

## Church News.

We are thankful for items of Church News coming to hand, and for the fact that the same are published in the Review, which we would not otherwise see. For future publication in next number they must reach us by noon on Monday. A condensed list of items is available.

At the late communion services, Zion church, Carleton Place, twenty new names were added to the roll.

At the annual meeting of the Collingwood Auxiliary, W.F.M.S., the Secretary reported a membership of forty. The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$50. A young ladies' Mission Band has recently been formed in connection with the Auxiliary.

MR. WARDEN KING, of Montreal, has ordered a copy of Dr. Patterson's Life of Dr. Geddie, to be presented to each of the theological students attending Montreal Presbyterian College. This gift, while showing the donor's interest in the students, is eminently fitted to promote the missionary cause by enlisting the sympathies of the rising ministry of the Church.

On Sabbath, 8th inst., the opening anniversary of the induction of Rev. Dr. George into the pastorate of John street church, Belleville, was observed. On the following evening the annual reunion of the congregation was held and the attendance was large. The pastor delivered an interesting address on "Notes by the Way," giving a description of his recent visit to the Paris Exposition. At intervals the address was interspersed with suitable solos. The evening thus spent was a most enjoyable one.

TAKING for his text Judges xiv. 14, "Out of the eater," etc., Rev. Mr. MacGillivray, M.A., pastor of Chalmers' church, Kingston, in the course of his sermon touched upon sanitary reform. Not many years ago, he said, when plagues were by no means uncommon, and often swept over an entire country, they were regarded as dispensations of Providence, when, in reality, they were due to ignorance of the laws of health. This mistaken notion had been gradually disappearing, due to the spread of sanitary knowledge, and now the people were realizing that sanitary reform was one of the great essentials of good health. He urged that every man, woman and child in the country should understand the importance of proper drainage, proper ventilation, etc., and hoped that vigorous action in the way of teaching these facts would be taken.

At the usual weekly conference, held by the students of Knox College on the 7th inst., Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's, who happened to be present, at the request of Principal Caven took part in the discussion of the topic in hand, namely, "Homiletics." First he gave some points as to preaching. The voice should be used in such fashion as to save the throat as much as possible. For that and lung speaking, instead of throat speaking, should be cultivated. Speakers should seek to acquire a habit of standing easy, with the hands in a natural position. In a humorous style Dr. Grant ridiculed the too frequent washing of the hands with soap and water, as much as to say, "Is this the way to wash the hands? The hands are washed, but the heart is not." He then spoke of the danger of "congregational" and especially ladies had a keen vision for handkerchiefs that were not quite clean. As to the selection of subjects, it was well when a good thought came into the mind to jot it down and preach from it when circumstances suitable came up. A matter for considerable watchfulness was the mood of the audience. General inattention and a disposition to yawn should be the signal to stop. The lecture was listened to with eager attention by the students, over 100 of whom were present.

## FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

[CIRCULAR LETTER TO SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.]

DEAR BRETHREN, We will feel obliged by your bringing before the teachers and pupils of your Sabbath school the work of the Board of French Evangelization, a brief summary of which is given below.

Last year we received, on behalf of the general work and for the support of the Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools, the sum of \$1,000 from 299 Sabbath schools of the Dominion. We are anxious to call the sympathy and hearty co-operation of every Sabbath school in our work, and especially in the educational part of it. Largely through the help of Sabbath schools we have been enabled to enlarge the Pointe-aux-Trembles School buildings and to educate a greatly increased number of French Canadian boys and girls there. We desire to extend our educational work and to open new Mission Day Schools in districts where there are none. To enable us to do so we earnestly solicit liberal contributions from all the Sabbath schools of the Church. It is believed that with the hearty co-operation of pastors and of Sabbath-school superintendents this can be accomplished.

I trust that we may rely on your active assistance.

Yours very truly,

ROBT. H. WARDEN.

The French-speaking population of the Dominion of Canada is 1,500,000, or about one-third of the entire population. The aim of the Board of French Evangelization is to give the gospel of Jesus Christ to this class of our fellow-subjects.

