

## Church News

[All communications to this column ought to be sent to the Editor immediately after the occurrences to which they refer have taken place.]

### MONTREAL NOTES.

At a special *pro re nata* meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal held in Knox church on the 19th ult. The call in favor of the Rev. Thomas A. Mitchell of Avonmore from the congregation of Côte des Neiges was reported by the Rev. Mr. Heino and sustained. The salary offered is \$750 and a manse. The call was ordered to be transmitted to the Presbytery of Glengarry and will be supported by Mr. Heino before that Presbytery when the usual steps have been taken.

At the same meeting it was agreed to allow the newly opened station in the suburb of Kensington, adjoining Westmount, leave to borrow the sum of \$500 in order to complete the erection of a small church building at that point. This station is connected with Montreal West and is under the charge of the Rev. G. C. Pidgeon.

By leave of the General Assembly the Rev. David Downie M.A., and the Rev. Alfred Logan B.A., were received as ministers of the church. The former comes from the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, and the latter from the Presbyterian Church of the United States, but is a native of Nova Scotia and was educated in Canada.

The pulpit of Melville church Westmount was supplied on Sunday last by the Rev. W. G. Jordan of Strathroy, Ont.

The Rev. Professor Scrimger returned home on Friday, Aug. 27th, from Winnipeg, where he had been engaged during the last three months teaching in the summer session of Manitoba College. He reports the session to have been an entirely successful one. Twenty-six students were in attendance including one lady who proposes to offer herself for the Foreign Mission field. Twenty-four passed the concluding examinations, of whom five are in the graduating class. In addition to these, one candidate, the Rev. Thomas Beveridge, passed his final examination for the degree of B. D. Principal King is at the present time enjoying a well earned holiday in Europe, but his duties were efficiently discharged by Professor Baird. Most valuable assistance in the work of instruction was given during the latter half of the session by Dr. F. R. Heattie, of Louisville Seminary in Kentucky. Dr. Heattie is well known in Canada, his native place, and during the past two sessions has cheerfully given his services without cost as a contribution to the Home Mission Work of the Church. Dr. Scrimger found the people of Manitoba in the best of spirits over the prospect of an excellent crop, already safely harvested, being sold at good prices for export.

The new building of the Royal Victoria College for women being erected on Shorbrooke street by Lord Strathcona and Mountroyal, (Sir Donald Smith,) is now approaching completion, and though nothing definite has yet been announced as to the opening or the terms of its use, it will no doubt be shortly available for the purpose indicated by its name. The building is a spacious and handsome structure with ten class rooms, gymnasium, dining-room, and public assembly room. It has also a large number of dormitories and studies occupying two stories of the main building. The whole is constructed of the best materials and furnished in handsome style, so as to be at once durable and satisfying to the most exacting taste.

News has been received as to the serious illness of Principal Peterson in Scotland where he has been spending the summer. It is still hoped, however, that he may be able to return in time for the opening of the session.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA NOTES.

There have been a great many vacant congregations in the Synod during the summer, but several of them are now getting settled. Vernon called Rev. G. A. Wilson, he accepted the call and was inducted some time ago. St. Andrew's of New West-

minster has been vacant since early in March, but has at last called a minister in the person of Rev. A. E. Vert, late of the Halifax Presbytery. Mr. Vert accepted the call and was inducted on September 2nd. During the interval between the call and the induction the pulpit was filled by Mr. W. Erskin Knowles on the 22nd, and by Rev. W. Meikle on the 29th, after which the new minister will officiate. Richmond congregation which was rendered vacant by the resignation of Rev. A. E. Camp in April has called Rev. J. A. Logan, of Union, B.C., Mr. Logan was inducted on August 17th.

Rev. J. S. Gordon, of Mount Pleasant, Vancouver, has resigned his charge owing to ill health, much to the regret of his people who have become much attached to him. Mr. Gordon has won the affection and respect of all since his settlement in Vancouver a little over a year ago, and much sympathy is expressed for him, all hope that he may be speedily restored. His resignation was accepted by the Presbytery on the 17th Aug., and the congregation is now having visiting ministers. Rev. E. D. McLaren is Moderator of the Session.

Nelson and Rossland congregations have both extended a call to the same gentleman, Mr. D. M. Gaudier, B.A., of Queen's. We have not yet heard what is Mr. Gaudier's decision in the matter.

The Home Mission Committee has resolved to send a missionary up north to the newly discovered gold fields in the Yukon country. Whoever is selected will start very shortly.

### GENERAL.

Rev. J. R. Gilchrist has resigned his charge of Baltimore, Ont., and the same has been accepted by the Presbytery.

Rev. D. G. S. Conroy and family, of Winchester, have returned from Nova Scotia after a six weeks' holiday.

