

## Church News

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### MONTREAL NOTES.

The annual entertainment of the Chinese Laundry Schools of the city was given in the school room of Crescent St. Church on Monday evening under the general direction of Dr. Thomson, the efficient missionary. The large attendance of the Chinese scholars, numbering about 250, shows that Dr. Thomson holds the confidence of the great bulk of the resident Chinese community, notwithstanding efforts recently made by a few to arouse prejudice against him because of his vigorous action in restraint of gambling among them. The large attendance of teachers and other friends during the evening proves that the churches have not lost their interest in the work, though the novelty is now somewhat worn off. The programme was furnished almost exclusively by the Chinese themselves, consisting of readings from the Bible, recitations, hymns in English and Chinese, concluding with a performance by a native Chinese orchestra on their own instruments. In his opening remarks, the chairman, Dr. MacKay, made special reference to the fact that this was the ninetieth anniversary of Protestant missions to the Chinese, the first to go out having been the Rev. Dr. Robert Morrison. There is no more hopeful department of Chinese work than this attempt to reach them on this continent, where they are surrounded by Christian institutions and Christian influences. They are much more open minded than at home and prejudice plays little part as a hindrance to entering light. Not a few of these Chinamen who were brought to the Sabbath school solely by their desire to learn English for business purposes have been reached by the truth and are now communicants in our city churches.

On Friday last the congregation of Melville Church, Westmount, turned out in large numbers at 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the induction of the Rev. T. W. Winfield. The Rev. Prof. Campbell presided and put the usual questions, the Rev. T. A. Mitchell preached an appropriate sermon from Acts i. 8: "Ye shall receive power, when the Holy Ghost is come upon you." The Rev. Dr. Barclay gave the charge to the minister and the Rev. Prof. Ross that to the people. A social gathering to welcome the new pastor was held in the evening when the church was quite filled. Addresses were given by the ministers of the other Protestant churches in Westmount and by a number of the city brethren.

The Presbyterian French Mission on Dufferin street, which is in charge of the Rev. Mr. Rondeau, held a most successful entertainment on Tuesday evening, Dec. 23. It consisted of vocal and instrumental music, recitations, etc. The children, some in French and some in English, performed their parts well, reflecting great credit upon their instructors. The hall was filled to overflowing. Every available corner was occupied. A deputation from St. Giles' Church and friends of the mission addressed the meeting. The work is making good progress under the careful oversight of Mr. Rondeau.

At a special meeting of the Presbytery held on Friday the 31st ult., the call from Norwood to the Rev. W. T. Merison was sustained and his congregation of St. Therese cited to appear at another meeting to be held on the 15th of January.

On Monday evening, Dec. 27, the Presbytery of Glengarry met at Avonmore, the chief business being to consummate the call of the Avonmore congregation to the Rev. George Weir, a recent graduate of the Montreal Presbyterian College. Mr. Weir was examined and answered the usual questions satisfactorily, and his ordination and induction were proceeded with. The Rev. J. Millar, of South Finch, preached the sermon, the Rev. P. D. McLennan addressed the minister, and the Rev. J. McLaren addressed the congregation. The settlement is viewed with satisfaction, and the best results are expected.

### GENERAL.

Rev. M. H. McIntosh has accepted the call of the West and Knox church congregations, New Westminster, B. C.

The Presbyterians of Bell's Corners, intend building a new church in the spring. The sum of \$700 has already been subscribed.

Rev. R. J. Hunter, of Ridgetown, has resigned. Mr. Hunter has accepted a call to a church in Colorado, a few miles from Denver.

The thanksgiving offering of the Presbyterian church Nanaimo, this year amounted to \$217.40. This exceeds last year's offering by over \$80.

Rev. Professor Falconer, by appointment of the Presbytery of Halifax, preached to the congregation of Coburg Road church, on Sunday, Dec. 26th, when the pulpit was declared vacant.

At a farewell social held at the Glebe church, Ottawa, Rev. Mr. Winfield was presented with a handsomely engraved and framed parting address by the members of the congregation.

Rev. Geo. Cathbertson, of Wyoming, preached his farewell sermon to his South Plympton congregation on Sunday, Dec. 26th, and on Sunday, Jan. 2nd, took leave of the Wyoming congregation.

Baron's church, Hallett, thankoffering for the schemes of the church was \$202, the largest in the history of the congregation. Of this sum \$162.50 was put on the collection plates on Thanksgiving day.