The work is carried on by means of three agencies, viz: COLPORTAGE.—During the year sixteen colporteurs have been employed by the Board in going from house to house in some of the most densely settled French districts, distributing copies of God's word and religious tracts. Last year 2,796 copies of the Scriptures and about 23,000 tracts were circulated.

MISSION SCHOOLS.—As soon as a group of families in a French settlement have been brought to a knowledge of the truth and have abjured Romanism, a Mission school is opened for the education of the young and especially for their instruction in the principles of the Bible. During the year thirty-three schools, with thirty-nine teachers and nine hundred and twelve pupils, have been maintained by the Board. The central schools are at

Pointe-aux-Trembles, where the pupils all reside in the Mission buildings, and enjoy the advantages of a Christian home. Thirty-six of them last winter professed to find the Saviour, and seventy at the Lord's Table in March. Fourteen of last year's pupils were during the summer engaged as Mission teachers or colporteurs. The attendance at this session is one hundred and forty. The cost of each pupil in the Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools is about \$50 per session. To every person or Sabbath-school contributing this amount a particular pupil is assigned, concerning whose progress reports are sent from time to time. Though the buildings were enlarged a year ago, the number of applications for admission is greatly in excess of the accommodation. Of all the means employed in the past none have proved more efficacious and none have more manifestly had the Divine approval. Ten or fifteen years ago it was difficult to secure pupils; now that they are knocking for admission in such large numbers, it is greatly to be desired that additional accommodation be speedily provided so that none will hereafter be turned away.

PREACHING STATIONS.—There are eighty-nine preaching stations supplied by the Board. Twenty-two of the Missionaries employed are ordained ministers. Fourteen of them conduct service in both English and French. Two hundred and four members were added to the French congregations last year, the majority of whom were converts from the Church of Rome. One of the Missionaries—an expert from Italy—labours among the Italians in the city of Montreal.

The Board support a French Theological Professor in the Montreal College, for the training of French-speaking students for the ministry. Four of these graduated last spring and nineteen are in attendance this session.

The total amount required this year is \$73,000, viz., \$30,000 for the general work, \$9,000 for the maintenance of the Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools, \$9,000 for the enlargement of the buildings, and \$25,000 for the purchase, repairs, etc., of Collingwood College, Ottawa. Only contributions specially designated can be used for the last named object, no portion of the French fund being available for the Ottawa College.

The indebtedness of the Board at this date is nearly \$15,000. To remove this and to aid us in a vigorous prosecution of the work, we earnestly solicit liberal and prompt contributions from all friends of this department of the Lord's work.

## MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

## CHATHAM.

MET on Dec. 10. Elders' commissions were called for and the roll was made up. Rev. W. Robertson declined the call to Tilbury Centre and Strangfield. Mr. Manson was re-appointed to collect the Buxton arrears. The Clerk reported that an offer of \$100 had been received for the church edifice at Belle River, and that the offer was under consideration. Mr. Stewart was appointed to allocate to the several congregations the amounts to be paid by them to the Assembly Fund. The following were appointed as the Home Mission Committee for the next twelve months: Revs. W. Walker, W. M. Fleming, J. M. Watson, W. Farquharson and J. H. Larkins, and Messrs. A. Barile, J. Stewart and W. Robertson. The next regular meeting was appointed to be held in First church, Chatham, on the second Tuesday of March, when a conference will be held on the State of Religion, Sabbath School Work and Temperance. The First church, Chatham, obtained leave to sell a portion of its property to the C.P.B. Mr. Walker was appointed to visit Tilbury Centre in re Augmentation; Mr. Becker, Duart; Messrs. Watson, Comber and Manson were appointed to visit Buxton in re Supplement; Messrs. Gray and Fleming, Colchester, and Mr. Walker, Blythwood and Goldsmith.—WILLIAM WALKER, Clerk.

