

## Ministers and Churches.

### Presbytery of Montreal.

At the sitting of the Presbytery of Montreal it was decided that the induction of Professor Scrimger and Professor Fraser will take place on the evening of the opening of the College, Oct. 5, when the moderator, the Rev. W. T. Morrison, will preside, and the Rev. Dr. Barclay will give the address.

The Rev. W. R. Cruikshank, B. A., in his report on Home Mission work, stated that the different fields are being successfully carried on and are fully manned at present. The report was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Wright, from White Horse, Yukon, and Judge Forbes being present, were asked to sit and correspond.

The Rev. Dr. R. Campbell reported on the city mission work, and in doing so stated that the whole city had been divided, each Presbyterian Church being assigned a special district which they will be expected to canvas thoroughly. Visitors were also appointed to visit the various public institutions. The report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Morrison reported for the augmentation committee. Arrangements were made to visit every charge in the bounds, the various deputations to report at the first regular meeting in December first. This report was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Heine reported on the French work. Mission schools were opened in the city this month, the fees for which are fifteen cents each per month or two for twenty-five cents. These fees are expected to be paid, although the fees in the city public schools have been remitted.

Mr. Dion applied to be received, and it was agreed to give him work under the French committee during the winter, the College to prescribe studies for him on which he might be examined in March.

The Rev. C. Houghton stated that in reference to his contemplated resignation his congregation had pressed him to remain as pastor and simply procure leave of absence to enable him to further prosecute his studies at college. This was agreed to.

The various committees were appointed for the year.

The Rev. W. W. Mackeracher, B. A., was received, and his name placed on the roll of Presbytery as a minister without charge.

The committee appointed to draft a minute re the death of Professor John Campbell, D.D., submitted the following, which was approved, and a copy ordered to be sent to his widow; In recording the death of the Rev. John Campbell, D.D., L.L.D., his brethren of the Presbytery of Montreal desire to give expression to their high appreciation of the character and work, and varied gifts of their late co-presbyter. Born in Edinburgh, sixty-four years ago, receiving his early education in London and on the continent of Europe, after a few years spent in business he entered college at the age of twenty-one. His career at the university was highly distinguished. He graduated in 1866 as first man and double gold medalist. He studied theology at Knox College, Toronto, and at the New College, Edinburgh, and was ordained to the Christian ministry in the year 1868 as pastor of Charles Street Church, Toronto. He had been minister there for five years, when the General Assembly called him to the professorship of Church History and Apologetics in the Presbyterian College, Montreal. For the past thirty-one years he occupied that chair with great acceptance. He was held in high estimation by his students, revered as a professor of rare erudition, and wide and accurate scholarship, and beloved as the kind and genial friend. As a member of his presbytery for all these years he possessed the love and respect of his brethren as a true Christian gentleman. As a ruling elder in Knox Church in this city for some nine years, his counsels were always wise and helpful, and when he preached or addressed the communicants on sacramental occasions, his services were of a high order in their depth of spirituality and rich religious experience and unaffected devotion. In the death of Professor Campbell this Presbytery realizes that it has sustained a distinct loss—the loss of a scholar of world-wide reputation, a linguist of singular ability, a gentleman of high culture, a chivalrous, large-hearted, generous Christian brother. Sadly will he be missed in many departments of the Church work, but in none more than in our French work. In this branch of the Church's

activities he was specially interested, and his genial face and kindly words will be missed at our Pointe aux Trembles schools. His favorite studies were in the line of archaeology, history, ethnology, and along these lines he approved himself an original, terse, and indefatigable investigator. The results of his labors were given to the Church, and the world, in the form of articles contributed from time to time, to the scientific, theological and literary reviews. But his principal work is believed to be "The Hittites, their inscriptions and their history." Dr. Campbell was a member of many learned societies, and from these he received many honors. While still comparatively a young man his Alma Mater conferred upon him, fifteen years ago, the degree of LL. D. For the last year of his life, since the death of the late lamented Principal MacVicar, Dr. Campbell held the position of acting Principal, and discharged the duties of the office with fidelity and efficiency.

The tidings of his sudden death were received throughout the whole Church with unfeigned sorrow, and nowhere more sincerely than among his co-presbyters and friends in Montreal.

To the bereaved widow and sorrowing family, the members of the Presbytery would extend their sympathy, and commend them to the tender care of the Father of Peace and God of all consolation.

This concluding the business on hand, the Presbytery adjourned to meet again on the second Tuesday in December.

### Western Ontario.

Rev. W. H. Findley, of Niagara Falls South preached at the anniversary services in the Smithville Church on Sunday last.

