

Ministers and Churches.

Ottawa.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of St. Paul's church, was nominated as moderator of the General Assembly by the Presbytery of Westminster, B. C.

There will be a New Year's services in Bank street church on Friday, at 11 a.m., when the pastor, Rev. J. H. Turnbull will preach.

Rev. Norman McLeod, McKay church, preached anniversary services at the Presbyterian church, White Lake, last Sunday, and on Monday evening he lectured on Burns. Rev. E. J. Shaw, White Lake, occupied the pulpit of McKay church at both services.

Rev. Dr. MacLaren, Home Mission Secretary preached in St. Andrews church last Sunday morning and in St. Paul's in the evening. At both places he made a vigorous and eloquent presentation of the religious needs of our great West. In the evening at St. Paul's, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed, as has been customary for many years in this congregation.

The pastor, Rev. M. H. Scott, presided at the Christmas entertainment of Zion church, Hull, which largely resolved itself into a distribution of generously provided gifts to the Sunday School scholars. A well carried-out programme included a suitable address by Mr. Craig, of Aylmer. It was a happy social in every sense of the term, and was voted a most enjoyable event by all who took part in it. The committee in charge of the affair was composed of Rev. Mr. Scott, Mrs. W. L. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bonney, Misses Elvie Cushman, Janet Goudie, Eva Goudie, Rosa Clarke, Messrs. J. A. Macpherson, John F. Taylor and Benj. Waddell.

Montreal.

At the last meeting of Montreal Presbytery, Rev. P. S. Vernier, of New Glasgow, was chosen moderator for the next six months.

The Presbytery of Montreal has licensed Mr. J. B. McLeod, B. D. and Mr. Norman McLeod to preach the gospel.

The relations of Queen's University to the Church having been brought before the notice of Montreal Presbytery, it was agreed, on motion by the Rev. E. Scott, that the relation of the university continues as at present, and that it be recommended to the liberality of the Church.

In the Montreal Presbytery Rev. J. L. George called attention to the Widows and Orphans' Fund, and pressed it on the attention of the congregations. Two of the congregations in Montreal have doubled their gifts to this fund, and it is hoped that their example will be followed by other congregations both in city and country.

Rev. D. J. Graham, B. D., pastor of the Montreal Annex congregation, has asked Presbytery to consider the needs of this important field; and in response the Presbytery agreed to appoint a committee to look after Presbyterian interests in the northern part of the city, and "to attend to the matter at once."

The Rev. E. Scott presented to Montreal Presbytery the report on the mode of election of elders as commissioners to the General Assembly. He proposed that three elders be chosen by ballot on the floor of the presbytery and that all the others be elected thus; that each session be asked to nominate one of their number who is likely to attend the Assembly and that the roll of the congregations be prepared from which these elders be elected by rotation. This report was discussed and accepted as the rule of this presbytery for the future.

The ordination of Mr. G. B. Castellini, pastor of the Italian Presbyterian mission, took place in St. John's Presbyterian church, at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Rev. Dr. Mowatt presided and the charge to the new minister was delivered by Rev. Dr. Campbell, while Rev. S. J. Taylor charged the congregation; and after the induction Mr. Castellini addressed the congregation. The new minister completed his theological course in the Waldensian Theological University, Florence, Italy, and enters on his work in Montreal with every prospect of abundant success.

In Montreal Presbytery Rev. F. M. Dewey, M. A., presented the report of the Foreign Mission Committee. There are eight hundred Chinese, chiefly engaged in laundry work, in

Montreal. Some are domestic servants and merchants. There are several Chinese women in the city. Num Sing and his wife are very helpful to our missionary, Dr. Thomson, and his wife. There is no missionary at home at present available for the church. The ravages of the plague in India are appalling. Encouraging tidings come from Honan. There is a fear of a large deficit in the funds of the foreign missions. It is earnestly hoped that all the churches will give liberally for this cause before the end of the year.

At last meeting of Montreal Presbytery, Rev. Mr. Cruikshank gave the home mission and church extension committee report. The field of Arundel is to be supplied fortnightly during the winter. Mr. Jones was made catechist to carry on work under the Presbytery of Montreal on the island of Hershel, near the mouth of the river Mackenzie, in Alberta. He is in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company, and is willing to conduct service under the authority of the Presbyterian Church. This was unanimously agreed to. Evening service is desired at Outremont on Sunday under the Session of Cote des Neiges. The service is to be held in the school house, and conducted by a student. It was agreed that this be granted after consultation with the Session of the Annex congregation.

