

MONTREAL.

The Rev. Dr. Cousirat, who was unwell for several days, has so far recovered as to be able to resume his work in McGill University and the Presbyterian College.

It appears from the many favorable reports in the newspapers, that St. Mark's Church has made phenomenal progress since the induction of the Rev. A. King, B.Sc., as pastor.

Dr. Stewart, of the "Scottish American," New York, spent a few days in Montreal last week. He came to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Mr. W. W. Ogilvie, the deceased miller king.

The Rev. James Nairn, a graduate of the Presbyterian College, and late pastor of St. Lambert's Church, has been inducted into the pastoral charge of the East India Road Presbyterian Church, London, England.

At the meeting of the Protestant Ministerial Association on Monday morning the Rev. S. Osborne Troop (Church of England) gave an interesting review of "The Modern Readers' Bible," of which he spoke favorably.

A meeting of the citizens, presided over by the Mayor, was held last week with the object of taking action to establish a public city library. Resolutions were adopted and a committee appointed to carry out the project.

The representatives of the Wesleyan and Congregational colleges defeated the representatives of Diocesan and Presbyterian colleges in the annual debate. The former spoke for limited monarchy, the latter for republican government.

Last Wednesday evening the Rev. C. E. Amaran delivered a lecture on "French Evangelization" in the American Presbyterian Church. He stated that there were four thousand five hundred French Protestants in Montreal, and twenty-five thousand in Canada.

Mr. J. McLeish, of this city, has received good news from a far country to the effect that his son, Charles Hector McLeish, of the Royal Highlanders, who was reported to have died of wounds received at the battle of Magesfontein, is alive and has a fair prospect of recovery.

The work on the new church at Lachine is making rapid progress. It is expected that the church will be ready for occupation in the autumn. The seating capacity is estimated at about seven hundred, the cost at \$20,000. Messrs. MacVicar and Heriot are the architects.

The annual holiday festival of the Chinese Sunday Schools was held this year in St. Giles Church. After an entertaining programme had been rendered, addresses were delivered by the Rev. J. R. Dobson, the Rev. F. M. Dewey, Mr. Archibald McGowan, Q.C., and Dr. Thomson.

A resolution introduced at the Diocesan Synod that that body should request the General Synod of the Church of England in Canada to allow ministers the option of reading from the authorized or the revised version of the Bible at divine service, was shelved after considerable discussion.

The Presbytery met last Friday morning, and appointed a committee to decide upon the terms of separation of the opposing elements in Melville Church. The resignation of the Rev. Dr. Barclay as convener of the Century Fund was accepted. Rev. Prof. Springer was selected to replace him.

A service in commemoration of the death of Dr. Chiniquy was held last Friday evening in St. John's Church, which, the Rev. Mr. Heine said, was itself a monument to the deceased. The Rev. Dr. Amaran also spoke, and blew a strong contrast to the Roman Catholic mission to Protestants.

The treasurer of Knox Church received last year \$10,481, and paid out \$9,922. This does not include the year's offerings for missionary and benevolent purposes. During the year the church gained seventy members and lost thirty-seven. At present the communion roll contains seven hundred and five names.

Sir W. C. McDonald, Mr. James Ross, and Mr. R. B. Angus have contributed five thousand dollars each to the Maternity Hospital to aid in the erection of a new building. Lord Strathcona has given ten thousand dollars, and has offered a further gift of one thousand, if an equal sum is subscribed by nine others.

St. Andrew's Church was in mourning last Sunday, when the pastor, the Rev. J. Edgar Hill, D.D., preached a memorial sermon for the late Mr. W. W. Ogilvie, taking as his text the words from the book of proverbs: "Seest thou a man diligent in business; he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men." The preacher paid an

eloquent tribute to the late Mr. Ogilvie's business ability and integrity.

The trustees of the American Presbyterian congregation are applying for an amendment to their act of incorporation by which the right to vote at meetings of the congregation shall be extended to all persons who are holders of one or more sittings in the said Church, and by which the registration of the deed of the property shall be simplified.

The Diocesan Synod, at its meeting last week, voted to admit women to vestry meetings in future. The disability which has excluded women from voting at congregation meeting in the Church of England has thus been removed in this diocese. The Rev. Dr. Johnston, dean of the faculty of arts of McGill University, opposed the resolution.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Three Rivers, was held on January 15. Notwithstanding the removal of several families from the district, the finances were shown to be in a good condition. The congregation readily consented to the further absence of the pastor, the Rev. J. R. MacLeod, to continue his work in connection with the Century Fund.

Professor W. W. White, who arrived from New York on Saturday, delivered his initial sermon in Montreal to a large congregation in the American Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning. His meetings are being continued in the same church all this week. His skill in exposition and his power in making Scripture impressive are very marked. He is scholarly and popular at the same time.

The Rev. Prof. Ross preached the sermon at the dedication of the new Maxwellville Church, the dedication prayer being offered by the pastor, the Rev. James Cormack. In the afternoon the Rev. Mr. Langill, of Martintown, preached in the new church to the Oddfellows. The Rev. Prof. Ross preached again in the evening. The new church, the third built by the congregation, is a handsome and commodious structure.

An extraordinary instance of dastardly conduct on the part of boys is related as having taken place in the suburb of St. Henri on Saturday morning. Seven French boys accosted the seven-year-old son of Mr. Allan, superintendent of a shirt and collar factory in St. Henri, and asked him if he was a Catholic or a Protestant. On his replying that he was a Protestant, Master Allan was knocked down, beaten, and robbed.

