

Church News

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MONTREAL NOTES.

As a full report of the closing exercises of the College will appear in another column, it is unnecessary to do more here than note the fact of the large attendance and the interest taken in those who were receiving the awards of merit and the degrees which had been granted by the Senate. The only one present of the three doctors honored was the Rev. J. L. Murray, of Kincardine, who gave a most appropriate address to the fifteen members of the graduating class after they had received their diplomas. The announcement as to the large increase in the number of scholarships open to students in their Arts course will be welcome news to some prospective candidates who may have been alarmed by the recent increase in University fees.

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association of the College was held on Thursday morning. Reports were received as to the work of the past year, and the officers for the ensuing year elected as follows: Rev. J. A. Macfarlane, B.A., of Ottawa, President; Vice-Presidents, Rev. Dr. C. E. Amaron and Rev. J. R. Dobson, B.D.; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. R. J. Douglas, B.A.; Bibliographer, Dr. Scrimger; Necrologist, Mr. J. C. Robertson, B.A.; Committee, Rev. S. J. Taylor, Rev. D. MacVicar and Rev. W. T. Morrison. The Rev. J. R. Dobson, Rev. D. Currie, and the Rev. R. Whillans were nominated as members of the College Senate for the ensuing year. Considerable discussion took place with reference to the programme of the Graduates Institute to be held at the opening of next Session, and arrangements made for the papers not already provided for. It is hoped that the whole programme may be ready for publication in the course of a fortnight. At a meeting of the Executive held afterwards, a sub-committee was appointed to prepare a draft for the Institute of 1899 and to report at a meeting to be held at some convenient time during the Assembly, when it is expected there will be also the usual social gathering of Montreal graduates now numbering over 250.

A special meeting of Presbytery was held in Knox church on Tuesday evening to deal with the resignation of the Rev. Murray Watson as minister of St. Lambert. Mr. Watson was unfortunately too ill to be present at the meeting. The commissioners from the congregation who were present, Mr. E. McLeod and Mr. D. S. Bruce had, however, been instructed to offer no obstacle to the resignation. It was decided to accept it and to declare the pulpit vacant on the first Sabbath of May. A committee was appointed to draw up a suitable minute and express sympathy with Mr. Watson in his illness. Professor Scrimger was appointed to act as Moderator of the Session and at the request of the congregation the Rev. James Nairn was appointed to supply the pulpit until the end of June.

At a meeting of the Executive of the Board of French Evangelization, held on Thursday afternoon, the Rev. P. E. Beauchamp was appointed as joint French and English missionary in Arundel and Harrington.

The Rev. W. R. Cruickshank, of St. Matthews' church, has been laid aside from active duty for the past week through illness, and it will probably be a week or two yet before he is able to resume. There is nothing, however, to cause his friends any alarm.

The Rev. M. S. Oxley, of Westminster church, who has been ill for the past month, has returned to his work once more. Though not yet fully restored it is hoped that he may be able to take up the regular services. His pulpit has been supplied by students of the College during his illness. Now that the Session is over there will be no longer available.

The Rev. Kenneth MacLennan, of Lewis, has been too ill to take his services for several weeks. He is now slowly recovering but not yet out.

MANITOBA NOTES.

The Presbyterians of Griswold have decided to build a stone church this summer. Already they are getting material on the ground.

Rev. Mr. Boothwick has been appointed by the Rock Lake Presbytery to take charge of three stations south of Morden for summer months.

The Ladies' Aid society of Knox church Morden, with their usual energy in the interests of the church, have let the contract for the thorough renovation of the interior of the church.

Rev. Jas. Mowat and Rev. F. H. Stewart have exchanged mission fields at the request of the Home Mission Board. Mr. Mowat takes charge of the Ravenswood field and Mr. Stewart of Rathwell, Rosebank is to have student supply.

A very interesting ceremony took place at Governmenthouse, Winnipeg, Tuesday, when an Indian boy by the name of Joseph Kae saws, of St. Annes, was presented with the Royal Humane society's medal for saving the lives of six children during a prairie fire which ran over the district last fall.

The Alma Mater Society of Manitoba College held their annual dinner in Convocation Hall on Thursday evening last beginning at 7 o'clock. The flag was flying from the new pole, the first time, in honor of the graduates. After the dinner the Ladies gave a public reception. A number of graduates were present and everything passed off agreeably and pleasantly.

