

## Church News

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### MONTREAL NOTES.

At a *pro re nata* meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal, held on Wednesday the 21st ult., a unanimous call was sustained from the congregation of Russelltown and Covey Hill to Mr. Colin Young, as successor to the Rev. D. R. Drummond, recently translated to St. Thomas, Ont. The congregation has acted with unusual promptitude, and as Mr. Young has signified his acceptance of the call, his settlement was appointed to take place on the 18th of March. At the ordination and induction, the Rev. R. MacKay, of Hemmingford will preach, the Rev. G. Whillans, will address the minister, and the Rev. J. MacDougall, the people. A call was also presented from the congregation of Howick and Riverside, in favor of the Rev. J. W. McLeod, of Finch, Glengarry. This was likewise unanimous and was sustained by the Presbytery. The Rev. Dr. R. Campbell, and Mr. George McClonaghan, were appointed to support the call before the Presbytery of Glengarry. The salary offered in both of these cases is \$750 and a manse. At the same meeting the Rev. J. Myles Crombie presented and pressed his resignation of Cote des Neiges and Norwood. As the representatives of the congregation who were present offered no objection, the resignation was accepted by the Presbytery. Dr. Scrimger was appointed Moderator of session and instructed to declare the pulpit vacant on the 28th ult.

The annual report of the Rev. James Patterson, Presbyterian City Missionary and Chaplain to the various public institutions has been distributed, and the report is striking enough to deserve more than passing notice. Mr. Patterson is appointed and supported wholly by the Presbytery with the view of systematically caring for the spiritual interests of the poor and of the inmates of the hospitals or other similar institutions of a public character. It is quite evident that the work is being done with a thoroughness that could not be hoped for by any other method. Mr. Patterson reports 1,211 visits paid to hospital wards, 458 visits to other charitable institutions, and 543 visits to families in the city. In addition to services held on these occasions he has held sixty-one other services, and conducted eighty-one funerals during the year. He has also taken a large share of the work connected with the operations of the Fresh Air Fund during the summer. The results of this kind of work of course never become apparent in the form of any permanent organization, but the missionary has had not a few encouraging cases in which he had reason to believe that great good had been done.

A most interesting social gathering was held in St. John's French Church a few evenings ago. The lecture room had been converted into a cosy parlor by the ladies and was crowded. A short musical and literary programme occupied the first part of the evening, in which Mrs. Martin, Miss Chiniquy, Mrs. Cornu, Mrs. Herdt, Miss Ames, Miss Hargreaves, M. Rondeau, Mrs. Savvill, Mr. Demole and Dr. Amerson, took part. Mr. E. Sandreuter's violin solo and accompaniment were very much appreciated. Mr. Herdt occupied the chair during the evening.

A highly successful and enjoyable concert was held last week in the lecture room of Knox Church. Some very good vocal and instrumental selections were rendered that were much appreciated by the audience. The ladies and gentlemen who contributed to the success of the evening, included Miss Louise M. Daly, Miss Jennie Horie, the Harmon Male Quartette, Miss Williams, Mrs. McKee, Mr. A. A. Hodgson, Mr. T. de G. Stewart, Mr. Venables, Mr. G. P. Harley and Master John Moffatt, Mrs. W. A. Coates officiating as an able accompanist.

The social and entertainment given in the Fairmount school under the auspices of the Presbyterian Sabbath school of Montreal Annex was a grand success, surpass-

ing the expectations of those who were most interested. The hall, which had been suitably decorated for the occasion, was crowded, a number having to be satisfied with standing room. The programme from beginning to end was excellent, and was heartily appreciated by the attentive audience. It consisted of instrumental music, songs, recitations, quartettes, and a chorus by the infant class. The Annex talent was ably assisted by a number of their friends from the city. The recitations by Miss Pennock were much appreciated, as were also those by Mr. John Cleland of the Presbyterian College. The quartette, consisting of Messrs. Cameron, Jameson, Orozier and Elmhurst, from the Presbyterian College, acquitted themselves very creditably. Miss Morrison gave a Scotch song in her usual pleasing manner, and the Misses A. Scott and Bolt gave piano solos. The latter also sang a solo, Mr. G. Weir, superintendent, filled the position of chairman. The Sabbath school is to be congratulated on the splendid success of its first undertaking. Although only recently organized, it has made rapid progress, and fully proved the wisdom of the Presbytery in authorizing its organization.

On Friday evening, February 19th, a number of the members and adherents of Knox Church, Lancaster, met at the manse by appointment. After enjoying themselves with music and recitations, an appreciative address was read to the Rev. Mr. Graham, the minister, and a well filled purse presented to Mrs. Graham. The address made special reference to the service which both had rendered in the Sunday school and in the Christian Endeavor Society. A suitably reply was made by Mr. Graham, thanking the congregation for their uniform kindness, and the pleasant gathering was brought to a close with devotional exercises.

The congregation of Dalhousie Mills and Cote St. George in the Glengarry Presbytery has extended a unanimous call to the Rev. John Fraser, of North Shore, Cape Breton, as successor to the Rev. A. K. McLennan, now of Boston. The call has been sustained and forwarded to the Presbytery of Sydney. There is reason to believe that Mr. Fraser will accept.

