

Church News

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GENERAL.

The new Presbyterian church at Whitewood, Assa., was opened on June 6th, Rev. Principal Grant, of Kingston, preaching the dedicatory sermon.

The Presbytery of Stratford has sustained a call from Atwood and Monkton to Rev. P. A. McLeod, M.A., B.D., of Sonja. Salary \$1,000 per annum, with manse.

Rev. A. D. MacKinnon, B.D., a recent graduate of Queen's College, Kingston, is now in charge of St. Andrew's church, Boston, left vacant by the death last fall of Rev. Dr. McDonald.

Rev. Mr. McCollough, a retired Presbyterian minister, died at his home in Oshawa on Sunday, June 13th, aged 47. He has been in poor health for some time and since taking up his residence there has lived a very quiet life.

The Rev. W. A. Duncan, pastor, dispensed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in St. Andrew's church, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., on Sabbath the 6th inst. When 15 new members were received, making a total of 46 for the current half year.

On Sabbath, June 6th, the Rev. J. F. Macfarlane, B.A., occupied the pulpit of Knox church, Galt, and preached two admirable and well-thought-out discourses, which were greatly enjoyed by the large congregations present.

The congregation of Kildonan church which has been without a pastor for some time, at a meeting held recently, decided to extend a call to Rev. J. H. Cameron, now of Russell, Man. Mr. Cameron has had charge of the Russell congregation for a couple of years.

Rev. J. S. Gordon, pastor of the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian church, Vancouver, has intimated to his congregation that he will send in his resignation to the Presbytery which meets in New Westminster next month. He is taking this step owing to ill-health.

Rev. Mr. McIntosh was ordained in Moncton Presbyterian church, Saturday, June 5th, the Rev. J. M. Robinson performing the ordination ceremony. Mr. McIntosh will take charge of missions at Grand Bay, Nerepis and Jerusalem. Rev. Edwin Smith, B. A., was inducted into the charge of the Presbyterian congregations at Shediac and Scotch Settlement, same day.

A new Presbyterian church is being erected at Molesworth. The building is to consist of a stone basement surmounted by a red brick edifice, and is to be completed by October 15th. It will be an attractive building 36x58 feet in size, with seating capacity for about 350 people. The church will be lighted with stained glass windows and heated with a furnace, and will cost about \$3,500 when completed.

The anniversary services of St. Paul's, Winchester, were held Sabbath, June 6th. Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Ottawa, preached morning and evening, and gave his famous lecture on "The Sunny South" on Monday evening. The Sabbath services as well as the lecture were well attended. Mr. Knowles' sermons were brilliant and powerful, and his lecture exceedingly interesting. The pastor, Rev. D. S. S. Connery, presided at the lecture.

The Rev. J. M. Douglas, M. P. for East Assiniboia, conducted anniversary services in Knox Church, Cornwall, on Sunday and Monday, 30th and 31st May. Communion was dispensed by the pastor, Rev. J. Hastie, when thirteen were received. The Rev. Mr. Douglas preached both morning and evening, and delivered two sermons of singular beauty and force. His address on Monday evening on his experience as missionary in Central India was very graphic.

A special meeting of the Brockville Presbytery was held in Brockville on June 3 to take action in connection with the call from the congregation of St. John's church to Rev. D. Strachan, of Hespeler, Ont. Rev. Mr. Anton of Merrickville, moderator, presided. The call to Rev. Mr. Strachan, which was

numerously signed, was presented by Mr. W. B. Smellie. The Presbytery sustained the call and provisional arrangements were made for the induction, in the event of the call being accepted. The arrangements are that Rev. Mr. McKenzie will preside at the induction; Rev. Mr. Bryan, of Westport, will preach; Rev. Mr. Sinclair, of Spencerville, will address the minister, and Rev. Mr. Hellock, of Morewood, the people. Rev. Mr. McFarlane, of South Mountain, and Mr. Smellie were appointed to prosecute the call before the Guelph Presbytery.

The induction of the Rev. James Ratray into the charge of Melville Church, Eganville, took place on May 25. The church was well filled. The committee appointed by the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew to carry out the induction, were all present. The Rev. Dr. Campbell of Renfrew presiding. The Rev. Mr. Hutcheson of Almonte preached, the address to the minister was delivered by Rev. Dr. Crombie of Smith's Falls, and that to the people by the Rev. J. M. McLean, of Rosbank.

The Rev. Dr. Alexander Jackson, formerly pastor of a church in Galt, Ont., and who recently accepted a call to the East Madison avenue Presbyterian church, Cleveland, Ohio, was installed as pastor of the church. About five hundred members of the church and a number of the Presbyterian clergy of this city witnessed the ceremony. The Rev. Dr. Hiram Chayden, the senior clergyman of the Cleveland Presbytery preached the installation sermon, and the Rev. Dr. Freeman delivered the charge of the congregation. At the conclusion of the latter's address Dr. Jackson made reply to the remarks of both clergymen. Since Dr. Jackson's arrival on this side of the line he has made a host of friends. Many of these were present at the informal reception which followed the services, and offered their congratulations. The East Madison avenue church is one of the largest and most influential in the city.

