

Church News

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Montreal Notes.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal was held on Tuesday last in Knox Church. There was a good attendance both from the city and from the country. There were some whose absence, however, for various reasons was keenly felt. Since the last meeting the Rev. O. M. MacKeracher had been removed by death and a suitable minute was recorded. The Rev. Dr. Smyth of Calvin church, being still dangerously ill a motion of sympathy was passed and provision made for the work of his church. Dr. Warden's absence through his removal to Toronto depriving the Presbytery of his experience and counsel was also noted by an appreciative minute to accompany his Presbyterial certificate. The business was of course largely routine, but it occupied the court all day and evening until nearly eleven o'clock. Among matters of general interest was the report of an exploring committee presented by Mr. Scott. From this it was made evident that the time was at hand when a further effort would require to be made in the way of suburban church extension, and the Home Mission Committee of the year was struck with a special view to this point. The growth of several of the suburbs makes this course imperative. Some discussion took place regarding the Chinese work. There is evidently little sympathy among Presbyterians with the attitude of the Pacific Coast towards the Chinaman, but there can be no doubt that a certain element in our population is hostile and disposed to drive him out altogether if it can. Resolutions were put repudiating Mr. Maxwell's attack on them in Parliament, protesting against the oppressive water tax imposed on laundries by the City Council, and specially commending the authorities for protecting them when assaulted on the streets. Leave of absence was given to the Rev. Dr. Amaron in order that he might visit Britain to solicit contributions for the building fund of St. John's French church. The appeal was endorsed by the Presbytery and commended to the liberality of the churches in the old country. Following action taken by the French Board the Italian Mission in the city was put upon a new basis which it is hoped may prove much more economical than hitherto. Dr. Internascia who has had charge of it for the past eighteen years retires, probably to take up similar work in the United States, and the Mission is attached to one of the French Missions under the care of the Rev. Mr. Ruffa who speaks both languages with fluency.

Last Sunday might be characterized as Railway Sunday in the city owing to the presence of the Railway Men's Christian Association Convention at Point St. Charles. Delegates to this convention filled a number of the pulpits and the sermons in others were specially directed to their interests. Considerable impetus is being given to this work at the present time by the interest and encouragement of Mr. Hayes, the new General Manager of the Grand Trunk Railway. He is wise enough to see that anything which is likely to improve the moral tone of the employees will be to the advantage of the Company and is willing to place some facilities for organization along religious lines within their reach. In this he is certainly to be commended and good can hardly fail to result. It is much to be regretted, however, that under his administration the number of Sunday trains has considerably increased, thus on the other hand depriving a large number of employees of the religious privileges which they have hitherto enjoyed. In view of this fact the Session of St. Matthews' church, Point St. Charles, which is largely made up of railway employees recently sent a respectful protest to Mr. Hayes urging him to limit the amount of Sunday work in future as far as possible. His answer has not yet been made public but will be awaited with interest by the religious public.

Special union Evangelistic services are at the present time being conducted in Taylor church by Mr. H. L. Gale along with the

Rev. T. Bennett and the other local pastors. The meetings are being well attended and it is hoped good results will follow.

North-West Notes.

The Presbytery of Regina at its last meeting gave leave to the Rev. Hugh McKay to erect a session at Round Lake. The elders will be Indians.

Mr. T. Hunter Boyd who completed his course in Manitoba College a few weeks ago is to be ordained over the Lumsden mission field near Regina.

A handsome church is being erected at Deloraine, Man.

Mr. Guthrie Perry, B.A., a licentiate, has taken charge of the congregation at Wellington Mines, B.C.

The Rev. D. Munro, formerly at Deloraine, was inducted into the charge of the Point Douglas congregation, Winnipeg, on the 18th of September.

The Rev. D. Robertson, of Emerson, who has been laid aside by ill-health for two months, is to resume work next Sabbath.

A handsome church is being erected at Whitewood, Assa, under the pastorate of the Rev. J. W. Muirhead. Whitewood was one of the places where in the early days a combined building was erected with the help of the Church and Manse Board, to serve as both church and manse. It served a good purpose but the place has now outgrown it, and the new building will be a relief to both the congregation and the occupants of the manse.

The Rev. John Hogg, of St. Giles' church, Winnipeg, has withdrawn his resignation, and the Presbytery has arranged a six months leave of absence which Mr. Hogg will spend in the Southern States for the benefit of his health.

General.

Rev. John Maxwell was inducted into the pastoral charge of North Kinloss, Riverdale and Enniskillen, Presbytery of Maitland on September 1st.

Rev. A. Y. Hartly demitted his charge, of Bluevale and Eadies Congregations, Sep 15th.

Rev. John Ross B. A. of Brussels is interim moderator of the Sessions of Bluevale and Eadies.

Messrs. Finlay MacInnes and Hector MacKay were certified to the Senate of the Presbyterian College Montreal with a view to the Ministry.