## PARIS.

MET in Zion church, Brantford, on 17th Dec., Rev. R. Myers, Moderator. Mr. W. J. West, student of University College, Toronto, was introduced to the Presbytery by Dr. McMullen for examination as a candidate for the ministry, and the usual certificate was granted. Dr. Laing was nominated for the moderatorship of next General Assembly. A basis for the union of the two congregations in Ingersoll was submitted, and Messrs. Shaw, Hegler, Bires and Robertson were heard in support of the same. Said basis was cordially approved by the Presbytery. The request of the two congregations to be united under the name of St. Paul's church was granted, and the Moderator of Presbytery, Rev. R. Myers, was appointed to preach to the united congregations on the first Sabbath of January, and declare them one under the name of St. Paul's church, Ingersoll, and to act as Moderator of Session, and take charge of arranging the supply of the pulpit. A circular letter from the Presbytery of Columbia was read intimating intention to apply to the General Assembly for leave to receive Rev. W. Warren, D.D., of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, as a minister of this Church.—W. T. McMULLEN, Clerk.

## SAUGEN.

MET in Mount Forest, Dec. 10th. Mr. James Scott gave in the Treasurer's report, which was received and adopted. Mr. Scott then tendered his resignation as treasurer on account of failing health. His resignation was accepted, and the cordial thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to him for the very efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties thereof for more than eight years. Dr. Meikle was appointed treasurer in his place. Both the elders of the Balaklava congregation having resigned, Mr. Young and two of his elders were appointed an interim session. The Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of Toronto, being present by request, addressed the Presbytery on Home Missions and Augmentation of Stipends. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered him for his instructive address. Messrs. Strath and Morrison reported that they had, according to appointment, visited the people in the vicinity of Monk named establishing a mission station there. After hearing representatives of the people, also the neighbouring Sessions, it was agreed to leave the matter in abeyance till next meeting of Presbytery. There was a public meeting in the evening in connection with the Presbyterian W.F.M.S.

Mrs. Jamieson, Secretary of the Society, read a statement showing what had been done by the Society during the year. Mr. Macdonnell, of Toronto, then addressed the meeting on Foreign Mission work. Votes of thanks were given to Mr. Macdonnell for his interesting and practical address; to the ladies of the congregation for entertaining to luncheon and to tea the members of Presbytery and the delegates to the annual meeting of the Society; also to the choir for their efficient services during the evening.—S. YOUNG, Clerk.

## BROCKVILLE.

MET in Prescott, on Dec 10th inst. Rev. D. J. Hyland, Moderator. All the members present reported diligence in laying the instructions of the General Assembly, anent "Higher Religious Instruction" in Sabbath schools before the superintendents. Mr. Stuart reported that \$800 and \$600 would be required from this Presbytery for the current year for Home Mission and Augmentation respectively. Mr. Cameron reported that Mr. Matheson, of Lunenburg, did not encourage the Presbytery to go on with the call from Dunbar and Colquhoun. Power was given to moderate again in a call Remit of General Assembly anent appointment of a general superintendent for Sabbath schools was not approved. Dr. Kellock reported anent matter of union of Chesterville with Morewood. The union was agreed to with Mr. Shearer, pastor. To this action of the Presbytery the congregation of Chesterville took exception, entered a protest and appealed to Synod of Montreal and Ottawa. The clerk reported that the Presbytery was in arrears to the Assembly Fund to the amount of \$90. The treasurer was instructed to collect the same. Dr. Kellock presented the report on Home Missions. The report indicated progress in all our Mission stations, and recommended two things: (1.) That a deputation consisting of Messrs. Macalister and Cameron, visit North Williamsburg and Winchester Springs, to confer with the people as to their present affairs and future supply; (2.) That Messrs. Stuart and MacGillivray visit Stone's Corners, North Augusta and Fairfield, to ascertain their mind regarding the settlement of a pastor over them. Mr. MacWilliams, of South Mountain, was chosen moderator for the next six months. Messrs. H. Cameron, Moodie, MacKenzie and Fleming were appointed to visit Lyn and associated station with a view to re-arrangement, i.e., if possible to form six Mission stations into three pastoral charges. The time and place of next meeting was decided upon as follows, viz:—At Spencerville and within the Presbyterian church there, on the second Tuesday in March, 1890, at one o'clock in the afternoon. It was agreed to visit augmented congregations as follows:—Messrs. Kellock and MacWilliams to Oxford and Bishop's Mills; MacKenzie and Fleming to Westport and Newboro; MacGillivray and Potter to Athens and Toledo; Macdarmid and Hyland to Merrickville and Jasper. It was agreed to ask the Presbytery of Edinburgh to examine for this Presbytery, Messrs. Cogswode and Cornette, students having the ministry of the Canadian Church in view—now completing their course in Scotland and who will not be able to return in time for preliminary examination before the meeting of the Synod.—GEORGE MACARTHUR, Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

