

## Church News

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### Montreal Notes.

The jubilee of the Pointe-aux-Trembles schools was worthily observed on Tuesday last the 24th ult., by a large gathering of friends and old pupils who came to show their continued interest in the prosperity of an institution that has played a large part in the Evangelical work among the French Roman Catholics of the Province of Quebec, during the past fifty years. Organized in 1840 on a non-denominational basis by the French Canadian Missionary Society, composed of such men as Dr. Wilkes, Dr. Taylor, James Court, John Redpath and John Dougall it continued under the control of that Society until 1880 when it was taken over by the Presbyterian Church. A few years later the buildings were considerably enlarged so as nearly to double their capacity and they can now easily accommodate one hundred and fifty pupils. Since the beginning not fewer than 8,500 of the youth of French Canada have been educated therein and no pupil has ever gone forth from the institution without having had the fullest opportunity of learning the truth of the Gospel. Coming from many different parts of the Province, and the majority of them from Roman Catholic families, they have taken the light back with them to their homes and have in many cases become centres of Evangelical influence. It was fitting that the jubilee should be suitably honored. The opening of a new electric railway from Montreal to Pointe-aux-Trembles made the schools more easily accessible than formerly, and though the day proved a disagreeable one a large number made the journey—so large that the space available for their accommodation in the chapel of the school was more than filled and a considerable number of the pupils themselves were unable to gain admission. The chair was taken by Dr. Warden, who, for the past sixteen years has been so closely identified with the institution. The chief address on the occasion was delivered by the Rev. Joseph Provost of Springfield, Mass., one of the earlier pupils who recounted his personal experiences, characterized a number of the former teachers, and traced the influence exerted by those who had been trained in the schools. After several short speeches by the Rev. R. P. Duclor, Rev. Dr. MacKay and others, Miss Emma Vossot was called on to read a complimentary address to the Rev. J. J. Bourgois, Principal of the boys' school, congratulating him upon the completion of his twenty fifth year of service. At the close of this address Mr. Bourgois was presented with a testimonial consisting of a gold watch a piece of plate and a purse of money. Mr. Bourgois's reply in acknowledgment brought the happy occasion to a close, and after refreshments had been served the visitors returned to the city. Though there are signs of an educational awakening in the Province the work of this institution is very far from being done, and there is no reason why it should not continue to hold an important place among the elevating agencies of the church for at least another half century. It is worthy of all the support that can be given it.

Thanksgiving day was observed by the great majority of the Protestant population in the city, and services were held in most of the churches of all denominations. Owing to the fact that the weather was disagreeable and the walking unusually trying the attendance was not so large as on some previous years. The collections were usually devoted to objects of local benevolence either public or congregational. In a few cases they were for the missions of the church.

At the regular fortnightly meeting of the Protestant Ministerial Association, on Monday last, the Rev. C. B. Ross of Lachine read an able paper on the "Times of Hosea, Amos, and Micah" in which he vividly sketched the social and moral condition of the people of Israel as revealed by the addresses of these prophets. The

paper was a most helpful one. The writings of the prophets are largely unintelligible to many because they do not understand the situations that give rise to them and the real lessons they were endeavoring to teach. Mr. Ross made it clear that the prophets were social reformers as well as religious teachers and that their appeals had an important bearing on our own day as well as on theirs. There was a good attendance and the paper evoked an interesting discussion.

The Rev. Murdoch MacKenzie of the Honan Mission preached in Erskine Church on Sunday morning last and in the evening occupied the pulpit of Crescent St. On Monday evening he addressed a meeting in Three Rivers and on Thursday, Thanksgiving day, spoke in Stanley St. Church. In all cases he was heard with the deepest interest and attention. But perhaps the most remarkable address he has yet given was that to the students of the College whom he held spell bound for over an hour as he recited his impressions and personal experiences among the Chinese. Specially interesting were his illustrations of the kind of preaching that had to be adopted in order to hold their attention and meet their objections. If the church ever wants to appoint a Professor of missionary homiletics it will know where to look for him.

### North-West Notes.

Mr. John Russell, the student missionary who has had charge of the congregation at Dominion City, has been transferred to Little Britain. On leaving Dominion City a farewell social of the congregation was held at which an address was read and a purse presented to Mr. Russell.

On leaving Kildonan for Toronto, the Rev. Wm. McKinley received from his congregation a kindly worded address accompanied by a purse of \$60.

The Rev. Dr. King preached anniversary sermons in Gladstone on Sabbath the 15th inst and on the following evening the Rev. C. S. Pabliado lectured on "Burns and Ian MacLaren." The collections on Sabbath amounted to \$360 and the proceeds of the lecture were \$60. The congregation under the pastorate of the Rev. J. E. Munro built a church three years ago at a cost of \$5000 and has the debt now reduced to \$1500.

