

Church News

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MONTREAL NOTES.

The Presbytery has held two special meetings during the past week. One was at LaCerte on Tuesday, 22nd inst., to deal with the resignation of the Rev. John Mackie from the First Church. Notwithstanding the unfavorable condition of the roads, which made driving well-nigh impossible, there was a large attendance of the congregation, who showed their great respect for the pastor who had gone out and in among them for the past forty years. In view of the state of Mr. Mackie's health they could not well object to his resignation, but they bore loving testimony to his fidelity, as a minister and expressed the desire to make some provision for his declining years by a retiring allowance. Owing to the state of the roads no canvass of the congregation had been possible but they promised to report the result of their efforts at a meeting to be held a month hence. The pulpit will be supplied during the next six months by a student.

The second meeting was held on Wednesday at Laquerre for the purpose of inducing the Rev. Donald Stewart formerly of Dunbar, into the charge of Calvin church there and of Port Lewis. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. J. B. Muir. The Rev. A. Rowat presided and put the usual questions. The Rev. Dr. Macdonald addressed the minister and the Rev. James Patterson the people. Mr. Stewart received a cordial welcome from the people and enters upon his work in this old historic church, erected about fifty years ago, with encouraging prospects.

The sub-committee of the French Board charged with making the appointment to stations for the coming year has made some changes that will be of interest to the general public. The Rev. G. A. Doudiet, of Buckingham, has been appointed to take charge of the joint French and English work in Point St. Charles. The Rev. S. Rondeau, of St. Jean Baptiste church has been transferred to Quebec and the Rev. J. P. Brucan, of Quebec, replaces him in Montreal. The Rev. J. A. Loda, of Edmonston, N.B., has been appointed to the field of Angers and Perkins, in the Ottawa Presbytery, while Rev. P. E. Beauchamp goes to Edmonston.

The Rev. J. L. George, of Calvin church, supplied the pulpit of Henry's church, LaCerte, on Sunday, the 20th inst., and dispensed the Communion at the morning service. The Rev. Mr. Waddell is somewhat seriously ill, being at the present time quite confined to the house. So soon as he is able to travel he will probably take a trip South for his health.

The Rev. G. C. Pidgeon, B.A., B.D., said farewell to his congregation at Montreal West, on Sunday last and on Wednesday evening equipped himself for his future work in Streetsville by taking to himself as a wife, one of Montreal's fair daughters, Miss M. E. Jones. Miss Jones has been an active Christian worker in connection with Victoria church and will no doubt be able to render valuable assistance to her husband in his new field of labour. Many kind wishes follow the happy young couple to their prospective home in the West.

The Rev. R. G. Boville, M.A., recently of Hamilton, Ont., gave a very interesting lecture entitled "A Camel Ride to Mount Sinai," in St. John's French church, last week. The lecture was illustrated with lantern slides and brought out a large and appreciative audience. The lecturer gave a graphic description of Cairo and of the voyage from Suez to Tar, from which place the land journey began. The views of Mount Sinai, the Greek monastery of St. Catharine with its beautiful basilica at the foot of the mountain, and the journey to the summit under the guidance of one of the monks, also the view of the solitary cypress trees in the heart of Mount Sinai were all highly enjoyed. Several suitable pieces of music were rendered by ladies of the congregation before and during the lecture.

MANITOBA NOTES.

The Ladies' Aid of Knox church, Morden, are having the interior of the church cleaned, the walls painted, the windows refoisted, and are otherwise improving the appearance of the edifice.

This is the way the Almasippi Presbyterians speak of their winter student, Mr. Sutherland: "We regret very much that W. C. Sutherland, our energetic pastor, is so soon to leave us. He has only been with us six months, but in so short a time he has made many friends. He has been untiring in his efforts for our benefit, his kind manner, encouraging words and sympathetic actions, has drawn his congregation toward him, and the spiritual life of the church is evidence that his labors had not been in vain. In losing W. C. Sutherland, we lose a faithful pastor, and an earnest Christian worker, but what is our loss is others gain.

The Rev. Mr. Monroe, of Point Douglas, Winnipeg, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church, Whitmouth, March 13th, morning and evening. In the evening he pleaded eloquently for support for the missionary field which is being taken up in Klondike, and gave a graphic sketch of the personnel of the mining population all over the western coast. One point he portrayed very clearly, that the Church must employ the best talent if it wished to hold its ground out there.

Rev. Prof. Baird, of Winnipeg, conducted service at Glenlea, on Sunday, March 14th, with the object of arousing interest in general mission work. An effort is being made to organize a missionary society in every community where the Presbyterian Church is working.

Rev. Mr. Nevens is opening regular evening services in Strathclair.

GENERAL.

The members of his Bible class presented the Rev. E. B. Chestnut, Carlisle, with an address and easy chair last week.

The new Presbyterian church at Huntville, Ont., is nearing completion and will be opened for service on Easter Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Anderson, Burford, who has been ill for a long time has recovered and occupied his pulpit on Sabbath, the 20th inst.

During the service in St. John's church, Chatham, N.B., some person entered the church and stole the collection amounting to \$20.00.

