

## Ministers and Churches.

### Montreal. Chinese Missions.

Not indeed in the sense that Kipling meant, yet in a very real sense, East met West at Knox Church, Montreal, when five Chinese, two adults and three children, were received into the Christian Church, and God-speed was said to Miss Agnes L. Dickson and Dr. Isabella Little, who are going out to Macao, Canton, as missionaries under the auspices of the Women's Mission Society of the Presbyterian Church. The meeting was held in connection with the Chinese Sunday School of Knox Church, and the gathering took place in the hall where the school is conducted, but so large a congregation assembled that the hall was found much too small, and an adjournment took place to the church, which was quickly well filled. The pews in the middle of the church were reserved for Chinamen, of whom there must have been over three hundred present, and who appeared to take a keen interest in the proceedings. At the Chinese Sunday schools, it may be mentioned, an education in the English language, reading and writing, is given in addition to religious instruction, and the Chinamen are willing and apt pupils. They were well dressed, many in English garb, although, of course, most of them wore the queue. A movement, it appears, is on foot among them to conform to western fashion in their attire of dressing the hair also, so that in a short time the pigtail may cease to be the badge of the Chinaman.

The Rev. James Fleck, pastor of the church, presided at the opening of the proceedings before the arrival of Dr. R. P. Mackay, secretary of the Foreign Missions Board, who afterwards took the chair, and there was also present the Rev. Rev. James Paterson, the Rev. J. McKillop, the Rev. Dr. Mowat, the Rev. Dr. Johnston, the Rev. Dr. Campbell, the Rev. E. Scott, the Rev. Dr. Thomson, missionary to the Chinese in Montreal; Mr. Robertson, superintendent of the Knox Church Chinese Sunday school; Mr. Chin Nom Seng, assistant missionary; Mr. Ju Ho and Mr. Lee Quong, president of the Chinese Christian Endeavor Society.

The hymn, "Light of the World" was sung and Mr. Chin Nom Seng gave an address in Chinese explaining the significance of the rite of baptism. Dr. Thomson then spoke upon the events in the history of Macao—where Camoens composed his epic—which gives it a peculiar interest to western people and make it an important centre for missionary work. A special inducement was the desire of Chinamen who had come to Montreal from Canton Province to have their relatives instructed as they themselves were being instructed here. For seven or eight years it had been the desire of the Women's Mission Society to send out lady missionaries to the wives and daughters of these men, and that wish was being realized.

Dr. R. P. Mackay spoke of the work that was being done among the Chinamen of Toronto, where a short time ago two men were baptized. They were trying in Toronto to follow the example of Montreal by carrying on missionary work among Chinamen on a larger scale than they attempted for some years, and of the six or seven hundred Chinese in Toronto there were scarcely any who were not in sympathy with their work. Their interest would be all the keener because they were sending out those ladies, and he believed it would help the work, both in Canada and in China.

Dr. Thomson then addressed in Chinese the two adult candidates for baptism, Lee Yung Fung and Lum Yin, and the parents of the infants to be baptized. These were Peter, son of Ju Ho, and Frank, whose Chinese name is Chin Tsing Quong, "light follower," and Edgar, whose Chinese name is Chin Tsung Wang, "fame follower," sons of Mr. Chin Nom Seng. Baptism was administered by Dr. Mackay. The men who were baptized were presented with copies of the Scriptures.

Mr. Lee Quong presented Dr. Isabella Little and Miss Agnes Dickson with handsome copies of the Bible in the Chinese language.

Dr. Johnston, American Presbyterian Church, gave a farewell address to the two lady missionaries, whom he congratulated on the investment they were making of their lives. He had never yet met a missionary in the foreign field who sang a dirge of sadness over his lot, despite the difficulties and dangers he went to face. He pointed to the immense work that was to be done among the four hundred millions

in China, and the great part for good or evil which the Chinese people would play when they awakened from the sleep of generations.

Miss Dickson and Dr. Little then addressed the Chinamen specially, and their remarks were afterwards translated by Dr. Thomson.

Mr. Robertson, superintendent of the school, expressed the hope that that meeting would stir up interest in Sunday school work among the Chinese, and induce many to offer their services. The results of their work were encouraging. From their schools in Montreal they had thirty six who had joined the Church. There were 72 members of the Christian Endeavor Society. A former president of the society, who had returned to China, had opened a Sunday school for fifteen scholars, and he and his wife taught in it. One of their members had recently given one hundred dollars to Christian missions. He appealed for teachers to come forward and assist.

Quite a large number of persons, especially ladies, took the opportunity after the service, of admiring the baby Edgar, six weeks old, an exceptionally fine, big child.

### Eastern Ontario.

Rev. J. S. Potter, Sailor's Missionary preached in St. John's church, Cornwall, last Sunday morning and in Knox Church in the evening.

Rev. Dr. Wadrobe, of Guelph, preached with great acceptance in the Presbyterian Church, Kirk Hill, last Sabbath. The Dr. has been spending a few days with Rev. and Mrs. Morrison at the manse.

Rev. Professor J. Scrimger, principal of the Montreal Theological College, preached at both services in Knox Church, Lancaster, on Sunday Sep. 18.

The Rev. Edward Cragg filled the Brighton pulpit very acceptably from Aug. 28 to Sept. 11th, during the absence of the pastor, Rev. A. K. McLeod.

Rev. Mr. Beattie of Coburg lectured in the Woodville church on Friday last week under the auspices of the W. F. M. S. His subject was "From England to Canada by way of Egypt and Palestine."

The services in the Maxville Church on Sunday of last week were conducted by Rev. M. T. Tai, of Quebec.