### GENERAL.

Rev. John Hay, Cobourg, was recently presented with a handsome black gown by one of his congregation.

Rev. Thomas Corbett of the Presbyterian church at South Richmond, Carlton Co., has tendered his resignation as pastor.

The united congregations of Everett and Mansfield presented their pastor the Rev. A. Wilson, Rosmount, with a handsome address.

The Presbyterian Synod, which includes six Presbyteries in Eastern Ontario and Quebec, will meet in Almonte on the second Tuesday in May next.

This year eleven Irish Presbyterian congregations, thirteen Free Church of Scotland, five Established Church of Scotland, seven United Presbyterian of Scotland, five in London, have promised £50 each for work in the Northwest.

Four new elders were elected by the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Windsor, Feb. 21st. They are: R. S. Foster, W. T. Shaw, C. C. Schumacher and J. W. Poddie. They will be ordained on the first Sunday in March.

At the Annual Meeting of the Prisoners Aid Association which will be held in Cooke's church on Monday evening next addresses will be given by Hon. S. H. Blake, Rev. C. O. Johnston and Warden Gilmour. All friends of the cause will be welcome.

The Presbytery of Barrie has issued a circular giving some interesting statistics regarding the congregation within its bounds. The increase over last year is 384 families and 1671 communicants. Increase of stipends \$3,111, and to the schemes of the church \$437. Amount paid per family in the Presbytery on stipend account is \$9.25, and per communicant, \$4.61. Amount per family for a home of the church, \$2; per communicant, \$1.22. For all purposes there was paid \$18.37 per family, and \$3.54 per communicant. Some of the higher averages per

family for schemes of the church are as follows: Barrie, \$4.63; Churchhill, \$3.90; Orillia, \$3.40; Collingwood, \$3.39; Tottenham, \$2.68.

The Presbytery of Brockville met Monday at Cardinal. Rev. W. A. McKenzie and Mr. J. W. G. Watson were present on behalf of St. John's church to prosecute the call to Rev. Mr. Abraham's, of Burlington. The call was sustained and Mr. Watson was appointed to represent the Presbytery of Brockville and the congregation of St. John's in connection with the matter before the Hamilton Presbytery, which meets on March 16th.

The Presbyterian Church, Tiverton, held a very agreeable and pleasant annual business meeting on the 9th Feb. Gratifying reports were read from the different branches of the churches work, showing great improvement. Although the managers were not able to show as large a financial statement as last year, yet they were able to present a more successful report. Not only did they pay all due, but they carried forward, to begin the new year, a sum near to \$100. This is the heat the congregation has ever done and deserves great praise these hard and opposing times.

The congregation of Knox church, Acton, Ontario, is making steady progress under the efficient leadership of their recently inducted pastor Rev. F. A. MacPherson. The beautiful new church, which is a model of completeness and convenience readily seats 600 people, and is practically free of debt. The anniversary services were conducted on Sabbath last by the Rev. J. A. Morison, B.A., of Toronto, on which occasion the church was crowded to its utmost capacity, and deep interest was manifested in the services. The collections of the day were large; there is a fervent missionary spirit prevailing throughout the congregation and it is expected that the schemes of the church will be ably sustained in Acton.

### TO THE WOMEN OF TORONTO.

Will the women of Toronto for a few months, bear in their hearts and minds, the suffering condition of our brethren in India, and give as they may feel prompted to do, to help them in their distress. Gifts towards this "Offering from the Women of Toronto" will be gratefully received at the Upper Canada Bible House, Yonge St.; S.P.C.K. Book Room, 17 Richmond St.; Methodist Book Room, Richmond St.; Baptist Book Room, Richmond St. W.; Michie & Co., King St.; Michie & Co., Spadina Ave.; and Rowsell & Hutchinson, King St. E.

### PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

Little but routine business was transacted by the Presbytery of Toronto at its last meeting, as many members were absent at the Conference in progress in Queens' College. Mr. Wallace Bailer gave notice of appeal to the Synod of the bounds against the action of the Court in removing him from the position of elder in the Port Credit and Dixie Session. The union of the Morningside and Fern Ave. congregations as one pastoral charge under the Rev. R. C. Tibb was ratified by the Presbytery. In the evening the Presbytery met in St. Paul's church for the ordination of Mr. G. R. Faskin and his induction to that pastoral charge. Rev. Professor Ballantyne conducted the public service, Principal Caven addressed the Minister and Rev. J. A. Brown addressed the people. The building was crowded, and the pastorate opens most auspiciously. The Clerk received a telegraphic despatch that Rev. A. McNabb had accepted the call addressed to him by the congregation at Newmarket, and the Presbytery agreed to meet for his induction on the 4th of March next. The Presbytery will meet in the Newmarket Church at 2.30 o'clock, and the public service will likely be held at 3 o'clock. The next meeting of Presbytery will be held in Knox Church on Tuesday the 2nd March, at 10 o'clock a.m. — There is a very heavy docket in store for the new Moderator. — R. C. Tibb, Clerk.

There seems to be a very general consensus of opinion that the expenses of the Commissioners to the General Assembly should be paid out of a general Fund. Several Presbyteries have already reported,