

Church News

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MONTREAL NOTES.

The regular quarterly spring meeting of Presbytery was held on Tuesday last in Knox church, and proved in some respects the best meeting that has been held for many a long day. The attendance both of ministers and elders was the largest for years and, though there was a long docket of business that had to be disposed of and which kept the members until midnight, the most prominent place was given to the reports on "Life and Work," and on "Sabbath Schools." Both reports awakened profitable discussion. During the day the Court had to deal with two resignations of members, arrange for two prospective settlements and grant one leave of absence for a time owing to ill-health. This last we regret to say was to the Rev. N. Waddell of Lachute. Mr. Waddell was able to be present at the meeting but was very obviously in need of a rest. His pulpit will be supplied for three months by the members of Presbytery in the hope that by that time he may be able to resume duty. One of the resignations was from the pastor of the other church in the same town, the Rev. John Mackie, who is retiring owing to advancing age and infirmity. For some time back he has been unable to take his services and hardly hopes for such restoration as would make it possible to take them up again. He has been for over forty years in the same charge and leaves his congregation at the close of that long ministry in a flourishing condition. The other resignation was that of the Rev. Murray Watson at St. Lambert. The usual steps will be taken in both cases. Arrangements were made for inducting the Rev. D. Stewart at Laguerre, and a call from St. Therese, etc., in favor of the Rev. D. Hutchison of Cumberland, was forwarded to the Presbytery of Ottawa. The reports on Home Missions, French Missions and Augmentation were all carefully considered. The details would hardly prove of general interest, but it may be noted that in two cases re-arrangements of fields were made by which French and English work are combined in such a way as to diminish the cost to the Church. These are at Grenville and at the St. Charles Mission, Montreal. In several other cases reduced grants were applied for owing to an increase in the contributions of the people. It was decided to appoint a student in charge of Montreal West for the summer instead of seeking a settled pastor. During the Session of the Presbytery a telegram was received from the Clerk of the Presbytery of London intimating that Mr. Smith of Thamesford had declined the call to Taylor church. This is rather disappointing to the congregation, but they will probably not be long in making another choice.

Dr. Barclay of St. Paul's, who is rarely absent from his own pulpit, spent last Sunday in St. John, N.B., and preached in St. Stephen's church. In addition to the usual services he preached at a special service in the afternoon before the St. Andrew's Society in connection with its centenary celebration.

The Rev. G. R. Maxwell, M.P., of Vancouver, gave an interesting address on the 4th inst. before the Caledonian Society, on "The Scots Duty to Canada." It was a most effective and patriotic appeal full of appreciation for the country and its institutions. It made a deep impression on the large audience which completely filled Drummond Hall.

The Rev. S. F. McCusker of St. Louis de Gonzague, has invented a most ingenious and effective winter road maker which is generally adopted by the municipalities and used would be a boon to the residents of the country. He is having his invention patented and hopes to make arrangements for having the machine on the market in time for next season. This is not the first time Mr. McCusker has shown his mechanical skill. A few years ago he personally superintended the erection of a small church in one of the missions of the Presbytery and did a considerable portion of the work with his own hands.

MANITOBA NOTES.

Rev. Dr. Bryce was nominated by Glenboro Presbytery for Moderator of next Assembly.

Rock Lake Presbytery nominated Rev. Dr. Bryce for Moderator of next General Assembly.

Rev. F. J. Hartley, B.A., of Roland, preached in the Presbyterian church, Carman, on Sunday, March 6th.

The people of Bates Settlement, a flourishing Settlement of Presbyterians, are talking seriously of building themselves a church.

Knox church, Morden, Sunday School broke its record for attendance Sunday, March 6th, there being 190 present. Pretty good for Manitoba.

The Rev. C. W. Gordon, of Winnipeg, held a meeting at Rosenfeld lately and put the question of Home Missions in the North West so forcibly and logically before the small band of Christian Workers, that a Missionary Band was organized.

Rev. Dr. Bryce, of Winnipeg, has been nominated for Moderator of the General Assembly by eleven Presbyteries, viz., Ottawa, Winnipeg, Regina, Victoria, Whitby, Brandon, Portage la Prairie, Rock Lake, Melita, and Superior.

The service in the Presbyterian church, Dominion City, on Sunday evening, March 6th, was a memorial service to the late Mrs. W. T. Aores, and was conducted by Rev. Mr. Faryon. The church was crowded, some having to stand during the whole of the service.

The managers of St. Andrew's church, Carman, have authorized Messrs. J. J. Merry and W. R. Black to receive offers for the purchase of church and site, with a view to building a new church, the present edifice being far too small for the large congregation.

The pastoral charge of Treherne, in the Presbytery of Glenboro, Man., has become vacant by the resignation of Rev. Mr. McTavish. The charge is a very desirable one. Ministers or probationers who may wish to preach there, with a view to a call, will please communicate with the Rev. John Wells, Holland, Man.

