

Church News

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Montreal Notes

The report of the Synod crowded our last week, any notice of the annual meeting of the National Council of Women which was held at the same time. It was probably the most noteworthy assembly of women which has ever gathered in Canada, and marked a distinct step forward, and marked a distinct advance, and marked a distinct advance that is rightly guided, has almost infinite possibilities before it. The Council is an offshoot from a similar organization in the United States, and owes its existence largely to the zeal and energy of Her Excellency, Lady Aberdeen, who was this year, as ever, the soul of all the meetings and spared no effort to make them a success. The delegates came from all parts of the Dominion, and embraced all sections of the community. Protestants, Roman Catholics and Jews sitting side by side upon the platform, all contributing something to the discussion. The subjects considered were very various, as the Council is supposed to find a place for every kind of work for which women are organized or in which they are specially interested. As a matter of fact it does not cover all that ground for the Women's Missionary Societies of the several churches, and the Roman Catholic Sisterhoods have never seen their way clear to affiliate with it. But there was no lack of variety, as the following headings from their programme will indicate: Patriotism, Canadian Literature, Emigration, Excesses of Home Study for Children, Recreation, Temperance, Charity Organizations, Industrial Sections of Agricultural Exhibitions, Humor, its Characteristics and what it does for us, Home Reading Circles, Need of Medical Aid in Northwest Territories, Commitment of Insane and Imbecile and Preventable Causes of Insanity, Care of Children, Teeth in Public Schools, Immigration of Pauper Children, Public Bath and Wash Houses, Establishment of National Home Reading Union, Care of Female Immigrants on Arrival, Technical Education, Woman's Work in Art, Length of Working Hours for Women and Children, the Spread of impure literature, Manual Training in Schools, Woman Suffrage. The discussion of this last subject which is supposed by some to be the main end of the organization awakened little enthusiasm, however, and was left almost entirely to one or two visiting delegates from the United States. One of those who favored it frankly stated that the real difficulty was not to convince the men, but the women. The great majority felt that there was already work enough within their reach without clamouring for other responsibilities which can be better discharged by men. The evening meetings were of a popular character and were addressed by a number of gentlemen prominent in public life, both English and French, including Mr. Laurier, Sir Charles Herbert Lippin, Chief Justice LaSalle, Mr. Barclay, Rabbi De Salo, Hon. George Drummond, and others. It was generally admitted, however, that the best address of the whole meeting was given by Mrs. Drummond, President of the Montreal local branch of the Council, outlining the sphere and possibilities of their work. Statesmanlike in its grasp of the subject, dignified in manner, beautiful in language, her address held a large audience spell-bound until nearly eleven o'clock in the evening and did more perhaps than anything else, except the personal influence of Lady Aberdeen to commend the work of the Council to the public of the city.

At a meeting of the Board of the Presbyterian College held the other day it was announced that the revenue had met the expenditure for the year and also cleared off the adverse balance of our \$1,500 from the preceding year. It was also stated by Dr. Warlen, the Treasurer, that every dollar of interest on the investments of the College had been paid promptly ever been suffered on any investment when due that no loss had during its history that on the contrary certain securities which it was thought prudent to sell had realized a profit of

over \$3,000, and that it was believed those still held, if disposed of, would bring considerably more than their face value. No real estate held as security has ever reverted to the College. With such a showing it is not to be wondered at that the College should be unwilling to lose the services of Dr. Warden as Financial Agent. It has also every reason to feel as satisfied with its Montreal investments. If a similar statement can be made about the funds invested elsewhere the Church is much to be congratulated.

General.

Rev. E. D. McLaren has been appointed moderator of the British Columbia synod.

Rev. Jas. Bryant, late of Merriton, Ont., will be inducted pastor of St. Andrew's church, Richmond on the 26th.

The Rev. Mr. Mackenzie for many years pastor of Knox church, Morden, died very suddenly at his home in Sunnyside, P.E.I., on Monday.

The Presbytery of Orangeville, at a meeting held at Collingwood, during the meeting of Synod, licensed Messrs. S. O. Nixon and D. L. Campbell to preach the gospel.

Rev. Wm. Meikle, is filling the pulpit of St. Andrew's church, London, Ont., at present, the pastor, Rev. R. Johnson, being off on a three months' trip to Britain and the Continent.

The Presbyterian church, Marston, was badly damaged on Sunday 10th during a thunderstorm. One of the windows was blown in, and the members of the Bible class, who were inside at the time, were badly frightened.

Rev. A. Wilson, late of Charleston and Alton, having accepted the call extended to him by the congregations of Rosemont, Mansfield and Everett, his induction will take place at Rosemont on the 26th inst. at 2 p.m. Mr. Neill to preside, Mr. McMillan to preach, Mr. Orr to address the minister, and Dr. McRobbie the people.

Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, expects to leave on June 6th for Great Britain, to attend the Presbyterian Alliance in Glasgow, where he is expected to read a number of important papers, and also to promote the interests of the Presbyterian church in Canada among the British assembly.

