

## Ministers and Churches.

### Ottawa.

Algoma Presbytery nominates Rev. Dr. Armstrong for the vacant chair in Halifax Presbyterian college.

On Tuesday the Journal printed a fairly good portrait of Rev. Dr. Armstrong, who has been secretary of the Ottawa Bible Society for 26 years.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid of Erskine church, the following ladies were appointed as district visitors for the month: Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. McGillivray and Mrs. Fraser.

The rite of baptism was administered to five Chinamen by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Turnbull at the Bank street church last Sabbath. At the same time twenty-two persons connected themselves with the church, when the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed.

Mr. George H. Wilson, managing editor of the Journal, last week gave an interesting address before the Men's Association of Erskine church on "How a Newspaper is Run." Mr. J. T. Pattison, another newspaper man, presided, and there was a large attendance of members.

At Ottawa Presbytery, Rev. Robert Herbison tendered his resignation as pastor of Stewarton church. Later a special meeting of the Presbytery will be held, at which members of the congregation will be cited to appear. The members of Presbytery heard with regret of Mr. Herbison's resignation, and many of them spoke highly of the work done by him at Stewarton church.

At last week's meeting of the Ottawa Presbytery the following commissioners were elected representatives to the General Assembly to be held in St. John, N. B., in June next: Revs. Dr. Armstrong, D. M. Ramsay, D. B. McLeod, Billing's Bridge; N. MacLeod, New Edinburgh; P. H. Scott, Hull; E. F. Seylaz, Ottawa, and P. S. St. Germain, Masham. The elders chosen were—Lieut.-Col. MacPherson, Thomas Wilson, Neil McKinnon, Dr. Thornburn, Murdoch McKinnon, Robert McConnell and E. B. Holt.

Mr. J. H. McLeod, superintendent of the Chinese class of Knox church, presided at a successful entertainment given to the church scholars last week. A large number of church people who take an interest in the Chinese class were present. Misses E. McCarthy and R. Bishop gave a piano duet, and I. M. Keyes gave a recitation. Wong Loo, a twelve-year-old Chinaman, sang a hymn in English. A Chinese orchestra gave some examples of native airs, using native instruments. This was one of the features of the programme, and was well received. Prizes won by the members of the Chinese class for attendance and proficiency were distributed.

St. Andrew's church has done much for Presbyterianism in Ottawa and a decision reached at the annual meeting of the congregation last Monday evening furnished additional evidence of the generosity of its people and a high sense of the trust reposed in the trusteeship of the Glebe lands. It was decided after debate to give six Glebe lots at the corner of Carling avenue and Lyon street for a site and \$11,500 money as half the cost of a new \$23,000 structure proposed for the Glebe Presbyterian church. There was no diversity of opinion as to the need of the church. Every one who spoke emphasized the importance of doing everything to strengthen Presbyterianism in the southern section of the city and the action taken will no doubt give a great impetus to the good work being conducted by Rev. Mr. Milne. The new church will be on a section of the driveway and will occupy a fine strategic position in a rapidly growing part of the city.

At the public meeting of the Ottawa Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, held in St. John's Hall to celebrate the centenary of the Society, Rev. Canon Pollard had charge of the service, and Mr. George Hay for nearly 40 years president, presided. After reading a number of letters of regret at inability to be present and a number containing congratulations, Mr. Hay spoke briefly on the great work that had been accomplished by the society in the past one hundred years, and hoped that the present celebration would be the means of creating renewed efforts on behalf of the society and its work. The speakers were Canon

Kittson, Dr. Armstrong, Rev. Wm. McIntosh, Rev. T. Gladstone and Rev. Dr. Ritchie. Dr. Armstrong, among other things said, The Bible Society stood at the heart of every great missionary society, providing the Scriptures in the various tongues, where the missionaries labored. He believed that the work of the society would ultimately bring about the unity of nations. Rev. Wm. McIntosh was heartily in sympathy with the work of the society. He believed that a great gathering would be held before long, where the keynote would be unity, and all the Protestant denominations form one great union. He believed they must and would unite, and hoped that it was not far off.

### Montreal.

The congregation of Avoca and Harrington, (Montreal Presbytery) under the care of the Rev. Mr. Watson, is expected to become an augmented charge.

The congregation of Montreal Annex have permission to sell their present property, to purchase a new site and build, providing they do not expend more than \$10,000 for both; the congregation raising one half of this amount, the other half to be contributed by the Presbytery.

Rev. Mr. Winfield, of Melville church, Westmount, and Rev. A. Lee, of Hemmingford, have tendered their resignation, the latter owing to continued ill-health. These resignations will be considered at an adjourned meeting of Presbytery to be held in Knox church, Montreal, on 15th March.

At Montreal Presbytery, Rev. W. R. Cruikshank, B. A., reported for the Home Mission Committee. All the fields have been supplied, save one, regularly during winter. It was agreed to connect Shawbridge with New Glasgow, under the Rev. Mr. Vernier, instead of being in connection with Mille Isles, under the Rev. J. H. Beatt.

The Rev. Dr. Morison presented to Montreal Presbytery the report on the augmentation of stipends. Several congregations are decreasing in numbers having lost several families, but still keep giving as liberally as formerly. Grants were made for the ensuing year to the several churches as given previously. In regard to the Assembly remit on increasing salaries from \$750 to \$800 as a minimum, it was agreed to increase the former grant for augmentation by \$50, so that the increased minimum salary may be paid.

