

Church News

[All communications to this column ought to be sent to the Editor immediately after the occurrences to which they refer have taken place.]

Montreal Notes.

The Committee charged with the preparing of tunes for the new Hymnal has been holding a long session of four days during the past week in Erskine church. Such satisfactory progress has been made that a large portion of the material is now ready for the printer and will be forwarded to Oxford immediately. It has been arranged that Mr. Mac Millan of Toronto and possibly another member of the Committee shall shortly proceed to England for the purpose of seeing the work through the press with as little delay as possible. The Committee are determined to make the work, one worthy of the church, as well as to have it issued as speedily as possible. They believe that the best way to do this is to co-operate cordially with the publishers and to have someone authorized to represent their views, within easy reach, during the critical period when it is being set up and put in form. No one is better qualified for this than Mr. MacMillan and the church will await the result with perfect confidence.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal held on Tuesday evening last to take action rendered necessary by the death of the late Dr. Smyth it was resolved at the request of the session of Calvin church that the pulpit of Calvin church should be declared vacant on the first Sabbath of January, supply to be given in the meantime by the members of Presbytery. The delay is perhaps an unusual one, but the reasons given were quite satisfactory to the court and the interests of the congregation are not likely to suffer in any way by it. Dr. Scrimger who had been appointed to act as moderator of the session during Dr. Smyth's illness was continued during the vacancy.

The eleventh convention of the Canadian Inter-collegiate Missionary Alliance met in the Presbyterian College on Thursday last for a four days' Session. Owing to various causes the attendance was not so large as was desired or expected but the interest was well maintained. Prominent among those from a distance who addressed the Convention were Bishop Baldwin of London, and Mr. Harlan P. Beach, representing the Student Volunteer Movement in the United States. Mr. Beach was himself formerly a missionary in Northern China and Mongolia. A social meeting held on Thursday evening with short addresses of welcome and music made the visiting delegates feel at home. In the present state of the Foreign Mission Funds of most of the churches, which makes it almost impossible to send out additional workers except to fill vacancies, it can hardly be expected that there will be much recruiting of volunteers for the Foreign field. But it is a matter of importance that the missionary enthusiasm of the future leaders of Christian work now in the various colleges should be maintained. Sooner or later they will find some way of making their wishes felt and of having their ideals carried out. Meantime the opportunity is a good one for calling attention to the missionary work that may be done right here at home. With a view to this an interesting meeting was held here in St. Paul's Church on Wednesday evening last. An invitation had been extended to all the young people in the church who were prepared to engage in some form of Christian work. About one hundred and fifty responded. After an address from Dr. Barclay Mr. Craickbank of St. Matthew's Church was called on to state the need for assistance in carrying on the work of his large and populous field, and Dr. Thomson to present the claims of the Chinese work in the city. It is confidently expected that both fields will receive substantial additions to the number of their active workers. A meeting is to be held a week hence for definite organization.

Dr. Robertson, the Superintendent of Missions in the North-West, sailed from Montreal on Saturday last for Britain where he is to address a number of congregations on behalf of his work the needs of which are likely to increase during the next few years with the inauguration of a more active immigration policy. Before leaving Dr. Robertson succeeded in persuading several of the students in the college to offer their services for mission work in the far west during the present winter.

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One of the most picturesque and prosperous settlements in Manitoba is situated at the foot of the Brandon Hills, about nine miles from Brandon. For a long time this settlement felt the need of a suitable church building, but as all the leading evangelical denominations were represented, not more than ten or twelve families were connected with any one denomination. At last the Presbyterian congregation of nine or ten families decided to build, and on Sabbath 18th Oct., a handsome and commodious building was dedicated to the worship of God by Rev. Principal King of Manitoba College. The new church is 28 by 40 ft with a graceful square tower in front forming a porch and belfry and terminating in four small pinnacles. The interior of the church is finished in British Columbia Fir, pulpit and pews trimmed with oak, and all combing to make the church most comfortable and cheerful in appearance. The total cost of the building is \$1875 of which about \$1500 will be paid this year, leaving only a comparatively small debt which is partly provided for by subscription. The church will be used by all denominations desiring to hold services in it, without charge. In consideration of this, liberal contributions were made by nearly all the families in the settlement. The pastor Rev. T. R. Shearer is to be congratulated on the successful opening of this new place of worship, which no doubt will give impulse and energy to the cause in the community.

