

Church News

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MONTREAL NOTES.

As previously announced the opening services of the new church at Westmount were continued last Sunday. The Rev. Dr. Barclay preached in the morning and the Rev. Dr. Ross of the Presbyterian College in the evening. There were good congregations at both services. The auditorium which seats about a thousand people proves to be a comfortable one and the acoustic qualities are entirely satisfactory.

The Rev. Alexander King, who has been supplying the pulpit of St. Mark's church for some time past, gave an interesting lecture a few evenings ago on the subject of "Scotland before the Reformation." Mr. King's services have been much appreciated.

The Rev. A. McLachlin, one of the missionaries of the American Board in Asia Minor, passed through the city this week on his way to his field whither he is returning after a few months of furlough. He called at the Presbyterian College.

Mr. Wilder, the travelling secretary for the Students Volunteer Movement visited the city this week and addressed the students of the University in their Y.M.C.A. building in the interest of Foreign Missions.

On Thursday and Friday of last week the ladies of Knox church have been holding a sale of work in the interest of the church building fund. The ladies of St. John's church will have a similar sale this week extending over Thanksgiving Day. This will afford an opportunity to the friends and well wishers of this church to lend some timely assistance.

The spiritual and evangelistic work of St. John's church is in a prosperous condition. For the past week the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Amaron, has been addressing missionary meetings in the interest of this work through the Glengarry Presbytery. His pulpit was supplied on Sunday morning by the Rev. E. Brandt, assistant Principal of the Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools, and in the evening by Father Chiniquy. At the evening service the church was crowded with an audience composed mainly of Roman Catholics. He spoke for upwards of an hour, though now in his ninetieth year, and was listened to most attentively.

The Rev. Dr. Scrimger last Sunday evening addressed the Gospel Temperance meeting in Kern Hall. There was an audience of about two hundred and fifty. The organization of Good Templars which controls this meeting has arranged for a week of continuous services in this hall during the coming week.

MANITOBA NOTES.

Miss Farnon of Dominion City, daughter of the esteemed Presbyterian minister of that place, lies in a very critical illness.

Rev. Mr. Polson has been placed in charge of Swan Lake and it is to be hoped that this struggling but peripatetic field will persevere to augmentation.

On Friday evening last Rev. H. C. Sutherland had the pleasure of receiving four new members in full communion with his church at Bates, and before entering upon the regular Sabbath worship two candidates were presented for baptism.

The entertainment and fowl supper given on Monday evening under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of Bates Presbyterian church was a decided success. After partaking of a sumptuous repast prepared by the ladies of both churches, Mr. Sutherland called the meeting to order. The programme was highly appreciated by all. The proceeds went to the organ fund of the church.

A social was held in Victoria Hall, Morden, on Monday evening last by the Presbyterian church. A large number of friends and strangers were also present. The hall was beautifully arranged as a drawing-room, and was gaily adorned with flags. Games of all descriptions were played while the orchestra rendered selections. About 10 o'clock all games were put aside and a short

programme was enjoyed by the youthful audience. Mr. Neil Fox sang two songs, Miss Mawhinney also sang with her usual success. Miss Clara McKay gave a recitation and the Minstrel boys played selections on string instruments. Miss Shortreed presided at the piano in which capacity she conducted herself with her usual grace. After the first part of the programme was completed, refreshments were served. The very pleasant evening closed with a beautiful tableau representing "Under the Union Jack."

Mrs. Colin H. Campbell, of Winnipeg, delivered her address on "Rome, and Easter there," to an appreciative audience at Miami on Friday evening last. Her graphic and vivid descriptions showed that she let nothing escape her during her recent visit to Europe and were thoroughly enjoyed by her hearers.

Mrs. George Jenkins gave the members of St. Andrews church choir, Carman, an "Oyster Sociable" on Friday evening week. A very pleasant time was spent in music and games, the hostess sparing no attention to make her guests enjoy themselves which was fully appreciated by them. At a seasonable hour the assemblage took their departure well pleased with their entertainment and retaining a kindly remembrance of the evening that will remain for some time to come.

On Friday week at Manitoba College, Winnipeg, a very enjoyable "afternoon with Kipling" was spent by the members of the literary society. These special studies have always been very successful. The meeting was enthusiastic. Miss Hogg's recitation of "Fozzy Wuzzv." and C. L. Foote's carefully prepared Essay on Kipling's poetical work deserve special mention. The programme in detail was as follows: Chorus, Glee Club; reading, "Tommy Aitkins," R. Clarkson; essay, "Kipling's Prose," Miss Jones; reading, "To the True Romance," H. Hamilton; solo, "On the Road to Mandalay," J. Reid; essay, "Kipling's Poetry," C. L. Foote; reading, "The Recessional," Miss Henry; piano solo, Miss Matthews; recitation, "Fozzy Wuzzv," Miss Hogg. Before the meeting adjourned the president gave notice of the first open meeting of the society, to be held in convocation hall on the evening of Nov. 11th.

GENERAL.

Rev. G. L. Johnson, of Marmora, has resigned.

The thank offering presented by the W. F. M. S., of St. John's church, Almonte, amounted to \$100.60.

Rev. J. A. Crawford, of Molepedia, N.B., has received a call from River John and West Branch Presbyterian churches.

