

## Church News

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### MONTREAL NOTES.

One of the most hopeful features in the present situation of the Province of Quebec is the intelligent interest now taken in the subject of education by the French press. Referring to the recent report prepared by Mr. De la Bruere, Superintendent of Public Instruction, an article in the *Signal*, signed "Progress," expresses indignation at the small salaries paid teachers in French schools as compared with those given in the English schools. The report referred to shows that the average salary paid to teachers in the French Catholic primary schools is \$233 a year, while the same class of teachers in English Protestant schools get \$510. In the model schools and academies, French Catholic teachers got \$412, while the English Protestant schools give \$805. As regards female teachers, the average salary of those holding diplomas is, in the French Catholic schools, \$103, and in the English Protestant schools, \$177, and those having no diplomas get \$77 in the French schools and \$142 in the English schools. Lady teachers in French model schools and academies get an average of \$133, while the same class of teachers get \$304 in the English Protestant schools. Commenting on the above, the writer says:—"Why do we pay less than the English people for our male and female teachers? Is it with a view to get education at a rebate? Is it simply with a view to secure the luxury of placing our children in the hands of ignorant and incompetent persons? There is nothing to be wondered at if the English people give their children a practical education, since they pay to have good teachers. I trust that in the plan of school reform which the Hon. Mr. Robidoux is preparing, there will be a few clauses to regulate the salary of our teachers, and force our school-boards, against their own will, to pay the teaching staff decent salaries."

The details of the ceremonies connected with the consecration of the new Roman Catholic Archbishop are of no interest to Protestants, but some sentences in his replies to addresses presented after the religious service was over show that he has learned something from his Protestant environment. "Let us be just," he said, "towards a minority who do not profess our faith; let us live with them in peace and harmony, and let us respect their convictions as we wish ourselves that our rights should be respected." This is not the language which his Church has commonly held in such countries as Spain and Portugal where it is supreme. We can only rejoice, however, at his partial conversion to Protestant principles and trust that he may prove the sincerity of it by his subsequent conduct.

The Methodist Church which so recently lost its best known French missionary in Mr. Dorion has just suffered another loss by the accidental drowning of the Rev. W. H. Desmarais, at Wotton, on Saturday, the 7th inst., in the Nicolet river. He had gone into the river with a friend to bathe and either got beyond his depth or was seized with cramps. He was only twenty-nine years of age, but already gave promise of much usefulness in French work.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Campbell returned to town from his holidays last week and has resumed duty in St. Gabriel church. Among others who supplied the pulpit during his absence was the Rev. Mr. Barnett, formerly minister of Martintown and Clerk of the Presbytery of Glengarry. Mr. Barnett had gone to the old country with the intention of spending his remaining days in the land of his birth. His love for Canada has, however, proved too strong for his earlier associations and he has returned to take up his residence at Sumnerstown as his future home.

### GENERAL.

Rev. Professor Ross has been supplying St. Andrew's pulpit Ottawa during the holidays.

The death of Mr. John Munro for many years a respected member of St. Paul's Church Ottawa, called forth a feeling

tribute to his worth, from Rev. Dr. Armstrong during a sermon preached recently in St. Paul's.

The Rev. Mr. Morrison has been appointed to take charge of the Presbyterian church at Coldwater mission for the next two months.

The Rev. R. Douglas Fraser of Bowmanville is filling the pulpit of Bloor Street Presbyterian church, Toronto, during the absence of the Rev. W. G. Wallace.

The Rev. Joseph McCoy, of St. Andrew's church, Chatham, N.B., has resigned his charge. When he leaves Chatham he will bear with him the respect of all classes.

Rev. Mr. Mackenzie, at present ordained missionary in the Sharbot Lake Presbyterian mission field, is called to the charge in Douglas, Ont., and will probably accept.

Rev. Dr. Bryce, Winnipeg, preached recently in Brink St. church, Ottawa, on "Our North West Indians," describing the Evangelical work conducted by the Presbyterian Church among them.

The Rev. Samuel Boyd, Presbyterian minister, Wallace N. B., has just been removed by death. Mr. Boyd was ordained 39 years ago in connection with the Reformed Presbyterian church, and labored for a time in New Brunswick. He succeeded the late Rev. John Munro.

The Sootstown, P.Q., Presbyterian Church (A. King, pastor) Sunday school annual picnic was held on Wednesday. The weather was all that could be desired, the attendance was large, the provisions abundant and of first class quality. Everything was well arranged and nicely carried out, the children enjoyed themselves, and everybody was satisfied.

Rev. M. P. Talling, B.A., pastor of St. James' Presbyterian church, London, has asked to be relieved of his charge. Mr. Talling, who has very acceptably held the position of pastor of the church for seven years, placed his resignation in the hands of the managers at their last meeting. He desires to retire in order that he may pursue a post-graduate course at the Provincial University.

The Presbyterian church at Norman, Man., was re-opened on August 8th. The Rev. R. Nairn, B.A., moderator of the Superior Presbytery, conducted the morning service and solemnly dedicated the building to the Almighty God. In the afternoon the pastor Rev. J. L. Small, B.A., and the Rev. I. Jackson Wray, of the Methodist Church conducted the service. The evening service was conducted by the Rev. Hugh Pedley, Winnipeg.