The ceremonies in connection with the induction of Rev S. Childerhose, B.A., as pastor of the Presbyterian church, Parry Sound, took place on Wednesday afternoon, May 6th. The Revs. Findlay, Rollins and Moody officiated, and a large number of people were present.

Rev. Robt. Johnston, B.A., B.D., of London, formerly of Lindsay, sailed for England on Saturday. Mr. Johnston will be away some three months in all, visiting different parts of Europe. In June he will attend the great gathering of ministers to be held in Glasgow.

Mr D. L. Campbell, having accepted an appointment of the Presbytery of Oranville, c. as ordained missionary for two years at Ballinasfad and Melvil Church, his ordination and induction will take place at Ballinasfad on June 9th. at 2.30 p. m. Mr. Fowle to preside and address the minister, Mr. Elliott to preach, and Mr Farquharson to address the people.

Dr. Cochrane requests us to say that ministers' congregations and young people's societies, who desire extra copies of the Home Mission Report for 1936, for distribution among their members, should apply at once for such numbers as they want to Rev. Dr. Warden, Confederation Building, Toronto. It is necessary that the extra numbers required for this purpose, should be made known without delay.

The anniversary and reopening services of Erskine Presbyterian Church, Meaford, were held Sunday May 17th, and proved a most gratifying success. The Rev. Alexander Gilray, of Toronto, preached at all the services, and presented very able and eloquent addresses to large congregations at each service. In the afternoon a special children's service was held, which was very largely attended by children and parents. Monday evening Mr. Gilray featured on "The Greatest City." Special contributions were taken at all services to defray the expenses incurred in beautifying the church, and proved very

satisfactory to those who have had the work in hand.

The Rev. John Campbell, late of the Free Church of Scotland, has received and accepted a hearty call from the congregation of Kenyon, Glengarry, Lingwick congregation, Quebec, took steps to proceed with a call to Mr. Campbell, till he signified his acceptance of the Kenyon call. Kenyon is one of the largest, but most compact country charges in Ontario. The former pastors of the congregation belonged to the Free Church of Scotland.

After an absence of ten months in Great Britain, the Rev. James Gourlay, M.A., for 20 years pastor of the Port Elgin Presbyterian Church, has returned to Canada, greatly invigorated by the holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Gourlay will make Hamilton their home in the meantime. The friends of Mr. Gourlay throughout the church will anticipate a speedy return to pastoral work. He was the efficient Clerk of Bruce Presbytery for many years.

On Monday evening, May 9th, the members of the 'Womans' Guild of Knox Church, Cannington, and the 'Womans' Foreign Mission Society, of which Mrs. Ross is president, met at the manse, and on behalf of themselves and other ladies unable to be present, made a presentation to Mrs. Ross of a beautiful silver tea service. The gift was accompanied by an address, to which both Mrs. and Mr. Ross responded, expressing high appreciation of the valuable gift presented, and the feelings of kindness and respect which suggested the giving of it, and wishing the ladies continued success in their work.

On Monday evening the 18th inst., the Church of the Covenant celebrated the fourth anniversary of their pastor the Rev. Jas. McCaul's, settlement among them. In opening the meeting the chairman made the following remarks:—"It becomes us humbly and joyfully to thank God that we are allowed to meet so happily together to-night to celebrate the fourth anniversary of our pastor's settlement among us, and to wish him and his esteemed wife, and ourselves as members of this congregation, God speed in our united work in the cause of Christ for the coming year, and the years to follow. Well, some of us remember when it was the day of small things with the cause here represented to-night, when under the fostering care of Charles St., now Westminster congregation, it was aroused into vigorous youth under the active and devoted superintendence of the late Mr Joseph Gibson, of Deer Park. Let us while humbly thanking God, obey the Apostolic injunction, to give honor to whom honor is due, and give honor to these and other instruments whom He has used in furthering this cause, and bringing it on to its present promising condition. It is specially fitting to-night after four years pastorate among us, that we should offer our warm and sincere congratulations to our Pastor, and to Mrs. McCaul, who has so truly and faithfully shared with him, as a true helpmeet, the burden and heat of the days; and these I now in the name of the congregation, formally tender to you Sir and to Mrs. McCaul. May God spare you long to the cause you have undertaken in His name, and give you every needed grace for the good work. He has ordained for you, and may His best blessings ever abide on Mrs. McCaul and yourself and family. In this prayer I am sure every member of the congregation, will most reverently and heartily join."

The monthly meeting of the Toronto Auxiliary of the Canadian McAll Association, was held in the library of the Y.M.C.A., on Thursday, May 16th. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Howitt, the chair was taken by Mrs. J. L. Brodie. Interesting and helpful articles were read by Mrs. Geo. Dixon, Mrs. Wong, and Miss Caven. A letter from Mrs. Harvey, of the "American Association," was read by Mrs. Hutchins. Some important questions—of a business nature were discussed—in reference to the further building up the work here. Mention being made of the importance of a larger circulation of the interesting leaflets in connection with the mission. Only with enthusiastic knowledge can we hope to inspire enthusiasm. "Some Incidents of Interest from Franco" read by Mrs. Wong testify that the seed sown by the McAll missionaries is surely bearing fruit.