

SYNOD OF MONTREAL AND OTTAWA.

The annual meeting of this Synod was held at Lachute on the 12th and 13th inst. There was a good attendance of commissioners from the various Presbyteries within the synod's bounds. Rev. Dr. Kellock, the retiring Moderator, presided, conducting the opening services and preached an appropriate sermon. Thereafter Rev. John Hay, B.D., Minister of St. Andrew's church, Réalfrew, was elected to the Moderator's chair.

On the following morning the report of the committee on French evangelization was submitted by Dr. Mowatt, of Erskine Church. The report contained many encouraging features regarding the French work in the Province of Quebec. During the year the commodious new school building was opened at Point aux Trembles. The building cost \$66,000, and its furnishings \$9,000. The debt remaining on the building is \$15,000. In statistics, the report was as follows: 72 mission stations, 950 families, 1220 Communicants.

The afternoon was devoted to reports on augmentation, church life and work, home missions and the Sunday school.

Dr. Armstrong, president of the Ottawa Ladies' College, presented a very encouraging report of the year's work. There were 143 pupils, 77 in residence and 66 day students. The revenue of the college was more than enough to meet all expenses. A debt of \$13,000 remains on the college building; \$5,000 was paid off during the year.

Mr. Walter Paul of Montreal made an earnest and urgent appeal on behalf of the laymen's missionary movement.

On the question of temperance reform, the Synod was convinced that nothing short of the prohibition of the traffic in intoxicants for beverage purposes could satisfy as the final goal, recognizing, however, that this could be reached only through education of public opinion, and by stages. The delegates declared readiness to unite with others in the following lines:

Promoting local option.

Pressing for the abolition of the bar-room (that is sale of liquor for consumption on the premises.)

Working for the suppression also of the sale of liquor in sealed packages, excepting in those towns and cities which by a vote of a majority of electors qualified to vote at municipal elections declare in favor of the said sale under some carefully considered system of disinterested management, and stringent regulations as to hours and other considerations, thus eliminating the element of private profit, doing away with "the trade" as a power in politics, and insuring the strict observance of the law.

ON CHURCH UNION.

In opening the discussion on Church union, the Rev. W. J. Clark, of Montreal, said that the subject was not one to be dismissed with a wave of the hand. The churches thirty years ago, he said, were further apart than today, and now they were gradually drawing together. The men in different denominations were coming to know each other. The origin of union had been brought about by the state of things in the Western fields, where the spirit of rivalry had placed churches of all denominations in small communities where only the one church should be existent. Human nature was the same in all churches, and the feeling of prejudice is the most dangerous obstacle in the way of union. "My personal belief," said Rev. Mr. Clark, "is that as far as possible, within the limits of my influence, to make the way smooth to bring the union about. I believe it is the will of God that these divisions should not be.

The Rev. Reid, of Montreal, followed with a strong plea for the union. We

could not have inward union without outward organic union. Another reason why union should be brought about was because it would be a great saving in men and money.

Dr. Campbell thought that the speaker was not logical in so far as that, to his mind, the union must be world-wide and not only brought about in this little section of Canada. The joining of the three bodies would only be making another church. Other speakers shared in the discussion, which was decidedly in favor of union.

THE TRICENTENARY.

Following a discussion of the work of the church in connection with the forthcoming tricentenary celebration at Quebec, the following resolution was passed:

"That the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, interested in the national celebrations to be held this summer in the city of Quebec, within its bounds and earnestly desirous that the Canadian people of every origin and religious affiliation, should take a lively interest in and give a cordial support to, all the proceedings of so notable an occasion, solicitors also that through any part of the programme the measure of harmony which at present happily prevails throughout the Dominion respectfully expresses its deliberate conviction.

"1. That it is eminently appropriate that God, by whose goodness our fathers, French and English, were given the heritage of our beloved land, should be acknowledged by religious services in connection with the proposed celebration.

"2. That in view of the grave religious divisions which form so lamentable but also so prominent a feature of our national life, it is in every way desirable that the expenses of such services be defrayed, not from funds furnished directly or indirectly from the Canadian people as a whole, or by any province of Canada, but by the various religious denominations under whose auspices they may be held."

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held in Calvin church, Pembroke.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL

A good programme is announced for the twenty-third annual meeting of this flourishing society to be held in Knox Church, Lancaster, on June 10 and 11. The president, Mrs. (Rev.) Harkness, of Cornwall will preside. At the opening session Mrs. W. P. Ross will give a Scripture reading, and a few opening words will be spoken by the Rev. J. U. Tassner. Prayer will be led by Mrs. J. McCannell, Mrs. James Dingwall, and Mrs. John J. Fraser. After the president's report and the reports from the vice-presidents and auxiliaries, there will be a Children's Hour, during which Mission Band exercises will be conducted by Miss McCrimman and Miss Bertha Fraser.