At a meeting of St. Andrew's church congregation, New Westminster, B.C., held for the purpose of moderating in a call to a minister to succeed Mr. Scoullar, Rev. E. D. McLaren presiding, it was finally decided to extend a call to Rev. A. E. Veat, formerly of Nova Scotia. The call was made unanimous. It will be brought up for consideration at the next meeting to be held at Eburne, when a pro rata meeting of the Presbytery of New Westminster will be held to induct Rev. J. A. Logan, now of Union, but formerly of Chilliwack, to the ministry of the Richmond congregation.

The Rev. A. Sutherland and family were given a farewell supper at the manse, Ripley, Ont., by the members of the church. The ladies prepared a most elaborate supper which was partaken of by nearly 400 persons. Speeches were made by Revs. F. Swan, Isaac McDonald, of Glamis, and G. M. Franklin. Dr. Gordon presented Mr. Sutherland with a well filled purse, accompanied by an address, expressing the deepest regret at the reverend gentleman's withdrawal from the ministry. Mr. Sutherland's reply was impressive. Rev. Sutherland and family left next morning for Kearney, Nebraska.

A reception was given in Moss Park Rink on the evening of August 16th. It was the occasion of Rev. William Patterson's return from a trip to the Pacific Coast and to Ireland, his native soil, and the ladies of Cooke's Church had made these preparations to receive him suitably. The garden party was transformed by reason of wet grounds into a semi-indoor social, the pavilion at the south end of the grounds being used for the purpose. Welcoming addresses were given

by Mr. P. G. Close on behalf of the congregation; by Mr. T. Humphries, on behalf of the Christian Endeavor Society; by Mr. R. A. McConnell, on behalf of the Sunday school, and by Messrs. T. Kinnear and S. Walker, on behalf of the session. To these Mr. Patterson made a happy reply. Proceeds at the gate and tables went towards the work of the Ladies' Association of the Church.

The re-opening services at Chalmers church, London, on Aug. 22nd, were largely attended. In the morning Rev. J. G. Stuart preached from the text: "Awake, thou that sleepest and arise from the dead," Eph. v. 14. The sermon delivered by the reverend gentleman was practical and appropriate. He highly complimented the congregation upon what they had accomplished. Rev. George Gilmore addressed the Sabbath school in the afternoon, and Rev. W. J. Clark occupied the pulpit in the evening. The latter chose as his text Genesis xxviii. 19: "And he called the name of that place Bethel." Throughout all the ages structures known as houses of God had been built by man. It was the material expression of a spiritual nature. For the up-building of the church humility, desire and faith were essential.

The ordination and induction of Rev. Hugh Cowan as pastor of the Dawn (Ontario) and North Dawn Churches took place Tuesday August 17th. The public ordination service was held in the North Dawn church at 2.30. Divine worship was conducted by Rev. D. Currie, of Wallaceburg. Rev. John Davison, of Bothwell, addressed the newly ordained minister, and Rev. T. D. McCullough, Dresden, the congregation, regarding their respective duties. In the evening a reception was tendered Mr. Cowan. Music was furnished by the Florence choir, and addresses delivered by Revs. D. Currie and T. D. McCullough. Messrs. Groathead and Knight, to which Rev. Mr. Cowan replied in a few appropriate words at the close. The chair was occupied by Rev. John Davidson, of Bothwell. The Board of Managers presented Rev. Mr. Davidson, with a purse and an address appreciative of his kindness to their congregations during the vacancy.

The Presbytery of Glenboro met in Souris, Man., Aug. 11th, for the induction of the Rev. Robert Thynne, M. A., late of Markham, Ont., to the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian congregation at Souris. There were present the Rev. A. Curry, of Wawanosa; Rev. A. MacTavish, of Treherne; Rev. A. McD. Haig, of Glenboro; and Rev. John Wells, of Holland. The Rev. Mr. Curry presided. The Rev. Mr. Wells preached an excellent sermon upon the mission that St. Paul set himself, to preach the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the salvation of sinners. He took for his text the third and fourth verses of the fifteenth chapter of the first epistle to the Corinthians, after which Mr. Thynne was duly inducted to the pastoral charge of the Souris congregation, and given the right hand of fellowship from the members of the Presbytery. Mr. MacTavish then addressed the newly inducted minister in a few well chosen words, and Mr. McD. Haig the people. After this part of the proceedings closed, half an hour was pleasantly spent in social intercourse, and the discussion of the abundant refreshments provided by the ladies.

In the absence of the pastor of Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian church, the Rev. R. T. Cockburn, Guelph, has supplied the pulpit for about seven months, during which time his services have been so well received that the people with whom he labored, felt they could not let his departure take place without, in some way showing their esteem. A farewell entertainment was given at the residence of Mrs. James Rutherford, an impromptu programme of song, recital and addresses, etc., was rendered, an interesting part of which was the reading of an address to, and presenting Mr. Cockburn with a beautiful easy chair. The address was signed on behalf of Session and Committee, by James Learmonth, J. Wright, and Andrew Armour. Dr. Mott, who acted as chairman, then asked the receiver to speak a few words. Mr. Cockburn in a brief manner thanked the donors for the great