

## 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 congregation of Melville church, Westmount has called the Rev. T. W. Winfield of Ottawa to be its pastor in succession to the Rev. John McGillivray who died about nine months ago. Mr. Winfield joined the Presbyterian church from the Reformed Episcopal in 1893. For a time he acted as private chaplain to the Governor General, Lord Aberdeen. This position he resigned to take charge of a mission in the suburbs of Ottawa under the patronage of St. Andrew's church. A the call is practically unanimous one it is confidently expected that Mr. Winfield will accept it as soon as the regular steps can be taken through the Presbyteries of Montreal and Ottawa.

A large congregation assembled in Calvin church on Sunday morning last at a special service for the ordination of Lt. Col. Barr and Mr. John McLorie as Elders. An excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. Prof. Ross. After the formal ordination had taken place, the Rev. Dr. Scrimger briefly addressed the new elders and the congregation on their duties to each other. The Rev. Mr. George is doing excellent work in this congregation and every department is in a prosperous condition.

On Friday evening last an excellent concert was given by the choir of St. Mathew's church assisted by Miss Ella Walker, Miss Lillian Bengough, Mr. Roland Paul and others. No admission fee was charged but a collection was taken up for the benefit of the choir fund.

On Tuesday evening an entertainment in Lucroix church on Suzanne St. for the benefit of the funds of this interesting little French congregation. The Rev. Mr. Ducloux presided. A good programme of music and readings was rendered to the satisfaction of the audience which was fairly good notwithstanding the inclemency of the evening.

Dr. Warden paid a brief visit to the city on Tuesday last, being called to attend the funeral of his little grandson who died on Monday after a short illness of two or three days.

At a meeting of the Presbyterian Ministers' Association on Monday last the subject of discussion was the new Book of Praise. Much satisfaction was expressed with the book as a whole both as to the character of the hymns, the music and the style of publication. The least satisfactory part of the book was considered to be the selections from the psalter. Some strongly objected to the principal selections at all and freely expressed their opinion as to the way in which the publication has been managed so as to drive the psalter as a whole out of use in the church. Others expressed their dissatisfaction with the selection that had been made and especially with the character of the revision. If the metrical psalms were to be touched at all the revision should have been carried out in a more thorough going and consistent way. So far as expressed the opinion of those present seemed to be that the next task of the Hymnal Committee or of some other Committee appointed for this purpose would be to prepare a careful revision of the whole metrical psalter so as to have it in readiness for another edition of the Book of Praise when the present printing contract expires. This is a work which can not be done in a hurry and if it can be done by all the Presbyterian churches of the two continents in concert so much the better. Rouse's version so long in use is the best version for congregational use that has ever been made but there are many ways in which it might be improved without altering its general character or robbing it of any of its excellences.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA NOTES.

Rev. J. M. McLeod, late pastor of Zion Church Vancouver, continues to serve the church as ordained missionary at Langley, and also as Clerk of the Presbytery of Westminster.

Dr. Campbell, of the First Church, Victoria, conducted the customary "Welcome Home" service to the seafarers after their recent voyage, in his church on the last Sabbath evening of October.

A new church at Colwood in the Presbytery of Victoria is rapidly nearing completion and will be opened for divine service this month.

Cheering word comes back to us from our first missionary to the Yukon, Rev. R. M. Dickey. On the first Sabbath after his arrival at Skagway he conducted public worship before quite a large congregation. Steps for the erection of a church were immediately taken. A sufficient sum of money to provide material was quickly subscribed and a number of men compelled to a winter's idleness, gladly undertook to put the building up for nothing. Already the work is opening before Mr. Dickey and he calls for immediate assistance. About the end of November a party of Mounted Police will leave Skagway for Fort Selkirk on the Yukon River above Dawson City. Mr. Dickey expects to join them in this expedition and urges the appointment of a successor at Skagway at once. It is to be hoped that Dr. Robertson will be able to lay his hand, not suddenly, but firmly, on some man of the type of Craig of Black Rock—it would be a pity to take him away—who will stand at the entrance of this northern gold field and welcome the hosts that next spring will pour in to search for the yellow treasure. Dickey is evidently the right man to prospect and locate claims. Some one is wanted now to hold, and later many will be called for, to develop the claims located.

Another "desirable" vacancy on the Pacific Coast is the congregation of Mt. Pleasant, Vancouver, which since the resignation of Rev. J. S. Gordon has been without a pastor. This too is an opening, not for every man, but for the right man. May he ere long appear among us.

