

Church News

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MONTREAL NOTES.

Two Rev. Alexander Young, who was pastor of Calvin church about twenty five years ago, has been spending a few days in the city on a visit to his brother and to his daughter Mrs. Parton of Lechinc. For some years past he has been a resident of British Columbia but is now retired from active service. He is still, however, in fairly good health and preaches frequently as opportunity offers. Last Sunday he took the services in Stanley St. church both morning and evening.

The Rev. D. R. Drummond of St. Thomas is supplying the pulpit of Eskine church for the latter half of August. Mr. Drummond is a most interesting speaker and has attracted good congregations for this season of the year.

The American Presbyterian church in this city has given up its Sunday evening service during July and August, and instead holds one in the afternoon at a quarter to five. This avoids the necessity of lighting the gas and the added temperature thereby produced. The attendance has been fair, but the experiment has not been such a success as to induce other churches to follow the example. Some of these have already largely obviated the objection as to the heating of the air by the introduction of electric light and the others are likely to do so before long.

For some weeks past the Rev. Prof. Ross, of the Presbyterian College, has been supplying the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, during the absence of the pastor, the Rev. W. T. Herdige on his holidays.

The Rev. Dr. Bryce, of Winnipeg, has been supplying the pulpit of Bank St. church, in the same city, while the pastor, Dr. Moore, Moderator of the General Assembly is absent in Britain. Last Sunday evening he gave an interesting account of the work being done among the Indians in the North West, and especially that carried on by our own church. The statement was heard with much interest.

Dr. Armstrong, of St. Paul's Church, returned from a brief holiday last week, and in the course of the sermon on Sunday morning, made special reference to the loss sustained by the congregation and by the community through the death of the late John Munro. For some twenty years he had been principal of the Central School. He was a man of the highest character and a most successful teacher whose plan in some respects will not be readily filled. He was also an active member of St. Paul's Church, and will be much missed there.

GENERAL.

Rev. J. M. Allen has resigned the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church of Waterville and Lakeville, N. S.

The members of Melville church, Fergus, have decided to build a new \$10,000 place of worship, with seating capacity for 500.

Mr. J. C. Wilson B.A., of Stouffville has applied to be taken on trial for license of next meeting of the Orangeville Presbytery.

Rev. Mr. Logan, late Presbyterian pastor at Chilliwack, was inducted as pastor of the Richmond Presbyterian Church, Eban, B. C., on Aug. 17.

Rev. J. C. Tolmie and Mrs. Tolmie, of Windsor, arrived home Aug. 26th, after a two month's trip. A social gathering was held in the church parlors to welcome them back.

Last Sabbath many of the members of the Presbyterian Church, East Toronto, were somewhat surprised when Rev. J. R. Johnston, pastor of the Church, announced that at the end of the year he would hand in his resignation.

A successful garden party was held at Halletts Grove, in aid of the Presbyterian mission at Chester, on August 26th during the afternoon some excellent music was rendered by the choir of Cook's Church Toronto. Under the pastorate of the Rev.

W. E. Ellison the mission has prospered greatly.

Sabbath 15th being the anniversary of the opening of the Presbyterian Church, Atwood, the occasion was appropriately commemorated by special services. Rev. Donald Guthrie, B. A., of Walkerton, occupied the pulpit very acceptably.

The call to Rev. Mr. Hannah, of Uxbridge, from the Mt. Forest Presbyterian church, has been accepted by the rev. gentleman, and was sustained by the Presbytery of Lindsay at its meeting on Aug. 21th, at which the Mt. Forest congregation was represented by Messrs. McMullen, M.P., and McCall. His induction is to take place the 1st of Oct. and he will preach his first sermon as pastor of the church on the first Sunday in that month.

At the united meeting of Chalmers' church representatives and Bervie Presbyterian church, it was decided that for the present Bervie would be supplied from Ripley and Chalmers' from Glamis and and if all four churches were satisfied they would unite in this way in the future providing also if the Presbytery gave its consent.

Rev. W. Burns, secretary of the Presbyterian General Assembly Committee of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, has been visiting Cheltenham, Mount Pleasant, and Scarborough in the interests of the Fund. He is very much gratified at the response from Young Peoples' Societies of the Church to the recent appeal made to them in behalf of the Fund.

Last night the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Ingersoll, tendered a reception to their pastor, Rev. E. R. Hutt, in honor of the seventh anniversary of his pastorate. Mr. Hutt is an able speaker, and his genial manner has won for him many warm friends outside of his flock. Last Sabbath anniversary sermons were conducted by Rev. R. P. McKay, secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society.

