

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

Rev. Logie Macdonnell, of Vernon, B.C., has declined a call to Prince Rupert.

Rev. C. H. Stewart, of St. Paul's Church, left last week for Hamilton to attend the funeral of his mother.

Rev. A. Walker has resigned the charge of St. Andrew, Maledon, Alta. He preached his farewell sermon last Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Strachan, of Arcola, Sask., Presbyterian church, were presented with an 80-piece silver set and a handsome tea set of Limoges china.

Rev. Dr. Wardlaw Taylor, son of Sir Thomas W. Taylor, and a former resident of Winnipeg, has been elected moderator of Westminster, B.C., presbytery.

At the induction of Rev. J. S. Muldrew as minister of the Point Douglas Church, in succession to Rev. Munro, who recently resigned the charge, Rev. D. N. McLachlan, of Elmwood, presided. Rev. Mr. Christie, of Westminster Church, preached the sermon; Prof. Baird addressed the people and Rev. Principal Patrick, the minister. The union thus formed promises to be a happy one.

The induction of Rev. Wm. Findlay, B.A., late of Cannington, Ont., into the charge of Knox Church, Selkirk, took place in the evening of the 29th ult. Rev. D. M. McLachlan, moderator of Presbytery, presiding. Rev. A. McTaggart, of Winnipeg, preached an appropriate sermon. Rev. Mr. Lee, of Little Britain, addressed the newly inducted minister; and Rev. W. A. McLean, of Winnipeg, the congregation. Refreshments and a pleasant social hour brought an interesting service to a close.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Bryce have left to spend the Christmas holidays at Brantford, Ont. Dr. Bryce's birthplace. From there he goes to Baltimore where he will represent Winnipeg at the Archeological Institute meeting. He then visits New York on church business, and returning stops off at Ottawa to attend the meeting of the Commission on Conservation of Natural Resources. He expects to return to Winnipeg in February and during his absence Rev. Hugh Robertson will, as vice-convenor, have charge of the Presbyterian missions in Winnipeg.

An enjoyable evening was spent on Dec. 23 in the Starbuck church, under the auspices of the Sabbath school, when in addition to the Christmas tree the scholars rendered a programme of exceptional merit. Credit is due to the principal of the Starbuck school, Mr. Bowman and to Miss Gray, teacher of Hollyrood school, for their painstaking efforts in training the children. An interesting feature of the evening was the distribution of prizes, medals and buttons. The prizes, consisting of Bibles, were given for regular attendance and memory work, the medals for good conduct and attendance and the buttons for all who attended the Sabbath school.

The new church at Kenil, Sask., was opened by Rev. A. Robson of Indian Head, who preached morning and evening. The attendance was large and the services were impressive and inspiring. On Monday evening a concert and tea were given, the tea taking place in the church, the concert in the Foresters' hall. Local talent, with the assistance of Rev. A. Robson, of Indian Head and Rev. F. A. Clare of File Hills, gave an excellent program, while Rev. W. Bell occupied the chair with even more than his usual ability. The offerings on both Sunday and Monday were large. This congregation starts on its new path with a fine church, absolutely free of debt. This last fact is certainly creditable in the highest degree and speaks volumes for the energy, enthusiasm and enterprise of those in charge of the work.

Rev. R. J. Currie and Mrs. Currie, of Oil Springs, spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Currie's parents in Galt.

MONTREAL AND QUEBEC.

The Rev. Dr. Edgar Hill, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, leaves shortly for Kingston, Jamaica, to open the new Presbyterian church in that city. The Rev. Dr. Fraser, of the Montreal College, will occupy the pulpit in his absence.

The marriage of Miss Eva Duclos, youngest daughter of the Rev. R. P. Duclos, to Mr. Arthur E. Hope, was solemnized quietly this afternoon at half-past two o'clock in the Church of La Croix, of which the bride's father is pastor. The Rev. Dr. Johnstone, of the American Presbyterian Church assisted the Rev. Mr. Duclos in performing the marriage ceremony. On their return to the city the young couple will reside at 307 Prince Arthur street west.

A memorial window for the late Professor E. A. MacKenzie, B.A., B.D., who died suddenly in the Presbyterian College nearly a year ago, is about to be erected in St. Matthew's Church, Point St. Charles. The date fixed for the dedication is Sunday, January 9, the time being considered most appropriate as it will be the tenth anniversary of the late professor's induction as minister of that church. The unveiling will take place at the morning service when an address will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Schirmer, principal of the Presbyterian College.

