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The Rev. John Campbell, late of the Free Church of Scotland, accepted a hearty call from the congregation of Kenyon, Glengarry. Lingwick congregation, Quebec, took steps to proceed with a call to Mr. Campbell till he signified his acceptance of Kenyon. Kenyon is one of the largest but most compact country charges in Ontario.

Ministers and Churches.

The anniversary services of the Orillia Presbyterian Church will be held on June 7th. The Rev. Alex. Jackson, Ph.D., of Knox Church, Galt, will preach.

Rev. R. J. Hutcheon, of Cape Vincent, New York, a Queen's University graduate, succeeds Rev. D. R. Drummond in temporary charge of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, for five months.

The Rev. M. N. Bethune, of Knox Church, Beaverton, preached his farewell sermons there last Sunday. Mr. Bethune's pastorate in Beaverton, extending over several years, has been eminently successful, and the fact that, through impaired health, he has been forced to relinquish his charge is regretted by everyone. Mr. Bethune is a preacher of marked breadth of view.

An interesting and impressive service was conducted in the Southside Presbyterian Church. On Sabbath morning, May 10th, Messrs Chas. Reid, Alexander Russell and Wm. Campbell were ordained to the eldership with appropriate services. Associated with the pastor were the Rev. Chas. Campbell, Mr. John Reith and Mr. A. H. Gordon, elders. After an appropriate sermon the usual questions were put to the elders who were then solemnly set apart to their sacred office.

The closing meeting of Knox Church Young People's Christian Association, Toronto, was held in the lecture room of the church last Friday evening. There was a very large attendance. Rev. Dr. Parsons occupied the chair and opened with devotional exercises. The programme was of an unusually attractive character, the following ladies and gentlemen taking part: Mrs. Bastow, Miss Alice M. Hunter, Miss Mary Waldrum, Miss McGaw, Miss Lucas, Miss E. D. Winnett, Messrs. G. Beare, G. G. Mowat, Duthie and Alexander. The piano and violin solos by Miss Hunter and Miss Winnett were greatly appreciated and deserve special mention. Miss Waldrum distinguished herself by her excellent rendering of two sacred pieces with true artistic merit, and by special request sang "Home Sweet Home." A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously given to all who took part. At the close of the programme refreshments were served.

Before Rev. A. B. Winchester left for Toronto to attend the May meeting of the Foreign Mission Committee, a very enjoyable social gathering was held by the Chinese young men of the Chinese mission in Victoria, B.C., and quite a number of their friends. The chair was occupied by the Chinese teacher. On his left sat Rev. Mr. Winchester, Superintendent of Foreign Missions in British Columbia, and on his right Rev. Dr. Campbell, Co-venter of the Synod's Foreign Mission Committee. There were present also the Revs. Messrs. Clay and McRae, the voluntary helpers from the city congregations. An excellent programme was carried out by the Chinese, and short speeches were made by Dr. Campbell, Mr. Winchester, and the other ministers, after which refreshments were served. At the close of the meeting a resolution, moved by Messrs. Weston and Frank, was unanimously carried, expressing thankfulness for the progress which the mission has made during the past year, the most prosperous in its history, and urging the Foreign Mission Committee to secure for the work a building in China-town, more commodious in its appointments, and more centrally located.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

TORONTO: The Presbytery of Toronto held its regular monthly meeting on the 8th inst., the Moderator, Rev. R. Thynne, Markham, presiding. The Presbyteries of Huron, Montreal and Inverness intimated that application would be made by them, respectively, to receive Richard Weir, Chas. A. Buffa, and Neil Currie, as ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Presbytery of Toronto agreed to make application on behalf of Rev. D. Campbell, formerly of this Church, but for some years in connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States, to receive him as a minister of the Church in Canada. The Foreign Mission Secretary reported a deficit of about \$6,000, and Presbytery expressed its desire and intention to do all in its power to remove the deficit. The clerk submitted an abstract of the Statistical and Financial Report for the year, which indicated a decrease of about \$6,000 in contributions for congregational purposes, a decrease of \$7,000 in contributions for the Schemes of the Church, with a very slight decrease in contributions for all other purposes. After a very full report from the Presbytery's Committee, and a lengthened debate in Presbytery, it was decided to grant permission to the Church of the Covenant to secure the site they desire, at the corner of Roxborough St. and Avenue Road. Against the decision Mr. White protested and appealed to the Synod of the bounds.—R. C. TIBB, Clerk.

