



Robert Burns' Centenary.

BORN, 25th JAN., 1759.
DIED, 21st JULY, 1796.

ONE hundred years since Burns died,
And hundreds more may roll,
Still shall he be Auld Scotia's pride,
High on her honour'd scroll;
His songs have won the human heart
Wherever shines the sun,—
Great High-Priest of poetic art,
Thy work was nobly done!

They say that thou art dead—not so!
True poets never die!
But on and on their measures flow,
As boundless as the sky!
Glad songs of HOPE, and LOVE, and TRUTH,
Shall never know decay,—
Burns lives in an eternal youth,
While empires pass away.

His songs of HOPE have cheer'd the slave
On many a dark domain,
Glad echoes roll from wave to wave,
And bids them break their chain!
"Man's inhumanity to man
Makes countless thousands mourn."
Burns taught the Brotherhood of Man,
The tyrant laugh'd to scorn.

His songs of LOVE are sung to-day
On every foreign shore,
And shall with human hearts hold sway,
Till time shall be no more!
Their dove-notes mild can soothe a child,
Or play the lover's part
In court or cottage—love-beguil'd—
They woo and win the heart!

His songs of TRUTH all creeds uphold—
"A man's a man for a' that!"
An honest man's as good as gold,
An' nae man can yet misca' that!
He had his faults, and so have we,
His virtues let us cherish;
His songs are sung from sea to sea,
Burns' name shall never perish!

Toronto, Ont.

JOHN IRRLE.

THE Presbytery of Guelph unanimously agreed to recommend the name of the Rev. Hope W. Hogg, M.A., B.D., of Oxford, England, for the chair of Old Testament Literature in Knox College, and that of the Rev. A. Martin, B.D., of Morningside Free Church, Edinburgh, for that of Apologetics. Of Mr. Hogg, the Rev. Dr. Torrance gave some account in the line of what appeared in THE PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW a few days ago, from which it seems Mr. Hogg is now acting as assistant editor of A. & C. Black's new Dictionary of the Bible, and is also engaged in the translation of rare Semitic MSS. in the Bodleian and British Museum libraries. Many testimonials were submitted from Prof. G. A. Smith, Orr, Calderwood, and from Principals Watson and Sir Wm. Munr. Prof. Calderwood's letter of recommendation created a very favorable impression. Mr. Martin is a graduate of Edinburgh University, where also for some years he was assistant professor of moral philosophy. He is one of the ablest of the younger divines in Scotland, and is a first class controversial speaker and writer in the field of Apologetics. As an exponent of the Kantian philosophy and a contravertor of some tendencies of some modern German thought he has but few equals.

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.

ON Tuesday evening, the 4th inst., the Rev. C. E. Amaron was inducted by the Presbytery as pastor of St. John's French church. He has had charge of the congregation since the first of December, but the induction was postponed until it could be held in the new building. This is not completed as yet, but the basement has been so far finished that it can be used with some measure of comfort. On this occasion it was crowded to the very door, a number being compelled to stand throughout the service. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Dr. Coussirat, moderator *ad interim*, who put the usual questions after an appropriate discourse had been preached by the Rev. J. L. Morin. The Rev. Dr. Chiniquy addressed the new pastor, and the Rev. R. P. Ducloux the people. Short addresses were afterwards given by the Rev. Principal MacVicar, and the Rev. Mr. Lafleur, of the Baptist Church. The service was followed by a brief social meeting during which refreshments were distributed by the ladies. Notwithstanding the financial perplexities connected with the completion of their new church the congregation are in good heart and are looking forward to the future with bright expectations. It is to be hoped that the financial assistance which they need may soon be forthcoming in order that they may be free to push the more spiritual work of the mission.

ON the second instant a new French church and school was opened in Point St. Charles by the French Board. The building is a neat and comfortable structure of brick, heated by hot water and lighted by electricity, capable of accommodating about two hundred. In the rear is school room large enough for about forty pupils, and so arranged that if needed it can be thrown open to the church during service. A successful mission school has been maintained for several years past in the district showing that it will be appreciated. The Rev. Mr. Bufla, a French speaking Waldensian, has been placed in charge of the mission for the present and has already found some encouragement in prosecuting his work. At the opening services the Rev. Principal MacVicar presided. Dr. Chiniquy, Dr. Coussirat, Mr. Ducloux, Mr. Amaron, Dr. Warder, Mr. Cruickshank and Mr. Heine, also took part in the service. In the audience were a good many representatives of the neighboring churches both French and English. It is believed this can be made a very effective centre for evangelical work. The entire cost of the building has been already provided for.

