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—Mrs. D. J. Campbell, of "Hillcrest," Glenora, with her little daughter Marguerite, is the guest of Mrs. Wilbur K. Darch, 867 Hellmuth avenue, city.

—The Coldstream branch of the women's institute will meet at Mrs. Webster Zavitz's on Tuesday, Nov. 13. A good programme has been arranged and all are invited to attend.

—Mr. George Rudd, formerly an employee of the London Printing and Lithographing Company, of this city, is on an extended trip through the United States.

—The funeral of the late Mr. Newton Simpson, who died recently in Winnipeg Hospital, will take place from the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. Robert A. Locker, 699 Queen's avenue. The time has not yet been set.

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—The famous missionary and author, Rev. Egerton R. Young, will lecture on "A Romantic Life in the Land of the Auroras, With Journeys On by Canoe and Dog Train," in the Wellington Street Methodist Church this evening.

WOODMEN ON THE MOVE.

At the regular meeting of Pine Grove Camp, Woodmen of the World, held in Society Hall, Dundas street, last night, Organizer Miller presented another class of fifteen, making a total in two weeks of thirty-nine. The organizer's work is much appreciated by the camp. There was a large turnout of members. It is decided to meet every Wednesday night this month for the initiation of new members.

MEN SCARCE IN NEW ONTARIO.

Mr. A. E. Tanton has just returned from an extended visit to the districts of Haliburton, New Liskeard, and Cobalt. He says that the country greatly exceeded his expectations, and reports that the prospects are exceptionally bright. Everything is booming to such an extent that it is hard to get enough workmen to operate the different plants. Large numbers of placards are to be seen posted up in public places, advertising for from 100 to 200 men.

MUSIC CLUB'S CONCERT

First of the Season Held by Ladies' Organization Yesterday.

The "Woman's Music Club" of this city held its first recital yesterday afternoon in the rooms at the Masonic Temple. A large and appreciative audience was present, and listened to "an excellent programme."

The club, Mrs. Henry Stone, opened the recital with a short address, in which she spoke of the work to be undertaken during the coming year.

Mr. A. D. Jordan had charge of the opening programme. Miss Pearl Ellar and Miss Lillian Fowler rendered excellent pleasing numbers, and were encored again and again. The well-known baritone, Mr. Francis Firth, of New York, and Mr. Alfred Dunn, tenor, were both well received. Mr. Firth is a former Londoner.

It is the intention of the club to hold recitals every two weeks throughout the winter. The ladies' orchestra of twenty pieces, under the direction of Mr. Jordan, intends doing a lot of special work.

Yesterday's programme was as follows:

Chopin.....(a) Etude, C sharp minor

Sinding.....(b) Fruhlingshauchen

Miss Florence Johnston.

Mendelssohn....."It is Enough" (Elijah)

Mr. Firth.

Dudley Buck....."Creole Love Song"

Miss Ellar.

Clay....."Sands of Dee"

Mr. Alfred Dunn.

Violin Solo.....Miss Adeline Baldwin.

Saint-Saens....."My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice"

Miss Fowler.

Moszkowski.....Valse, Brillante In A flat

Mrs. A. D. Jordan.

Gounod....."Die Possente d'Arnor" (Faust)

Mr. Firth.

Cowen.....Duet, "The Rose of Love"

Miss Minnie Fox and Mr. Dunn.

Accompanist, Mr. A. D. Jordan.

FIND LORD'S WORDS IN ANCIENT RUINS

Unrecorded Words of Savior Unearthed in Egypt.

CLASSIC WRITINGS IN LIST

William E. Curtis Tells of the Wonderful Discoveries Made by Dr. Grenfell.

Washington, Nov. 7 — One of the most interesting persons at Oxford is Dr. Bernard P. Grenfell, of Queen's College, who, with Dr. A. S. Hunt, of Magdalen College, is now engaged in working up the notes of the excavations he made last winter in behalf of the Graeco-Roman branch of the Egyptian exploration fund. As soon as he has finished this work he will return to Egypt with Dr. Hunt to spend another winter there.

Under the direction of the society, Mr. Naville, of Geneva, has been digging a great temple out from the desert at Del-el-Bachari, on the Nile, and last winter made some brilliant discoveries, including inscriptions and reliefs of the twelfth dynasty, about 2,500 years B. C. The work will be carried on even more rapidly during the coming winter because of the generosity of W. M. Laffan, of New York, who has given \$5,000 to pay expenses.

