

Church News

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MONTREAL NOTES.

At the annual congregational social of St. Paul's church on Friday evening last a special invitation had been extended to the Professors and students of the Presbyterian College. This was gratefully accepted. There was a goodly representation and Prin. MacVicar in a brief speech expressed the thanks of those connected with the institution for their courtesy. After an excellent programme of music the climax of the evening's interest was reached in the presentation of a handsome grandfather's clock and fancy table to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morris who have recently retired from the Sabbath school after twenty years service, the former as Superintendent and the latter a teacher of the infant class. Eulogistic speeches were made by Dr. Barclay, Mr. Philip Ross, Mr. James Tasker, Prof. Murray and Prof. Ross, the new Superintendent. Mr. Morris briefly responded on behalf of Mrs. Morris and himself, after which the whole of the large company assembled adjourned for refreshments.

At a special meeting of the Presbytery on Monday the 29th Nov. the call from Melville church to the Rev. T. W. Winfield of Ottawa was sustained. There was developed some rather unexpected opposition to the call from a section of the congregation that desired more satisfactory assurances as to Mr. Winfield's position on the temperance question. Westmount has always refused to sanction any licences for the sale of liquor and rather prides itself on its freedom from the curse of the liquor traffic. They were anxious therefore to make sure of having in the new pastor of Melville Church one who could be counted on to encourage and sustain the temperance sentiment of the place. Evidence was furnished that Mr. Winfield's views had undergone considerable change since he gave evidence before the Royal Commission on the Liquor traffic. The assurances given were only partially satisfactory to the dissentients, but in view of the fact that the call was signed by over three-fourths of the membership the Presbytery felt that it could not do otherwise than sustain and transmit it to the Presbytery of Ottawa with the request for his translation. At the meeting of the Presbytery of Ottawa held on Thursday the 2nd Dec., the Rev. Prof. Campbell Messrs. A. C. Hutchison, D. McCormick and J. Brown appeared to prosecute the call which was accepted by Mr. Winfield and his translation ordered.

The Rev. Thomas Bennett of Taylor church, having accepted the agency of the Montreal Bible Society has tabled his resignation of his charge. The congregation has been cited and the matter will be disposed of at the regular meeting of the Presbytery on the 14th inst.

The Committee appointed by the last General Assembly to take over the Ottawa Ladies' College from the Board of French Evangelization is applying to the Ontario Legislature for an act of incorporation so as to hold the property in a regular way. Under this management the institution is making satisfactory progress and doing an excellent work.

GENERAL.

Rev. T. W. Winfield, of the Globe Mission, Ottawa, has accepted the call to Melville Church, Montreal.

Rev. L. H. Jordan, B. D., of St. James Square Church, Toronto, preached at Upper Canada College last Sabbath evening.

At a union thanksgiving service held in Alma Church on Thanksgiving Day, a collection was taken up in aid of the bush fire sufferers, when \$10 were contributed.

Mrs. T. C. Keefer has given \$2,500 to the New Edinburgh Presbyterian church. The church is now free from debt and the salary of the pastor, Rev. J. A. Macfarlane, has been increased.

On Thursday evening, Nov. 18th, the members and adherents of the Presbyterian church, Tamworth, presented the Rev. Mr. Hallastyne with a purse of money, a family Bible and an address.

The Rev. James Hastie, Cornwall gave a series of discourses in November to his congregation in connection with the 250th anniversary of the completion of the Westminster Standards.

Rev. Prof. Scott, formerly of Manitoba College, who is at present lecturing in Queen's College, Kingston, has received a call to Hespeler, Ont., which he will accept at the conclusion of his college duties.

Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, of the China Inland Mission, occupied the pulpit of Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, and Rev. D. Macgillivray, of Honan, that of Bloor street Church last Sabbath evening.

The Rev. N. E. Knowles B. A. of Ottawa conducted services in connection with the 51st anniversary of Knox Church, Cornwall, on Sunday 5th Dec., and on Monday evening delivered his brilliant lecture, "The Sunny South."

On Thursday, Dec. 2nd, the Presbytery of St. John accepted the resignation of Rev. Mr. Corbett, of South Richmond, to take effect the last of December. The pulpit will be declared vacant on the 2nd of January.

Very successful services were held in the Presbyterian church, Duart on Nov. 14th when the congregation put upon the plate the sum of \$108. On Monday evening 15th a "Thanksgiving social" was held when a further free-will offering of \$15, was given.

The Young People's Association of St. David's Church, St. John, N. B., has issued a neat programme for the current session. The bill of fare provided is exceptionally interesting, and the young people are promised a profitable and pleasant series of gatherings this winter.

The memory of the late Rev. John Burton of Gravenhurst will be perpetuated at the Sick Children's Hospital here, a friend of the deceased gentleman having endowed a cot to be called "the John Burton cot" in that institution, paying to it for that purpose the sum of \$2,000.

Union thanksgiving services in connection with the Ministerial Alliance were held in Zion church, Brantford, on Thanksgiving Day, Rev. Dr. Cochrane being the preacher. Dr. Cochrane also preached the annual sermon to St. Andrew's Society in the same church the following Sunday evening.

A special lecture was given in both the North Pelham and Louth Presbyterian churches by the pastor, Rev. Jas. Buchanan, on Thanksgiving Day, to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the "Confession of Faith and Catechisms." The lectures were intensely interesting, and were much appreciated.

