

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 annual meeting of the Board of French Evangelization was held in Knox church, on the 17th inst., and continued from half past nine in the morning until ten o'clock in the evening. Principal MacVicar occupied the chair. Among the members present from outside the city were Dr. Warden, Rev. R. Gamble, of Wakefield, Rev. J. R. MacLeod, of Three Rivers; Rev. D. MacLaren, of Alexandria; Rev. D. Tait, of Quebec; Rev. J. F. Macfarland, of Mountain; Rev. J. A. Macfarlane, of Ottawa; Rev. J. Hastie, of Cornwall; Rev. A. T. Love, of Quebec; Rev. Jas. Ross, of St. John; Dr. McTavish, of Toronto; Rev. T. A. Nelson, of Bristol; and Mr. A. G. Farrel, of Smith's Falls. The meeting was entirely harmonious. Some consternation was produced by the announcement from the Treasurer of a probable deficit of \$5,000 at the end of the year. It was too late to avert this by any special measures this year, but steps were taken to present the work more fully before congregations during the coming year, and every grant made was most carefully scanned so as to cut it down to the lowest possible figure. In quite a number of cases reductions were fortunately rendered possible by increased liberality on the part of the people or by re-arrangements of fields so as to combine French and English work under one missionary. As usual the appointments to the various fields were remitted to a sub-committee of the conveners from the several Presbyteries in which French work is being done.

The annual social of Melville church, Westmount, was held on the evening of Friday, the 11th inst., and was more than usually interesting owing to the recent settlement of Mr. T. W. Winfield as their pastor. Advantage was taken of the opportunity to recognize the services of those who had been specially helpful to the congregation during the vacancy. Handsomely illuminated addresses were presented to Mr. A. C. Hutchison, Clerk of Session; to Prof. Ross, who had supplied the pulpit for a time and to Prof. Campbell, the Interim-Moderator. The last received also a purse of gold, while the new pastor was remembered by the ladies with a handsome pulpit gown and cassock.

Mr. Macdonnell, of Ormstown, has offered to the Presbyterian church there a gift of \$3,000 for the erection of a Sunday School hall as a memorial of his late brother, on condition that the congregation raise the sum of \$1,500 for the purpose of suitably furnishing it. The pastor, Mr. D. W. Morison, is to be congratulated on this fresh proof of the prosperity of his church. The offer will undoubtedly be accepted. Mr. Morison has also recently received a donation of \$1,000 for Foreign Missions from one of his members who had intended leaving that sum in his will but has concluded to give it now while still alive, so that the amount may not be diminished by the ten per cent. succession tax. The example is one that might be advantageously followed by others who have decided on similar legacies to Schemes of the Church.

On Monday last Prof. Scrimger read a paper before the Protestant Ministerial Association on "Ritschlianism." There was a large attendance and the subject awakened considerable interest owing to the wide influence of this theology in Germany at the present time.

The Rev. W. D. Reid, formerly of Victoria church, is at the present time supplying the pulpit of a new Presbyterian organization in Haverhill, Mass. The congregation is composed mainly of Canadians and he finds himself at home among them.

MANITOBA NOTES.

The Blake Presbyterians, near Gladstone, are talking of moving their church to Ogilvie—a more central location.

Roland and Clegg have had their first communion under their new pastor, Rev. F. J. Hartley. 25 new members were added at Roland, 13 by certificate and 7 by pro-

fession; at Clegg 4 were received, 2 by certificate 2 by profession.

Gretna Mission has developed into an Augmented Charge. Mr. Lundy, the last student missionary, has secured the Gretna people's support in asking for an ordained man. Rev. C. W. Gordon was appointed Moderator by Presbytery.

The annual meeting of the Winnipeg Presbytery of the W.F.M.S. was held in Knox church, Winnipeg, with eighty-five delegates in attendance. On the platform on Monday morning were Mrs. Watt, Miss Bruce and Miss Ross of Douglas. The meeting was opened by singing the 100 Psalm. Reports were handed in from thirteen Auxiliaries.

There are 14 Auxiliaries, 8 Mission Bands, membership of 354, money contributed \$1,001.38 an increase of \$145.77. A paper was read by Mrs. R. G. Macleith on "The Origin and Work of Woman's Missionary Effort." Officers were elected as follows:—President, Mrs. Watt; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. A. D. McKay; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Joe. Hogg; 3rd Vice-Pres., Miss Dewar; 4th Vice-Pres., Mrs. Fraser, Sec'y., Mrs. Wm. McGaw; Assistant-Sec'y., Miss Helen King; Literature Sec'y., Mrs. J. M. McDonald; Treasurer, Mrs. Hart. The question box was in charge of Mrs. Hogg.

Winnipeg Presbytery met on Tuesday, in Manitoba College. Rev. A. Matheson occupied the chair as Moderator *pro tem*. Present twenty-two ministers and six elders. Documents were prepared concerning the application of Rev. F. W. Fraser, B.D., Rev. F. C. Jack, and Rev. J. A. G. Stirling to be received into this Church. A complaint from a member of the Emerson congregation was referred to a committee. The afternoon was taken up principally with the report of the Home Mission Committee. Steps are being taken to have the Beverly street property taken over and the congregation assume more responsibility in the way of support. In the evening the Presbytery and the W.F.M.S. met together in Knox church. Rev. Prof. Hart occupying the chair. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Cameron, Mr. Fraser and Prof. Baird.