Prof. W. M. Flinders Petrie is at work at Abydos making discoveries which throw light on the earliest periods of Egyptian history.

Dr. B. P. Grenfell and Prof. A. S. Hunt each winter since 1895 have been digging at the village of Behnesa, which covers the ruins of Oxyrhynchus, a large town on the edge of the Libyan desert, 120 miles south of Cairo, and eight miles from the River Nile. Oxyrhynchus was formerly an important city, a capital of one of the provinces, and the residence of many scholars and classical students who, during the first part of the Christian era, when Egypt was a center of learning and literature, collected the works of classical writers, historians, theologians and philosophers, written upon papyrus, a material that has since perished. Some time about the fourth or fifth century this city was destroyed, and for 1,500 years the ruins have gradually become buried under sand and rubbish.

In the debris are the remains of many libraries, and for several years Dr. Grenfell and Dr. Hunt have been engaged with large gangs of native workmen searching for manuscripts of value. They have had remarkable success, and the many discoveries of profound interest. After handing over to the Egyptian Government 150 of the most complete and best preserved manuscripts the explorers have brought to Oxford upwards of 280 boxes of papyrus covered with writing in Greek, Coptic and Arabic, which will require many years of study to work out. Last winter they got 91 boxes of manuscripts, and Dr. Grenfell told me that he was going back again in November to excavate the debris. The field will be exhausted after another year's work and he fears that he will never be able to find another deposit of equal importance.

The classical manuscripts are of great value and represent every field of literary activity of the time. Among them are a considerable number of the Homeric poems, one containing nearly all of the fifth book of the Iliad; a hitherto unknown ode of Sappho; a book of the lost tragedy of Aeschylus; part of the history of Thucydides from the first century; parts of Plato's "Republic" and dialogues; several orations of Demosthenes; a fragment of Euclid's geometry with a diagram; a list of Olympic victors; and the incidents of the very greatest interest.

The greatest public interest attaches to a couple of manuscripts containing sayings of Jesus which are not found in the gospels. In his room at Queen's College, Oxford, Dr. Grenfell showed me a fragment of worm-eaten vellum, perfectly written in minute Greek characters, and perfectly legible except in one or two places, where a few words are lost. It describes a conversation between Jesus and a Pharisee in a temple. The Pharisee reproaches Jesus and his disciples with their failure to perform the conventional ceremonies of purification before entering the holy places. He describes in detail the festivities which he himself observed, and Jesus replies, contrasting outward with inward purity. There is considerable resemblance between this dialogue and his denunciation of the Pharisees in Matthew, xxiii, 25, and Luke, xi, 27, but the incident, which the account is complete and very striking, is quite different from anything recorded in the gospels. Dr. Grenfell called my attention to the cultivated literary style, the picturesque vigor of Christ's conversation, and the fact that he uses several words not found in the New Testament.

"The origin and value of this fragment is likely to provoke much controversy among Scriptural archaeologists and theologians," said Dr. Grenfell, but whatever differences of opinion there may be, no one can deny its interest. The text begins with this introduction:

"These are the wonderful words which Jesus, the living Lord, spoke to college — and Thomas. And he said unto them, Everyone that hearkens to these words shall never taste of death."

And the following are extracts from the text:

"Jesus saith, Let not him who seeks for the Kingdom of God, and who finds it, be astonished; he shall reach the Kingdom, and having reached the Kingdom he shall rest."

"Jesus saith, Ye ask who are those that draw us to the Kingdom, if the Kingdom is in heaven, the fowls of the air and the beasts that feed on the earth or upon the earth, and the fishes of the sea, these are they which draw you, and the Kingdom of Heaven is within you; and whoever shall know himself shall find it."

"Strive, therefore, to know yourselves, and ye shall be aware that ye are the sons of the Father; and ye shall know that ye are in the City of God and ye are the city."

"Jesus saith A man shall not hesitate to ask concerning his place in the

Kingdom. Ye shall know that many that are first shall be last and the last first, and they shall have eternal life."

"Jesus saith, Everything that is not before thy face and that which is hidden which shall not be made manifest, nor buried which shall not be raised."

Professor Grenfell calls attention to the resemblance between this passage and similar expressions in Matthew x, 26, Luke xii, 2, and Mary iv, 22.

"His disciples questioned him and said, How shall we fast and how shall we pray? — and what commandments shall we keep? — Jesus saith — Do not — of truth — blessed is he —"

This passage is broken beyond hope of recovery, but, as Professor Grenfell says, the general drift of its meaning may be caught and it seems to be parallel to Matthew xix, 16-22, and Luke xviii, 22.