PETERBOROUGH: This Presbytery met in Port Hope on the 17th ult. Mr. Jamieson ordained missionary was elected Moderator for six months. A Young People's Presbyterian Association had been formed on the previous day under favorable auspices. Reports were received from the Home Mission and Augmentation Committees. Grants were authorized on behalf of all the augmented congregations on the scale of last year. A call was presented from the Wentworth Church, Hamilton, to Rev. A. MacWilliams, of St. Andrew's Church, Peterboro'. A large delegation was heard from Hamilton in prosecution of the call. After hearing delegates from both

congregations, and Mr. MacWilliams expressing his desire to accept of the call, the translation was granted, and the Rev. James Cleland was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on the 19th ult. Rev. Dr. Torrance to be Moderator of session during the vacancy. Very encouraging reports were received from the committees on Sabbath Schools, on Church Life and Work, and on Statistics. A committee was appointed to confer with the two congregations on the subject of church extension in Peterborough and to report at next meeting of Presbytery. The committee previously appointed on obituary notices gave in their report. On motion of Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Riddell, the following minute regarding deceased ministers who had at one time been pastors of congregations now within the bounds of this Presbytery was ordered to be put on record. The late Rev. Thomas Alexander, Wm. Reid, D.D., and D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., having all at a former period been ministers within the bounds, a suitable motion was passed expressing the Presbytery's sense of the great loss our Church has sustained in the removal by death of brethren so useful in the cause of Christ, and extending sincere sympathy to all their bereaved ones. The following were appointed delegates to the General Assembly:—Rev. Messrs. Cleland, Ewing, Bennett, Duncan, Sutherland, Torrance and R. Laird; and Messrs. Riddell, Fife, Roger, Brown, Fairbairn, Clarke, Roxburgh, c/o Mrs. Professor Gordon, of Halifax, was nominated as Moderator of Assembly. The remit on the proposed reduction in representation to the Assembly was not approved of. Dr. G. D. Robinson and H. W. Hogg, B.D., were nominated for the vacant chairs in Knox College.—WM. BENNETT, Clerk.

SYNOD OF MONTREAL AND OTTAWA.

The meeting of this Synod was held this year in Erskine Church, Montreal, a church which has an honoured place in the past history of the Church, and which, under its present pastor, the Rev. A. J. Mowat, is keeping up its good name. The Synod comprises within its bounds the six Presbyteries—Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Glengarry, Brockville and Lanark and Renfrew—180 ministers, and 12 ordained missionaries and ministers without charge. These 180, and a corresponding number of elders, are members of the Synod. A large number of members were present at the opening services which took place on the evening of the 12th inst., and the general public were also fairly represented. The Rev. James Cormack, B.A., retiring Moderator, preached the opening sermon from John viii. 12, "I am the light of the world." After referring to the figurative language of Scripture, he said that "in all the instances recorded in which God manifested Himself to the people light was the visible symbol of His presence. In dealing with the text it was necessary to look at the necessity which existed, and the benefits which Christ as the light of the world had conferred upon mankind. Favourably situated as Rome was and her people, with all the advantages and privileges they possessed, they yet remained ignorant of God, of themselves, and even of the meaning and purpose of their existence. The condition of the barbarous tribes under her sway was much worse, and even among the Jews the light had become greatly obscured. In these circumstances and at this juncture Jesus set forth God as a Father, living, personal, before all things, over all things, and independent of all things. Not only as regarded man's spiritual relations as affected by sin was Christ the light of the world, but also with respect to His physical, mental, social, commercial, and political relations. This was illustrated by the fact that the nations and communities which had embraced the religion of Christ were to-day everywhere in the van of progress."