ON Friday evening, the 31st Jan., a most interesting intercollegiate debate was held in the David Morrice Hall between representatives of the Presbyterian College and of Knox College, Toronto. The resolution discussed was that Free Thought has benefitted rather than injured the Christian Church. The affirmative was maintained by Mr. T. A. Bell, B.A., and Mr. G. R. Wilson, B.A., of Knox College; the negative by Mr. M. H. MacIntosh, B.A., and Mr. A. A. Graham, B.A., of Montreal. Both sides were argued in able and effective speeches. The committee of adjudication through Judge Archibald announced its decision in favor of the arguments of the affirmative. The programme was interspersed with readings and music by various students. The chair was occupied by Principal MacVicar, and the audience quite filled the hall.

UNION evangelistic services are being held by St. Matthew's church, and the Centenary Methodist in Point St. Charles. The opening meeting on Sabbath evening was crowded. Short addresses were given by the two pastors, and there is evidence of much interest in the community.

THE annual meeting of Taylor church was held on the 30th ult. The report for the first full year in the new building was very gratifying in view of the additional financial responsibilities which they have assumed. During the evening an address was presented to Major Lawrie for his services as leader of the choir during the past eighteen years. At the Sabbath school session on the following evening presentations were made to Mr. Wilson, superintendent, and to Mr. David Carrie, one of the teachers.

IT is announced that the will of the late John Bryson, M.P., of Fort Coulonge, leaves \$10,000 to Presbyterian Missions. The Presbyterian College, Montreal, is also made residuary legatee in case the estate realizes beyond the amounts named for his immediate heirs. The whole estate is estimated at over half a million.

THE Rev. Isaac Campbell, Ph.D., of Ottawa, who recently suffered a heavy bereavement in the loss of his wife, has resigned the charge of Erskine church there. It is to be hoped that some arrangement will yet be made whereby his services may be retained.

AT the regular fortnightly meeting of the Protestant Ministerial Association on Monday, January 27th, the Rev. John MacGillivray, of Westmount, read an admirable paper on the prophet Malachi, which was much appreciated by the members present.

General.

A SERIES of evangelistic meetings are being held in Thorold, by the Rev. J. W. Mitchell. The attendance has been very cheering. At the close of a series of meetings in the church in Seneca recently nine adults were baptised by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Marsh.

THE Rev. Dr. Sexton is again in Nova Scotia, having engagements for about two months in the lower provinces. Persons corresponding with him whilst he is away should address him care of Rev. A. L. Geggie, Presbyterian minister, Truro, N.S. The doctor expects to be again in Ontario in April.

THE anniversary service of Knox church, Harrison, was held on Sabbath, January 19th, the Rev. Dr. McKay, Woodstock, officiating. The Guthrie and Methodist congregations had no service at night, thus giving all an opportunity to hear the rev. doctor. The collection on Sabbath was most satisfactory.

"OWING to illness the Rev. Wm. Lochhead, who was to have preached in the Presbyterian church, Port Elgin, last Sabbath, was unable to be present, but his place was taken by Rev. Wm. M. Reid, late pastor of Onondaga and Alberton. Mr. Reid arrived in Canada three years ago from Scotland. He is both able and energetic and his discourses were attentively listened to by large congregations."—Port Elgin Times.

TWO correspondents have written in the Occident, San Francisco, recently in favor of the Presbyterian Church utilizing the splendid equipment of the State University in Berkeley, Cal., in place of attempting to plant a separate collegiate institution near the bay. Rev. J. C. Smith, of Trinity church, San Francisco, opened the ball and wrought vigorously. Mr. Smith is one of the most earnest, able and progressive young men of our coast pulpit today.

A SPECIAL meeting of the London Presbytery was held in the city on the 28th ult., to consider a call from Thamesford to the Rev. G. H. Smith, M.A., B.D., who has recently returned from Europe. The call was signed by 159 members and 175 adherents. The stipend guaranteed was \$1,000, with four weeks holidays and a free manse. The call was sustained, and in the event of acceptance it was arranged to hold the induction at Thamesford, on Thursday, February 20th.

AN enthusiastic vote of thanks was tendered Rev. M. P. Talling and his partner at the annual meeting of St. James' church, London, for faithful and efficient services. Reports presented from various departments of church work all showed gratifying progress. All expenses of the year were met and the current account somewhat reduced. Deeper interest has been manifested in the schemes of the church. Additions made to the membership, while attendance and revenue have both increased.

AT the meeting of the Presbytery of Barrie, held on the 28th ult., the following resolution was adopted, relative to the late Dr. Reid:—"The Presbytery, on this the first meeting since the death of Dr. Reid, desire to place on record its sense of the loss which the Church has sustained by this event. Dr. Reid, who for many years occupied the position of agent of the Church, held a high place in the estimation of his brethren. His financial ability, his thorough knowledge of the law and work of the Church, his unflinching kindness of manner and his high Christian character won for him the highest respect and admiration. We join with the whole Church in the expression of our sorrow at his death, and our sympathy with his family."