

MONTREAL.

A number of friends visited the admirably conducted Pointe aux Trembles schools last week and were delighted with the progress made during the past year. Fifty-five rooms have been furnished at a cost of thirty-five dollars per single room, and sixty-five dollars per double room. All available space is being used for housing accommodation. On the doors of some of the rooms may be seen the labels "The Manitoba Room," "The Ontario Room," "Quebec Dormitory," "Ottawa Room," "Barrie Room," "The Montreal Provinces Room," "The Simcoe Room," "The Toronto Room," or "The Montreal Room." There are 200 pupils now in the school, and a few more—probably 20 or 30—are to be received in a short time. On this occasion, as was proper and fitting, the chairman of the French Evangelization Committee, Rev. Dr. Mowatt, presided, and gave a cordial welcome to those present. During the proceedings the pupils sang some selected songs in a pleasing and tasteful manner. Rev. Dr. Campbell, moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, delivered an address in which he spoke of what the Church owed to Frenchmen and to France. Still, he said, that there would always be religious difficulties in Canada so long as the Church of Rome maintained those privileges granted to her at the cession. It should not be forgotten that John Calvin himself was a Frenchman. Rev. John Mackay, minister of Crescent street church, briefly referred to those who had helped the institutions by providing rooms and otherwise equipping the schools for their work which it was emphasized, was undenominational. Dr. F. W. Kelly, convener of the furnishing committee, expressed his pleasure and gratification at the results achieved; and Principal Brandt followed with an address in which he acknowledged the magnificent school equipment.

After a ten months holiday trip to the old land Rev. James Patterson, who has just completed fifty years of his ministry, was entertained in Knox church last week by the Presbytery of Montreal and other friends. Dr. Campbell, moderator of the General Assembly, was in the chair, and in spite of the inclement weather there was a large gathering. Supporting the chairman there were on the platform Principal Scribner, Rev. Dr. Mowatt, Rev. Dr. Fleck, Rev. J. R. Dobson, Rev. F. M. Dewey, Rev. C. Heine, Rev. M. S. Oxley, Rev. P. Henderson, Professor Gordon, Professor Fraser, and other members of the Presbytery, besides Rev. J. McKillop and Rev. T. Harris. Letters of congratulation and apology for absence were read from the Rev. Dr. Patterson (Lachute), Principal Hill, Principal W. I. Shaw, the Rev. Dr. Barclay, the Rev. D. J. Edgar Hill, the Rev. J. F. Renaud, Mr. D. Morrice, Mr. J. Hodgson and others. After the chairman had briefly stated the reason of the meeting, congratulatory addresses were read from the Presbytery of Montreal by the Rev. W. R. Cruikshank; from the session of Knox Church by the Rev. Dr. Fleck, and from Knox Church Sunday school by Mr. Walter Paul. The address from the Presbytery was accompanied by a cheque for \$500, and a beautiful bouquet of white lilies, which was presented to Miss Patterson, who accompanied her father on the trip. Rev. Mr. Patterson, in a happy reply, expressed his sense of obligation for the flattering words contained in the addresses. He narrated many of the incidents of his trip to the Old Country, and expressed his gratitude to all those who had contributed to the success of that interesting and auspicious gathering. Mr. Patterson has been the efficient clerk of Presbytery for many years, besides he has done excellent work as Chaplain to several of the public institutions of the city.

TORONTO AND VICINITY.

Rev. Dr. Gilray, who was operated upon at the General Hospital recently, is making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

Anniversary services in the Deer Park church on Sunday were most successful, the attendance at both the morning and evening services being such as to tax the capacity of the church. In the morning Rev. Thomas Eakin officiated, and in the evening Rev. Dr. Smith, pastor Central Methodist church. The thank offerings were especially generous. Under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Hossack, Deer Park church has enjoyed a remarkable prosperity in all departments.

The annual meeting of the Toronto Presbyterial of the Women's Foreign Mission Society was held last Tuesday in the College street Presbyterian church. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. J. D. Walker; first vice-president, Mrs. Logie; second vice-president, Mrs. Gilchrist; third vice-president, Mrs. McLaughlin; fourth vice-president, Mrs. McBride; secretary, Mrs. J. A. Paterson; treasurer, Miss Jean McMichael; supply secretary, Mrs. J. Steele; pioneer secretary, Mrs. C. B. McGraw. Rev. A. S. Grant, B.D., of Dawson City, addressed the meeting on "The Home Mission Work in the Far North." Mrs. Logie gave a scriptural reading entitled "Christian Life and Influence." The treasurer's report showed that \$3,628.24 had been subscribed by the Toronto Presbyterial.