The McGill University banquet, which was to have been held this week, has been postponed until some date not yet fixed, about the end of February, a cable message having been received from Lord Strathcona announcing his intention of being in Canada at that time. The Hon. R. Harcourt, the Hon. Wm. Mulock, Sir Sandford Fleming, Seth Low, president of Columbia University, and many other prominent men have accepted invitations to the dinner, which the Governor General also is expected to attend.

Taylor Church is to be congratulated on the donation of three thousand dollars received by the church from the estate of the late Mr. John Archibald, of Granby, Que. This has enabled the congregation in a year's time to reduce the debt of \$13,000 to about half that amount. The great progress of the church must be gratifying to the pastor, whose salary was raised at the annual meeting held last week from \$1,250 to 1,620 per annum. Mr. Reid's position, in seeing the work thus prosper in his hands, is an enviable one. It is doubtful that he would have been so happy in the Glasgow church to which he was called with an offer of a salary of several thousands.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

Cobourg Road, Halifax, hopes to raise \$1,100 for the Century Fund.

The Presbytery of Truro nominates Principal Pollock as next moderator of the General Assembly.

The presbytery of Pictou congratulated Dr. Isaac Murray on reaching the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

St. James Church, Pansboro, reports a balance on the night side for 1899, and subscriptions to the Century Fund of over \$2,000.

Elmsdale and Nine Mile River closes its first year as a self-supporting congregation, with the manse debt wiped off and a balance to spare.

Rev. Jas. Maclean has resigned his charge of Great Village, N. S. Mr. Maclean has been 46 years in the ministry, 25 of which were spent in his present charge.

James Church, New Glasgow, has undertaken as part of its Century Fund contribution, to assist the

Mulgrave congregation to wipe off its church debt. It offers to pay one third if the congregation will raise the other two-thirds.

At the annual meeting of the Blue Mountain and Garden of Eden congregation, the pleasing announcement was made that all the debt was cleared off. About \$1,700 was raised for all purposes.

St. Matthew's, Halifax, will be 150 years old next June. The reports for last year were highly satisfactory. \$8,888 were raised for all purposes, and the subscriptions to the Century Fund already exceed \$4,000.

The congregation of Barney's River congratulate themselves on a very successful year. All current expenses have been met, the manse debt has been reduced, a barn has been added to it, and the church building repainted inside and out.

The annual meetings of the Merigomish congregation was held on Jan. 9th. The finances were never in a more prosperous condition. Receipts exceeded expenditure by \$13.17. The extensive improvements on the interior of the church are nearly all paid for.

St. Andrew's, Chatham, N. B., is steadily growing in every way. Last year there was a net increase of 20 families, 16 communicants, and the income exceeded the expenditure by \$170. The contributions for the schemes of the church were \$200 in advance of the previous year.

Fort Massey Church, Halifax, held a very satisfactory congregational meeting last Wednesday evening. \$14,687 were raised for all purposes and the income largely exceeded the expenditure. The total contributions for religious and benevolent purposes were \$6,840.

The annual meeting of St. James Church, New Glasgow, was held last Thursday evening. The past year has been one of the most prosperous in the history of the congregation. The receipts exceeded those of 1898 by \$74, while the expenses were \$217 less. Three-fourths of the amount aimed at for the Century Fund (\$3,000) has been subscribed.

The Presbytery of St. John has appointed a committee to take the necessary steps to vindicate the discipline of the church in the case of Rev. J. S. Mullen, formerly minister of Stanley and Nashwaak, who has been preaching, dispensing the sacraments and solemnizing matrimony in contempt of the sentence of suspension passed upon him. They are to report to an adjourned meeting on Feb. 6th.

In regard to "Aids to Social Worship" the presbytery of St. John suggests that the introductory address be replaced by invitational sentences of Scripture: the form of the Lord's Prayer taught in our shorter Catechism be used; five complete services be compiled, one of which at least being suitable for a week day; and that the form of burial service which may be adopted on the report of the committee on revision of the directory be appended, also that the language throughout be as simple and familiar as possible. It was further recommended that the hymns known as Benedictus, Nunc Dimittis, Benedictus and Magnificat be added to the praise selections.

St. John Presbytery is wrestling with the Century Fund. Frederickton has subscribed \$4760 to the debt department and will attend to the common fund later. St. Stephen's Church, St. John, has raised \$1,400 cash and \$500 promised, but the canvas is incomplete. St. George and Fenfield subscribed \$132 for the common fund, St. Andrew's has subscribed \$214 for the common fund, and it is expected that the sum of \$300 will be reached. St. Stephen has subscribed \$846.85, and it is expected that the \$100 will be reached. Milltown has subscribed \$918.17, of which \$131 is for the common fund. St. Andrew's, St. John, has reached \$3,200, and aims at \$6,000. So far the total reported from the Presbytery is over \$11,000.

Births.

MACKAY—On Tuesday morning, January 23rd, 1900, the wife of Rev. E. W. Mackay, Madoc, of a son.

Marriages.

KENDER-ALEXANDER.—On the evening of the 17th inst., at the residence of the bride's father by the Rev. T. M. Goodwillie, M.A., assisted by the Rev. Wm. Iyke, M.A., Maggie May, eldest daughter of Edward Alexander, esq., to Mr. Samuel L. Kender of East Oxford, Ontario.

Deaths.

REID.—On Tuesday morning, January 23, 1900, Robert Reid, Collector of Customs, London, Ontario.