The Synod of Manitoba and the North West Territories met in Winnipeg on the 10th-13th. The attendance was good and kept up well to the last. In selecting the Rev. Joseph Hogg of St. Andrews Church, Winnipeg as its moderator the Synod honored one of its most devoted and laborious pastors and one of its members who takes the deepest interest in its work general. The Presbyterian church within the bounds of the Synod has doubled in numerical and financial strength within the last nine years. A central committee was arranged for to receive the names of licentiates and ministers who wish to be heard in North West vacancies and to distribute them in the most equitable manner. The Synod had two excellent evening sessions of a popular character the first devoted to Home and Foreign Missions and the second to Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies.

### General.

Rev. A. Miller was inducted into Ashfield charge on Nov. 30.

There will be a general exchange of pulpits by the ministers in Maitland Presbytery on December 13th.

Aged Minister's Fund rates. Our ministerial friends are reminded that interest is charged on rates not paid in November.

Rev. Mr. Taylor, of Lochwinnoch, has been presented with a fine horse by the people to whose spiritual wants he ministers.

Rev. Mr. Langill, Bridgebury, has accepted a call from a good Presbyterian congregation in the county of Glengarry and expects to leave this month to take up his labors in that place.

The anniversary services in connection with Knox Church, Elora, were conducted on Sabbath, both morning and evening, Nov. 20th, by the Rev. Mr. Martin, of

Knox Church, Guelph. Large congregations assembled at both services, and all were delighted with the able and eloquent discourses given by Mr. Martin. A liberal offering was received.

A farewell was tendered the Rev. Wm. McKay Omand at Norman, at which he was made the recipient of a well filled purse by the congregation. He will probably supply Kildonan for a while.

The third annual convention of the Auxiliaries to the Mission to Lepers in India and the East, will be held (D. V.) in Association Hall, the afternoon and evening of Thursday, Dec. 3. All are invited.

The friends of Rev. J. Gumming Smith of San Francisco, Cal., will be interested to hear that he has received a very hearty and unanimous call from the "Tabernacle Church," Indianapolis, Indiana, U. S. A.

A special meeting of the Presbytery of Edmonton will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Innisfail, Alta, at 4 p.m., on Tuesday 1st Dec., "for the ordination and induction" of Rev. W. F. Atkinson, licentiate to the charge of that district.

Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund. Ministers are reminded that their personal rates are payable upon the 1st Nov., in advance for the year then beginning. These should be sent without delay to the Treasurer, Rev. Dr. Warden, Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

Mr. William Kannawin, B. A., has had charge of the Presbyterian Mission Wye-field, for the last six months. When leaving Mr. Kannawin was presented with an address and a purse of money. His services were highly appreciated by the congregations over which he had charge.

The Presbytery of Victoria at its last meeting with the hearty concurrence of the congregation, granted the Clerk, the Rev. D. MacRae, of St. Paul's Church, Victoria, three months leave of absence with the view of benefiting his health. This time Mr. and Mrs. MacRae will spend visiting friends in Ontario.

Anniversary services were held on Sabbath, Nov. 8th, at Tait's Corners Presbyterian Church, when Rev. Neil McPherson, of Petrolia, officiated. Rev. Henderson, the pastor, preached in Petrolia. Appin Presbyterians had Rev. Fortune, of Alvinston, at their anniversary. Tea meetings were held on the Monday evenings following each anniversary.

The annual thank offering meeting of the Egmondville Auxiliary W. F. M. S. was held in the church, Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 10. An excellent programme was rendered by the ladies of the society. The attendance was large, and the offering amounted to over \$37. On the following Monday evening under the auspices of the same Auxiliary, a very interesting and instructive address, on "Mission Work in China," was delivered by the Rev. A. Grant, of St. Mary's. The church was well filled, and the collection amounted to \$17.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in the East Presbyterian Church, Oak St., Toronto, last Sabbath morning. There was a large addition of new members made to the communion roll of the Church. The communicants were addressed by the Rev. Dr. Moffat, Secretary of the Upper Canada Tract Society. The minister's Bible class began its winter course of study on the "Miracles of our Saviour" and an especially large number of young people were present at the introductory lecture, which the pastor, Rev. J. A. Morison, B. A., delivered in the afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

On Wednesday evening, November 11th, the Womens' Foreign Missionary Society of St. Paul's Church, Simcoe, held their annual thank offering meeting. The meeting was in every way one of the best in the history of the Society, and the offerings were larger than on any preceding occasion. The pastor, Rev. W. J. Day, M. A., occupied the chair. The first part of the programme was rendered by the Boys' Mission Band, the next by the Girls' Mission Band, and the rest by the Womens' Society. A number of recitations and appropriate songs were well rendered by the children. Then followed four interesting readings, all well rendered. The