After the close of the sermon, and the usual routine of calling the roll and noting the changes of the year, the nominations made by Presbytery for the office of Moderator were read, when it appeared that the Rev. James Fleck, B.A., had received the highest number of nominations, and, on motion made and carried, he was unanimously appointed to that office.

On Wednesday morning, after devotional exercises, the Rev. Robt. Campbell, D.D., presented the report of the Synod's Committee on Presbyterian Representation on the Council of Public Instruction of the Province. The Committee stated in the report that it had waited upon the Premier of Quebec, the Hon. L. O. Taillon, who upon the presentation of the facts had admitted that the Presbyterians of the Province were entitled to a representation of four members upon the Council of Public Instruction, instead of three as then existed. Mr. Taillon had conceded the claim, and, subsequently, appointed to the vacancy Mr. H. B. Ames, of Montreal. Mr. Ames, although a member of the American Presbyterian Church, yet not being a member of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, could hardly be called a representative of that Church, but now that the appointment had been made the Committee had approved of it. In presenting the report Dr. Campbell took advantage of the occasion to remark that it would be well if more Presbyterians could be placed upon the Advisory Board in connection with the Council. He felt that the Presbyterian section of the Province was not adequately represented in this respect. After considerable discussion upon the subject the report, with its recommendation, was adopted, on the motion of the convener of the Committee, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Chéniquy.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Rev. Prof. Scrimger presented the report on education. The total number of schools in the

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Province of Quebec is 5,935, and the total number of pupils enrolled is 249,411. This is an increase in the number of schools during the last five years of 317, and of pupils of 22,794. The increase is found in both Roman Catholic and Protestant schools. The new Superintendent expressed a laudable desire to make improvements on the Provincial system. Only a little over 11 per cent. of all the lay teachers in the Province have Normal School certificates. The Superintendent urges the establishment of additional Normal Schools for girls, who constitute the majority of the teachers in elementary schools. Recent revelations in the separate schools in the city of Ottawa, under the direction of the teaching religious communities, make it evident that their qualifications as teachers cannot be taken for granted. It is a disgrace that 15 per cent. of the lay teachers have no diploma of any kind. The average salaries of all teachers, apart from religious orders, is but \$142.65, and it is humiliating to think that there are 700 teachers whose average salary is but \$77 per year. The report of the inspectors show that the great bulk of the schools are doing almost nothing for the intellectual awakening of the young. The complaint is that the children leave school at too early an age. The condition of Protestant education, however, is considerably above the general average of the Province. Twenty-seven per cent. of the teachers have Normal School diplomas and only 9 per cent. are without diplomas of some kind. The average salary is \$194.72. This shows that the Protestants attach a far higher importance to the proper education of their children than the Roman Catholics do. Dr. Scrimger exposed the gross injustice of the Roman Catholics in the St. Gregoire le Thaumaturge School affair, and ironically characterized it as an instance of the liberality of which the Roman Catholic majority are boasting so loudly at present. A very different picture was presented of educational matters in Ontario. The contrast was refreshing in the extreme. The schools there are marked by a high average efficiency in every sense of the word. Dr. Scrimger admitted that Protestant education within the Province of Quebec is far from what it ought to be. This is partly accounted for by the fact that the low condition of Roman Catholic education reacted upon that of the Protestants. The so-called education of that Church was but a dead weight.

PROTESTANT GRIEVANCES.

Rev. Dr. Currie asked whether the children of Protestants, who had no alternative but to attend Roman Catholic schools in this Province, were compelled to study Roman Catholic books.

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