

Church News.

[All communications to this column ought to be sent to the Editor immediately after the occurrences to which they refer have taken place.]

Montreal Notes.

At a special meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal held in Knox church on the seventh instant, it was decided to erect the mission at Maisonneuve, a suburb in the east-end of the city, into a congregation in order that it may be in a position to call a settled minister. This mission was started some six or seven years ago by the congregation of Erskine church. After testing the district for a short time with services and a Sabbath School in a private house, a neat and comfortable building was erected for the use of the mission and regular supply has been given. The Protestant population of the district is not large, but a number of the residents have taken the matter up with a good deal of energy, and have shown an earnest desire to have the work put upon a more permanent basis. All along they have met the running expenses of the mission and a portion of the missionary's salary. They now offer to raise \$400 for the stipend of a minister. The session of Erskine church cordially supported the application and agreed to continue such a grant to the congregation as would make it unnecessary to apply to the Augmentation Committee for a supplement. The congregation will proceed without delay to call a minister, and in the event of their call succeeding, as is probable, it is expected that this young congregation will make steady progress towards complete self-support.

On Monday morning of the 6th inst. Mr J S Gordon, B. A., a member of the graduating class of the Presbyterian College, left for Vancouver, B.C., at the invitation of the congregation of Mount Pleasant in that city, with a view to his settlement as minister as soon as he is licensed. Mr. Gordon is a native of Prince Edward Island and connected with the family which furnished the two martyr missionaries of that name in the New Hebrides. His course as a student, both in McGill University and in the Presbyterian College, has been a distinguished one. He carried off at least one scholarship in each year, and took one of the gold medals on obtaining his B. A. He has rendered service for two years in the Presbyterian College as lecturer in mathematics. He is likely to give a good account of himself in the promising field he is called to occupy in the Pacific Province.

In the report of the closing exercises of the Presbyterian College, which appeared last week, the statement should have been made that the degree of B. D. had been gained by the Rev. H. C. Sutherland, B. A., of Carmen, Man. Mr. Sutherland passed his final examination for the degree, by a special arrangement at Winnipeg in August last, and by an oversight his name was left out of the printed programme of convocation.

The recent announcement of the death of the Rev. Dr. Burns, in Scotland, after a prolonged illness, was received with much sorrow among the very large circle of warm friends who remember his ministry here. For about five years he was pastor of the old Cote St. congregation, which shortly after his departure for Halifax, removed to its present home on the corner of Dufferin and Crescent Sts. Two of his sons are still residents of the city, and along with other relatives, have the sympathy of many who are not Presbyterians, as well as of those within the church.

The announcement is made that the governors of McGill University have decided to appoint an additional professor of Classics, who will take charge of this department along with Principal Peterson. Another lecturer will also be appointed in place of Dr. Day, who retires in order to take up the practice of his profession. As Dr. Eaton is to continue in his present position, there will therefore be hereafter four instructors in that department.

Principal MacVicar went west last week in order to preach at the induction of his eldest son as minister in Fergus. Dr. Scrimger has also been west attending a meeting of the Hymnal Committee in Toronto.

North-West Notes.

A new church 19 x 25 feet in size, was recently opened on the east side of Beaver Lake, Alberta, in the mission field occupied by Mr. H. J. Stirling. The Government has made a free grant of 40 acres of land to the congregation.

The Rev. George Adam Smith, D.D., of the Free Church College, Glasgow, has kindly consented to give a course of lectures in Manitoba College, during the coming summer. His visit will probably be in June. The offer comes through the Rev. Chas. W. Gordon, of Winnipeg.

The Rev. Dr. MacLaren, of Toronto, is for the third time helping the summer session by delivering a series of lectures on Systematic Theology in Manitoba College. Principal King in announcing the new course of lectures said it looked as if we had annexed Dr. MacLaren, and hinted that he ought to be called Professor in Knox College and Manitoba College.

There are about sixty Chinamen in Winnipeg, half of whom attend the Chinese Sunday School in the Y.M.C.A. rooms under the devoted superintendence of Mr. James Thomson. They are very grateful for what is done for them, and one form their gratitude recently took was to give a banquet to their friends and benefactors last Monday evening in the lecture room of Knox Church, in which church several of them are communicants. The tables were prepared by the fashionable caterer of the city and the only peculiarly Chinese delicacy to be seen was some nuts which came from "far Cathay." In one part of the room were a number of "curios" laid out for the inspection of the guests. Some two hundred and fifty people sat down to the feast which was followed by music, Mongolian and Caucasian, and by speeches, one by a Chinaman in which he thanked the people of Winnipeg in simple and evidently earnest words for the kindness they had shown to him and his countrymen.

The Rev. D. G. McQueen, of Edmonton was recently away from home for two weeks attending the meeting of the Presbytery in Calgary and the meeting of the Synodical Home Mission Committee in Vancouver, and in his absence the choir of the church, under the leadership of Mr. A. G. Randall, conducted very acceptable and appropriate Sabbath services of song, the portion of the service, other than that of praise, being led by one of the elders, Mr. W. Johnston Walker.