The Rev. Prof. Campbell L. L. D. of Montreal Presb. College dispensed the sacrament of the Lord's supper at Port Sydney and Uttersson on Sept 16th. Notwithstanding the rain there was a large attendance at both appointments and all enjoyed the treat they received from the Revd. gentleman. His sermons were impressive and instructive and the congregations are looking forward to having him back again next summer. There were twenty four new members received, eleven at Port Sydney and thirteen at Uttersson. The number who sat down at the Lord's Table was the largest in the history of the church at Port Sydney and the session past a unanimous resolution expressing their appreciation of the work done by their student (Mr. J. Loith of the Montreal Presb. College) and of the success which attended it. Uttersson is only a new station but is promising to be a strong one. The attendance for the summer has been good and all seem to take a deep interest in the work. They bought and paid for a new organ and now the managers are arranging to build a church as the services have been held in the town hall.

Intimation is made of a bequest of \$2,500 from the late Mr. Garson, Gananoque, in aid of the Presbyterian Church extension in that portion of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew which lies between Arnprior and Lake Temiscamingue.

The foundation of the new Presbyterian church at Farewell has been completed and the material is on the ground for the completion of the edifice.

On Sabbath Sept. 18th the pulpit of Calvin church Pembroke was occupied by Rev. Isaac Campbell, of Erskine church, Ottawa, Rev. Dr. Bayne preaching the anniversary

sermons of his church. Dr. Campbell preached morning and evening the church was crowded. The discourses were clear expositions of evangelical truths.

The Presbyterian congregations of Bond Head and Monkman's have unanimously agreed to extend a call to Rev. Mr. Hall, of Kelvin, Ont. The congregations have been hearing a number of good men since May last. Rev. Mr. Smith, of Bradford has been acting as Moderator, during the vacancy.

Rev. Mr. Munro, the new pastor of Point Douglas Presbyterian church, was given a hearty farewell on leaving Deloraine, Man., Sept 15th Tuesday evening. An address was presented by the elders of the Deloraine church, and also one by the congregation, the latter being accompanied by a well filled purse.

On Monday Sept. 21st a large number of people gathered together to witness the laying of the cornerstone of the new Presbyterian church Millbrook which is in the course of erection. The stone was laid by Mrs. H. Waddell, of Peterboro. There was \$32 of a collection and some subscriptions received and it is expected that when the church is completed that all the necessities will be forthcoming and the friends will be able to worship the Lord without a load of debt on the church.

Rev. Dr. Buchanan, of India, missionary on furlough conducted the service Sabbath morning, Sept 20th at the Presbyterian Church, Paris. His earnest address was attentively listened to by the large congregation.

Rev. Walter M. Rogers of North Pelham has tendered his resignation which has been duly accepted by the Presbytery of Hamilton. It is Mr. Rogers intention to devote his time entirely to evangelistic work and he will after the end of October be free to undertake duty in any congregation where such services may be required. Mr. Rogers enters upon his new field of labor from a strong conviction that he can do the Master's work more acceptably and profitably in that way.

The Rev. J. Carswell, of Burke Falls, preached at Huntville and at Allansville on Sabbath Sept. 18th, and declared the charge vacant. He also held a meeting with the Session and congregation, at which it was decided to try and secure a suitable party to supply the pulpit for six months. A meeting was also held in Snyder's Hall on Monday, Sept. 21st at which a deputation of Presbytery, consisting of Messrs. Findlay, Barnett and Carswell was present and representatives from all the surrounding mission fields, the object being to see if arrangements could not be effected by which an ordained missionary could be secured for Allansville, Uttersson and Port Sydney. After discussion it was agreed to defer the matter of re-arrangement for six months.

The re-opening services of the New Edinburgh Presbyterian church, Ottawa, since the new \$5,000 additions have been made, took place Sept. 20th, and were largely attended. In the morning the service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Macfarlane, who preached a sermon very suitable to the occasion, his subject being based upon the first seven verses in the third chapter of Acts. He dealt largely with the difficulties that the early Christian Church had to deal with and turned his attention to the difficulties and petty jealousies that arise among the church members of the present day. Dissensions, he said, are never caused by the most earnest workers or generous givers in a church. At the close of the sermon communion service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Clarke, a former pastor of the church. The afternoon service was conducted by Dr's. Armstrong and Moore, the latter giving a thoughtful and instructive sermon from 2 Thessalonians, i. 2, 3, 4 and 6 verses, upon the origin of the Christian Church, her sources of strength and growth and her glorious destiny. The Rev. Mr. Herridge conducted the evening service his text being taken from Acts xxiv. 16. The sermon was listened to with rapt attention. He closed with a touchingly earnest appeal particularly to the numbers of young men present to exercise themselves in the Christian struggle, and for the sake of the friends which reared them, the mothers who loved them, and the Saviour who suffered for them to be men.