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A MEMORIAL ORGAN.

The official opening of the memorial organ in the Presbyterian Church, Valleyfield, took place on Thursday evening, Sept. 5. The church had been closed during seven weeks for painting and the installation of a new pipe organ, and was re-opened on Sunday. There was a large attendance at both services. The pastor, the Rev. J. E. Duclos, took for the morning subject, "A consecrated hearing," and for the evening, "Praise."

The programme on Thursday night was chiefly an organ recital by Mr. J. Angus Winter, lately organist of St. James Methodist Church, Montreal.

During the intermission, the Rev. Mr. Duclos, in speaking of the gift of the organ, said, in part:—

"We meet this evening under pleasant and favorable circumstances. Not only is our programme a musical one of a high order, but exceptional in its character. It is the first organ recital ever given in our English-speaking community. Another feature of interest is the fact that this beautiful organ is a gift from one of our church members, Mr. James Robb, mayor of our town. Mayor Robb has long been connected with this church, and has been a member of the board of managers for the past eighteen years, and chairman for fifteen years. He has always taken an interest in the temporal prosperity of the church and been a regular attendant at the Sabbath services. His presentation of this organ is therefore compatible with his relation to the church. Mr. Robb might have honored the memory of his wife in some other way, but he deemed it more suitable to do so in connection with the church, and in this particular manner, inasmuch as she was at one time a member of the choir. We are consequently the recipients of one of the finest and best organs manufactured in America.

Mayor Robb then transferred the key of the organ to the pastor, in the following words:—

"At the last annual general meeting of this congregation, an offer was made and accepted, whereby a modern organ was to be placed in our church. The offer made to the congregation has been completed—the organ is installed. Mr. Winter, whose reputation as a musician and a man makes his opinion of musical instruments valuable, has told me that this organ is up to the specifications and complete in all details. On the strength of his certificate the account has been paid, so that to-night the instrument is handed over to the congregation free from debt of any kind. Insurance against fire for ten years will be provided as agreed.

"Now, you will pardon me if I tell you that I did not consider it necessary that any remarks should be made upon this occasion, and if I am on the platform it is out of deference to the wish of our pastor, who thought that inasmuch as I had not been present at the meeting in January, it was due to my friends and fellow-members that upon this occasion the keys of the instrument should be formally presented to the congregation.

"When I came to live in Valleyfield, almost thirty two years ago, about the only capital I possessed was good health, a mother's Bible, and a father's advice to attend church, keep away from bar rooms, and deal honestly in all things. At that time the only Protestant church in Valleyfield was a small wooden building, where the cemetery now is. There was no pipe organ

in that church. It is no disrespect to the present choir to say that it always since has seemed to me that the musical services in that little church were sweeter and more melodious than in any other church I ever attended. Perhaps the music was better, or perhaps my opinion was formed, because it was in that little church that I met and formed friendships that led to the turning point in my life, for it was there that I met and won the love of as good a woman as ever blessed a man's home.

"Remembering the services, and those present last Sunday, when the organ was used for the first time, and looking into the faces of the many friends and companions of my dear wife, who are here to-night, I feel thankful that I was able to provide this memorial, because I know it is appreciated by the friends whose opinions I value. I hope it will inspire greater efforts among our young people to cultivate their musical talents, to work for the promotion of all that helps to advance Christian ideals, and to make the community in which we live happier and better."

QUEBEC NOTES.

Rev. H. Carmichael, B.D., Richmond, was elected Moderator at last meeting.

Rev. C. W. Nicol spent a portion of his time in Western Ont., and has returned improved in health and strength, to the delight of his brethren.

All the ministers who were on holiday have returned, except Dr. Kellock, who left later. Dr. Kellock is spending a month at Weyburn, Sask., with a son.

Rev. H. C. Sutherland spent most of his vacation among lakes nearer home, and his hand is again on work in his own field and among some of the mission fields of the bounds.

