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the erection of our College, to its endowment fund, its scholarships and annual revenue, while giving liberally to all the general schemes of the Church.

During the ministry of the three pastors the thought of removing to a central position was brought forward at various times, and is now being happily carried into effect in a manner that reflects the highest honor upon the energy and liberality of all concerned.

The elegance, beauty, and substantial character of its churches is a feature of our city which has frequently arrested the attention of strangers, and I feel safe in saying that the one now in course of erection, will in those respects be equal to any of the existing edifices.

But let me remind you that no claim to distinction and honour before God and men can rest simply upon the architectural grandeur and magnificence of the sanctuary in which a people worship. We are to look rather to the scriptural character and spiritual purity of the worship offered. A Church deserves to rank as distinguished when it possesses and manifests a large measure of spiritual power in working, giving, and suffering for the honour of our Divine Saviour.

It within these walls the truth of God is proclaimed in its fulness and purity, and many souls are born into His kingdom, and saints edified—if those who worship here are living epistles known and read of all men, witnesses for God, testifying against vice and folly, living pure and holy lives, rescuing men from degradation and death, going into the streets and lanes of the city as messengers of truth and love, and caring for the spiritual wants of our great Dominion, then, and only then, will we deserve to rank high among the Churches of this land.

I trust and pray that the work already so far advanced, may be carried to a speedy and successful completion without any accident or untoward occurrence; and that the God of the sanctuary who has promised to prosper those that love Zion, may bless and enrich us all with heavenly gifts, and accept this humble offering which His people make for the furtherance of His glory.

Rev. Dr. Jenkins then delivered an address expressing his gratification as Moderator of the Presbytery of Montreal, and in his individual capacity as a city pastor, in being present, pointing out how everything depended not on the external structure, but on the faithful proclamation within its walls of the "truth as it is in Jesus."

He congratulated the office-bearers, and especially Principal Macvicar, on the auspicious circumstances in which they met, and expressed the hope that a faithful pastor might ere long be placed over the congregation. Rev. Dr. Wilkes also delivered an interesting address, after which prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. McNeil, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. J. O. Baxter. The lecture hall is expected to be ready for occupation in the fall, and the church to be completed by June of next year. As indicative of the enterprise and liberality displayed by the congregation, we subjoin a list of the leading subscriptions thus far obtained for this magnificent new church: Edward Mackay, \$8,000; John Stirling, \$5,000; David Morrice, \$5,000; Joseph Mackay, \$4,000; Hugh Mackay, \$3,000; James Court, \$2,500; Hon. Judge Torrance, \$2,000; P. Nicholson, \$1,700; John Campbell, \$1,500; John Anderson, \$1,000; Robert Mackay, \$1,000; Wm. Miller, \$1,000; Arch. McGoun, \$900; Hugh Watson, \$600; J. C. Wilson, \$500; John Robertson, \$400; Jas. Ross, \$100; Jas. McGoun, \$100; Hugh Cameron, jr., \$100; Mrs. Wyatt, \$100; Thos. Forde, \$100; And what is worthy of special note, all this has been given without in any way interfering with the contributions of the congregation to any of the schemes of the Church. We heartily wish the congregation all success in their present undertaking and future history.

SEVENTY-FIVE percent of New York Sunday-school teachers are from the country. There was a very successful concert held at Sonya on the evening of Friday, the 23rd March. The proceeds were in aid of the church organ fund, and the chief promoters were Messrs. D. Stevenson, A. Beattie and H. O. Black, together with the members of the choir generally.

The annual report of the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, shows the following financial items, etc.:—The total contributions for all purposes amount to over \$4,000. The amount devoted to the mission cause of the Church was \$801. The sum of \$77.45 was also contributed by the Sabbath School for China missions. In addition the sum of \$185 was collected by the Ladies' Aid Society for the relief of the poor; besides large quantities of clothing. Thirty new members were added to the Church during the year. A ladies' meeting for prayer was held weekly during the winter, conducted by the wife of the pastor. As a congregation we have reason to be thankful to God for His goodness and mercy to us during the year. We look into the future with hope and faith in the promises of God.—C.W.

Evangelistic Work at Walkerton.