Rev. Dr. McDonald has just completed nineteen years as pastor of the First church, Seaford. Anniversary services were held on Sunday, Dec. 19th, when Rev. J. McMillan, of Lindsay, preached morning and evening.

Rev. W. G. Back, who has lately been preaching in the Glebe church, Ottawa, leaves shortly for the North-West, where he will enter upon ministerial duties in connection with the Home Mission work of the Presbyterian church.

Prior to his departure for Barrie, the congregation of the Presbyterian church, Sunderland, waned upon their late pastor, Rev. J. J. Cochran, and presented an address expressing their appreciation of his work among them and regret at his departure.

On Christmas day the ladies of the congregation of St. John's church, Brockville, presented their pastor, the Rev. D. Strachan, B. A., with a fine pulpit gown. He wore it on the 26th at the communion service, at which there was the largest attendance in the history of the church.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Fern avenue church, Toronto, have presented their retiring President, Mrs. R. C. Tibb, with a sewing machine. For the past two years the ladies have paid the taxes and the interest on the mortgage thus leaving the voluntary contributions to go towards stipend and current expense.

The anniversary services in connection with St. Andrew's church, Kippen, Ont., were held on Sabbath, Dec. 19th. Rev. A. Stewart, of Clinton, preached morning and evening on Sunday and delivered an address at the social on Monday evening. Addresses were also delivered by several other clergymen of the neighborhood.

Meetings of the Rockwood and Elen Mills Presbyterian congregations were held on Thursday Dec. 30th. Rev. Mr. McPherson, Moderator of the Session, presided. From a list of five ministers it was decided by large majorities to give a call to Rev. David Anderson. The call will be formally presented at the first meeting of the Presbytery next month.

On Thursday afternoon, Dec. 23rd, Rev. John Hawley was inducted into the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian congregations of Waterville and Lakeville, N. B. The services were held in the church at Waterville, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and filled with a large congregation. Rev. Geo. McMillan, of Kentville, moderator. The edict of induction was read by Rev. P. M. McDonald, of Wolfville. Rev. H. D. Kirk, of Windsor, preached an excellent sermon, taking as his text Job. xxi. 15. Rev. R. Sinclair addressed the minister, and Rev. R. S. Whidden, of Bridgetown, gave the charge to the congregation. The

ordination prayer was offered by the Moderator. Rev. Mr. Hawley comes highly recommended, and enters upon the pastorate of one of the finest congregations in the Annapolis Valley. This congregation, which has added Berwick to its field of labor, enters upon a new era in a state highly gratifying to the Presbytery.

On Wednesday, Dec. 29th, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. McMullen gave an informal reception to the congregation of Knox Church, Woodstock. One of the features of the evening was the presentation to Rev. Dr. McMullen of a silk pulpit gown. In a short address the doctor thanked his people not only for the handsome gift but for the kindly feeling it expressed. Light refreshments were then handed around and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

Alexander Dow, who was for nearly forty years an elder in the Presbyterian church at Osgoode, Ont., died on Dec. 6th, aged ninety-three years. The deceased was one of the three first church trustees in the Township of Osgoode, and contributed very much to the organization and maintenance of the Presbyterian cause there in the early days of the settlement. After serving as a trustee and manager for upwards of twenty years he was elected and ordained an elder in the year 1858.

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During his stay in Toronto, Rev. Dr. Crafts will deliver addresses as follows: Sunday, Jan. 9th, a. m., will preach in Cooke's Church, subject "The Lord's Day and the Rest day"; p. m., will preach in Broadway Tabernacle, subject "The Sabbath in 19th century cities." Monday, Jan. 10th, 10.30 a. m., will address the Ministerial Association at their meeting in Association Hall; 3.30 p. m., conference on methods of work for defending the Lord's Day, in small hall of Association Hall. All interested are cordially invited. 8 p. m., lecture in Carleton St. Methodist Church, subject "The scientific basis of Sabbath laws," illustrated by chart.

On Sunday, Dec. 19th, Knox church Bellfield, Man., which has been built by the "crofter" settlers of whom there are about thirty families, was opened for service. The services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Cameron of Kildonan, who preached in Gaelic at 10 a. m., in English at 11 a. m., and again in Gaelic at 2.30 p. m. Although the day was anything but mild, the church, especially in the afternoon, was comfortably filled. The church which is 45 feet long by 35 feet wide, is a well built, substantial stone edifice with arched windows, wainscoting up to the windows, and arched ceiling roof. It is heated by a furnace and temporarily seated with chairs which it is intended

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