

Church News.

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Montreal Notes.

A NOVEL exhibition has just been held in Calvary Congregational church, in this city, that might easily be imitated with advantage elsewhere, both in town and country. Early in the year Mr. S. S. Bain, the well-known florist and an enthusiastic Christian worker, delivered a course of three lectures on "Plants and how to grow them," under the auspices of the Junior Endeavor Society of the church. To the lectures the other junior societies of the vicinity were given a cordial invitation. Plants and seeds were distributed by Mr. Bain to all the children present, with a request that the results might be displayed at the end of the season, when prizes would be given to the most successful. The matter was taken up enthusiastically by many of the little people, and a most interesting exhibition was the outcome. In awarding the prizes Mr. Bain criticized every plant before him, showing in the clearest and most attractive manner the causes of each respective failure or success. Among the societies taking part was that of Calvin church, of which Dr. Smyth is pastor, where in continuation of this delightful flower mission Mr. Bain is shortly to give a talk on bulbs and their winter culture. It is hoped that the exhibition may become an annual affair. The care of flowers must always have a refining influence on the character of children and will help to bring brightness into many a home at trilling cost.

THE various Sabbath schools of the city, many of which were closed during July and August, are now again in active operation. Some of them are holding special "rallying days" to gather in all their old scholars and secure new ones. The Rev. Dr. McKay, of Crescent street church, resumes his Saturday afternoon class for teachers this week. In past years this class has been attended by teachers in large numbers from all denominations, and has been found very profitable. The Sabbath School Union is making earnest efforts to extend and improve the work in the country districts. Mr. G. H. Archibald, formerly superintendent for St. Matthew's church, Point St. Charles, and who, during the past two years has been taking a course of study in the Springfield Training School for Christian workers, enters upon his duties as Provincial Secretary on the 1st of October. County Sabbath school Conventions are now being held in outlying districts. Last week there were two, one in Labelle, away back in Laurentian Mountains, where the Provincial Committee has been of much assistance in a scattered district; the other in Wright, up the Gatineau River. These are districts in which the organizing of the home department of Sabbath school work is of special importance, the population being so sparse that many can avail themselves of no other.

MUCH sympathy is felt with the Rev. James Patterson, Presbyterian city missionary, and chaplain to public institutions, in the loss by death last week of another of his daughters at the age of twenty-five. She had been long ailing, but was only a few days confined to bed before passing away to the Saviour whom she had learned to love. She was buried at Hommingford, Mr. Patterson's former charge, and the remains were followed to the railway station by a large number of the city sisters including several from other denominations as well as by other friends of the family.

ALL those interested in Foreign Mission work as well as those who have the pleasure of knowing Mr. David Yule personally, will be glad to learn that he is rapidly recovering from his recent severe illness and is now able to be out again. It will probably be some months before he is able to resume any outside duties, or even the oversight of his own business, but there is good hope of his ultimate complete restoration to health. For several years back Mr. Yule has provided the entire support of the Rev. Murdoch MacKenzie, of the Honan Mission, and besides has been a generous contributor to all kinds of Christian work.

A LARGE and interesting farewell meeting was given in the lecture room of Chalmers church, Quebec, on the evening of September

24th, to Miss Jamieson and her brother, the Rev. W. J. Jamieson, in view of their early return to India as missionaries under the Foreign Mission Committee of our Church. Many representatives from other congregations were present, and a number of ministers on the platform. Earnest and effective addresses were given by the two missionaries, and kindly words of farewell spoken by the Rev. Mr. Tait, who acted as chairman, the Rev. T. J. Mansell and the Rev. A. T. Love. Mrs. Tait on behalf of the local Ladies' Auxiliary presented Miss Jamieson with a beautiful portfolio as a slight token of their love and esteem. Several appropriate pieces of music were sung by the choir, and the interesting meeting was brought to a close with the hymn "God be with You till we Meet Again."

General.

MR. MCKAY has resigned the charge of Duart and Highgate.

REV. R. B. SMITH, of Ashburn has tendered his resignation to Whitby Presbytery.

MR. T. D. MCCULLOUGH, licentiate has accepted a call to Dresden, Chatham, Presbytery.

THE Presbyterian church at South Granville has undergone extensive repairs this summer.

REV. W. SMITH, of Middleville, so far seems the choice of the church, Pakenham, as successor to the Rev. Andrew Patterson.

REV. MR. MCLEAN has accepted the call to Claremont, and the Whitby Presbytery has confirmed the same. The induction ceremony will take place within a few weeks.

THE Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the First Presbyterian church, Port Hope, held a very interesting social in the Walton street hall, on Wednesday evening Sept. 25th.

MR. J. W. MCINTOSH, M. A., the popular Presbyterian student, who has so acceptably filled the pulpits of Oakwood and Cambray during the last two summers, preached his farewell sermon on last Sabbath.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Calgary, held in Edmonton, on Sept. 3rd, the Rev. Gavin Hamilton, Macleod, Alberta, was elected clerk of Presbytery in room of the Rev. Charles Stephen, M. A., who has held the office for the past four years.