As the history of ten weeks' special evangelistic work in Walkerton, and its neighbourhood, may be of some interest to your readers, we send you a few of the facts, more generally interesting. The services were conducted by Mr. George McLeish, from Galt, and were carried on principally by him, and by Mr. W. Sprimger of the same place. The local ministers of the Episcopalian, Methodist, and Presbyterian Churches have all taken part in the work. Others, have also taken part, with short visits from several Presbyterian and other ministers, on one or two nights. The meetings were held every night except Saturday night. On Sabbath, an afternoon service was held at four o'clock, alternately in Free St. John's and in the Methodist Church, with an average attendance of from four to five hundred. On the week evenings, the Town Hall, and latterly, Smith's Opera Hall, was generally full, often crowded, with an average attendance of from three to four hundred. The interest taken in the work was very deep and widely spread. Special services sprung therefrom with very gratifying success in the neighbouring congregations of Malcolm and West Brant, carried on by Messrs. McLeish, Sprimger and Merry, and by the Rev. D. Duff, the pastor. The usual after meetings were held every day and evening after the public service, when large numbers always remained for instruction in the way of life. The blessing of finding peace through faith in Jesus, is enjoyed by those of all ages. To a very large extent the benefits are found chiefly by the members of the various churches, and those in the habit of attending such churches more or less regularly. Many have been led to think and speak seriously and earnestly about the one thing needful. Others have come for the first time to a saving knowledge of Christ Jesus, making it a personal and vital matter. Others have come out from darkness and uncertainty into the assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Latterly Mr. Merry, from the Boys' Home, was also here and gave very efficient assistance in dealing both with old and young. During a short visit, Mrs. Merry also did good and memorable service among the mothers and the children. After all the strangers left, two very successful meetings were held, all the ministers of the town taking part. Since then some of the congregations have held some special meetings, and all of them are, in their own way, adapting themselves to the new phases of their regular work.

It would be premature to give any correct estimate of the work as a whole. The interest, however, is very general, the spirit of enquiry is widely spread, great good is still being done, much more earnest hearing is observable in the churches, and working believers are greatly encouraged. All the churches of Walkerton have been more or less blessed, but especially the congregation of the Rev. Robert O. Moffat. It is estimated that from fifty to one hundred in that congregation alone, have either been brought to the Saviour, or had a new baptism from on high.

Amidst the many dangers springing from, and following in the wake of all such movements, we trust that earnest prayer will be offered by not a few, that the work may largely extend, and be not only a permanent work to many souls, but an eternal blessing. And one thing we would most earnestly suggest to the thoughts of all your readers, viz: the thorough training, the active employment, and the wise direction, of all the evangelistic working forces within our own Church. There is need enough and work enough for every evangelist and every settled pastor in Canada, but there is especial need, that when they all work for Christ, they all work together, shoulder to shoulder, with one aim and with one heart.—Com.

Prayer, in its fullest exercise, and most intimate approach to God, is the pouring out of the desires of a wholly consecrated heart. Such pray in the Holy Ghost. They have power with God, and over men in prayer. Through this instrumentality many are brought to Christ; and the intimate connection between the prayers of devoted Christians and revivals of religion, if not known here in every case, will be clearly shown in the light of eternity.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

BIIRTH. In Stratford, on April 18th, the wife of A. M. Shearon, Esq., of the Deacon, of a son. MARRIED. On the 30th April, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. A. McKay, M. L., Elton, James Stuart Woodville, to Christina, eldest surviving daughter, of John Jackson, Esq., of Stonefield, Eldon, Ont. On the 26th ult., at the residence of the bride's mother, by the Rev. J. Hogg, Oshawa, James Ross, Esq., Knox College, Toronto, to Maggie third daughter of the late Alex. Grogg, Esq., of Oshawa. By the Rev. J. J. Richards of the eastport, at the bride's residence, April 26th, Mr. John Laidlaw, to Miss Agnes Duncan, both of North Crosby, Leeds Co., Ont. DIED. At St. Jean Chrysostom, Q., on Sunday, the 22nd ult., of diphtheria, Angus McLeod, aged 4 years and 9 months; on Wednesday, the 25th, John O'wan, aged 4 years and 4 months; and on Thursday, the 26th, Charles McPee, aged 11 months; all and the only children of John Boyd of the above place. On the 19th of April, at Weston, Jennie Ward, wife of Mr. D. A. Miller, linen merchant, Manchester, England, and sister of the Rev. R. H. Warden, Montreal, and on the previous day their infant son.

Official Announcements.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES. LINDSAY.—At Woodville, on the last Tuesday of May. OTTAWA.—Next Presbytery meeting in Knox Church, Ottawa, on Monday, 7th May, at 3 o'clock P.M. QUENB.—At Three Rivers, on the first Wednesday of July, at ten o'clock a.m. PARIS.—Within Dufferin Street Church, Paris, on the first Tuesday of July, at eleven a.m. Congregational payments to the Presbytery fund are payable at this meeting. TORONTO.—In Lecture-room, Knox Church, on Tuesday, 1st of May, at 11 a.m. KINGSTON.—In St. Andrew's Hall, Kingston, on 10th of July, at 3 p.m. WHITBY.—At Whitby, on the third Tuesday of May, at 11 a.m. BRACKVILLE.—At Prescott, on Tuesday, 3rd of July, at 7 p.m. LONDON.—Special meeting in First Presbyterian Church, London, on 8th May.

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