The opening lecture of the summer session in Theology of Manitoba College was delivered Tuesday evening in the convocation hall of that institution. In the absence of Rev. Principal King, who was suffering from a cold and hoarseness, Rev. Dr. Bryce occupied the chair. Revs. Dr. DuVal, Prof. Hart, Prof. Baird and R. G. MacBeth were also on the platform. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Dr. DuVal. In a few opening remarks Dr. Bryce referred to the successful past year both in Arts and Theological classes and pointed to a most hopeful outlook for the future. Rev. Prof. Baird B. D. began his lecture without introduction:—"Are the Epistles and Gospels equally authoritative"—and step by step carried his audience into the nature of this great question. The position of some of the leading writers was referred to, and distinguished though they were, the revered lecturer hesitated not to enquire whether, logically, their positions would lead. The Gospels were examined as likewise the Epistles; some agreements were enumerated. Differences as to writers, their aims and objects, as Paul in words of flaming zeal writing to his converts, contrasted with Luke merely a gatherer and settler-forth of those things which he had seen and heard. The inspiration of the whole New Testament was kept well to the fore in the lecture. Professor Baird's lecture was listened to with much pleasure not only for the concise way in which an enormous amount of information was imparted but also, as the students of the west are well aware, the Professor is so careful of his diction, style—and choice of apt words and illustrations. Merely as a literary production the lecture was of high value to students wishing to imitate some worthy writer, and Professor Baird is above all, the students Professor. The meeting closed with the Doxology and Prof. Hart, B.D., pronounced the benediction.

GENERAL.

Sosya congregation has extended a call to Rev. Mr. Bremner, and the induction takes place this week.

Thirty-six new members were received at Communion in St. Mark's church, Toronto, Sabbath the 3rd inst.

The Hepworth church has secured the services of Rev. A. Thompson, formerly of Chataworth, for three months.

Rev. John Gallagher, pastor of St. John's church, Pittsburg, Ont., has tendered his resignation, which has been accepted.

Owing to the state of health of the pastor elect the ordination at Cold Springs appointed for the 19th inst., has been indefinitely postponed.

As a result of a series of special services held in the Presbyterian church, Eugenia, thirty-four new members have been received

into the church, and a Christian Endeavor Society has been organized with over forty active members.

Extensive improvements are to be made in St. Andrew's church, Perth, during the coming summer. It is estimated that \$10,000 will be expended.

Rev. Neil Shaw, pastor of Egmondville congregation, was presented with a fur overcoat, a few days ago, by the members of his congregation. At the same time Mrs. Shaw received a well filled purse of gold.

A very interesting gathering took place in the church at Dauphin, Man., recently when the congregation assembled to bid farewell to Rev. J. J. Gourlay, for the past three years missionary in charge there. Mr. M. McKenzie, on behalf of the congregation read a kindly worded address, and presented Mr. Gourlay with a purse containing \$33. It is expected Mr. Gourlay's absence will be only temporary.

On a recent Sunday evening in Knox church, Stratford, speaking on the responsibility of fathers, the pastor, Rev. M. L. Leitch, touched upon a very live topic. He declared his deep conviction that fifty years hence unless a great change shall have taken place in the dispositions of both the fathers and the children, the world, instead of advancing, will have retrograded from its present position. He appealed to the fathers not to let all the work of bringing the children to Christ rest upon the mothers. If they did so, the hour was coming when they would repent thrice bitterly, because it was too late. The practice of bicycling on Sunday was becoming too prevalent with the young people of the city. Scores of thoughtless young men and young women last summer made it a practice to take long trips into the country, returning too late to attend divine worship. The custom had again been started this season, and he appealed to the parents to see that this was nipped in the bud. Some might say there was no harm in taking a little fresh air on Sunday. Certainly not, but there was no need to be all day about it. Time should and could be found to attend church.

The students of Knox College, Toronto, have been appointed to the Mission Fields for the summer as follows:—British Columbia and N.W.T.—Englishman's River, J. Rex. Brown; Rossland Mines, J. W. Stephen; Saskatoon, A. W. Hare; Ellinboro', J. W. Little; Umatilla, R. G. Scott. Superior Presbytery—Rat Portage Mines, T. Dodds; Rainy River, A. McTaggart. Algoma Presbytery—Richard's Landing, T. C. Hood; Iron Bridge, Geo. Kendall; Sprague, P. Reith; Whitefish, J. A. James; Sturgeon Falls, Wm. Beattie; Mills, D. McKerrill; South Bay, A. H. McLeod; Collin's Inlet, A. H. McGillivray. Barrie Presbytery—Loring, A. L. Burch; Bethune, B. M. Smith; Aspden, A. L. Howard; Washago, J. D. Cunningham; Depot Harbor, J. L. McPherson; Carleton, R. J. McAlpine; Dorset, R. C. McDermid; Franklin, N. H. McGillivray. Ladbark and Renfrew Presbytery—Kippewa, J. G. Cheyne; Orangeville Presbytery—Proton, R. M. Carlyle. Chatham Presbytery—Buxton, W. A. Bremner; South Bush, Thos. McCord.

Clergyman's Statement

Nerve Strength Gained by Taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

BRIGHTON, IOWA.—Rev. Bernard M. Shulick of this place, owing to weakness of the nerves, was for a time unable to attend to his duties. He makes this statement: "I have suffered for a long time from weak nerves. After I had taken a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla I became quite well again. The weakness of the nerves has now wholly disappeared and I am able to attend to my duties again. I am therefore grateful to Hood's Sarsaparilla and I recommend it to everyone who suffers from weak nerves."

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