At the last meeting of Presbytery Rev. Mr. Heine gave in a very encouraging report on French work within the bounds. All fields save one, are fully manned, and excellent work has been done. The ladies of the Missionary Society have given six hundred dollars for French colporteur work. The French stations have determined to raise five thousand dollars for the improvements on the Pointe aux Trembles school. Dr. Amaron has succeeded well in his canvass for this work, twelve thousand dollars having been subscribed already. The full amount required is sixty thousand dollars.

At the recent meeting of Montreal Presbytery the following commissioners to the General Assembly were appointed: By rotation the Rev. J. P. Bruneau, Rev. Donald Stewart, Rev. Dr. Amaron, Rev. Prof. Scrimger, Rev. Dr. Morison, Rev. W. D. Reid, B. D., Rev. Colin Mackercher, Rev. Chas. A. Doudiet. By ballot—Rev. Dr. Mowatt, Rev. John Mackay, Rev. Dr. Barclay. The elders were all elected by ballot—Messrs. D. S. Hislop, Robt. Miller, James Ross, Walter Paul, Jas. Templeton, Arthur Walsh, Geo. Barclay, W. A. Kneeland, Chas. Byrd, David Morrice, F. MacLennan.

Rev. Dr. Scrimger presented the report on Sabbath Schools to Montreal Presbytery. These schools are carried on with vigor. Increases are reported both in numbers and in finances. The following recommendations were adopted: 1. That the ministers and session of the churches within the bounds be urged to arrange wherever possible for the organization of a teachers' training classes in connection with their schools, so that teachers, and especially prospective teachers, may become better qualified for the important work of the religious instruction of the young. 2. That the Presbytery continue its authorization to Mr. Burnie to visit their schools, and to encourage the opening of new schools wherever there seems to be room for them, and commend his work to the recognition and support of all sessions and superintendents within the bounds. 3. That the college authorities be requested to arrange as last year for a course in S. S. Pedagogy, and that it be made a part of the regular course.

In Montreal Presbytery, Rev. J. R. Dobson, B.D., read the report on Church Life and Work. All the congregations and mission stations save five in the Presbytery reported on this subject. Many congregations stated that the audiences on Sunday are increasing. In some country charges the congregations are small and decreasing owing to the fact that members are leaving the district. The severity of winter has caused small audiences. This also has caused the suspension of regular prayer meeting. The organizations in the congregations are very helpful to the work desired to be done. The liberality of the churches in the Presbytery is very satisfactory. Much can yet be done to arouse true spirituality among those in connection with the churches, the reports show that this is slowly increased. It was recommended that congregations hold special meetings for the deepening of the spiritual life of the members.

### Quebec.

Rev. Dr. Kellock has been re-elected moderator of Presbytery, and an exceeding good presiding officer he makes.

The congregation at Kenner's Mills has permission to call to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Rev. J. M. Whitelaw to another charge.

Quebec Presbytery sends the following commissioners to the General Assembly: Ministers, Rev. Dr. Kellock, Richmond; J. R. McLeod, Three Rivers; J. M. Callan, Metis; E. MacQueen, Gould. Elders, Messrs. James Davidson, Sherbrooke; W. Morrison, Leeds; John White, Leeds; James Muir, Quebec.

At the last meeting of Quebec Presbytery Rev. Mr. McQueen presented an overtone favouring itinerancy in the ministry of the Presbyterian church. Speaking to this overtone Rev. D. Tait, of Chalmers church, Quebec, said: The present system of the Presbyterian church results in detriment to the congregation as well as to the minister. Under this system congregations were frequently left without a pastor, a thing which does not often happen in the Methodist church. In addition, ministers are often thrown aside when comparatively young. A modified system of itinerancy, he thought, would be of advantage to the Church as a whole.

### Eastern Ontario.

Glenarry Presbytery will meet at Alexandria on March 22nd, at 10:30 a. m.

Rev. Dr. Amaron received almost \$200 in support of his work, as a result of his visit to Carleton Place.

The Presbyterians at Hay Bay have been separated from the Mission of Bath, and joined to Deseronto West.

Returning last week from a visit to his former home, Rev. A. E. Wishart, of Beaverton, called on a few friends in Guelph.

One of the pleasing features of the reports presented to Glenarry Presbytery was a large number of young people from the Sabbath Schools becoming active members of the church.

St. Andrew's church, Kingston, is preparing to celebrate its centenary. In July, 1904, the present site of St. Andrew's church was granted to the Presbyterians of Kingston by King George III.

Dr. Robert Campbell of Montreal was nominated as Moderator of the General Assembly, and Dr. C. Amaron as Moderator of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, by Glenarry presbytery.

Glenarry Presbytery appointed Rev. R. Harkness, of Cornwall, to represent and convey the greeting of Presbytery to the annual meeting of Glenarry W. F. M. Presbyterial to be held in June next at Avonmore.

Rev. A. Cameron, of Vars, has tendered his resignation, but Ottawa Presbytery decided to defer action until next meeting. A strong deputation urged that their minister be continued in charge; and in view of expected changes Mr. Cameron may be induced to reconsider his resignation.

Glenarry Presbytery appointed the following conveners of standing committees: Augmentation—Rev. A. Givan, Williamstown; Church Life and Work—Rev. K. Gollan, Dunvegan; Statistics—Rev. D. McLaren, Alexandria; Sabbath Schools—Rev. D. N. Coburn, Lunenburg; Systematic Beneficence—Rev. A. Graham, Lancaster; French Evangelization—Rev. J. U. Tanner, Lancaster; Young People's Society—Rev. R. Harkness, Cornwall.