

Church News.

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Montreal Notes.

DURING the successive evenings of last week, from Monday to Friday, a convention was held in Stanley street church for the deepening of spiritual life. The special subject for study and prayer was the person and work of the Holy Spirit. The discussion each evening was opened by a carefully prepared paper which gave it thoroughness and strength. On Monday evening the paper was given by the Rev. T. S. McWilliams, pastor of the American Presbyterian Church, on the Holy Ghost as a Divine Person. On Tuesday evening by the Rev. Principal MacVicar on the Holy Ghost the Author and Interpreter of the Scriptures; Wednesday evening by Sir William Dawson on the Holy Ghost in the Life of the Individual; Thursday evening by the Rev. Dr. Barbour, Principal of the Congregational College, on the Holy Ghost in the Life of the Church; and on Friday evening by the Rev. Dr. Aitken, of the Wesleyan College, on the Fulfillment of the Holy Ghost. Thoughtful addresses in addition to these were given by various pastors and others. The attendance was large throughout the whole series and deep interest was excited in the minds of many. The closing address on Friday evening, was given by the Rev. W. Hoy Aitken, Superintendent of the Church Patrochial Mission Society, England, who began a series of evangelistic services in Christ Church Cathedral on Sabbath. This striking preacher will continue in Montreal holding daily services until Nov. 10th, after which he has arranged to visit other prominent points in the Dominion.

At a special meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal, held on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., leave of absence for three months was granted the Rev. M. S. Oxley, of Westminster church. Mr. Oxley has been laid aside from duty by ill-health for some weeks past and so far has made but little progress towards recovery; but it is hoped that a complete change and freedom from all anxiety will restore him to his former vigour. His pulpit will be supplied during his absence by the members of the Presbytery.

At the same meeting was accepted with great regret the resignation by the Rev. J. L. Morin, M.A., of the pastoral charge of St. John's French church. Mr. Morin has been appointed lecturer on the French language and literature in McGill University. His withdrawal from the staff of missionaries engaged in the work of French Evangelization is much regretted by all who have had an opportunity of knowing the valuable service which he has rendered in the past, but the French Protestant community feels honoured at having one of its representatives chosen for this position, and it is hoped that in an unofficial way he may still be able to do much in aid of the cause. The congregation will proceed to the choice of a successor without delay. Thanks to the educational policy of the Church in providing an efficient course of training for its missionaries under Dr. Cousinot there is now no lack of French ministers well qualified in every way for the position.

THE Rev. W. Graham, of St. Andrew's church, St. John's, Newfoundland, is at present in the city soliciting aid for the completion of their new building. The case is a deserving one. All the property of the church was destroyed in the great fire of 1892, and the bank failures of last year have greatly crippled the congregation. Their new church has cost about \$30,000, towards which \$8,000 has been subscribed locally. As this appeal for help was authorized and commended by the last General Assembly after full inquiry into the circumstances it will no doubt meet with a liberal response from the members of our church.

General.

A VERY pleasant social was held last week at Chetwynd. During the evening an address and purse was presented to the pastor Rev. J. Garrioch.

REV. MR. STUART will, we understand, occupy the pulpit of St. Andrew's church, Thamesford, until after the Hamilton Presbytery shall have met to consider the call lately extended to Rev. Mr. Graeb.

REV. J. B. DUNCAN, for nineteen years pastor of Knox church, Perth, and for forty-nine years altogether a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, has resigned his charge of Parry Sound congregation.

THE sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed in Knox church, Galt, on Sabbath morning last. Notwithstanding the inclement weather there was a large attendance. In the evening Rev. Dr. Bell, of Dayton, Ohio, Missionary Secretary of the United Brethren church, conducted the service.

SOME time ago the Children's Aid Society, of Toronto, invited the Sunday schools of the city to join in an annual collection in aid of its funds. So far eight Presbyterian schools have responded favourably and two have sent their collections in as follows:—St. John's, \$15.20; Toronto Junction, \$9.00.—J. STUART COLEMAN, Sec.

ON Thursday last the Rev. R. M. Craig, of Melville church, received a telegram informing him that at a congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian church of Santa Fe, New Mexico, held on the previous evening, he had been called as pastor. The congregation to which Mr. Craig is called is a very important one, and the attraction to mission work is perhaps to Mr. Craig the most attractive feature of the call.

FIRST Presbyterian church, Victoria, B.C., was crowded on the evening of October 14th to hear the Rev. Dr. McKay, the apostle of Formosa. He described in a thrilling manner the opposition he received for many years in different parts of Formosa, the attacks made on himself and his helpers, the destruction of his churches and the springing up of others out of their ashes, and with all the protracted care and overruling providence of God.

THE annual thanksgiving meeting of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society Association in connection with Knox church, Kincardine, held on October 3rd, was in every respect one of the most interesting ever held by the society. This was evinced by the reading of papers and appropriate selections on the topic for the day, and the more practical testimony of the offering which amounted to \$50. To this was added a cheque for \$8 from the Lorne Sabbath school with the request that it be applied to the Formosa Mission.

THE new Presbyterian church at Uphill, was opened on October 20th by Rev. J. W. Macmillan, of St. Andrew's church, Lindsay. Uphill is located where the Monk road, an old British military highway, crosses the Victoria road, eleven miles north of Victoria Road station. It forms with Sebright a mission of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. John D. Smith, of Lindsay, is in charge of the mission. About a year ago the congregation at Uphill determined on erecting a new place of worship and all united to secure the desired end.

