

Church News.

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In Canada.

REV. G. B. MACLEOD has accepted a call to Newcastle and Newtonville.

REV. ANDREW MURRAY, the well-known author, will be in Toronto Sept. 3rd, 4th and 5th.

REV. W. J. MACDOWELL, the first Presbyterian minister in Kemptville, died recently in Plainfield, New Jersey, at the age of 57.

WARINVILLE Presbyterians are worshipping in the English church. Their own edifice will be opened on Aug. 25th.

THE Glogarry Union Christian Endeavor Convention will be held at Maxville, on Sept. 3rd and 4th, and promises to be very interesting. An excellent programme has been prepared, and those who attend will find it profitable and entertaining.

REV. L. C. EMES was inducted into the pastoral charge of McGregor, Man., on the 8th inst., Rev. Mr. White, of McDonald, preaching, Rev. Mr. McRae, of Burnside, addressing the minister, and Rev. Mr. Wright, of Portage la Prairie, the people.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Presbytery of Hamilton to consider the application of Mr. R. McKnight, to be received as a minister will be held in Knox church, Hamilton, on Tuesday, September 10th, at 9.30 a.m. The stated meeting will be held in First church, St. Catharines, on the third Tuesday of September, the 17th, at 10.30 a.m.

THE new church at Brookfield, N.S., was opened on Sabbath, Aug. 4th, by the Rev. D. Sutherland, assisted by the Rev. G. M. Campbell, Rev. Roderick Maclean, and Rev. Warfield, of Brocton, Mass. The new church is one of the finest and most commodious country churches in the province.

THE Mackenzie and Macgregor Bursaries, intended for students preparing for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, will be awarded at the meeting of the Presbytery of Pictou, Sept. 3rd. Applicants will please address the clerk of Presbytery, Rev. J. R. Munro, Antigonish.

THE congregations of Douglas and Bromley are now hearing candidates preparatory to a call. This is one of the most desirable of the smaller congregations in the Church, being compact and very conveniently situated. Parties desiring a hearing should communicate with Rev. John Sharp, 22-Douglas P.O., Ont., who is Moderator p. t.

WORK has commenced on the new Presbyterian church, Blenheim, and is being pushed rapidly ahead. The corner-stone will be laid about the first week in September. It is a handsome building, and when completed, will, with the annex Sabbath school opening into the auditorium to the right of the pulpit, accommodate from 500 to 900 people. Rev. J. M. McLaren, B.A., is pastor.

THE Rev. J. L. Campbell, of Cheltenham, was home for a few days after spending a month at a sanitarium in Danville, N.Y. All were pleased to know that his health was much improved. He returned to N.Y., where he intends remaining for a few weeks, thence to Halifax, after which he will take a trip across the ocean, and it is hoped to see him return about the latter part of October restored to health and strength.

THE anniversary services in connection with the settlement of Rev. J. R. Bell over the congregations of Laurel and Black's Corners were recently conducted by the Rev. J. Little of Dornoch. Three years ago it was a struggling mission station, there being ten members at Laurel and forty at Black's. Now 160 members have been added, and the field has become almost self-sustaining.

REV. ALEX. SUTHERLAND, Ripley, Ontario, recently visited P. E. Island, where he took part in the jubilee services of Strathclyde congregation. More recently he assisted Rev. Mr. Macrae in the dispensation of the Lord's Supper at West Branch River John. An unusually large congregation assembled day after day during the services, and especially on the Lord's Day. All the services, English and Gaelic, were deeply impressive. Mr. Sutherland's visit will be long and gratefully remembered by hosts of friends.

THE Rev. John Campbell, who recently arrived in this country from Scotland with a commission from the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, preached in Gaelic and English in Burns Presbyterian church, Moss, last Sabbath, with much acceptance. Mr. Campbell's discourses were of the rich experimental kind which characterized the preaching of Scotland in her palmiest preaching period. Mr and Mrs. Campbell go to Glensandfield for a few weeks.

THE services in Melville church on Sabbath last were of an unusually interesting character, this being the sixth anniversary of the induction of the present pastor, Rev. R. M. Craig. The Rev. Dr. Parson, of Toronto, conducted the services morning and evening, at the former service the text being Eph. iii. 3 and at the latter II. Cor., v. 20. A few Sabbaths ago the pastor asked the congregation for a collection on Sabbath last of \$500, to meet the indebtedness on the man-o-war building. The congregation responded most heartily, and placed on the collection plate about \$550.

THERE was a large audience in Melville church on Monday evening, 5th inst., to listen to the address of the popular pastor, Rev. R. M. Craig. Mr. Craig gave a graphic and most interesting account of New Mexico and its people—the enchanting beauty of the mountain scenery, the depth and richness of the soil, the indolent habits of the people, their hospitality and usual modes of life, the urgent need for an improved educational system, the crying necessity for the preached Gospel, and many other points of interest. The chair was occupied by Rev. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph.