To return to the Yukon it may be reassuring to Eastern readers, especially to those who have friends in that region, to learn that there is no cause for uneasiness as to the food supply in that region this winter. The alarming reports of a month ago will not be verified as there is an adequate supply of food-stuffs in the various towns and settlements for all who are there.

Mr. R. B. McMicking, an Elder of St. Andrew's Victoria, and a native of Queenston Ont., has been commissioned by the British Columbia Board of Trade to give a number of lectures, illustrated with stereopticon views, on the Klondyke gold fields in American and Eastern Canadian cities. This will be Mr. McMicking's first trip to Eastern Canada in thirty four years, he being one of a party who in 1863 under the leadership of his elder brother Thomas left their Ontario home and travelled by Red River Cart or on foot over the great prairies and mountains, then a *terra incognita*, to make their home on the Pacific Slopes.

### SOUTH AMERICA MISSIONARY PRAYER UNION.

About two years ago, a few of God's children had the continent of South America with its thirty-seven millions of perishing souls specially laid upon their hearts, and longed in some way to aid in the work of preaching the Gospel to these people. As it was not possible for any of them at that time to take the Word of Life to the inhabitants of the "Neglected Continent," they decided to remember daily before the Throne of Grace these poor, degraded souls, and also the missionaries labouring among them. Thinking that others would like to join with them in praying for South America, they were led to form what is now known as the South America Missionary Prayer Union. The prayer of faith is necessary in the great work of spreading the knowledge of Christ, and while "some can go, most can give, all can pray."

Any further information regarding the Prayer Union, or membership card for same, can be obtained on application. In order to defray the necessary expenses of printing, postage, etc., there is a small fee of 25 cents on entering the Union, which, however, is optional. The Secretaries are, A. E. Robinson, 1 Hepburne St., and A. E. Armstrong, 927 Yonge St., Toronto, Can.

### GENERAL.

Rev. Dr. Buchanan expects to leave in a few days for his field of labor in Central India.

Rev. Mr. Straith, of Innerkip, conducted the anniversary services in the Presbyterian church, Norwich, on Nov. 7th.

Rev. Dr. Smith, of Port Hope, occupied the pulpit of Central Presbyterian church, Toronto, last Sabbath morning and evening.

Rev. J. Matheson, B. A., pastor of Burns Church, Martintown, Ont., resigned that charge after a faithful ministry of 18 years.

Anniversary services were held yesterday in St. John's Presbyterian church, Toronto. Rev. Prof. Ballantyne preached in the morning and Rev. J. A. Macdonald in the evening.

The collection at the annual Thanksgiving service at new St. Andrew's church, Toronto, will be forwarded to the Russell County fire sufferers to aid them in rebuilding their churches.

Rev. A. A. Scott, of Carleton Place, succeeds Rev. Dr. Campbell as Convener of the Home Mission Committee in Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery, not Rev. A. H. Scott, Perth, as stated in our last issue.

St. Andrew's church, Stirling, held their anniversary services on Sunday, Nov. 7th. Rev. J. G. Potter, Peterboro, preached morning and evening and also delivered an interesting lecture the following evening. The receipts amounted to \$177.60.

Rev. Mr. Cochran, of Sundridge, preached his farewell sermon on Sabbath evening, November 14th. Sundridge and the other three stations will be supplied from Knox College for a few Sabbaths, when an ordained man will be placed in charge for the winter.

The anniversary services in connection with the Presbyterian church, of Ilerton, were held on Sunday, Nov. 7th. Rev. W. Moffatt, of London, occupied the pulpit in the afternoon, and gave a very able address, while Rev. E. H. Sawa, of Westminster, preached to a well filled church in the evening. The choir rendered very appropriate music for the occasion.

Rev. T. W. Winfield, Ottawa, has been invited to the pastorate of Melville Presbyterian church, Montreal. The congregation of the church met and balloted to see which of three clergymen the congregation would call. Mr. Winfield received a large majority of votes in two ballots and it was then decided to make the call unanimous. Rev. Prof. Crumple, Mr. A. C. Hutcheon, Mr. Duncan McCormack and Mr. James Brown will prosecute the call before the Montreal Presbytery.

Rev. Robert Johnston, B.D., of St. Andrew's church, London, preached the tenth anniversary sermons of Bloor street Presbyterian church, Toronto, last Sabbath, morning and evening. At both services the church was crowded. In the morning he spoke from the words "And He Said Unto Me, Son of Man, Can These Bones Live?" Ezekiel xxxvii. 3. In the evening he preached a powerful sermon to a packed church on the trial and crucifixion of Christ. The congregation was asked for \$2,500 to apply on the mortgage on the church. At the two collections about \$2,000 was raised.

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