The Rev. J. D. Mackenzie will preside at the evening meeting, and the Rev. J. Matheson will present greeting from the Presbytery. Miss Craig, of Toronto, will give an address on the North-West Indians, illustrated by limelight views.

The annual report of the treasurer and various secretaries will be presented on the second morning, when the next place of meeting will also be decided. Mrs. (Rev.) Hastie will give a Bible reading and prayer will be led by Mrs. A. Macdonald, Mrs. Bowen and Mrs. Markell.

At the afternoon session a paper on "Systematic giving," by Mrs. Morrison, will be discussed by Mrs. James Fraser, Mrs. Binnie and others. The Scriptural reading will be by Mrs. A. McCracken, closing words by Mrs. (Rev.) Gollan, of Dunvegan, and the closing prayer by Mrs. Joseph Curry.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCK LAKE.

This Presbytery met in Knox church, Roland, on Tuesday, May 19th. Rev. P. J. Hartley was appointed moderator pro tem, on account of the illness of Rev. J. A. Caldwell, moderator.

Rev. C. C. Whiting resigned the charge of Rosebank and associate stations, which was accepted regretfully by the Presbytery, to take place the 1st of June. Rev. J. A. Beattie was appointed moderator. A call came from LaRiviere to Mr. McIvor Arrangements were made for induction. An hour was spent on Young People's Societies in a public meeting. Rev. G. W. Faryon spoke on the importance of the Y. P. Society. Rev. P. Scott spoke on the objects for which Y. P. Societies should be organized and Rev. J. A. Beattie addressed himself to the subject of the benefits derived from confining the Y.P.S. to church work.

Darlingford asked and received liberty to build a church and asked for a loan of \$800. The Presbytery recommended a loan of \$400. Rev. J. H. Hutchinson asked that the grant to Swan Lake be augmented by \$100 and this was left with the Home Mission committee.

The Home Mission report was presented by Rev. M. C. Rumball. Special application was asked for standing by Mr. Wilson, Mr. White and Mr. Bates. It was agreed to request the Assembly to give Mr. Wilson his standing as a Minister Evangelist. Mr. Bates, it was agreed, to recommend one year more in college. In regard to Mr. White it was agreed to make application to the Assembly on his behalf for ordination.

Standing committees: Rumball, Haunton, Laidlar, S.S. Schools; Mason, Caldwell, Fox, Martin, Church Life Work; Faryon, Whiting, McMillar, Examination of Students; Caldwell, Pryde, Blacksoor, Wright, Theol. College; Hartley, Beattie, Faryon, Statistics; Caver, Scott, McCreath, Church Life Work; Scott, Floyd, Wright, Systematic Beneficence; Beattie, Hamilton, Brown, Y. P. S.; Blacksoor, Hartley, Castell, Floyd, and Fraser, Foreign Missions; Hutchinson, F. B. Stewart, Moral and Social Reform; Pryde, North, Johnston, Hartley.

Next meeting of Presbytery to be held at Deloraine.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERY.

This Presbytery met in Lachute during the late meeting of Synod. Rev. Dr. Maclean, of Avonmore, declined the call given by Zion church, Hull, a petition signed by over 300 of his present charge having been presented to Presbytery by Mr. Alex. McMillan, one of his elders. Presbytery accordingly refused to grant translation to Dr. Maclean.

Rev. David MacLaren tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of Alexandria, after upwards of twenty-two years of continuous service in that charge, on the ground of long continued ill-health. This letter of resignation was laid on the table till the next regular meeting on the 7th July in Alexandria, at which the congregation will appear for its interests.

Rev. J. D. McKenzie was appointed Commissioner to the Assembly in place of Rev. A. McMillan; and Rev. John Matheson in place of Rev. N. H. McGillivray. Rev. W. A. Morrison was appointed interim moderator of Vankleek Hill session, instead of Rev. Allan Morrison.

Rev. J. L. McCulloch has been inducted to the pastorate of St. Paul's church, Brookholm. Rev. Mr. Matheson, Chats worth; Rev. Mr. Nichol, Warton; Rev. Mr. Woodside, Owen Sound; Rev. Mr. Black, Sydenham, and Rev. Mr. Boyle, Shallow Lake, took part in the impressive ceremony.