MET at Wingham, Dec. 10, Rev. A. McKay, Moderator. The Rev. D. Y. Cameron, of Dunnungon, accepted the call extended to him from Strabane and Kilbride, in the Presbytery of Hamilton. His connection with his present charge ceases on the 10th inst. The following motion regarding Mr. Cameron's translation was adopted: "Moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Howie, that as Mr. Cameron has signified his acceptance of the call extended to him by the congregations of Strabane and Kilbride in the Presbytery of Hamilton, this Presbytery agree to his translation, and that his connection with it cease after the 10th inst. Further, in parting with Mr. Cameron, the Presbytery would record its high appreciation of his services during the past five years and its regret in now parting with him. His ability and faithfulness as a preacher and pastor, and his regularity in attending the courts of the Church, and his willingness to perform his full share of the Presbytery's work, together with his Christian courtesy and brotherliness in his intercourse with his co-presbyters, have secured for him the affection and esteem of his brethren, as well as of the congregations composing his charge. The Presbytery would follow him to his future field of labor with best wishes and with prayers for his success. The congregations of Dunnungon and Port Albert are assured of the warm sympathy of this Presbytery in the loss they sustain in the translation of their beloved pastor; and also of the fervent hope that in the good providence of God a suitable tender-shepherd will soon be placed over them." Mr. McLennan was appointed Moderator of the Sessions of Dunnungon and Port Albert, and appointed to declare the charge vacant on the 22nd inst. Three Sabbath supply for Chalmers, Kincardine T'p and Berrie, from the probationers' list, were asked for next quarter after the second Sabbath in February, and for Dunnungon and Port Albert six Sabbath supply. The Rev. Dr. Laing, of Dundas, was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly. Deputations were appointed to visit augmented congregations, with instructions to secure from each congregation a detailed statement of receipts and disbursements for the year, and report to next meeting. Rev. Mr. Geddes, of White meeting, was appointed convener of the Presbytery's S. S. Committee in place of Mr. Cameron translated. The Assembly Scheme of Higher Religious Instruction of Youth was considered, and it was agreed that the following places be local centres for examination of youths' scheme: Melville church, Brunsell; Wingham, Lucknow; Knox church, Ripley; and Kincardine; and that the ministers of these churches be the presiding examiners. The clerk presented a communication from Dr. Reid regarding the General Assembly Fund, stating that \$90 is required from this Presbytery. Sessions were instructed to see that suitable contributions for this Scheme are forwarded to the Agent of the Church. The remits on the constitution of the General Assembly, and on S. S. Secretary were discussed, and that on obligatory connection

with the A. and I. Ministers' Fund, approved. The question of Sabbath Observance was considered, and in accordance with the recommendation of the General Assembly, congregations were instructed to forward to the Clerk not later than 31st inst., petitions to the Dominion Parliament in the terms proposed by the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada, and the Moderator and Clerk were authorized to sign these petitions in the name of the Presbytery. The Clerk was instructed to forward the petition to Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Ottawa. Messrs. Geddes and Anderson were appointed to address a public meeting in connection with the presentation of the annual report of the Presbyterian W. F. M. Society, on the evening of the day of next meeting of Presbytery.—JOHN MACNAB, Clerk.