It was learned at the Presbyterian offices on Saturday that a letter had been received from Rev. Jonathan Goforth, Canadian Presbyterian missionary in Honan, China, which announced the conversion to Christianity of a noted religious leader, named Wang Yung, who had four hundred disciples who he is now endeavoring to win over to the Christian faith.

A very pleasant and enjoyable time was spent at the manse in Melrose on Aug. 23rd, the occasion being the fifteenth anniversary of the marriage of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. D. O. McArthur. Over a hundred were gathered together from the three congregations over which he presides. A number of valuable presents were given, showing the esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. McArthur are held, and the happy relations that exist between pastor and people. The Melrose congregations united in presenting a beautiful and costly lamp and stand. Mr. McArthur has been settled over this people for over three years and is greatly cheered by the increased interest that is always manifested.

A large representation from the Presbyterian Church took the Rev. Dr. James and his family fairly by surprise, at his residence, on Monday evening, Aug. 23rd. D. Hanly, in a few well chosen words, introduced the delegation, and explained that they had called to express, on behalf of a large circle, their appreciation of the services rendered to the congregation by the Doctor during his brief residence in Midland; to say a hearty good-bye, and to wish for him and his family many useful and happy days in their new home. Mrs. Thomas Wallace then handed to Dr. James a well-filled purse, and feelingly alluded to the benefit she and others had derived from his service. The Doctor was greatly taken by surprise, and said that any service he had given the Church was more a privilege than a task, and that he reciprocated their kind expression for the future welfare of his household. The Rev. Dr. James and his family left on Tuesday for their new home in Paris.

On Thursday afternoon Aug. 19th, the Stratford Presbytery inducted into this pastorate—which has been vacant since the resignation of Mr. Head—on about a year ago—Rev. P. A. McLeod, M. A., B. D., of

Sonya. The Presbytery was represented by Rev. Messrs. Smith, of Luonan, who preached, Graham, of Avonton and Scott, who addressed the people and minister respectively. In the evening a grand tea meeting was held. Tea was served in the lecture room from 6 to 8, after which an excellent programme was rendered in the church. Rev. William Cooper, B. A., of Listowel, who acted as Moderator during the vacancy, occupied the chair acceptably. Addresses were delivered by members of the Presbytery present and by the resident ministers. Suitable music was furnished by the choir. The proceeds, including the Sunday collections, amounted to \$211.60. This will be applied to wiping out the indebtedness incurred recently by the renovation of the church.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERY.

A meeting of this Presbytery was held at Atwood on Thursday, Aug. 19th, at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment from the meeting at Stratford on July 13th, Moderator Mr. Cooper constituted the meeting with prayer. Those present were: Revs. Messrs. Kay, J. W. Cameron, R. F. Cameron, Pyke, Scott, Graham, Smith, Bradley and McKibbin, ministers; and Messrs. D. Forbes, J. Dickson and J. Wilson, elders.

The first business taken up by the court was the induction of Rev. P. D. McLeod, M. A., into the pastoral charge of the united congregations of Atwood and Monkton. Rev. E. F. M. Smith, conducted the public worship. He preached from Luke x, 30-31.

After public worship the Moderator, who had also been Moderator of Session of Atwood and Monkton during vacancy, briefly narrated the steps of filling the vacancy. Next he put the appointed questions to Mr. McLeod, who answered them satisfactorily. Thereupon the Moderator called upon Mr. Scott to offer the induction prayer, after which the Moderator formally inducted Mr. McLeod into the pastoral care of the united congregations and gave him the right hand of fellowship.

Mr. Scott, as appointed, then addressed the new minister in words of fraternal counsel, and Mr. Graham similarly addressed the congregation.

Mr. Kay accompanied Mr. McLeod to the ante-room to assist in introducing him to the members and adherents.

The Presbytery conferred with the officers of the congregation respecting the financial and other affairs under their charge and Mr. McLeod professed himself ready to sign the "formula" when required to do so.

The benediction, pronounced by the Moderator, dismissed the audience.

Mr. Andrew M. Little desired to be certified as a student with a view to entering the ministry, the certificate was granted.

Mr. J. W. Cameron gave notice of a motion re union of Y.P.S.C.E., to be brought up at next meeting of the Presbytery.

A call from the united congregations of Millbank and Crosshill to Mr. W. M. Haig.

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