On Sunday evenings the Rev. W. R. McIntosh, Allandale, is delivering a course of sermons on "Types of Character in the Old Testament."

Rev. S. G. Lawson, who has had charge of the Presbyterian Church at Riverdale, N. S., has arrived in Winnipeg with members of his family, and will settle in the Northwest.

Rev. R. P. McKay, secretary of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, conducted services in St. Paul's, Ingersoll, on Aug. 29th, for the 7th anniversary of Rev. E. R. Hunt's pastorate.

Rev. Dr. Lyle, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, has returned home from Berlin, where he has been taking a four-months' course of lectures at the University.

The congregation of Duff Church, West Magdala, Ont., propose to separate from First congregation and united with the Delaware brethren. The matter will come up at the first meeting of the Presbytery.

At the meeting of the Westminster Presbytery at Burnie, R.C., Rev. John A. Logan was inducted as pastor of Richmond; Rev. Mr. Gordon's resignation was accepted, and Rev. A. E. Vert accepted the call to the pastorate of St. Andrew's church, New Westminster.

Thieves entered the residence of the Rev. J. D. Boyd, pastor of Zion Presbyterian church, Kingston, while the pastor and his wife slept, and rummaged every room. Mr. Boyd's clothing was searched. Little was taken beyond a small sum of money. The burglars, who entered from the rear, looted on the good things in the larder.

The Rev. Nathan Smith of Niagara-on-the-Lake has been conducting the services in Queen street east Presbyterian church, Toronto, during the past month, in the absence of the pastor, and his sermons have been very much appreciated by the congregation. Mr. Smith returned home Aug. 31. The Rev. Wm. and Mrs. Enz II returned Sept. 1st from Niagara.

At a meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's church, London, held Wednesday, Sept. 1st., to consider a report from the session recommending grants of \$200, \$150 and \$100 to the Pottersburg Mission for the next three years, the report was unanimously adopted. The grants are made subject to the union of the Pottersburg and Crumlin congregations, thus forming a self-sustaining

church, and the St. Andrew's session to have the privilege of asking the Rev. Geo. Gilmore, pastor of the Pottersburg congregation, to assist in carrying on the mission work in the north end. It is probable that the organization of the Pottersburg church may be asked at the next meeting of the Presbytery, which takes place Sept. 14th in the First Church.

J. W. MacIntosh, M.A., a graduate of Queen's, was ordained and inducted at Centerville Presbyterian church, on Aug. 20th. Rev. J. G. Potter, Peterboro, presided; Rev. Mr. Hamilton, Havelock, preached. Rev. Mr. Potter put to Mr. MacIntosh the usual questions in the circumstances, and offered the ordination prayer. Rev. Dr. Torrance addressed the minister, and Rev. Mr. Hay, of Cobourg, the people.

Through the carelessness of workmen, Woodstock, Ont., was very nearly losing its new Knox church which is nearing completion. A handful of cotton waste saturated with oil had been dropped upon the floor just before the workmen left the building for the night one of them happened to see it and discovered it was just on the point of igniting. But for this fortunate discovery great damage must have been done.

The *Christian Advocate*, a Methodist weekly published in Belfast, Ireland, has the following to say of the Rev. Dr. Moore, pastor of Bank Street church, Ottawa:—"Last Sunday was a red letter day with our friends at Larnoe, where the pulpit of their handsome church was filled by a distinguished visitor in the person of Rev. Wm. Moore, D.D., Moderator of the Canadian General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Dominion. Dr. Moore preached to crowded congregations, sermons, which have been described to us as discourses of singular beauty and power—in the morning on "Unto you therefore which believe He is precious," and in the evening on "Give us this day our daily bread." A Liberal collection was taken up for the Trust Fund. The doctor is described as a man of very attractive person and great charm of manner, and altogether was much appreciated. Additional interest was lent to his visit and services by his personal relation to Larnoe and to Larnoe Methodism, as not only a native of the locality, but also the grandson of the late Mr. James Ritchie, of Kilwaughter—a prince of local preachers in his day, who for many years regularly supplied the old Larnoe pulpit in his turn with great acceptance and power. Blessed man! how well we remember him as a fellow laborer through the exciting and glorious days of the great revival of 1859"

The services in connection with the reopening of the Presbyterian Church, Princeton, which took place on Sunday, Aug. 29, passed over very successfully. Rev. Mr. Hamilton, of the First Presbyterian Church, Bramford, preached morning and evening to large and appreciative audiences. In the morning he chose for his subject the omnipotence of God, taking for his text St. Matthew, 8th chapter, part of the 2nd verse: "Lord if Thou wilt Thou canst." In the evening he directed his hearer's attention to Psalm 116, verse 1: "I love the Lord."

### A MINISTER'S STATEMENT

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