In 1902 Dr. Grenfell found another manuscript in the same place containing the first part of the book which says that "These things were addressed to St. Thomas." With it was part of the Book of Genesis. In 1897 part of the first chapter of Matthew was found nearby. These manuscripts probably belonged to some Christian resident of Oxyrhynchus, and, being worn out by much handling, were thrown in the dust heap in the third century. Dr. Grenfell thinks that perhaps these sayings of Jesus might have been a part of a "gospel according to the Egyptians," of which only a few extraneous survive. It was probably written during the earlier part of the second century, perhaps about 140 A. D., and, for a time, seems to have attained a high degree of authority in Egypt. It was, however, decisively rejected in the third century. Or, perhaps, the manuscripts are fragments of a collection of the sayings of Jesus compiled by some early Christian commentator in the early part of the second century.

"It is, of course, impossible to prove or disprove either theory," said Dr. Grenfell, "and hence these manuscripts will afford plenty of food for discussion. Nothing in Christian literature is quite like them has ever been found. The nearest approach to them is a manuscript found in a tomb at Akhmim in Upper Egypt in 1892, which is called 'The Gospel of Peter,' and contains an account of the life of our Lord, alleged to have been written by that apostle. The manuscript is now in the museum at Cairo. — Chicago Record-Herald.

QUEBEC HERMIT SUICIDES

And Eighteen Huge Black Cats Are the Only Mourners.

Plainville, Que., Nov. 7.—Because he didn't want to leave his little house which he had lived in for twenty years, and submit to the disgrace of being taken to the poorhouse, Thomas Lovelock, 57 years old and for over fifty years a resident of Plainville, shot himself, ending a life which has been filled with pathetic disappointments from manhood to old age.

Honest, industrious and sober, by hard work he accumulated enough money to keep him in comfort in his old age, but, it is said through trusting false friends, he lost all. Discouraged by his losses he became a veritable hermit. Some of the persons who are said to have known him, say they are today well-to-do, but they would do nothing toward repairing the injury done to the broken-down old man.

A few days ago he became ill, and while neighbors made things as comfortable for him as possible in the little old house in which he lived, it was thought best to have him taken to the poorhouse, though he pleaded to be left to die in his own home.

A neighbor chanced to go into the house and found him on the couch. A wound in his head and an old revolver clutched in his right hand, told the story. His excuse was, "I want to die here." A few hours later his wish was gratified.

Fifty years ago Lovelock came to Plainville from England, expecting to make his fortune, in the much talked of "new country." He worked by the day and soon accumulated enough to buy a little home. His mother lived with him, and after her death he lived alone, never marrying.

The latter part of his life he was almost a hermit, his only companions being some black cats, there being from three to eighteen of the felines in and around his little house all of the time. It was a curious sight to see the old man, with his long beard and hair, feeding meat to his black-coated friends, sometimes himself going without food so that they might be fed.

Although he had so many, he steadfastly refused to give any away, even to those who assisted him with food and clothing.

He would talk with only a few of his neighbors, and at the sight of a camera he would seek shelter in the house, calling his cats in with him. Despite many stategic attempts, a good picture of the old hermit and his cats was never secured. His cats are as shy as was their master and repulse any advances. For the most part they are unusually large creatures, and most all of them as black as coal.

HYDE PARK.

Hyde Park, Nov. 7.—The removal of Mrs. D. G. McKenzie to London is regretted by a large circle of friends. Mrs. McKenzie and daughters will be greatly missed, as they were active workers in the Presbyterian Church.

Miss Etzie Throver is spending a few days in London before leaving for an extended visit to Winnipeg.

Mr. Will Waugh, of Komoka, has just returned from an extended trip to the west. While there he visited Mrs. Henry Conner, and gives a very favorable report of Deloraine and surrounding country. The Conners' wheat crop averaged 20 bushels to the acre.

Miss Sophy Reeve, who is recovering from a serious illness, is staying at the home of her brother, Mr. Walter Reeve. The farmers are taking advantage of the very fine weather by gathering in their fall roots.

Mr. Harry Johnston, of Delaware, has moved to "Delmarbury Cottage," the old McKenzie homestead.

A meeting of the Bible Society will be held in the Church of Hosannas on Thursday evening. The service will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Wallin and the resident ministers. The regular

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