Rev. J. R. MacLeod and Rev. M. MacLeod spent their time of release among the beauties of Cape Breton, conducting services, sometimes as small return for signal kindnesses received from pastors and people.

Rev. A. T. Love recruited at Murray Bay, and has returned improved in strength. His neighbor, Rev. W. C. Clark, spent a month by the cool waters of Metis, and combined some work with rest.

It is hoped that Dr. Paterson, favorably known in the Presbytery, may take charge of Mississippi and Hillhurst, which is falling vacant, unless his services be sought for more urgent work.

Rev. R. Carmichael's return was sad and pathetic because of the fact that he had left the mortal part of his partner in life in the last resting-place at Spencerville, Ont. His brethren sympathize deeply with Mr. Carmichael in his great loss.

GOING TO FOREIGN FIELD.

Nine new missionaries are being sent out this year by the Presbyterian Foreign Mission Committee (western division). Four go to Macao: Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Broadfoot, from Gladstone, Manitoba, Miss Rachel McLean, of Toronto, and Miss Lillian Lemaistre, of Montreal, who is to become the wife of Dr. John A. McDonald, one of last year's party of fifteen. Three are destined for Central India: Rev. J. A. Sharrard, of Uxbridge, Ont., who sailed in June; Rev. Alex. Dunn, of Calgary, Alta., and Miss Anna M. Nairn, of Galt, Ont. Two sail for North Formosa: Rev. and Mrs. Duncan McLeod, of Brandon, Man.

OWEN SOUND.

Knox Church pulpit, vacant since the resignation of Rev. Mr. McAlpine, is still without a permanent occupant. On two recent Sundays, Rev. Mr. Ellison, of Carslake, and Rev. Mr. Rollins, of London, were the preachers. The sermons of both were greatly appreciated by large congregations. It is understood that a congregational meeting will soon be held with a view to a call.

The ladies of Knox church, Owen Sound, are active in Church work, even if they are without a pastor. The recent social of the Ladies' Aid Society at the home of Mrs. John Wharry was a pronounced success. The floral decorations were abundant, and very pretty. Mr. Willard, the choir leader, contributed to the enjoyment of the occasion by singing several songs, Miss Agnew accompanying him on the piano. The attendance was large, and a handsome sum was added to the funds of the society.

The "Seldon" House, purchased by the Owen Sound Hotel Co. Limited when the local option by-law was adopted two years ago, is a fine sample of a first-class hotel operated successfully without a "bar." Your correspondent was a guest at the "Seldon" on two or three occasions when it had a "bar." It was a good hotel then; it is a better hotel in every respect now. Mr. R. D. Little, the manager is an attentive and gentlemanly host; and in looking after his guests he has the competent help of Mrs. Little, who is unflinching in her efforts to make the hotel home like to visitors.

WELL AND TRULY LAID.

During his three days' visit to Glasgow the Prince of Wales laid three memorial stones, opened new buildings at the University, and received, along with the Princess, the freedom of the city, an LL.D. degree, and three caskets, to say nothing of trowels, gold keys, and the seven bouquets specified in the official programme. We understand, however, that there is no truth in the rumor that at breakfast, on the morning of his departure, the Prince remarked, with sheer force of habit, as he tapped the shell of an egg, 'I declare this egg to be well and truly laid. Please pass the pepper castor.'—Punch.

CORRECTED IN RHYME.

Thackeray was much pestered by the autograph hunter, says Hodder in his "Recollections." He disliked above all things to write in an autograph album and often refused those who asked him to do so sometimes rather brusquely.

On one occasion the owner of an album, a young lady, was fortunate. Thackeray took her book to his room in order to look it over. Written on a page he found these lines:

Mount Blanc is the monarch of mountains.
They crowned him long ago,
But who they got to put it on
Nobody seems to know.

Albert Smith.
Under these lines Mr. Thackeray wrote:

A HUMBLE SUGGESTION.
I know that Albert wrote in hurry—
To criticise I scarce presume,
But yet methinks that Lindley Murray
Instead of 'who' had written 'whom.'
W. M. Thackeray.