A social was given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of Division street Presbyterian church, Owen Sound, on May 28. There was a very fair attendance, the majority being ladies. The great feature of the evening was the presentation to Dr. Somerville of a gown and cassock, accompanied by a bunch of superb roses and an address from Mrs. D. A. Creaser, who with Mrs. Dolbie presented the gown to the doctor on behalf of the Ladies' Aid and the congregation. After the ladies had robed him, Dr. Somerville made an excellent speech, thanking those who had assisted in the work of love, and endearing himself still more to the hearts of his hearers by the feelings he awakened. This is the second gown that has been presented to the doctor, the first one having been worn for sixteen years. The other numbers on the programme were a solo by Miss Maud Amslie, instrumental duet by Mrs. J. C. Forster and Miss Creaser, solo by Mrs. P. Eaton and another speech from Dr. Somerville.

Rev. David MacLaren, of Alexandria, was the subject of two genuine surprises a few days before his departure for Winnipeg and San Francisco. His Junior C. E. Society presented him with a very feeling address and a handsome gold pen. Two days later when taking tea at the house of Mr. J. Lockie Wilson, about 140 of his congregation swarmed into the house and grounds, and took possession. After some hours of social intercourse the entire company surrounded a huge bonfire on the lawn, when Mr. J. Simpson read a very kindly worded address to Mr. MacLaren and his worthy wife, and Mrs. Peter Leslie presented a well-filled purse. Mr. MacLaren thanked the congregation as well as he could in the circumstances. The company then crowded into the house to enjoy the refreshments provided by the ladies. It is pleasing to note that this is not the first or even the second time that the people of Alexandria have openly expressed their fond attachment to Mr. and Mrs. MacLaren during the past eleven years.

At a meeting of the congregation of the Presbyterian Church of the Corodant, Toronto, it was resolved to proceed with the erection of their proposed new building on the northeast corner of Avenue road and

Roxborough street, but with the provision that contracts for different portions of the school house, with which they propose to be satisfied in the meantime, shall only be given when the funds to pay for such contracts shall either be on hand or promised by reliable persons to be paid before such contracts come to be paid for. The school house will cost some \$8,000, and as the site is paid for and as funds are in hand to enable the work of building to be fairly begun upon the above principle and the indications, are that the proposed plan will meet with such general approval by the Presbyterians of Toronto as to enlist substantial help in the work it is hoped by the Building Committee that before the new year the congregation will be able to worship in their new building and without any debt or mortgage upon it. It is understood that the congregation have contributed in cash and reliable undertakings among themselves some \$5,000.

The Presbytery of Winnipeg met in St. Stephen's church recently for the induction of Rev. Chas. W. Gordon to the pastoral charge of the congregation. Rev. Dr. Bryce, moderator of the Presbytery, presided. Rev. Donald Munro, of Point Douglas church, preached an appropriate sermon from Acts i. 8. The Moderator having put the questions of the formula to the new pastor, and having received his answers, inducted him to the charge of the congregation, all of the Presbytery welcoming Mr. Gordon. Rev. Samuel Houston, of Kingston, Ont., then addressed the minister, pointing out the importance of true Gospel preaching; and the necessity for careful study on the part of the minister. Rev. Dr. Du Val, pastor of Knox church, then addressed the congregation as being a daughter of Knox church. He referred to the founding of the mother church, the interest taken in the West End Mission, and gave his best wishes for the congregation and pastor. Mr. Dewar, on behalf of the young people of the congregation, presented the pastor with a handsome gift, to which Mr. Gordon responded in a suitable manner. The Presbytery adjourned, when Mr. Gordon was cordially welcomed to his new sphere.

PRESBYTERY OF INVERNESS

met at Whyocoomagh on the 25th ult., Rev. D. McLeod, M. A., being present was asked to sit as corresponding member. A commission from the session of Baddeck, appointing Mr. J. W. Archibald representative elder in place of the late Mr. L. McFadyen, was approved. Rev. D. McDougall and the clerk were appointed a committee to draft a suitable obituary minute of Mr. McFadyen. Mr. L. H. McLean, M. A., one of the graduates of the Presbyterian College, Halifax, in April last, was examined for license. His trials were very cordially sustained, and he was duly licensed to preach the Gospel within the bounds of the Presbytery or wherever God may order. Mr. Thomas D. McLennan, Port Hastings, was present to ask for the services of Mr. McLean for the summer. He was appointed to labor there and at River Inhabitants till next meeting of Presbytery at least. Little Narrows applied for Rev. D. McLeod for the month of June. The request was granted. Mr. J. W. McPhail was continued at Middle River, Mr. L. A. McLean at Arichat, etc., and Mr. L. Beaton at Forks Baddeck. Revs. A. McMillan, J. Rose, and the clerk were appointed commissioners to deal with matters requiring attention at Baddeck. The Presbytery is to meet again at Whyocoomagh July 13. D. McDONALD, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.

Within the past ten days this Presbytery has had the pleasure of settling three young men in important charges.

On 25th May Presbytery met at Dalhousie Mills. Rev. J. McLeod, the Moderator, presided and Rev. P. F. Langill preached. After the usual questions had been answered, Mr. John B. McKinnon, B.D., was ordained by Presbytery to the office of the holy ministry, and duly inducted into the pastoral charge of Dalhousie Mills and Cote St. George. Rev. David MacLaren then addressed the pastor and Rev. A. Graham the congregation. On the 31st May Presbytery met again in St. Elmo. The trial discourses of Mr. Hugh D. Leitch having been sustained Rev. J. B. McKinnon