At the meeting of the Manitoba Synod there were present Revs. Dr. Robertson, convener, Dr. Bruce, Murray, Carmichael, Sutherland, McArthur, Polson, Gordon, Wright and Farguharson, the clerk. The committee reviewed the claims of the various Presbyteries from the Home Mission Fund, and agreed to recommend that grants be made to the Presbyteries as follows:—Presbytery of Superior, \$295; of Winnipeg \$1,194; of Rock Lake \$475; Glenboro \$104; Portage la Prairie \$536; Minnedosa \$1,272; Brandon \$266; Melita, \$658; Regina \$2,557. There is a considerable increase in the amounts paid by congregations for the support of missionaries during this half year as compared with any previous half year. The committee also reviewed the claims from the Augmentation Fund. Several mission fields have been made supplemental congregations. The Home Mission Committee examined the reports of the Augmented congregations and agreed that grants be made as follows:—Winnipeg Presbytery, \$113.85; Rock Lake, \$213.16; Glenboro, \$158; Portage la Prairie, \$100; Brandon, \$50; Minnedosa, \$78; Melita, \$157; Regina, \$62.50. Seven mission fields within the bounds of the Synod have been erected into Augmented congregations during the half year ending with this month. The committee also examined applications for grants from the Home Mission Fund of the various Presbyteries for the ensuing year, when it was agreed that these grants be made as follows:—Presbytery of Superior, \$23 per Sabbath; Presbytery of Winnipeg, \$58.50 per Sabbath; Rock Lake, \$20.50; Glenboro, \$8.39; Portage la Prairie, \$41.50; Minnedosa, \$57.65; Brandon, \$19; Melita, \$39; Regina, \$109.

GENERAL.

Rev. Dr. Warden has received about \$5,000 for the Klondike Fund.

Chatham Presbytery has nominated Dr. Battisby as Moderator of next General Assembly.

On March 6th very successful anniversary services were held in Locke St. Presbyterian

church, Hamilton, the Rev. Dr. Brothour, Methodist, preached in the morning and the Rev. A. MacWilliams in the evening.

The members of Bethel church, Farewell, are taking steps to enable them to extend a call to a minister.

Dr. F. R. Beattie has been unanimously nominated for the vacant chair in Knox College by Chatham Presbytery.

Thirty new members were received into membership at Glencoe Presbyterian church at the recent Communion Service. There are now 150 members on the roll.

Rev. Dr. Fletcher, of Hamilton, conducted successful missionary services in St. Andrew's church, Niagara Falls on Sunday, the 11th inst. The pastor of the church, Rev. J. Crawford, occupied Dr. Fletcher's pulpit in Hamilton.

Rev. Dr. Thompson, pastor of St. Andrew's church, Sarnia, will leave shortly for Clifton Springs, New York, where he will spend a few weeks for the benefit of his health. During his absence Rev. Mr. White, late of Deer Park will occupy his pulpit.

The following Presbyteries have nominated Rev. Dr. Torrance, of Guelph, for Moderator of the next General Assembly: Calgary, Paris, Guelph, Saugeen, Orangeville, Barrie, Brockville, Glengarry and Wallace. Truro has nominated Rev. Dr. Bryce, and Pictou Rev. Dr. Campbell, Renfrew.

Rev. Mr. White, of Binacarth, presided over a congregational meeting in the Presbyterian church, Birtle, Man., Wednesday evening, March 9th. The object of the meeting was to moderate in a call to a minister. Rev. H. Murray, from Montreal College is likely to receive the call.

A congregational meeting was held in St. Andrew's church, Chatham, N.B., on Monday, March 14th, the object being to choose a successor to Rev. Jos. McCoy, who resigned some time ago. The majority favored Rev. Mr. Henderson, of Blue Mountain, N.S., and the call was made unanimous. The stipend promised is \$1,250.

Rev. Chas. A. Webster, M.D., who for six years has been a professor in Biorut College, Syria, is on his way home on furlough. Rev. G. L. Logie, who has been studying in Edinburgh for the last year, is also expected home shortly. Both these gentlemen have been nominated for the chair in Knox College rendered vacant by the resignation of Prof. G. L. Robertson.

Knox church, Walkerton, was crowded on Sabbath evening, March 13th, when the pastor, Rev. Donald Guthrie, bade farewell to the congregation to whom he had ministered for the past three years. Mr. Guthrie preached a practical sermon from the text "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ," Gal. vi. 2. Mr. Guthrie left on Wednesday for Richmond.

At a special meeting of the Presbytery of Huron held some weeks ago for the purpose of celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Westminster Standards, Principal Mac Vicar, of Montreal, delivered a powerful address on "The Distinctive Features of the Confession of Faith," which was highly

A MISSIONARY'S WIFE

Interesting Letter from India—A Long Summer Season.

The following letter is from the wife of an American Baptist missionary at Nowgong, Assam, India: "After living here for several years I found the climate was weakening me. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla every summer. This I found so beneficial that I now take one dose every morning for nine months of the year, that is, through the hot weather. My general health is excellent and my blood is in good condition. My weight does not vary more than one pound throughout the year. I find Hood's Sarsaparilla indispensable in the summer and recommend it for use in a debilitating climate." Mrs. P. H. Moore.

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