

Church News

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MONTREAL NOTES.

At a special meeting of Presbytery held in Knox Church on Wednesday the 20th inst. the resignation of the Rev. John MacKie from the pastorate of First Church LaSalle was finally accepted. The congregation promised to pay a retiring allowance of \$150 per annum and allow him the use of the manse for the remainder of his life. The church is to be declared vacant on the first Sabbath of May and the Rev. Dr. Paterson of St. Andrews was appointed moderator during the vacancy.

At the same meeting of Presbytery arrangements were made for the induction of the Rev. D. Hutchison, now of Cumberland, into the pastoral charge of St. Theresa etc. on the 3rd of May. The Rev. W. T. Morrison is to preside, the Rev. A. J. Mowat to preach, Dr. A. B. MacKay to address the minister and the Rev. F. M. Dewey the people.

The Rev. M. F. Boudreau of St. Hyacinthe who proposed to resign his charge in order to accept a mission appointment in another part of the French field has, at the earnest request of his people, decided to remain. Mr. Boudreau has done a good work in St. Hyacinthe and the congregation has been making steady progress towards self-support.

The Sunday school officers and teachers of Taylor Presbyterian Church held their annual social on Thursday evening. The Session Board of Managers, with their wives, and the Ladies' Aid Society, were invited guests, as also were a number of retired teachers. The lecture-room was tastefully decorated by the committee, and the lady teachers succeeded in laying out and loading with many delicacies a number of tables to tempt the appetites of the guests, and their efforts were crowned with success. The delight with which the young lady waitresses performed their work was pleasant to see. Mr. W. J. S. McDormick, superintendent, opened with a few words of welcome, and was followed by Mr. Alex. Ross, sr., who sang in a spirited style a good old British patriotic song. Then came a real surprise, like a bolt from a clear sky. "Hush," say many people, "what's this?" Old Scotties get restless and lean forward in expectation, and a shout of applause greets Piper Cromery, as he proudly marched in to the tune of "Montreal Independent." A call to refreshments was then in order, at the close of which the company proceeded to enjoy themselves at various games thoughtfully provided by the teachers. The guests thoroughly appreciated the efforts put forth by the young ladies, under the guidance of Mrs. King, primary department superintendent, for their pleasure, and departed at eleven p. m., having enjoyed a delightful evening.

At the monthly meeting of the Presbyterian Ministers' Association the Rev. John Nichols read an excellent paper on The Value of Personality in the Preacher.

The Rev. W. D. Reid, formerly pastor of Victoria Church gave a most interesting lecture in that church on Thursday evening the 14th inst on his travels through Palestine and the East. He left a most vivid impression on the minds of his hearers of the natural beauty and historic interest of a multitude of places visited, but showed how they were all cursed by Turkish misrule. The lecture is likely to be repeated in a number of the city churches during his stay here. He is supplying the pulpit of Taylor church.

Much regret is expressed in religious circles as well as in the University at the resignation of Prof. James Wilson, professor of Electrical Engineering in McGill College. Since the death of Dr. Cornish, he has acted as Secretary of the Montreal Bible Society and has quite put new life into the old organization. His place in that respect will be difficult to fill.

MANITOBA NOTES.

The trouble in the Presbyterian church at Emerson has developed now into a newspaper libel suit.

A Sunday school has been opened in Mountain City under the superintendence of Rev. H. J. Borthwick, Morden.

Mr. D. McKay, formerly Presbyterian missionary to the Labrador coasts, is selling the Moody books through Southern Manitoba.

Prohibitionists hail with joy the result of the Government Committee meeting, that the Plebiscite question is to be submitted without a rider.

A call has been extended to Rev. Mr. Gourlay, of Dauphin, to the congregation of Thornhill. It comes before the Presbytery of Rock Lake next Thursday afternoon.

An absurd rumor that Rev. Wm. Hall, of Park River, N. Dakota, late of Stonewell, had murdered his wife has been nipped in the bud, and measures are being taken to discover the origin of the calumny.

A farewell social was given to Mr. Morrison, missionary during the winter to the Basswood Presbyterians, on March 31st. During the evening an address was read to the departing missionary, expressing the high approval, by the Presbyterians of that neighborhood, of his life, conduct and work.

The Western Church congratulates Rev. Dr. Wright on his new degree, and hopes that he may long be spared to continue his useful work among the Portage Presbyterians. Dr. Wright last year delivered a series of lectures on "Homiletics" in Manitoba, which were highly appreciated by the students.

The ladies of St. Andrew's church, Killarney, held a reception last week for their new pastor, Rev. Mr. Floyd and Mrs. Floyd. A good programme was rendered, after which refreshments were served. Short addresses were delivered by Rev. J. C. Tozeland, of the Methodist church, and Rev. H. Beacham, of Holy Trinity.

The Presbyterian ministers of Winnipeg appeared before the Law Amendments Committee of the Local Legislature in support of a bill for better observance of the Lord's Day. Revs. Dr. Duval, Dr. King, and R. G. McBeth spoke in favor, while Seventh Day Adventists, Roman Catholic priests, lawyers and representatives of the labor organizations spoke against.

