

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

The regular bi-monthly meeting of this reverend court of the church was held in the lecture room of Bank St. Church on Tuesday, Nov. 5, the Moderator, Rev. P. W. Anderson, presiding. There was a good attendance of ministers and elders. The meeting was opened with the singing of a psalm of praise and earnest prayer by Rev. J. G. Greig. After the usual routine business the court appointed the induction of Rev. J. F. McFarland to take place at Hull on the 5th inst., as pastor of the congregation there. It was agreed that the name of Dr. W. D. Armstrong be retained on the roll of Presbyteries as pastor emeritus of St. Paul's Church. Rev. J. H. Turnbull called the attention of Presbytery to the serious illness of Dr. Moore, the venerable senior member of the court, and it was agreed that Rev. R. Eadie convey the sympathies of the brethren to Dr. Moore. Dr. Armstrong presented the report of the home missions of the Presbytery, which showed that all the fields were supplied except Thurso. It was also agreed that the congregation at McLean's, in the Gatineau district, should in the future be supplied by Rev. Mr. Taggart, of Aylwin, at the special request of the people there.

Dr. R. P. Mackay, secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, was then welcomed to the court, and addressed the Presbytery on the work which he represents. Dr. Mackay showed that the Presbyterian Church of Canada had as its constituency in the heathen world some fourteen millions of souls. The work was enormous, and God was blessing it greatly. The demands of the work were continually growing, and more men and money were needed. The induction of Rev. Mr. Thompson at Bell's Corners was reported. Dr. D. M. Ramsay presented the report on Augmentation, which was adopted, showing that an effort was being made to bring the salary of ministers in augmented congregations up to a minimum of \$900 per annum.

Rev. R. Eadie presented the report on the work of Moral and Social Reform, and moved that the Presbytery petition Parliament on the vice of race track gambling, the social evil, and other vices, which motion was adopted.

Dr. W. T. Herridge presented and moved the adoption of a resolution on the resignation of Dr. Armstrong, testifying to the greatness of the 36 years' work of the doctor, his excellent qualities of head and heart, and his fidelity and constancy in the cause of pure and undefiled religion.

Dr. Herridge, in accordance with a notice he had previously given, moved that all the delegates from the Presbytery to the General Assembly be in future appointed by vote, instead of being sent by rotation. In supporting his motion, the mover stated very clearly and forcibly the wisdom of electing the court as the representative of the only existing true and faithful remnant of primitive catholic Christianity. The speaker gave an interesting account of the brave and heroic struggles of the ancient church of the pious Pagans in the Waldensian valleys, and made an earnest and pathetic appeal for help for the good work of keeping the truth as it is in Jesus faithfully proclaimed in the darkness of Italy. The brother closed his address with the old apostolic salutation, "They of Italy salute you," amidst prolonged applause.

Dr. W. T. Herridge then delivered a

short address of appreciation of the presence and work of Dr. Clot, and tendered the salutations of the Presbytery to him and the venerable body of Christians which he represented. Revs. Dr. Ramsay, R. Eadie, J. W. S. Lowry and C. H. Vesnot also extended their greetings to the visiting deputy.

The members of Presbytery took tea at St. Paul's Church, as the guests of the W.F.M.S., where a very successful united missionary meeting was held.

TORONTO.

The Board of the Woman's Home Missionary Society has opened an office at 60 Bond St., Toronto, where the new secretary of Publications, Miss Bessie L. Barker, will be from ten to five o'clock daily. It is hoped that those who are forwarding Pioneer Subscriptions, ordering literature or enquiring as to the sending or securing of libraries will note the address, as this office will be, in future, the headquarters for such work.

The death is announced of Mr. David Fotheringham, who was born in Orkney Islands in 1833 and came to Canada when eleven years of age. He attended the Toronto Normal School in the early fifties and was later appointed to the Model School staff. Subsequently he was transferred to the Central School at Hamilton. It was his intention to enter the Presbyterian ministry and had virtually completed his course, when he was attacked with a severe illness which necessitated his removal to the United States, where he taught privately while gradually regaining his health. In 1871, when the Act of Parliament went into effect making a change in the law regulating the inspection of county schools, he was appointed Public School Inspector of North York by the County Council. Some few years ago he was transferred to South York, following the death of his colleague, Mr. Fotheringham was always active in the discharge of his duties and retained his wonderfully clear intellectual vigor to the last, despite failing physical power. Deceased attended Bloor Street Presbyterian Church and was a member of the board of managers and superintendent of the Sabbath school until failing powers rendered it necessary for him to withdraw. He leaves a widow and two daughters.