General.

The Foreign Mission Committee meets in Toronto, Tuesday, 19th May.

Perth friends have contributed \$125 towards the building fund of the Presbyterian church, Westport.

London Presbytery received for the past six months for augmentation charges the sum of \$612.50.

The address of the Rev. W. Bennett, clerk of the Presbytery of Peterborough, will in future be Box 102, Peterborough.

A student wishing work in Mission Field, near Toronto, for April 26th, and month of May, communicate with Rev. John Samerville, D.D., Owen Sound.

Rev. R. J. Beattie, formerly pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, is now pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Tuscombia, Alabama.

At a special meeting of Kingston Presbytery held in Belleville, Rev. S. Childerose, of Eldorado, expressed his decision to accept the call to Parry Sound.

Dr. W. B. Geikie, Toronto, treasurer of the Armenian relief fund, sent a draft for \$1,320, which, with the sums already forwarded, bring the total up to \$6,320.

Rev. Mr. Bell, who had charge of the Presbyterian Church at Coppercliff during the past winter has gone to Winnipeg to resume his studies. His place will be taken by Rev. Mr. Campbell.

The opening service was held by the Rev. T. S. Glassford, B.A., when there congregated a large number of the citizens. The organ was played by Mrs. Glassford, and Mr. Glassford gave an interesting and able address to the congregation. We congratulate them on the completion of the edifice and wish them every success financial, social and ecclesiastical.

The suffering Armenians were remembered by Knox church congregation, Goderich, on Sunday, 22nd ult., when a collection amounting to \$108.60, was taken up on their behalf. To this was added \$9.48 from the Sabbath school.

Rev. Mr. Garrioch, for the past two years ordained missionary in Huntsville, leaves shortly for Day Mills, Algoma, to which place he has been appointed. It is expected that Mr. Carswell, the new missionary, will be inducted early in the month.

Rev. Mr. Vert, pastor of the Presbyterian church at St. Croix, Hants county, takes passage in the outgoing steamer *St. John City* to the old country on a furlough of three months, granted him by his congregation.

Mr. Duncan, in charge of the Chester Presbyterian Mission Church, in severing his connection with this field of labor, has been presented by the congregation with an address and two handsome rocking chairs.

The opening of the new church was a red letter day for the members of the Presbyterian church in Donald, B. C. Their church which has been in building for some time—both prospective and material—has at last become a noble edifice which is quite an acquisition to our town.

The indications are that the new Knox church to be erected shortly at the corner of Riddell and Hunter streets will be the most convenient church in Woodstock and one of the best in the province. The new church will be fashioned somewhat upon the lines of the Queen's Avenue Methodist Church, London. Some improvements will be added and other changes made to conform to the local requirements.

On Tuesday evening of last week a surprise party numbering nearly one hundred, invaded the manse at Bond Head, and presented Mr. and Mrs. Carswell with an address and a well filled purse. They took this practical method of showing them the esteem in which they are held in the community where they have lived and labored for the past twelve years and a half, and their best wishes towards them and their family in their new home and sphere of labor at Burk's Falls.

Knox church, Ripley, was crowded to the doors recently, by an audience drawn from every section under the jurisdiction of Maitland Presbytery to do honor to the Rev. Alexander Sutherland on the jubilee of his ministry. On the 14th of March, 1846, Mr. Sutherland was ordained. He has preached at different periods in Prince Edward Island, Pictou, Nebraska, U.S., Melbourne, Ont., and for the past nineteen years in Ripley. Addresses of congratulations were read from the Maitland Presbytery, from the congregations of Strathalbyn, Scotsburn, Melbourne, Ont., Schuyler, Neb. Also an address and purses each from Ashfield and Ripley congregations. There were about 30 visiting ministers on the platform. Prominent among these from a distance were the Rev. James Murray, of St. Catharines; Rev. D. B. McRae, of Cranbrook; Rev. W. Cowper of Listowel. The moderator, Rev. D. Perrie, occupied the chair. Messages of congratulation were received from a number of friends in Detroit, Melbourne and London. The Rev. Mr. Sutherland is in his eightieth year, and still engaged in the active work of the ministry.

The regular monthly meeting of the Toronto McAll Auxiliary was held in the Y.M.C.A. library, on Thursday, April 2nd. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Howitt, Mrs. Duncan Clark occupied the chair. An interesting letter was read by Miss Carty, from Mr. Greig, general superintendent, of the Mission of France, in which he speaks of the generous response made by France to the appeal for the extinction of the deficit for the closing year. The treasurer's report showed that, notwithstanding the depression felt by nearly all missions, the receipts for the year were quite equal to last. Mrs. Ross, from Lindsay, gave an account of her visit to the "Missionary Institute," at Basle, where missionaries are trained and educated for the foreign field. In connection with the institute is a home for missionary children. Indeed the history and successful efforts of this mission are intensely interesting. A letter read by Mrs.