At a meeting of some of the advanced pupils of Knox church Sunday school, Morden, held in the infant class rooms on Tuesday evening, April 19th, a company of the "Boys Brigade" was formed, with the following officers: President, A. D. Pichel; Secretary, H. Wyatt; Drill Officer, Dr. W. Scott; Captain, Mr. S. M. Battam, other officers to be appointed as needed. About twenty-five gave their names as wishing to belong to the company.

GENERAL.

Rev. Dr. Wardrop, Guelph, has gone to Ottawa and Montreal where he will spend a few months.

Professor Gregg has removed his place of residence from 14 Admiral Rd. to 3 Washington Ave., Toronto.

Rev. R. S. Whidden, of Bridgetown and Annapolis, will be inducted at North Bedouque, P.E.I., on May 3rd.

Mr. M. D. McKee, for the past year missionary at Ashcroft has left to complete his studies at Manitoba College.

The anniversary services of Wentworth Presbyterian Church were held to-day. The preacher was Rev. Robert Johnston of London.

"The Transfiguration,"—lately the subject of the Sunday School Lesson,—is to be the theme of twelve sermons by the Rev. Joseph Hamilton, of Mimico.

Rev. Dr. McTavish, Central church, Rev. L. H. Jordan, St. James' Square, and Rev. W. J. McCaughan, new St. Andrew's, Toronto, are all recovering.

Rev. Mr. McCulloch, B. A., a recent graduate of Knox College, has received a call to Knox church, Tavistock. The church has been without a pastor for six months.

Rev. John Gallagher, who has resigned the charge of St. John's church, Pittsburg,

Ont., on account of ill-health, was waited upon at the manse and presented with an address and a well filled purse by the members of his congregation.

Rev. Prof. Ballantyne, of Knox College, Toronto, formerly pastor of Knox church, Ottawa, preached the anniversary sermons there last Sabbath.

Rev. J. A. Sinclair, late of Spencerville, who leaves shortly for the Klondike will be ordained as a missionary in St. Andrew's church, Ottawa, this (Thursday) evening.

At the recent meeting of the Presbytery of Edmonton the Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Renfrew, was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly; and the Rev. Donald McKenzie, B. D., Toronto, for the chair of Old Testament Literature in Knox College.

The members of Fern Avenue Church Toronto met on Friday evening last and unanimously decided to extend a call to Rev. Mr. Greab of Port Dalhousie to become their pastor. The call will come before the Presbytery of Toronto at its meeting on May 3rd.

A meeting of the congregation of Oshawa church was held on Wednesday evening, the 20th inst., to receive the report of the Building Committee appointed to receive subscriptions for the proposed new church. The treasurer reported that \$3,400 had already been subscribed.

St. Paul's Church, Parkhill, which has been closed for some weeks for repairs, was reopened on the 17th inst. Rev. A. Grant of St. Marys preached both morning and evening. The improvements cost in all \$360, the whole sum being subscribed before the work was undertaken.

The anniversary service of Point Edward church, held recently, proved a very enjoyable one. The pastor, Rev. J. Eadie, occupied the chair. A good programme was provided, and instructive addresses containing many helpful suggestions, particularly for Christian Endeavorers, were given by Mr. Goodwillie, of Port Huron, and Mr. Bush, of Sarnia.

On the eighteenth anniversary of his induction as pastor of Knox Church, Toronto, Rev. Dr. Parsons was presented with a new pulpit gown by the ladies of the congregation. An address was read to the pastor expressing the admiration and love of the congregation for his faithful ministry to which Dr. Parsons made a brief reply. The ladies have also refurnished the pastor's vestry.

St. Andrew's congregation (Kirk) Beaverton, at a meeting of the congregation held on Monday, the 18th inst., decided in favor of union and will take the necessary steps to enter the United Church at the next meeting of the Presbytery, which will be held in Knox church, Beaverton, in June. Dr. Smith, of Queen's College, Kingston, who preached on the preceding Sabbath presided at the meeting.

A new congregation has been organized in Fenrith, Man., in connection with Beadabane. Palmerston, which has been a part of the Beadabane field will be added to Arrow River field. This arrangement will make a stronger field and will save the minister a drive of about thirty miles each Sabbath. A new stone church will be erected at Beadabane to replace the one destroyed by the blizzard last summer.

The meeting of the Students' Missionary Society, at Manitoba College, last Thursday was one of unusual interest. There are at the college a large number of students who have taken part of their course in other colleges, and of these Messrs. MacLan from Halifax, Knowles from Montreal, Harcourt from Knox, Woods from Queen's, and Reid from Morris, took part in the meeting, describing the missionary work carried on by their respective colleges.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in the Presbyterian church, Hornling's Mills, on Easter Sabbath. This was one of the most successful Communion services in the history of this church. Nineteen names were received by the Session—three by certificate and sixteen by profession of faith. The pastor, Rev. A. E. Neilly, took for his text Acts i. 3, and gave an excellent Easter sermon. The members then sat down to the Lord's Table. Thirty have joined the church since the New Year.