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Deep regret will be felt by many friends throughout the Church at the reported illness of Rev. Logie MacDonnell, M.A., for the past four or five years Minister at Vernon, B.C., but who has been compelled, meanwhile, to abandon the work. Mr. MacDonnell is threatened with tuberculosis of the lungs, and will camp out at Fergus for the summer. It is hoped the disease may be checked, and that Mr. MacDonnell, in the course of a few months, may be restored to wonted health. Rev. A. McAfee, of Indian Head, is taking the services at Vernon for two months.

The June Quiver will make excellent summer reading. "Love's Barrier," the serial story by Annie S. Swan, is continued, chapters XVI and XVII being given. There are four or five complete stories, and a number of articles on important subjects, among them being, "The Philanthropy of the Future," by Lady St. Helier; and "Openings in Australia," by Dr. E. I. Watkin. In "Letters on Life and Love," by Amica, is one, "To a Wife who does not like her Husband's Relations", in which there is a good deal of human nature and sound advice and which is sure to be read with interest by all and profit to many. The numerous and well-executed illustrations add much to the attractiveness of this favorite magazine. Cassell & Company, 42 Adelaide Street, Toronto, Ont.

Without doubt, Cassell's for June is a splendid fiction number in which will be found contributions by Kieble Howard, Max Pemberton, Henry A. Horing, A. Barclay and others. In "Wanted at the Zoo", some animal absentees we would like to see, Mr. G. M. MacKness deals in an interesting manner with animals "wanted at the Zoo"—that spot so dear to Londoners, young and old, as well as to visitors from all quarters of the world,—which should be found within its enclosures, but which from one cause or another the authorities have not been able to secure, or else have lost them, by death or accident, very shortly after their arrival in the Gardens. The writer mentions the Square-mouthed Rhinoceros—the so-called white Rhinoceros of the African hunter; the mysterious Okapi, denizen of Uganda forests; the parti-colored Tibetan bear, known to science for over forty years, has never been brought to Europe alive; the Gorilla; the Proboscis Monkey a native of Borneo; and the Elephant Seal, said to attain twenty feet in length with a girth of fifteen or sixteen feet. Our lady readers will find many useful hints in Dr. Schofield's article on "How to Keep Young", in which he gives a good deal of sensible advice. Like all Cassell's publications, this magazine is well printed and profusely illustrated.

THE MINISTERS VACATION.

On this subject a writer in the *Lutheran Observer* makes the following timely observations:

"The modern church, when organized, may have a large number of motors, in the form of presidents, leaders, committeemen, etc., but the dynamo, on the human side, is the pastor. He must have rest if he is to do his best as the manager of the forces that make a church useful. The pulpit and platform work of a modern preacher must be kept at a high grade if the church is to keep her place as leader in the higher truths and virtues. The advocacy of religious and moral truth whether in the pulpit or on the platform, is a work that uses up vitality both in preparation and proclamation.

"We are not thinking of the preacher who simply fills out the section of time allotted the pulpit, but of him who makes his time time-allotment cover a rich repast of great and living truths, scraps that have been prepared, not the scraps from other meals. Such preparation takes time, demands the expenditure of vitality that is not renewed with rapidity. It exhausts; there must be a renewal.

"This granting of a vacation should not be given grudgingly, but with cheerfulness. It is an act of equity and justice. Every member of the church has at his disposal fifty-two days of rest in a year. If he so chooses he can renew body, mind and soul on those days of relaxation from his daily toil; but to the pastor those fifty-two days are work days as are the other three hundred and thirteen. It is a clear case of justice that the pastor should have his days of rest as well as the members have their days of cessation from toil.

"Indeed, every argument of justice, equity, kindness, generosity, consideration, and even personal interests of the congregation, sustains the contention that our pastors should have vacations.