## TORONTO.

MET in the usual place on the 3rd inst., Rev. Walter Amos, Moderator. Mr. J. McP. Scott, B.A., a recent graduate of Knox College, presented himself for probationary trial, and he was dealt with accordingly; his trials proved entirely satisfactory, and he was duly licensed to preach the Gospel. Notice was taken of the score, though not unexpected, bereavement which had recently overtaken Rev. A. H. Drumm, in his having been deprived of the partner of his life; and a minute expressive of sympathy with him was drawn up and passed by the Presbytery. It was reported by Rev. A. Gilray that he had met with the congregation of St. Paul's church, and had moderated in a call which was given unanimously in favour of Rev. W. A. J. Martin, a probationer of the Church, and was found to be signed by forty-one members and twenty-one adherents. A discussion ensued for some time in regard to the matter of promised stipend. Eventually, however, the call was sustained by a large majority, and was put into the hands of Mr. Martin, when he declared his acceptance of the same. It was then agreed to meet in the church aforesaid, on Thursday, the 19th inst., at 7 p.m., with a view to receive his ordination trials, and if satisfied therewith, to proceed at 8 p.m. with the services proper for his ordination; the Moderator to preside; Rev. Dr. MacLaren to deliver the charge, and Rev. A. Gilray to address the congregation. A minute, eulogistic of the personal worth and public services of the late Hon. Alexander Morris, and expressive also of sympathy with the bereaved family, was submitted by Rev. G. M. Milligan, seconded by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, and adopted unanimously by the Presbytery. A petition was read from about eighty members and adherents of the Church—all of them connected with what is known as St. Enoch's Mission station, at the corner of Winchester and Sackville streets, praying the Presbytery to organize them as a regular congregation. In support of the prayer of this petition, Messrs. Jardine, Carlyle, Bennett, Campbell and Hood appeared as commissioners, and were severally heard. Thereafter it was moved and agreed to, that notice of this petition be sent to the neighbouring Sessions of Old St. Andrew's, Charles Street, and East Church, and that these Sessions be requested to express themselves anent the petition to the meeting of Presbytery appointed to be held in St. Paul's church, on the 19th inst. Committees appointed at last meeting to organize certain petitioners as regular congregations, reported respectively thereanent, that seventeen members and fifteen adherents had been so organized at Eglinton, and that sixteen members and twenty-one adherents had been so organized at Chester. The reports were approved of, and Interim Sessions were also appointed. By a letter that was read from Rev. Dr. Kellogg, it was learned that he had met with the congregation of St. John's church, and had moderated in a call, which was given unanimously in favour of Rev. J. McP. Scott, now a licentiate of the Church. The call was then produced and read, and was found to be signed by fifty-one members, and concurred in by thirty-one adherents. It was also sustained, and put into the hands of Mr. Scott, who at once declared his acceptance of the same. Arrangements were then made provisionally for his ordination; the public services to commence in St. John's church on the 17th inst., at 7:30 p.m.; the Moderator to preside; Rev. G. McKay to preach; Rev. Dr. Kellogg to deliver the charge; and Rev. J. M. Cameron to address the congregation. An extract, minute was read from the Presbytery of Lanark, and Benfrew, granting the translation of Rev. J. G. Stuart, as applied for, and his induction as pastor of the congregation of St. Mark's church was appointed to take place in said church, on the evening of the 2nd of January next; services to commence at 7:30 p.m.; the Moderator to preside; Rev. A. Gandier to preach; Rev. Dr. Parsons to deliver the charge; and Rev. A. Gilray to address the congregation. The question of organizing a new congregation at Brockton was brought up again, when reports were received from neighbouring sessions, and also one from the committee appointed on the matter at the last meeting. The principal point in this matter which needs consideration, and which called forth considerable discussion, is the proper place in the district for the organization proposed. There was no decisive conclusion come to thereanent. But on motion made by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, it was agreed to re-appoint the committee, and to add thereto the name of Mr. D. D. Christie, with instructions to confer with the petitioners (1) as to the securing of a site near Bloor street, and (2) as to the securing of a temporary place of meeting in the neighbourhood of said site. This matter being passed from, it was moved by Rev. Dr. Caven, and agreed to—That the Presbytery appoint a committee to prepare a resolution which shall fully express the congratulations of this Presbytery to the authorities of Queen's University, in connection with the approaching Jubilee of that institution; the committee shall consist of the following members—Revs. Dr. Gregg, Dr. MacLaren, R. P. McKay, B. A., J. Neil, B. A., and Messrs. Brown and McNab, with the mover. It was also agreed that the committee be authorized to forward the resolution to the authorities of Queen's University, in name of the Presbytery. After disposing of another matter, the Presbytery adjourned, to meet again at 8 p.m., in Erskine church, with a view to hold a conference on "Prayer-meetings, and how to improve them."—R. MONTGOMERY, Clerk.

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