Rev. D. Strachan, the faithful and popular pastor of St. John's Presbyterian church, Brockville, was surprised on Thanksgiving by the presentation of a set of very handsome silk pulpit robes from the congregation, to mark the tenth anniversary of his pastorate.

On a recent Sunday, in St. Andrew's church, Kingston, Rev. Dr. Mackie preached a strong sermon on "Brotherly Love." In the course of his remarks he referred to the decrease in the weight of the loaf, beginning a few days ago, which, of course, is equivalent to an increase in the price. The reverend gentleman then referred to the dividend of thirty-two and a half per cent., just declared by the Ogilvie Milling Company, though they were permitted to pay only seven per cent. in the terms of their charter. To those enormous profits, the price of flour has advanced, and the local bakers have to charge more for bread. This, the preacher held, was a violation of the law of brotherly love, and an illustration of the operation of the law of greed.

Rev. A. Govan, of Williamstown, left last week for North Hastings, where he will spend a couple of weeks.

In the absence of Rev. J. C. Wilson, B.A., of Acton, who was preaching anniversary sermons at Grand Valley last Sunday week, Mr. J. W. Gordon, of Knox College, occupied the pulpit of Knox church. The Free Press says: Mr. Gordon is a young man of good address, is a clear and fluent speaker and has splendid descriptive powers. His sermons were much enjoyed.

Mr. Thomas Yellowlees, of Toronto, the able extension secretary of the Ontario Sunday School Association, has just completed a religious census of Stratford. It totals the population at 15,972, 90 less than the assessor's returns. The denominations are as follows: Presbyterian, 3,089; Church of England, 2,909; Methodist, 2,455; Roman Catholic, 2,277; Lutheran, 764; Baptist, 683; Evangelical, 602; Congregational, 337; Salvation Army, 160; various denominations, 137; no preference, 559. Mr. Yellowlees' work is always useful, accurate, and most interesting.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERY.

At the recent meeting of this Presbytery, in the absence of Rev. R. M. Diekey, moderator, Rev. A. Chisholm was chosen to preside. The following ministers and elders were in attendance: Rev. A. McTaggart, Principal Patrick, J. A. F. Sutherland, Dr. Gordon, D. Munro, Dr. Farquarson, R. Boyle, Dr. Perry, A. Macfarlane, Dr. Hart, D. Ivach, J. P. Jones, J. M. Niven, D. N. McLachlan, Dr. DuVal, A. M. McClelland, C. H. Stewart and Dr. Baird, ministers, and J. F. McCullough, R. Thexton, D. Sinclair, S. Polson and A. Macdonald, elders.

Rev. Dr. A. G. Sinclair, acting minister of St. Andrew's church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member during his stay in Winnipeg. Rev. H. M. Petterson, who has recently arrived from Holland, made application to be received under the care of the presbytery. The application, with the testimonials presented by Mr. Petterson, was referred to the home mission committee for action.

The congregation at Niverville asked for a loan of 500 toward the erection of a church building in that village, to which they had subscribed \$1,500. The application was approved and was referred to the committee of the church and manse fund.

Rev. Dr. Farquarson made a statement in reference to the synod fund, showing that arrears to a considerable extent were due from various congregations of the presbytery. This report, with a similar report in reference to the presbytery fund, was referred to a committee consisting of Dr. Farquarson, Dr. Bryce, Dr. Baird, Principal Patrick and A. Macdonald.

Rev. Prof. Hart presented a list of the standing committee, the report being on motion adopted. The conveners of the committees are as follows: Church life and work, J. H. Cameron; Sunday schools, D. Ivach; Manitoba college, Dr. Baird; finance and statistics, Dr. Baird; examination of students, Dr. DuVal; session records, Principal Patrick; systematic giving, W. A. Maclean; Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, R. J. Hay; aged and infirm ministers, Dr. Wilson; evangelistic work, Dr. Gordon; home missions, Rev. Dr. Bryce.

Rev. J. A. F. Sutherland, who was present for the first time after being placed on the list of aged and infirm ministers, thanked the presbytery for the cordial terms in which his application has been received and for the assistance given him in having his case brought to a successful issue.

In the absence of Dr. Bryce it was agreed to remit to the home mission committee the question of the rearrangement of the mission stations between Little Britain and Winnipeg Beach, with full power to issue the matter.

A communication was received from the general assembly's committee on augmentation with reference to the methods to be employed in visiting augmented charges. The communication was referred to the home mission committee.

Walter Foss, B.A., now of Union Seminary, New York, asked the presbytery to apply to the synod for leave to take him on trial as a preacher. The committee reported favorably but the presbytery resolved instead to transmit the application to the general assembly.

The Women's Home Missionary Societies of the City of London held a union meeting on Thursday evening of last week in the lecture room of First church. It was well attended, interesting papers were read, and the proceedings closed with a quiet sociable tea.