumn been persuaded to take a brief holiday. He has not been idle, however, but has been lecturing and preaching in several of the churches along the frontier. More especially he has lent his valuable aid at the anniversary services held in honor of Mr. Beatt's induction two years ago as minister of Rockburn and the Gore. These little congregations on the American boundary have shown commendable spirit and have made good progress under Mr. Beatt's pastorate. Among other things a vigorous Women's Missionary Auxiliary has been organized and good work is being done. One of the pleasing features of the anniversary services was a presentation of sons to Mr and Mrs. Beatt by the congregation.

The Rev. O. E. Gordon Smith, pastor of the congregation at Lancaster in connection with the Church of Scotland, who has been spending a few days in the city as the guest of his son, preached last Sabbath morning in Knox Church to a large congregation with much acceptance. In the evening he officiated for Mr. Heise in Chalmers' Church.

A convention for the deepening of spiritual life was held on the evenings of last week in Stanley street church. This bids fair to become an annual event and as was the case last year the meetings are being well attended. On Monday evening the Rev. T. S. McWilliams spoke on the "Personal Consciousness of Sin." On Tuesday evening Dr. Evans, of Emmanuel Church, and Dr. Dawson, of Olivet Baptist Church, gave addresses on "Victory over Sin." On Wednesday evening the subject was "Life in Christ Jesus," which was spoken to by the Rev. C. B. Ross, of Lachine, and Canon Dixon. The Thursday programme brought Sir William Dawson and the Rev. Prof. Warriner to discuss "The Power of the Holy Ghost for Christian Service"; and that of Friday, Dr. Antill and the Rev. E. Scott, to present the "Duty of Christians to the World at Home and Abroad." Suitable musical solos were rendered during the meetings

with much feeling by Miss Thurston, Miss Lena Cameron, and Mr. Ritchie Bell. The meetings altogether have been greatly appreciated and accompanied as they have been with much prayer can hardly fail to have done great good.

The Rev. Orr Bennett, of Russell, who has accepted a call from the congregation of Howesbury will be inducted into his new charge on the 12th November. In the meantime the pulpit is being supplied from the college.

An extensive series of missionary meetings is now being carried out in the congregations of the city and suburbs under the direction of the Presbytery. The object is to see that every congregation and mission station is reached by as strong a deputation as possible to present the various schemes.

### North-West Notes.

It is reported that the Rev. A. E. Driscoll, B. A., who has resigned his charge at Souris, has received a call to a church in Minneapolis.

The Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories meets in Knox Church, Winnipeg, on the 10th of November.

The Rev. John Wray who has been missionary at Yorkton, has accepted an appointment at Pierson in South Western Manitoba.

A conference of Indian missionaries, teachers and other mission workers is to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, on the 5th, 6th, and 7th, of November. The object of the conference is "to ask for God's blessing on the work of evangelizing and educating the Indians, to compare the results of one another's experience, to discuss the methods which have been found most successful and to become better acquainted with one another and with the Committee." The morning and afternoon sessions will be devoted to the reading and discussing of papers on subjects of mutual interest. On the first evening there will be a public missionary meeting to be addressed by the Rev. A. J. McLeod, of Regina, the Rev. Hugh McKay, of Round Lake, and Mr. Alex. Skene, of File Hills. On the second evening there will be a social meeting under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Winnipeg.

The Rev. D. Spear, of Innisfail is expected to take charge of the congregation at Douglas, near Brandon, for the winter.

A handsome new church was opened on the 18th inst at Brandon Hills in the pastorate of the Rev. T. R. Shearer, B. A. The dedicatory services were conducted in the morning by the Rev. Principal King, of Manitoba College, and in the evening by the Rev. Leo Gaetz, (Methodist) of Brandon. Dr. King's sermon was based on our Lord's words: "Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed." The collections on Sabbath and the proceeds of the social gathering of the congregation on Monday evening amounted to \$200 which will be devoted to the purchase of pews.

### General.

The Pakenham Presbyterians purpose erecting a \$10,000 church.

Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Renfrew, has completed his 25th year as pastor of St. Andrews, Carlton Place.

The Presbyterian congregation of Stirling and West Huntingdon has extended a unanimous call to Rev. S. S. Burn, of Westport.