Rev. S. H. Gray, M. A., of Dundas, will conduct the pre-communion services at MacNab Street Presbyterian Church on Friday evening.

Anniversary services were held in Campbellville church, Sabbath, Sept. 18th. Rev. Jas. Little, an old pastor in Nassagaweya and Campbellville churches conducted services morning and evening.

The anniversary services at Knox church, Woodstock, were held on Sept. 18th. Rev. Dr. Gordon, Principal of Queen's University, Kingston, occupied the pulpit at both morning and evening services.

Rev. R. E. Knowles, Mrs. Knowles and daughter Elizabeth, of Galt, have returned from their two months' trip abroad. They are quite well and have enjoyed a delightful vacation.

Knox Church Sabbath School, Ayr, held their annual picnic on Saturday afternoon, in the McMillan Grove.

Rev. T. O. Moore of Toronto, secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, addressed a meeting at Knox church, Stratford on the law respecting Sabbath observance.

Rev. W. Beattie, of Cobourg, son of Mr. W. Beattie, of Guelph, occupied the pulpit of Knox Church, Palmerston Sunday morning and evening. Rev. J. M. Aull, of Knox church conducted services at Cobourg.

Rev. J. H. Borland, B.A., of Banks occupied his pulpit on Sunday as usual. The new church is being rapidly completed and it is expected that it will be ready for occupation about October 1st. Messrs Wilson Bros. have the contract and their interests are being looked after by Mr. A. Matis, who is doing his best to have the work finished as soon as possible.

Mr. A. J. Fowle, B.A., occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church, Thornbury, on Sunday. He will preach again in the same place next Sunday.

St. Paul's congregation, Hamilton is on the eve of celebrating the jubilee of the laying of the corner stone of the present gothic edifice. Last Sunday the pastor intimated that Rev. Dr. Milligan, moderator of the General Assembly, together with Revs. Dr. A. J. Mowatt, of Montreal; Dr. McTavish, of Toronto; Dr. James Ross, of London; Dr. Patterson, of Philadelphia, and R. E. Knowles of Galt, will assist in these services during the first week in October. Next Sabbath the sacrament of the Lord's supper will be dispensed at the morning service. Any who have at any time belonged to this historic church are heartily invited to join with the congregation next Sabbath.

Rev. Dr. Dickson occupied his own pulpit at Central church, Galt, on Sunday night. A large number were present to greet him. He preached a particularly fine sermon, basing his remarks on the 10th verse of the 14th chapter of St. Luke:—"But when thou art bidden go and sit down in the lowest room, that when he that bid thee cometh he may say to thee, Friend, go up higher. Then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit and eat meat with thee." God possessed such love for man that he was always trying to bring him into a higher position. It was the weakness of man to fall but God was always lifting him up. His wonderful pictures, powerful attributes and thrilling energy laid hold upon the hearer, until his spirit was humbled and he realized his own unworthiness. God, it was true, cast down, but it was in order that he might lift up. God humbled, but it was in order that he might exalt again. Goodness helped a man in life. It was true that though he might not be a good man, he might be bright and intelligent. A man might be spiritually ruined, and yet he might be successful in business, and industrious in commercial activity, an outwardly good and moral man, just as was the young prince who came to Christ. But if a man had the grace of God, it would make him doubly valuable.

At a meeting of the Montreal Presbytery, held recently the following resolution was adopted: "In consenting to the translation of the Rev. Dr. James Ross to the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's church, London, the presbytery would place on record its high appreciation of his personal character, and of the services which he has rendered to the church and to the cause of religion during the twelve years he has been a member of this presbytery. He has been faithful and diligent in the discharge of the special duties to his chair in the college. He has also taken his full share of the work of presbytery, and as convener of various committees has contributed largely to the success of the work. He has been ever welcome as a preacher in any of his pulpits. He has borne himself with such prudence, kindness and unvarying Christian courtesy to all that he has endeared himself as a brother beloved to every member. The presbytery wishes for him the fullest success in his future field of labor."

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That a thorough business education pays is evidenced by the fact that the attendance at the Ottawa Business College, Ottawa, Ont., is four more than double that of last year for the same period. Oct. 3rd is a good time to enter. We have the school. We have the teachers and we produce the results.

The news has been published in Halifax that Rev. Clarence McKinnon, associate pastor of St. Andrew's church, Sydney, had declined the call to Westmaster church, Winnipeg. When interviewed as to his reasons for declining the call, Mr. McKinnon would not say more than that he felt the situation of the work at Sydney would not permit of his leaving here at the present. The people at Sydney are pleased in Mr. McKinnon's action in declining the call.