The November Foreign Mission Tidings contains the following list of Life Members:

Miss Jean Ross, of Warwick, Knox Church Auxiliary; Mrs. D. T. Ritchie, presented by Chalmers Church Auxiliary, Elora; Mrs. K. W. Barton, presented by W.F.M.S. Auxiliary of Thornbury - Clarkeburg, Clarkeburg; Miss Margaret Hamilton, presented by Stratford Presbyterial, Stratford; Mrs. G. B. Robson, presented by W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Petrolia; Miss Agnes Purdon, presented by W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, McDonald's Corners; Mrs. Edward Dalkin, presented by W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Chalmers Church, Quebec; Mrs. Wm. Martin, Mrs. J. Kerr, presented by Melville Auxiliary, Brussels; Miss Mary Lynn, W.M.S. Auxiliary, Campbellville; Mrs. T. A. Watson, presented by W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Thamesford; Mrs. Frank Clark, presented by Chalmers Church Auxiliary, Elora; Miss Ida G. R. Cromar, Chalmers Church Auxiliary, Elora; Mrs. A. G. Browning, presented by W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, North Bay; Mrs. Carlist, presented by W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Hensall; Miss Margaret L. Demmond, presented by friends of Knox Church, Minnedosa; Mrs. A. M. Hamilton, presented by W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Winterton; Mrs. Peter Anderson, presented by Chalmers Church Auxiliary, Guelph; Mrs. W. H. Weaver, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Hopeler; Mrs. A. L. McL. Smith, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Hensall; Mrs. Agnes Greenhill, presentation on the occasion of the 25th anniversary, St. Paul's Auxiliary, Smith's Falls; Mrs. James Henry Still, presented by Knox Church Auxiliary on the occasion of the 25th anniversary St. Thomas.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERY.

At a special meeting of the Presbytery the moderator, the Rev. I. P. Bruneau, presiding, a call from Lachine was presented on behalf of the Rev. W. Wallace, Ph.D., of Caledonia, Ont. In the absence of the Rev. Dr. Campbell, moderator pro tem, of the Lachine session, the clerk narrated the steps which led up to the call. The Presbytery sanctioned the action of the moderator. The guarantee of stipend is \$1,300, with use of the manse. Mr. Beattie and Mr. Bissett appeared on behalf of the church and stated that the call was a unanimous and hearty one. The call was sustained.

The Rev. G. Colborne Heine tendered his resignation as pastor of Chalmers church; and asked to be permitted to retire from active service. The Rev. Dr. Mowatt, Dr. Amaran and Mr. Walter Paul spoke in terms of appreciation of the work done by Mr. Heine for so many years in the presbytery. It was agreed to consider the resignation at the next meeting of the presbytery.

A deputation from the amalgamation committee of St. Gabriel and Chalmers churches appeared before the court. Mr. John Scott, Mr. Hislop and Mr. Harwick represented Chalmers, and Mr. Darling, Mr. A. E. Taylor and Mr. Olland represented St. Gabriel. Mr. Taylor presented the terms of agreement between the two congregations, which are as follows: In view of the resignation of both Dr. Campbell and Mr. Heine, the pulpits of the two congregations are declared vacant. That an allowance of \$750 be made to both the Rev. Dr. Campbell and the Rev. G. C. Heine, and that Dr. Campbell continue to occupy the manse. The assets of the united congregation are: \$78,000 from St. Gabriel, and \$35,000 from Chalmers, and the annual income of the united church will be six thousand dollars. The union will take place on the 1st of January, and the services will be held in Chalmers church until a new church is built. An equal number of members from each church shall form the governing body for three years to come. The name of the united church is to be "The First Presbyterian Church of Montreal."

All the representatives of the two bodies spoke of the harmony which manifested itself during the course of the negotiations which led to the consummation of this union.

The Presbytery approved the terms of agreement. It was also agreed that the Rev. Dr. Barclay be appointed to preach to the united church the first Sunday in January in the morning and Dr. Clarke in the evening. The Presbytery authorized Chalmers church to sell its property. It was agreed to ordain Mr. M. A. Campbell, who is to conduct the union services until a pastor is called. The ordination will take place on Nov. 14. The Rev. Dr. Mowatt will conduct the service at 8.15 p.m., and Principal Seringer will address the minister.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Y. P. S. of Bethany church, the following officers were appointed: Hon. president, Rev. R. Eadie; president, James Forgan; 1st vice-president, Arthur Moodie; 2nd vice-president, Nelson Gillespie; 3rd vice-president, Jas. McCann; organist, Miss G. Jardine. It was decided to hold the annual concert of the society on December 2 for which a first-class programme has been secured. The society will also visit the Perley home once a week during the month of February.

I believe few of us are aware how much consciousness of wrong, and even conviction of sinfulness, is latent in the hearts of cowards who worship in our churches; and when they see their experience mirrored, not in the unhealthy pages of a sensational novel, but in the wholesome utterance of truth, the conviction often becomes irresistible.—Vincent W. Ryan.