It is intended to have one of the large windows in the new church, Blenheim, handsomely illuminated in honor of Rev. A. W. Waddell, who labored so faithfully as pastor for thirty five years, and who is still living in the town.

THE many friends of Rev. A. H. Scott, M. A., of Perth, were glad to welcome him to Owen Sound once more. He occupied his old pulpit the last two Sabbaths. The church was well filled on all occasions and many and hearty were the welcomes given by old time friends.

MR. NORMAN MCGILLIVRAY, a member of St. Andrew's congregation, Whitby, and a matriculant of University College, Toronto, presented himself to Presbytery for examination for certification to Knox College to study for the Gospel ministry. After a committee had examined Mr. McGillivray, the clerk was directed to furnish him with a certificate to the Senate of Knox College.

By the appointment of the Halifax Presbytery, Rev. E. D. Miller, of Yarmouth goes to St. John's, Newfoundland, to relieve the Rev. Mr. Graham in that city, who intends taking a trip soliciting aid for the rebuilding of his church destroyed in the great fire. We understand that the Rev. J. L. George, at present staying at New Glasgow, will go to Yarmouth and supply Mr. Miller's place during his absence.

A most interesting farewell meeting was held at Dornoch lately to take leave of Rev. A. P. Ledingham and his wife who go to the India mission field. The meeting was presided over by Rev. Mr. Thompson, Chatham. In his unavoidable absence, Rev. Dr. Somerville, of Owen Sound, sent his regrets and a motto for the missionary and people:—"Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." Rev. Mr. Little, Rev. Dr. Smith, missionary, and other prominent brethren took part. At the close of a most successful ceremony the company adjourned to the house of Mr. Little, where after partaking of

the princely hospitality of the host, Mrs. Little was presented with a handsome parlor rocker and silver fruit dish and salt cellars, accompanied by a complimentary address on behalf of the members of the Bible class and Christian Endeavor Society.

THE congregation of East Fernwood turned out in large numbers Sept. 20th at a special meeting of the Presbytery of Victoria, convened for the purpose of ordaining Rev. J. C. Forster, the new pastor of St. Columba's, Knox and Cedar Hill churches. The services were very interesting and more than ordinarily impressive. Rev. W. Leslie Clay, minister of St. Andrew's, presided, the sermon being preached by Rev. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of missions. Rev. Dr. Campbell addressed the new minister, and Rev. D. McRae, the congregation.

REV. DR. G. L. MCKAY, Mrs. McKay and three children, and Mr. Kowak, the Chinese student, left the Union Station on the noon train on Friday, Sept. 27th, for Vancouver, where they will take the steamer for the Island of Formosa on the 14th. This is Dr. McKay's second visit to Canada in twenty-four years, he having gone to Formosa in 1871. During his present stay in Canada his family have been attending school, and have acquired considerable knowledge of the English language, and have made satisfactory progress in such subjects as they were taught in our schools. Unless unforeseen circumstances arise the doctor does not expect to return again to his native land. A large number of friends were present at the station to bid the party farewell, amongst whom were Mr. Hamilton Cassels, Dr. McLaren, Dr. McTavish, Rev. J. H. McVicar, Rev. Dr. Burns and Rev. R. P. McKay, Foreign Mission Secretary.

Bible Training School.

WE are pleased to know that the above school has had a most encouraging opening. The day classes have an enrolment of thirty regular students, the large proportion of whom are looking forward to work in the foreign field, while at the evening classes there is an attendance of over seventy. The opening public meeting is to be held on the evening of Tuesday, 5th October, in the Northern Congregational church, on Church street, when the Rev. Dr. Erdman, so well known in connection with the Niagara summer conventions, will be the chief speaker. Dr. Erdman is coming to the city to give a course of lectures to the students of the school, and these lectures will be open to any who care to attend them. He will occupy city pulpits on the 6th and 13th October, when many will no doubt take the opportunity of hearing this well known Bible student.

Ordination at Claremont.

THE Presbytery of Whitby assembled on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at Claremont for the examination and, that proving satisfactory, for the ordination and induction of Mr. John McBean, licentiate of the Lindsay Presbytery, as pastor of Erskine Church. The weather was delightful and a large and deeply-interested congregation convened to join in divine service and to witness the solemn ceremonies of the day. At half-past two o'clock the Presbytery was constituted with prayer by Rev. John Abraham, acting moderator, and the clerk announced that the edict had been published on two consecutive Sabbaths and then put the formal question, if any person had ought to object to the life or doctrine of the minister-elect. Rev. George B. McLeod, of Newcastle, preached, taking for his text John viii. 12. Mr. McLaren detailed the steps taken towards the call, and the moderator leading in prayer and in "the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery" solemnly set apart the young brother to "the care of souls." The Rev. Mr. McAuley, of Pickering, delivered "the charge" to the minister, and the Rev. Mr. McLaren, of Columbus, addressed the congregation. The services were of a high order and were greatly appreciated. The settlement of Rev. Mr. McLean at Claremont is very harmonious and affords the promise of spiritual prosperity. Duncan McNabb, Esq., entertained the Presbytery at dinner and a successful social was held in the school-room in the evening, followed by speeches and vocal music, furnished by the Stouffville