Beginning of December, when Rev. James Hastie's first year was completed at Sawyerville, Que., the marriage was taken possession of by representatives of the congregation. An address was read by Wm. Thompson, Esq., M.D., Session Clerk, expressing the congregation's appreciation of the labors of the pastor and his wife during the past year, and the marked improvement which had taken place in all departments of the work. He emphasized the valuable services of Mrs. Hastie in the Sunday school, and other organizations, and announced that a cutter was awaiting at the front door, which he asked Mr. Hastie to accept from the people. Mr. Hastie in reply, spoke of the happy relations which obtained between minister and people since he came and his appreciation of their generosity. The ladies then spread a bountiful repast which all partook of, and after an hour's social intercourse the company withdrew. A fortnight later when Mr. Hastie had finished his week night service at Eaton Corner, an address was read by Mrs. Cobleigh on behalf of the people expressing their gratitude for the services of the past year, and gave a sum of money for Mr. and Mrs. Hastie as their Christmas gift. This was duly acknowledged by the pastor.

On Sabbath the 19th ult., the new Presbyterian Church at St. Salaberry, Que., was dedicated for divine service. This church occupies the same site as the old one, now demolished, which was erected there about thirty years ago. The present structure is a handsome wooden one, with stone foundation, and a metal roof. The interior is neatly finished, with walls sheathed in varnished white spruce, and has a seating capacity of one hundred and fifty. The dedication service was attended by a large congregation. The Rev. Mr. Fairlie, of Glasgow, Scotland, assisted the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Sincennes. The prayer of dedication was offered by Mr. Fairlie. The Rev. Mr. Sincennes then declared the church open for public worship, after which he addressed the congregation, basing his remarks upon the words: These stones shall be a memorial to you and to your children forever. He thanked the people for the encouragement and sympathy extended to him during the erection of the church, and for the perfect harmony which prevailed among them during that time. He rejoiced with them in their happy circumstances, and hoped that this would be the starting point for renewed energy for God's cause. The dedication sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Fairlie, who took for his text: "Ye are the light of the world."

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The charity organizations of Chicago ask for \$200,000 to tide the poor of that city over the winter.

Sectarian riots in Liverpool, England, during the past year have necessitated an increase of \$45,000 in the expenditure on police pay.

The Edinburgh Presbytery of the Church of Scotland by 23 votes to 17, approved of the new formula sent down by last general assembly.

Sir D. McAllister, K.C.B., principal of Glasgow University, presided over a public meeting in furtherance of Presbyterian re-union in Scotland.

Record catches of herrings are reported from the north-west of Ireland, and the twenty-four inhabitants of Innishafin Island have already earned nearly \$10,000.

Lord Strathcona has intimated a donation of 1,000 pounds towards the cost of erecting the Masonic Temple at Aberdeen, which is now being built. The gift is conditional on 5,000 pounds being raised.

Sir Theodore Martin, the biographer of Queen Victoria, by his will, dated October 7, 1908, authorized his trustees to destroy all letters of every description left by him, especially those from Queen Victoria.

In Tennessee, the law prohibiting the manufacture of intoxicating liquors went into effect with the five 300-proof distilleries and five 100-proof breweries are affected, and all announced. It is said, a suspension of operations.

In Africa there are to be found today 2,740 missionaries, assisted by 13,089 native Christian workers. There are 4,789 places of worship, 218,856 communicants and 527,790 professed adherents. In the 4,000 missionary schools are 202,390 pupils. There are ninety-five hospitals and sixteen printing establishments under missionary control.

The correspondent of a London Journal describes the undertaking of a party of young Englishmen to search for King Solomon's Temple, the Ark of the Covenant, Aaron's rod and the Menorah in the neighborhood of Jerusalem. A Finnish engineer is said to have discovered a cryptogram in the Talmud as to the place where these treasures are hidden and already a good deal of work has been done towards the practical demonstration of its veracity or otherwise.

The new moderator of the U. F. Church, Dr. J. Young, is a native of Berwick-on-Tweed. His first charge was Newington United Presbyterian Church. Dr. Young took a prominent part in the work of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church, and in 1889 was appointed Home Mission Secretary. In consolidating the union of the Free and Presbyterian Churches, Dr. Young performed much useful work, and also organized the Central Fund of the United Free Church.

Dr. W. A. R. Mitchell, who was one of the members of the party on the Lieut. Shackleton's exploring expedition has returned to Toronto, after his interesting experiences in the Far South. Dr. Mitchell expressed his regret at the conduct of Dr. Cook, but believes that people should be charitable on account of Cook's former experiences and services. He thinks, too, that Peary would have been more readily accepted by the public if he had taken somebody with him when he made the final observations. Cook's fraud will, he thinks, never be forgotten by the public, who, will accept all Polar reports with considerable doubt unless accompanied by the best of proof.

The anniversary and tea meeting held in the Avonbank church on the 19th and 20th ult. were very satisfactory in every way. Large congregations assembled on Sunday to listen to stirring sermons by Rev. Jas. Barbour, of Embro. On Monday evening the church was filled to overflowing. Rev. R. Stewart filled the chair in his usual happy manner.