A special meeting of the Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery was in session Tuesday at Smith's Falls, when Rev. Mr. Keith, missionary to the foreign field, was ordained.

Rev. Mr. Woodside, of Carleton Place, gave an address on mission work in the Northwest at a meeting of the Young Ladies Home Mission Band of Erskine church, Ottawa, on Monday evening of last week.

The medical faculty of McGill has been enriched by a gift of \$50,000 from Lord Strathcona, the money to be used for general endowment purposes. Announcement of the gift was made by Dean Roddick at the opening lecture.

The Rev. J. J. Wrigat gave a missionary sermon on the Klondyke on last Sabbath in the Presbyterian church, Caintown. The house was packed from door to the pulpit and we are sure that the reverend gentleman's arm must have been ached after the great number of handshakings.

The anniversary services in connection with Melville Presbyterian church, Ashion, are fixed for the 2nd October, when Rev. J. M. McAlister B. A., of Iroquois a former pastor, is to preach morning and evening, and Rev. K. Calvert, B. D., pastor of the Methodist church, in the afternoon. A tea-meeting will be held the following evening.

An informal meeting of the members and adherents of the Maxville church was held after the regular service on Sunday evening with a view of learning whether or not the congregation was ready to extend a call to a minister. The meeting was very harmonious and the wish was that steps would be taken to extend a call to Rev. Mr. Tai, late of Chalmers' church, Quebec, to become their minister. It is expected that Rev. James Cormack, B. A., late pastor of the church, will conduct the services here next Sabbath. The morning service will be especially for the children of the congregation.

The Rev. Dr. Johnston, pastor of the American Presbyterian Church, Montreal, has been suddenly called to Kincardine, Ont., by the death of his father, who has passed away at the advanced age of 87 years. The late Mr. John-

ston was for over sixty years an elder of the Presbyterian Church, and was noted for his noble Christian work. He is survived by two sons and three daughters, Dr. J. N. Johnston of Toronto, the Rev. Dr. Robert Johnston, of Montreal; Mrs. Hodgkin of Deer Park (Toronto) Mrs. S. D. Coombe, of Kincardine, and Mrs. James Warren, of Walkerton. The late Mr. Johnston was a subscriber to the "Witness" from almost since the time of its inception.

### Presbytery of Quebec

The Presbytery of Quebec met in Sherbrooke, on the 13th, Sept., Rev. Dr. Kellock, Moderator. There was a fair attendance, and much routine business was attended. Rev'ds. Principal Gordon and W. G. Rothney were invited to sit with the Presbytery Elders. Commissions in favor of Messrs. P. Johnston (Chalmers', Quebec), D. S. MacLeod (Winslow), A. MacLean (Marshboro), N. Beaton (Hamplden) and Henry Morrison (Leeds), were submitted and accepted.

Messrs. Jas. R. Shearer and Jno. Woodside B.A. and H. W. Cliff, students, were certified to the Senate of the Presbyterian College Montreal. Considerable time was given to the consideration of Augmentation French Evangelization, and Home Mission matters. Portneuf, which began to get supply at least 63 years ago never enjoyed the service of a pastor, and now ask for an ordained missionary. The Presbytery cordially approve their application, and apply for a grant of \$50. To secure such services the few families there promised an average of \$27 27.

Thanks were recorded to Rev'ds. Drs. Mowatt, R. Campbell, Messrs. F. M. Dewey, J. D. Anderson, and T. Enskin for gratuitous services at Cap a l'Aigle during July and August. Arrangements were made for the ordination of C. F. Cruchon and C. R. Lapointe, licentiates in the Church at Lake Megantic, on the 26th October.

The Presbytery heard at length the report, and finding the Committee of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, appointed to visit the congregation at Kinner's Mills with a view of restoring harmony. When the Presbytery was about to consider said finding, the moderator of session and the representative elder, represented that the congregation desired to proceed immediately with a call to ministers, and they were quite hopeful that should they secure the minister they have in view that harmony would be very greatly advanced. The Presbytery therefore deferred the consideration of the Committee's finding, and granted the congregation leave to proceed with a call.

Mr. J. R. MacLeod reported that he had moderated in a call in Chalmers Church Quebec, in favor of Mr. R. S. Laidlaw, licentiate; and submitted a communication from Mr. Laidlaw intimating that he had accepted a call to Belleville, Ont., and requesting the Presbytery to proceed no further in the matter.

Principal Gordon was heard in behalf of the increased and proposed endowment for Queen's University. The Principal was very cordially received, and assented of the Presbytery co-operation in the matter of securing the said increase. To further this end the following committee was appointed, viz., Rev'ds. A. T. Love, Dr. Kellock, H. C. Sutherland, the Minister of Chalmers', Quebec, and Messrs. Jno. Breakey, J. Theo. Ross, A. H. Cook, A. Baptist, and Jas. Davidson. Dr. Kellock, Messrs. J. R. MacLeod, A. T. Love, and W. Shearer were appointed a committee to visit congregations in connection with the proposed increase of the minimum stipend.

The matter of the Presbyterian visitation of Sunday Schools was referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

The winter Supply of Home Mission and French Evangelization fields was left chiefly in the hands of the respective committees.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, on the 13th, Dec., next at 3 P. M.

J. R. MacLeod, Pres. Clerk.

### Guelph Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Guelph met in Knox church on the 20th of September, Rev. R. E. Knowles, B. A. Galt, moderator. Almost all the ministerial members were in attendance, and a large number of ruling elders. Attention was called by the Clerk to the default of certain Kirk Sessions, in not sending in the names of their representative elders for the current year. The Finance Committee reported the state of the fund as at date, the probable expenditure to the close of