The Presbyterian congregation of Clegg, held their anniversary services in the church on Sunday, March 6th, at which the Rev. Mr. Sutherland, of Carman, preached splendid sermons which were much appreciated by large congregations. On Monday evening the annual social and re-union was held. Revs. Borthwick and Rumbull, of Morden spoke. A good programme was provided and an excellent supper prepared by the ladies of whose dainties no praise could be too much. The finance report was received with much applause. The shed enlarged and paid for. The church debt of \$250 completely wiped out and \$50 on hand. Much of the credit is due to Mr. Mathers, the energetic secretary.

If Principal Grant really wants to know whether Prohibition prohibits, your western correspondent would give him a cordial invitation, after he gets through weeping pitifully over Kootenians' mean sayings, to come to some of Manitoba's Prohibition towns and look through our "knot-holes" and see if by "fencing our rye straw" our cows want to eat it. Our young men (and we are pleased to be an *informant* although his reverence says some hard things about that class) don't want whiskey because it is prohibited. We are sorry we are not so well educated as the Presbyterian young men who enjoy the privileges of Queen's College, perhaps if we were we also could cheer to the echo the worthy Principal's Prohibition sentiment. Manitoba is against whiskey and if—Principal Grant is in favour of it, we are against him.

GENERAL.

Rev. Dr. Smith and Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, of Guelph, who have been ill are recovering.

Rev. Dr. Dickson has been presented by the ladies of his congregation with a very handsome silk gown and cassock.

Rev. Hector Currie, B.A., of Theodford, has been elected secretary of the Sarnia Presbytery, vice Rev. George Cuthbertson, retired.

The Presbyterian missions of Wyvale, Gibson and Vanlack have raised more than twice as much this year as they did last year, for Home Mission work.

Rev. John Pringle preached in Knox church, Winnipeg on Sunday morning Mar. 6th and in Westminster church in the evening.

The Presbyterian congregation at Miral C.B., have presented the pastor, Rev. Mr. Calder, with an address and Mrs. Calder with a silver tea service and parlor lamp.

Rev. Mr. Thom, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Flahorton, has been holding special services for some weeks past. Fifty-eight persons have been received into the church.

The Presbytery of Algoma has nominated Rev. Peter Wright, B.D., Convenor of the Assembly's Committee on Church Life and Work as Moderator of the General Assembly.

Mr. John Clark, of Knox College, will occupy the pulpit of Erakino church, Toronto, for two months, beginning April 10th. The health of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Huuter, is much improved.

The Toronto members of the I.P.B.S., and S. of L., attended divine service at Cooke's church last Sabbath, and listened to a splendid sermon by Rev. W. J. McCaughan, of St. Andrew's church.

The seventy-fifth anniversary of the Presbyterian church, at Cape Vincent, was celebrated on Wednesday afternoon. After the organ prelude and anthem, Rev. Mr. Lang, Wolfe Island, read the Scripture. A brief history of the church from its foundation was given by the pastor, Rev. G. H. Marsh. Greetings from the Presbyterian churches at Dexter, Chaumont and Wolfe Island, were received.

A public meeting was held in Knox church Winnipeg, on Wednesday evening, March 9th, in connection with the Presbytery of Winnipeg, for the designation of Rev. J. Pringle, M.A., as missionary to the Klondike. Rev. Prof. Hart occupied the chair. After devotional exercises, the chairman spoke briefly of the object of the meeting, and the great work to be done in the region into which Mr. Pringle was about to go. Rev. Mr. Robertson next spoke of the great progress which has been made in the North West and presented the claims of the new field in a clear and forcible manner. Rev. S. C. Murray, Mr. Pringle's successor at Port Arthur also delivered a short address, after which a testimonial from the Presbytery of St. Paul strongly commending Mr. Pringle was read. Rev. Mr. Robertson on behalf of the Home Mission Committee presented a Bible to the missionary, Rev. Mr. Pringle in a short address referred to his different charges, first in Knox church, Winnipeg, then at Kildonan, then at Port Arthur and lastly at St. Paul, and said he thought the Lord had been preparing him for the Yukon country, in sending him to St. Paul that he might learn to minister to Americans as well as Canadians who were being mixed out there as they had perhaps never been mixed before. After a few words from Mr. McKay of St. Paul and prayer by Rev. Dr. King, the meeting was closed with the doxology and benediction.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERY

Met at Brussels March 1st, 1898. Rev. W. T. Hall, Moderator, in the chair.

A resolution on prohibition was adopted and the clerk instructed to send a copy of it to each minister in the Presbytery.

It was agreed to ask grants for supplemented congregations as follows:—for Walton \$100, North Kinloss, Riversdale and Boniakillen \$150, and Pine River \$150.

A committee was appointed to revise the regulations regarding the order of business, consisting of Messrs. J. MacNabb, MacKay, MacLennan and Anderson.

Circular from Toronto Presbytery intimates that they will ask leave of the Assembly to receive Rev. Matthew White, M.A., of the Free Church of Scotland, and Rev. A. G. MacGillivray, B.A., of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, as ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Rev. D. B. MacRae and Mr. H. B. Henderson were appointed members of Synod's Committee on Bills and Ordinances.

It was agreed to convey the thanks of the Presbytery to the managing officials of the Methodist church for their courtesy in affording use of basement for this meeting.

The Sabbath School and Church Life and Work reports were received and adopted.

The Rev. J. S. Allin, pastor of the Methodist church here, was invited to sit as