The Rev. Wm. McKinley of Kildonan, Man., has accepted the call extended to him by the South Side Presbyterian Church Toronto.

The Rev. McVicar, the returned Chinese Missionary delivered a very interesting lecture in St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, on Oct 23rd.

Rev. J. F. Scott, pastor of the Rodney Presbyterian Church, who has been in Scotland for the past three months, has returned much benefited in health.

At a meeting of the managing board of St. Andrew's Church, Beaverton, the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Watson was handed in for acceptance. The health of the reverend gentleman has for some time been a matter of much solicitation to his friends.

The board offered a counter proposition to the effect that a year's vacation be granted Dr. Watson, his pulpit to be supplied in the interim.

The Rev. Mr. McKay Omand, M. A., pastor of the Presbyterian congregations of Norman and Keewatin, having tendered his resignation, the Presbytery of Superior will meet at Keewatin on Nov 9th to take action in the matter.

At a meeting of the members of the Granton Presbyterian Church, held Oct. 20th it was decided to commence proceedings with a view to calling the Rev. Mr. Smith to the vacancy in the Granton and Lucan Presbyterian Churches, caused by the decease of the late Rev. Mr. Campbell.

A missionary meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church Alexandria on Oct. 21st. The meeting was addressed by Rev. A. McCallum, of Glen Sandfield, on Foreign Missions, and by Rev. John McLeod, of Vankleek Hill, on Home Missions. The Rev. D. McLaren conducted the meeting.

A congregational meeting of Stirling and West Huntingdon congregations was held in St. Andrew's Church, Stirling, for the purpose of moderating a call to a minister. Rev. T. J. Thompson, Moderator, being present. The choice of the meeting was Rev. S. S. Burn, of Westport. The call was made unanimous.

For three weeks past Rev. J. W. Mitchell has been conducting evangelistic meetings at Conn, with growing attendance and interest. The church is crowded nightly. Large numbers have intimated their desire to be received into membership, and people have been coming to the meetings from eight to ten miles around.

Zion Church, Cedar Grove, Township of Markham, celebrated its sixth anniversary on Oct. 25th, when Rev. J. R. Johnston of East Toronto preached twice to a large congregation. On Monday night the annual tea meeting was held. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Thorne, presided, some interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Johnston, Rev. Mr. Brown and W. F. Maclean, M. P.

The anniversary services of the Presbyterian Church were held at Belmont on Oct. 25th. Rev. J. A. McDonald, Toronto, formerly pastor of Knox Church, St. Thomas, preached excellent sermons to large congregations both morning and evening. On Monday evening a tea meeting was held in the church and proved very successful. The proceeds of the service amounted to \$249.

Zion Church, Kingston, was well filled when the Rev. J. D. Boyd was inducted as permanent minister. After Prof. Ross, of Queen's read the edict of induction the Rev. S. Houston, of Cooke's, expounded from Acts ii., the practice, government and sacraments of the early Christian church. Then Mr. Boyd was asked the usual questions in induction and received the right hand of fellowship. The Rev. M. McGillivray, of Chalmers', addressed the newly inducted minister in warm and hearty words. The mission then began by him had now become a settled charge, unanimously choosing him as their permanent pastor. The future was surely one of bright hope and prospect. Then followed useful counsel as to Mr. Boyd's pastorate. Then the Rev. Mr. Gracey, of Gananoque, addressed the people and congratulated them on their past record. He wished them and their pastor God-speed. After the Rev. Mr. Laird, of Sunbury, pronounced the benediction, Mr. Dales introduced a short reception with a good programme and choice refreshments. Rev. A. Richardson offered words of hearty welcome in behalf of city pastors.

On Thursday evening October 1st, the Auxiliary of the W. F. M. S. of the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, held its annual thank offering meeting, and the attendance was very gratifying. The lecture room of the church looked very cosy and inviting, being prettily decorated with autumn leaves, flowers and palms. Baskets were placed at the door to receive the offerings. After the thanksgiving service the texts enclosed in the envelopes with the offerings were read. Earnest and encouraging reports were given by ladies from Elizabethtown, Caintown and from the