THE Rev. Hugh McLean resigned his charge of Richmond congregation in May last, to take effect on October 1st. When the resignation was considered in June 3rd, a petition from the congregation signed by 173 members and adherents was presented to the Presbytery of Ottawa, asking Mr. McLean to withdraw his resignation. When asked by the moderator his mind on the matter, time was given for consideration. A conference was proposed, but Rev. Mr. McLean decided to abide by his resignation. Another petition from Richmond congregation was presented to the Ottawa Presbytery on August 6th, signed by 167 members and adherents, asking the reverend court not to finally accept Mr. McLean's resignation until Presbytery had secured for their pastor an appointment on the mission field. As Presbytery had accepted Rev. Mr. McLean's resignation on June 3rd, and had promised to use diligence to get him an appointment, their answer to the petition of August 6th was, that the fact that the resignation was already accepted prevented further action in granting the desire of the petitioners that their pastor should remain with them after October 1st. The moderator said that the petitioners' way out of the difficulty was to give Rev. Mr. McLean a call after the congregation was declared vacant.

A VERY pleasing event took place at "The Manse," Burlington, on the evening of Monday, Aug. 12th, it being the fifteenth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham's marriage. The occasion was improved by the friends giving a practical manifestation of the esteem in which Dr. Abraham and his wife are held by the congregation with which they have been identified for the past fifteen years. The celebration took the form of an old fashioned surprise party. Early in the evening the manse was taken possession of by the committee of ladies who proceeded to put the house in order for the coming event. When they had finished their work the handsome grounds around the manse looked very beautiful indeed, being brilliantly illuminated with Chinese lanterns and many colored lights. The congregation turned out en masse to do honor to their beloved pastor and his wife. A splendid programme of music, instrumental and vocal, was rendered. Refreshments were served by the ladies. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent. Dr. Abraham made a very feeling reply to the many kind words spoken, expressing his very great appreciation of the kindness of the congregation manifested to himself and wife not only on this occasion but upon many former occasions during his pastorate. About fifty handsome presents remain at the manse to remind the Dr. and his wife of the kindly feelings and hearty

good wishes of their people. It must have been most gratifying to the rev. gentleman and his wife to receive such a manifestation of esteem and regard as that which was given by his people on that occasion.

FEW pastorates have terminated so pleasantly and successfully as that existing between the Rev. J. G. Cameron and the congregation of Souris, Bay Fortune and Annandale. The relationship existed for over twenty-two years, and when the resignation was tendered to Presbytery, owing to the extended field, there was a unanimous request from each of the three sections of the congregation that he should remain, but Mr. Cameron adhering to the resignation, the relationship ceased on the 30th of July. Among many other evidences of the attachment existing, the Souris congregation waited on Mr. Cameron on the evening of the 31st of July and presented him with a very valuable gold watch and an address which was presented by A. Currie, Esq., on behalf of the congregation.

French Evangelization.

FOR the past two or three years the Board of French Evangelization have issued circulars periodically to the societies of Christian Endeavor connected with our Church. As a result many of these societies not only contribute to the ordinary French Fund, but several of them annually support a pupil at the Pointe-aux-Trembles Mission Schools. All societies supporting pupils receive communications not only from the Principal of these schools but also from the particular pupil.

The following is the last circular issued by the Board. It gives a good summary of the work:—

THE MISSION FIELDS in which French Evangelization was carried on during the past year are within the bounds of the Presbyteries from whose reports the following extracts are taken:

Barrie.—A colporteur labored with good results. "Some who called me all kinds of names last year are the first to invite me into their houses."

Glogarry.—"The missionary was ordained and settled at Cornwall, as headquarters, where a Mission Station has been organized. Seventeen have united with the Church, eleven being just recent converts from Rome. The Presbytery has agreed to become responsible for full support of missionary after 1st July in addition to ordinary contributions to the work."

Huron.—There is a French Mission connected with the English congregation at Grand Beud. "The moral and spiritual state of our people is certainly advancing. Three French families belong to the Church, and thirty at tent its services. There are fifty French scholars in the Bible class and Sabbath school, of whom ten are Roman Catholic. All learn the Shorter Catechism."

Algoma.—"The Chelmsford and Cartier field has made progress. We feel the need of a school. The public school is practically a Roman Catholic school. Taxes are mainly obtained from the Protestant ratepayers. We have from fifteen to twenty French Protestant children in the place who are of school age."

Ottawa.—"During the year our missionaries have been quickly scattering the good seed, and many encouraging reports have been received. . . . In the schools important work is done. In some of these quite a number of Roman children are found. . . . Many are asking for the Gospel. Let us push on, and 'go in and possess the land,' doing heartily the work which the Lord has given us to do."

Montreal.—"It is the time of sowing, which we must not forget, and we must await with faith and patience the harvest. . . . In every place where missionary, or colporteur, or teacher goes, they are always more or less ready to hear the Word, and ready for themselves. . . . Though the Church of Rome has the influence and prestige which tradition, wealth and magnificent churches give, yet she is morally and spiritually weak, and our hope is in the Word of God: 'Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.'"

Quebec.—"The work has been carried on during the year with earnestness and faithfulness, and with an encouraging degree of success. Never was the outlook more hopeful, and never was the need for earnest effort greater than at the present time."

St. John.—"An ordained missionary labors