Mr. D. A. MacKenzie, son of Rev. A. J. MacKenzie, of Deloraine, came to Moose Mountain a little over a year ago to do something in the way of giving religious instruction to the Indians of the two Reserves in this mountain, who apparently had been neglected by all the Churches, save that the Roman Catholic priest came annually to take as many children as they could get to their schools at Qu'Appelle. Mr. MacKenzie when he came here had no guarantee of support from any one, he saw there was need and he manfully tried to meet it. He built a little house, a poor cheerless cabin, and was determined to stay with the work. Since then the Presbyterian Church has thrown the broad wing of its Foreign Mission Board over Mr. MacKenzie, and his work, and with its usual loyalty to its workers the Board is building a nice snug house for its missionary on the Reserve. The general opinion is that Mr. MacKenzie has done admirably well. In the short space of one year he has carved for himself out of purely primitive elements a mission, secured for that mission the recognition and support of the Presbyterian Church, and, to crown the whole, has just taken to himself a most excellent, suitable, Christian wife, who will, I am sure, be a help meet for him in his work. To consummate this latter part of the business we met at the Agency last Tuesday, and by invitation from Mr. J. J. Campbell, the popular Agent here and his excellent wife, who have always a kindly feeling towards anything that means help to the Indians. Mr. Hodnett, assisted by Rev. Mr. Geddes, performed the ceremony. Miss Jackson, the bride, was well supported by Miss MacKenzie, of Deloraine, and Miss Campbell and Miss Halpin of the Agency, and beside the groom stood Master John Campbell. By the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell a very sumptuous breakfast awaited us in the dining-room, where we spent a pleasant hour relieving the tables and making the best speeches we could. The specialty of the occasion was the truly maiden speech of Master Campbell addressed specially to Miss MacKenzie. In the meantime Old Boreas

was giving us the first snow of the season and while, as a general rule, we do not mind a little snow in these regions, yet for the sake of the bride and bridegroom who had purposed a long drive we did a little regret it on this occasion. But what does a snow-storm amount to when hearts are warm and purpose firm! Mr. and Mrs. MacKenzie left for Deloraine, 90 miles away, where they stay for a few days on their way to Winnipeg to attend the Conference of Presbyterian Indian workers which meets there in the early days of November.

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Rev. J. Fraser Smith has sailed for his new field of labor at Mhow, Central India.

Rev. D. McIntosh has been inducted as pastor of Douglstown Presbyterian Church.

The annual thank offering meeting of St. Andrew's W. F. M. S. of Carleton Place was held recently and the snug sum of \$78 realized.

Rev. Mr. Hutcheson, the newly appointed pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Almonte, was inducted at that place on November 3.

The attention of ministers is called to the Rates for Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund which should be sent to Rev. Mr. Burns this month.

Rev. S. S. Burns B.A., of Knox Church Westport Ont. has accepted the call from the Presbyterian Church of Stirling Ont. Stipend \$900.00 and a free Manse.

The Toronto Auxiliary; to the Leper Mission will hold their monthly meeting in the C. I. M. Home 632 Church street, Monday the 16th inst. 8.30 p.m.; to which all are cordially invited.

Rev. J. Little at a *pro re nata* meeting of the Presbytery of Owen Sound, Nov. 3rd declined the call to Dutton. His congregations pleaded most earnestly that he should continue his work a little longer in Latona, and Burns church.

Mr. J. K. MacGillivray, of Ontonagon, Mich., has been appointed pastor at large for Lake Superior Presbytery, Michigan. His address in future will be Sidnaw, Michigan. Mr. MacGillivray reports having received very substantial help from the friends in Michigan since the disastrous fire.

At its last meeting the Session of Innerkip passed the following resolution: The Session of Innerkip Presbyterian Church records with sorrow the death of Mr. David McBeath for about thirty eight years member of this Session. We wish to express our appreciation of his high Christian character, and the deep interest he ever took in this congregation and our loss in his removal from our midst and we express our deepest sympathy with his bereaved wife and family—and pray that the God of all comfort may be with them and that they may experience the truth of His Word "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for thou art with me thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Rev. Dr. Parsons, Rev. Dr. Gregg, and Rev. Professor Ballantyne conducted Anniversary Services in the Fern Avenue Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on Sabbath, October 25th inst. On Monday evening following the congregation held their sixth anniversary social, at which congratulatory addresses were delivered by Rev. W. M. Rochester and Rev. Wm. Burnes. Rev. Wm. Patterson, of Cooke's Church, gave a spirited address on "Enthusiasm" the theme and the speaker were in perfect harmony, and it did not take Mr. Patterson long to awaken a kindred spirit in his hearers. Mrs. Patterson was also present and sang two solos with wonderful sympathy and power. During the evening the pastor, Rev. R. O. Tibb, was requested to leave the chair, and Mr. Thos. Gall, the oldest member of Session, came forward, and in the name of the congregation presented the pastor with an address, expressive of the warmest appreciation and attachment to Mrs. Tibb and himself, and the hope that they might be long spared to labor among the people there. The address was accompanied by a handsome gold