"He may not feel strong enough in funds to leave home, but may simply rest in local environment; then see to it that he has from you and others some easily given attentions, that will renew his vigor and develop your generosity. Put at his disposal your horse and carriage for three days in each week of his vacation; go around every few days with your autocar and give him and his family an exhilarating 'spin' about town and country; send him tickets for some short excursion-outing; you have a summer camp, with others, invite him to be your guest for a few days, etc., etc.; in many ways you could make even a stay-at-home vacation a delight for him; it would be a change from what you have been doing.

"It is high time that you are planning for his vacation; do not wait for a hint from the pastor, or until you discover weakness in his step and sallowness in his face."

BOOKS ON OUR GREAT WEST.

Word has just been received of the death of General Sir W. F. Butler, a world traveller and writer of note.

A few weeks ago the papers chronicled the decease of Dr. Cheadle, who with Viscount Milton went through the North West, their account of which "The Northwest Passage by Land" is a classic of northwestern travel and exploration. They were followed by General Butler, who made two trips through the country of the Red river and the Valley of the Saskatchewan. "The Great Lone Land," "The Wild North Land," and "Red Cloud" are the best known of his works and have lately been added to Macmillan's Library of Canadian Tr. et.

The Macmillans are said to be engaged in the production of a momentous work on North West exploration antedating even Milton and Cheadle. There seems to be a growing demand in the Dominion for Canadians of this nature.

NEW MISSIONARY AND EVANGELICAL ACTIVITY.

The skepticism and spiritual unrest of the age are constantly kept in the foreground of thought and discussion, but there is a reverse side to the picture. At the heart of the national life the old religious and spiritual currents flow on imperturbably. *The Century Magazine* discerns at this moment signs of a revival of religion. College students are said to be studying the Bible as never before. The World's Sunday-School Association has been holding its sixth meeting in Washington, attended by representatives of fifty-one nationalities. Missionary activity was never so pronounced as at the present time.

Nearly \$25,000,000 was raised last year by the Protestant churches of the world for mission work. Of this sum the United States and Canada contributed \$11,307,405. Two billion dollars is the colossal sum that missionary organizations have set themselves to raise during the next thirty-five years. The Laymen's Missionary Movement of America, has been holding meetings throughout the country for nine months past. At a recent "Men's National Missionary Congress" held in Chicago more than four thousand delegates were in attendance. Addresses by Dr. Isaac Taylor Headland, head of the Methodist University in Peking; by the Rev. C. P. Anderson, Archbishop of the West Indies; by Silas H. McBee, editor of *The Churchman*; and by Ambassador James Bryce, were received with enthusiasm. It was not an ordinary "religious affair," says Louis Wallis in the *Chicago Public*; it had the enthusiasm that accompanies only fresh and spontaneous movements. Mr. Wallis goes as far as to characterize the congress as "the most remarkable religious event in the history of America," and he adds:

"Denominational differences were proclaimed to be the outgrowth of historical conditions which no longer exist. The note of unity and universality was heard from first to last. The absolutely necessary emphasis upon the moral heart of Christianity gave a democratic undertone to the Congress. The sentiments most applauded were that the entire impact of civilization upon the heathen world must be Christian in its effect—that there must be no economic exploitation of the heathen and that imperialism and greedily commercialism are incompatible with Christianity."

Much the same spirit informs an article in *The Century* by Clayton Sedgwick Cooper, secretary of the department of Bible work among college men for the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association. Last year, he calculates, 32,259 college men in 539 institutions attended voluntary Bible classes for two months or more. They were the best men in their colleges, he assures us,—prize and scholarship men, editors of college papers, class presidents, leaders in athletics. Mr. Cooper continues:

"At the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis the chairman of the Bible study committee is the first ranking midshipman at the academy. Through his leadership, 340 midshipmen are meeting weekly in Bible groups, while thirty-five of their number are acting as teachers, receiving instruction for their work from an officer of the faculty.

"At the University of Wisconsin the student who has been specially influential this year in the Bible campaign is prob-