Rev. T. Davidson, missionary at Mag-nettawan, has been transferred to Byng Inlet and left for his new field last week.

The thank offering of the W. F. M. S., of Blenheim church was a very pleasant affair, and the offering amounted to \$27.43.

Knox church, Ottawa, was reopened last Sabbath. The attendance was very large. Rev. W. T. Herridge of St. Andrews' church preached.

Rev. W. A. McKenzie until recently pastor of the First church, Brockville, has received and accepted a call to a large congregation in Ottumwa, Iowa.

Rev. F. O. Nichol, late of Sarnia, who is at present supplying the pulpit of Zion church, Brantford, preached in Erskine church, Hamilton, last Sabbath.

The congregation of Melville church, Fergus, has subscribed \$8,000, being two-thirds of the estimated cost of the new church. Work will be commenced as soon as possible.

The thank offering of the Juvenile Mission Band, in connection with Zion church, Carleton Place, amounted to \$18.59, and that of the W. F. M. S. Auxiliary amounted to nearly \$104.

Rev. M. W. Maclean, of Belleville, has completed twenty-five years of a pastorate in St. Andrew's church. The ladies, to mark this occasion, presented him with a handsome fur coat.

Rev. Walter Moffatt, pastor of Chalmers' church, London, who has just returned from a visit to Scotland, was tendered a hearty reception last week by the members of the

congregation. Addresses of welcome were read from the Session and Board of Management and C. E. Society, while the Juniors presented a beautiful palm and vase. Mr. Moffatt suitably replied, and presented the treasurer with a cheque for \$334, which he had collected among friends in Scotland to reduce the mortgage on the church property.

Rev. A. L. Geggie, of Truro, has declined the call presented by the congregation of Zion church, Charlottetown, and Rev. J. A. McKenzie, of Acadia Mines, has declined that of Salt Springs.

Rev. Robert Aylward of Parkhill, who has been ill for some time is recovering. During the last three months Rev. J. Anderson, B.D., has occupied the pulpit at Parkhill and Lieury, and his services have been very much appreciated by the congregations.

Truro Presbytery has sustained a call extended by St. Andrew's church, Truro, to Rev. R. G. Strathie, of Newport, and Halifax Presbytery has sustained that from Bridgetown to Rev. H. S. Davison. It accepted, the induction will take place on Dec. 6th.

Miss J. McMean, of Aylmer, Que., a returned missionary from Persia, addressed the W. F. M. S., of St. Andrew's church, Carleton Place, on the 14th inst., and gave an interesting description of the habits and customs of the people. The offering amounted to \$122.

The preacher last Sabbath at the anniversary services of Knox church, South London, was Rev. Dr. Thompson, of Sarnia, "Everyday Religion" was his subject in the morning, and the lessons drawn from the life of Christ could not but be helpful to his hearers. The services were well attended, and the offering for the reduction of the church debt amounted to \$207.

The congregation of the Globe church, Ottawa, has extended a call to Rev. J. W. H. Milne, who has been in charge some months. Mr. Milne has accepted the call, which has been sustained by the Presbytery of Ottawa, and the induction will take place on the 29th. Rev. W. T. Herridge, Rev. R. Herbison, Rev. Mr. Morrison and Rev. Dr. Moore will take part in the service.

The Rev. N. A. McLeod, B.D., of Woodlands, in the Presbytery of Glengarry, has been called to New Edinburgh, Ottawa, to succeed the Rev. J. A. MacFarlane, who recently resigned to organize a Christian Institute and Publishing Bureau—along the lines of that established by Mr. Moody in Chicago. Mr. McLeod has not yet indicated his intention regarding the call.

Last Sabbath will be long remembered by the Presbyterians of Carleton Place, as on that day this new church was opened for Divine service. The building is a handsome brick structure, modern in style and in all its appointments, and has a seating capacity of over 300. It is heated by furnace and lighted by acetylene gas. Rev. W. J. Clark, of London, preached morning and evening, and Rev. Dr. Fraser, of Hamilton, addressed the young people in the afternoon.

On Tuesday evening, the 29th, at eight o'clock, in the school-room of Westminster church, Toronto, the Rev. Alexander McMillan, of St. Knoch's church, will deliver a lecture on the "Homes and Haunts of Sir Walter Scott." Mr. McMillan is an enthusiastic Scot man, and is a native of Scott's own town, therefore he can love and know his Scott, as few of the dwellers in this newland can do. The lecture is under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, and a collection will be taken up in aid of the charitable work of the Society.

Anniversary services were held in three Toronto churches last Sabbath—in Bloor street, St. Paul's and St. John's. Eleven years ago Bloor street congregation, of which Rev. Mr. G. Wallace is pastor, organized with a membership of sixty-three. The membership now is about 800. Rev. Prof. McFadyen, of Knox College, preached in the morning from Revelations iii. 15, 16, and Rev. O. A. Eaton, of Bloor street Baptist church, preached in the evening from Ephesians iv. 13. In St. Paul's church, Rev. G. M. Milligan, D.D., Rev. H. M. Parsons, D.D., and Rev. D. McTavish, D.Sc., were the preachers, and in St. John's church, Rev. L. H. Jordan, of St. James' square church, preached at the morning service, and Rev. Prof. McFadyen at the evening service.