THE thank offering meeting of St. Andrew's W.F.M.S., was held in the lecture room of the church, Smith's Falls, on Thursday 17th inst. Members were out in force, as usual, to the number of sixty. The meeting was conducted wholly by those belonging to the auxiliary, no outside speaker being present. The President, Mrs. (Rev.) C. H. Cooke, gave a short address, and there were other interesting items on the programme. The thanksgiving offering, amounting to \$55, was dedicated to the Lord in prayer, led by Miss Mary Storey. An altogether helpful and interesting meeting was ended with the serving of refreshments and a social half hour.

THE Presbytery of Truro held an important meeting at Truro, N.S., Oct. 15th, in connection with Rev. J. Robbins' early departure for London to enter upon his duties. In addition to members of Presbytery, a good many people of the congregation were present to show their respect for their minister. The commissioners from the congregation were Messrs. Alex. Miller, C. P. Blanchard, Senator Mackay, C. A. Archibald and C. N. Dawson. Eloquent testimonies were paid to the work accomplished in the nine years of the ministry by Mr. Robbins, and of the deep and abiding friendship existing between him and his predecessor, the late Dr. McCulloch. Repeated allusion was also made to the services rendered by the pastor's wife. The best wishes of a host of friends follow them to their new sphere. After the delegates from the church had been heard a resolution was moved by Rev. J. H. Clark, seconded by Rev. D. S. Fraser, agreeing to loose Mr. Robbins

from his charge, with a view of entering upon his mission in London. Both mover and second of this resolution delivered able speeches, and were followed by Rev. T. Cumming and C. McKinnon. Mr. Robbins, in reply, assured the brethren that a warm welcome awaited any member of the Presbytery or of the congregation at his home in London at any future time.

WHAT was a very successful missionary meeting was held by the Women's Auxiliary, Salt Springs, N.S., on the evening of the 11th inst. The church was filled with an attentive audience. Rev. J. A. Cairns, pastor of the congregation, presided, and with him were associated for the evening the Rev. A. W. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson, of Trinidad, and the Rev. Messrs. Geggie, of Truro, and Coffin, of Durham. Mr. Coffin conducted the devotional exercises, and Messrs. Geggie and Thompson were the speakers. The presence of Mrs. Thompson gave additional interest to the meeting, and the ladies of the auxiliary, under whose auspices the meeting was held, presented her with an address, to which she made a graceful and fitting reply.

THE church workers of Bank street church, Ottawa, were entertained to a social meeting by the members of the session, October 17th. Rev. Dr. Moore gave an address, after which the leaders in the different lines of church work spoke. Messrs. J. Hardie and R. McGiffin spoke of the work of the Sabbath school, Ald. Stewart and Mr. R. Henderson on the progress of the Bible class, Messrs. S. Stewart, James Clark and F. Gilbert on behalf of the Ladies' Aid Society and Y.P.A., and Mr. James Young on behalf of the choir. Mr. Alex. Rose spoke of the work being done among the Chinese of the city, and Dr. Thompson, of Montreal, told of similar work in the metropolis. Rev. T. W. Winfield also gave an address. During the evening the choir rendered an anthem.

A SPLENDID reception was given in St. Enoch's Presbyterian church, Toronto, Oct. 22nd, by the members of the congregation to the newly-inducted pastor and his wife, Rev. A. and Mrs. McMillan. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and plants for the occasion, and a very large and enthusiastic audience was present. Before the meeting commenced a supper was served in the school-room by the ladies of the church. Before the close of the meeting Mr. McMillan was called upon to address a few words to his congregation for the first time as their minister. He assured them that his heart was too full to give utterance to his feelings for the very kind reception they had tendered to both Mrs. McMillan and himself, and expressed the hope that his ministry would be acceptable both to his congregation and to his Master.

THE Rev. Hugh McLean preached his farewell sermons to the Richmond, Fallowfield and Goulbourn congregations on Sabbath, September 29th. During four years and six months 120 members have been added to the roll; \$1,000 of the debt have been paid, and the salary has been increased \$75. On Thursday, October 10th, the principal office-bearers of the Richmond church, and the leading members of the Fallowfield church, together with their ladies, met at the manse and spent a social evening with the minister and his family. An address was presented to Mr. and Mrs. McLean, accompanied by a purse of money. Mr. McLean gave a suitable reply for himself, and Mrs. McLean who conducted the Bible class for the last four years, and for his daughter, Mrs. James Stewart, who presided at the organ for three years in the Richmond church.

ON Friday evening, October 25th, a large gathering of Presbyterians met at Mrs. J. Brooks, Granton, to welcome Rev. J. Campbell on his return from New Brunswick, after an absence of five months. Nearly the whole of Mr. Campbell's Granton congregation was present, and the gathering in itself showed the esteem and love which the people have for their pastor, who has been laid aside from active service through serious illness since last June. After some time had been spent in social intercourse, Mr. James Bryan took the chair, and called on the choir for a selection, after which Mr. Campbell led in prayer. The chairman then welcomed Mr. Campbell on behalf of all present, expressing his pleasure at the restoration to health of his pastor, and the hope that he might be enabled to continue in the work. After another chorus Mr. Spence, elder, speaking for the session said he