The Rev. Dr. Amaron, has been appointed to look after the financial interests of the Pointe aux Trembles Schools; and in this interest he addressed the Montreal Presbytery at last meeting. He said in substance: The schools were taken by the Presbyterian church in 1880, and then the accommodation was almost doubled. At present there are some sixty Roman Catholic pupils there, and many cannot be received for want of room. To carry on the work more efficiently it is proposed to again double the accommodation. It is estimated that \$60,000 is required to accomplish this work. Dr. Amaron begins his work in Montreal and in the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, and afterwards intends to visit the churches of Ontario and the Maritime Provinces. It is hoped that the liberality of the church will be drawn out in favor of this great scheme. Rev. Mr. Brandt, the principal of the Pointe aux Trembles School, spoke of the need of great renovations. He gave one instance of a Roman Catholic pupil wishing to remain, although his father wished him to return home. The schools teach the Gospel openly, and it is hoped that the Pointe aux Trembles school will continue to be liberally supported by the church, and the accommodation be doubled and the old building thoroughly renovated. Over a hundred and fifty pupils have been refused admission for want of room. Rev. Dr. Scrimger moved that the Presbytery, having heard with satisfaction the statement of Dr. Amaron re the renovation and enlargement of the Pointe aux Trembles schools, express its approval of the scheme as calculated to extend the good work which has been done in these schools, and cordially commend it to the generous liberality of the congregations within the bounds, and in an especial way to the Sabbath schools, in the hope that they will provide the means necessary to carry out the scheme in the near future. This was unanimously accepted by the Presbytery, after the motion was seconded by Mr. Walter Paul.

Quebec.

Mr. James R. Shearer, of McGill, is spending his holidays at St. Andrew's manse, Sherbrooke, with his parents, the Rev. William and Mrs. Shearer.

The Presbyteries in the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa are arranging for a summer school, on Sunday School Work, to be held in Ottawa next summer.

During the vacancy at Kingsbury, the Rev. Dr. Kellock looked after the congregation, and an interesting feature of the recent induction there, was the presentation to him of a well-filled purse as a recognition of his services. Mayor Crombie presented the purse in the name of the congregation. Dr. Kellock well merited this token of esteem.

The annual entertainment of the Valleyfield Sunday school was held in the Gault Institute on Christmas eve. Supper was provided, and music and recitation formed an interesting part of the programme. On Sunday morning the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed. The newly elected elders, Dr. Groulx, Messrs. T. Clyde and R. Carson assisted. At the evening service special Christmas music was rendered by the choir.

The congregation of East Gloucester has decided to extend a call to the Rev. J. H. Laverie, B. A., of Levis, Que. Mr. Laverie has done excellent work as a missionary among the men engaged in building the Temiscamingue Railway, and those who know him are confident that should he accept this call, he will do good work in the new field of labor.

The Witness says: A pretty wedding took place on Thursday evening, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boutelle, Danville, Que., when their only daughter Miss Mary Minnie Boutelle, was married to the Rev. Andrew Dunn Keid. The Rev. W. D. Reid, of Taylor Presbyterian church, Montreal, brother of the groom, was the officiating clergyman. The bride was attended by her cousin, Miss Boutelle, of Hartford, Connecticut, and the groomsmen was another brother, Mr. Allan Stewart Reid, of the Presbyterian College, Montreal. Mr. Reid is the second son of the late Mr. Joseph Reid, of Leeds, Megantic, and is settled in the Presbyterian church of Katonah, New York.

On Tuesday 22nd. inst. Mr. J. B. McLeod, B.D., was ordained to the gospel ministry, and inducted to the charge at Kingsbury by the Presbytery of Quebec. The Rev. Dr. Kellock, as moderator of the Presbytery, presided, and the Rev. J. R. Macleod, presbytery clerk, preached a suitable sermon based upon the words: 'For I, saith the Lord, will be unto her a wall of fire, round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.' (Zech. ii., 5) He dwelt especially upon the thought that the true glory of the church consists in the presence of God being in her, and that the great aim of the gospel ministry should be the bringing about of this dwelling of God in the church—the name Emmanuel thus passing into the real experience of the church. The Rev. Dr. Kellock delivered the charge to the newly-ordained and inducted minister, and the Rev. J. N. Brunton, of Danville, addressed the congregation on their duty. A social function was held in the Town Hall in the evening when addresses of welcome and congratulation to the new minister were delivered by the Revs. Dr. Kellock, J. R. Macleod, and J. N. Brunton. Mr. Macleod made a happy reply.

Kingston.

The Presbytery of Kingston adopted the following resolution in reference to the connection of Queen's University, with the Presbyterian church:

That the presbytery, while quite satisfied with the relation which has hitherto existed between Queen's University and the Presbyterian church in Canada, and the manner in which the trustees of the university have been appointed since the union of the churches, would nevertheless prefer that at least the clerical members of the board of trustees required under its charter, should be appointed as before the union, by the church.

Furthermore, this presbytery recognizes that in the future development of the university, it may be found desirable that a larger representation should be given to the university council on the board of trustees.

And while the presbytery realizes that the maintenance of the university in efficiency cannot be made one of the schemes of the church, yet considering her origin, her eminent services, and her present work and financial needs, this presbytery ardently hopes that the general assembly will commend the university to the cordial support and liberality of members and adherents of the church.

Winnipeg.

The Tribune of the 24th says: Rev. R. J. Wilson, who has been in the hospital for some time, will be able to be out within a day or two. The popular young pastor of St. Andrew's church has had a severe attack of illness. He was first threatened with appendicitis and then rheumatism of the sciatic type joined in.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. Dr. McLeod, of Barrie, preached anniversary sermons in the Cockstown church on Dec. 27th.

Rev. M. W. Maclean, who was for more than 30 years the beloved pastor of St. Andrew's church, Belleville, has tendered his resignation, to take effect next March, much to the regret of the congregation.