Rev. Wm. Patterson, of Cooke's church, Toronto, will conduct a series of special services in Peterborough during the week of April 4th.

Rev. W. M. Reid, Leaskdale, who has been suffering from nervous prostration for some time has gone to Clifton Springs to recuperate.

The amount received by Rev. Dr. Warden in answer to the appeal for funds to carry on work in the Klondike is nearing the six thousand dollar mark.

Rev. George Roddick, formerly of Durham, N.S., who lately removed to Brandon, Man., is at present conducting services at Napinka, near Brandon.

The leave of absence given to Rev. Dr. Hunter, pastor of Erskine church, Toronto, has been extended for three months, during which time Mr. John Clark, B.A., will occupy the pulpit.

Rev. Dr. J. G. McIntosh of Philadelphia, preached anniversary sermons in Central church, Hamilton, last Sabbath and lectured the following evening on "The Flower and Fruit of Paritarianism."

At the congregational meeting held in the Seaforth Presbyterian church, on Monday evening, the 21st inst., Mr. Dickey, of Knox College, Toronto, was selected as the student to assist Rev. Dr. McDonald for the summer months.

Rev. J. W. MacMillan, St. Andrew's church, Lindsay, preached a special sermon to curlers on a recent Sabbath. The church was crowded, the curlers of the town turning out in large numbers. Mr. MacMillan is himself an enthusiastic curler.

Rev. J. R. Johnson, pastor of Emmanuel church, East Toronto, has tendered his resignation. Rev. R. C. Tubb occupied the

pulpit last Sabbath and cited the congregation to appear before the Presbytery at its next meeting on Tuesday, April 5th, to show cause, if any, why the resignation should not be accepted.

Rev. Dr. Sexton returned last week from the Maritime Provinces, where he had been preaching and lecturing with great success since October last. He may be addressed now at St. Catharines, Ont.

Mr. J. H. Harcourt, student missionary at Field and Golden, B.C., for the past year leaves this week for Winnipeg. Mr. Harcourt will pursue his studies at Manitoba College during the coming summer session. Field and Golden will each have a missionary during the coming summer.

The pulpit of Erskine church, Toronto, was occupied last Sabbath by two well-known divines from the far west. Rev. C. W. Gordon, Winnipeg, preached in the morning, and Rev. E. D. McLaren, Vancouver, in the evening. Rev. Mr. Gordon preached in Westminster church in the evening.

The Rev. Prof. Nicholson, of Queen's College, Kingston, preached very able and instructive sermons both morning and evening at the anniversary of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Cornwall, on Sunday, the 20th inst. The anniversary tea meeting took place in the church basement Monday evening, when the Rev. Prof. Nicholson delivered an address and the choir rendered a good programme of vocal and instrumental music.

The ordination and induction of Rev. W. B. Findlay, as pastor of Erskine congregation Claremont, took place on Tuesday afternoon, March 15th, in the presence of a large congregation. Rev. J. B. McLaren, Columbus, addressed the pastor and Rev. A. McAuley, Pickering, the congregation. At the conclusion of the service tea was served in the basement. During the evening short addresses were given by visiting clergymen.

The trouble over the Book of Praise in Knox church, Flora, has been settled by the Presbytery's Committee submitting a resolution to the effect that in the Sabbath service the praise selections from the Psalter be made by the pastor from the complete Psalter; the selections from the Psalter in the Book of Praise to be used in the Sabbath School, prayer meeting and other meetings of the congregation, and the "Amen" be sung to conclude the closing hymn only. This resolution carried unanimously, and harmony is restored.

The farewell social tendered Rev. R. E. and Mrs. Knowles at Stewarton church, Ottawa, Tuesday evening week, was very largely attended. Mrs. Graham on behalf of the congregation, handed Mr. Knowles a purse of gold. The session presented an illuminated address, and a group photo of the members of session. Mrs. Knowles was remembered by her Bible Class, who presented her with a morocco bound hymnal and a bouquet of roses. At the close of the meeting Mr. and Mrs. Knowles stood at the door and bade farewell to each member of the congregation.

The occasion of the anniversary of the induction of Rev. W. J. McLaughan into the pastorate of new St. Andrew's church, Toronto, which occurred on Wednesday last was celebrated by a pleasant congregational meeting in the evening, at which addresses of a highly congratulatory character were made by a number of leading clergymen. The church was well filled with members and adherents, and the chair was occupied by Mr. L. Sgmuir. Rev. J. A. Morrison, pastor of East Presbyterian Church, read a chapter of the Scriptures and a prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Stewart. Several addresses were then delivered, in which the harmony which has prevailed in the church and the phenomenal success which has been met with were spoken of in the highest praise. Allusion was made, too, to the influence which St. Andrew's had exercised in the past on education, and some touching references showed that the old pastor, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, is still fresh in the memory of the people. Those who spoke were Rev. Principal Caven, Rev. Dr. Carmichael, Rev. Mr. Hossack, Rev. Dr. Robertson of Winnipeg, Rev. E. D. McLaren of Winnipeg and the pastor.