The many friends in Bracebridge of the late Dr. Clark will regret the removal of Mrs. Clarke and her daughter to Paris their former home. The esteem, in which the congregations of Bracebridge and Monk regarded their late pastor, is expressed by their payment of the salary till the close of the year and of an additional sum, in all nearly \$140.

The recent anniversary services in the Presbyterian church at First Esna were a decided success. Rev. W. R. McIntosh of Allandale preached very appropriate sermons morning and evening. The attendance was very large on both occasions. On the evening of Thanksgiving Day, the usual fowl supper was held. An excellent programme of music, etc., was enjoyed by all. The entire proceeds amounted to \$96. The congregation and Mr. Smith their pastor are to be congratulated on the successful results.

The Presbytery of Ottawa met Dec. 2nd, and sanctioned the call of Rev. T. W. Winfield to Melville church, Montreal. There was a large attendance. Rev. Mr. Eadie acted as Moderator. Messrs. J. C. Savage and John Reid represented the Globe mission, and Prof. Campbell, Messrs. A. C. Hutchison, Duncan McMurrack, Q.C., and James Brown of the Melville Presbyterian Church were present to extend the invitation. After a discussion Rev. Mr. Herridge moved that Mr. Winfield be released from his duties in Ottawa and the motion carried. Mr. Winfield will now accept the call.

The annual meeting of the W. F. M. S. was held in St. Andrew's Church, Appleton, recently, the president, Miss Turner, in the

chair. The choir sang an opening hymn, followed by the scripture lesson by Mrs. And. Wilson, jr., and prayer by Mrs. John Stewart. Mrs. (Rev.) Macfarlane read a paper entitled "Giving," which was much appreciated; an address on Missionary Work, by Mrs. Cooke, of Smith's Falls, was excellent. Mrs. Torrance, of Carleton Place, rendered a solo in a very pleasing voice and was well received. Short addresses were given by Revs. Macfarlane, of Franktown, and the pastor, G. T. Bayne. Misses Aggie and Jennie Baird opened the Thank-offering envelopes, and read the texts. The Thankoffering amounted to about \$30.

Rev. S. R. MacClements was inducted on Thursday last into the pastorate of Chalmers Church, Toronto, in succession to the late Rev. John Mutch. Rev. Wm. Burns presided, and the induction sermon was preached by Rev. C. R. Fakin, of St. Paul's Church. Rev. Principal Caven addressed the minister, and Rev. Wylie Clarke of Brampton, the congregation. After the service, a reception was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. MacClements in the school-room, which was tastefully decorated. Music and refreshments enlivened the proceedings. In the evening there was another large gathering in the church. Speeches were delivered by Rev. W. J. McCaughan, Rev. Dr. Thomas, Rev. D. C. Howsack, Rev. Alex. McGillivray, Rev. Jesse Gibson and others. Mr. MacClements was presented with a gown and cassock. On Sabbath, crowded congregations greeted Rev. Dr. MacClements on his first appearance as pastor. In the evening several hundred were turned away. The pastor took as his subject in the morning, the "Biography of a Saved Soul," which he treated in a manner that evidently affected the large congregation present. In the evening he preached from the words, "Behold! I stand at the door and knock." He divided his discourse into two parts, in the first of which he dealt with God's part in salvation, and in feeling words depicted His love for the sinner and Christ's patience and long suffering in dealing with him. In the second part, he showed man's part in opening the door, and ended with a strong appeal to all to answer the Saviour's knock. Special music was given by the choir, including an anthem, "Seek Ye the Lord," and a duet by Mrs. Cockburn and Mr. G. G. G.

There was a large congregation at the morning devotional Thanksgiving service held in East Presbyterian church, Oak street. Rev. J. A. Morrison, pastor conducted the service, and the sermon was preached by Rev. C. R. Moffatt, D.D., whose text was the 12th verse, 7th chapter, 1st Book of Samuel: "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us." The reverend gentleman preached a very earnest sermon, during which he referred to Canada's bountiful harvests this season, and the grace of the omnipotent power that had fostered and blessed it until it was ripe for the reaping. In the evening Rev. J. A. Morrison and Mrs. Morrison gave an "At Home" in the parlors of the church. Over five hundred adults were present in addition to a large number of children, for whom a distinct entertainment was provided in the church auditorium. The beautiful decorations of the parlors were a high tribute to the artistic skill of the young people of the church, who undertook the work. On the platform of the largest parlor was a dainty little arbor, fashioned on the plan of a summer garden-house. Here Newton's string orchestra were seated, and they rendered a fine programme of standard and popular selections. At a few minutes past eight o'clock a regular concert programme commenced, and was carried through. For this Rev. Dr. Moffatt presided. Mayor Shaw, who was present, made a brief congratulatory address, and the pastor of the church extended a hearty welcome to all. In the church auditorium, through the kindness of Mr. Whittemore, the children were entertained by a number of splendid limelight views. These included "Jesus's First Prayer," "John Plowman pictures" (Spurgeon), views of Canada, views of the Holy Land, pictures of birds and flowers, and, in conclusion, an illustrated version of "Rock of Ages." Mr. W. F. Groves, Superintendent of the Sabbath school, explained the pictures. As each child left the building at the close of the