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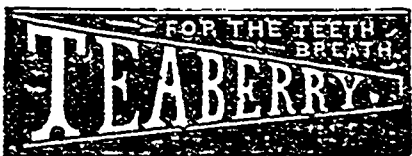
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Ministers and Churches.

Rev. Mr. Mahaffy, of Milton, occupied Mr. Cameron's pulpit, Strabane, on a recent Sunday.

Any congregation desirous of hearing the Rev. D. H. Hodges, with the view to a call address him, Ross, Ont.

Rev. Robt. Johnston, of London, took charge of the regular weekly prayer-meeting at St. Andrew's, Lindsay, lately.

Mr. G. R. Faskin, B.A., president of Knox College Missionary Society, recently preached very acceptably in Knox Church, Listowel.

Rev. D. D. MacDonald conducted dedicatory services at Kirkfield on last Sabbath, the 5th inst. Mr. J. F. Carmichael took Mr. MacDonald's place.

The Presbyterian congregation, Chateaugay Basin, Que., surprised their minister, Rev. Jas. M. Boyd, B.D., by presenting him with a purse of money as a Xmas gift.

Friends of the Rev. John R. Sinclair, who is at present at Burbank, California, will be glad to know that his sojourn in that sunny clime has had the effect of completely restoring his health.

Rev. A. T. Love, Quebec, was the recipient of a handsome Christmas present from the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, consisting of a purse of \$262. The generous gift was suitably acknowledged.

Rev. D. G. MacPhail, Picton, was the recipient on Tuesday, last week, of a handsome New Year's present—a purse containing \$91 in gold. The reverend gentleman thanked the donors in feeling and eloquent terms.

The Rev. W. A. McKenzie, M.A., says the *Times*, thinks he holds the record in Brockville for having performed the largest number of marriages for the last year. Making a rough guess, he places the number at twenty.

The annual Christmas entertainment in connection with the Presbyterian Church Sunday-school, Watertown, was held in the roller rink and although the day and part of the evening was wet, there was a good attendance.

Rev. Father Chiniquy, now nearly ninety years of age, but still hale and enthusiastic as ever, preached a powerful sermon on French evangelization at Hamilton on a recent Sunday evening. The church was filled and many were unable to gain admission.

Rev. Joseph Hamilton, of Toronto, who is at present without charge, preached in St. James' Square Church at the evening services on the two past Sabbaths. Mr. Hamilton is a preacher of much vigor of thought and force of delivery. His efforts were highly appreciated.

At a special meeting of the congregation of Knox Church, Guelph, Rev. Dr. Torrance presiding, a committee consisting of Messrs. A. W. Alexander, Jas. Millar, and J. A. Scott, was appointed to work in conjunction with the session in procuring a supply for the pulpit. Prof. Fenwick was also appointed choir leader.

Rev. J. C. Smith, M.A., B.D., Guelph, preached two very able sermons in Knox Church last Sunday. In the evening the discourse was specially directed to young men, and was an earnest appeal to them to avoid the corrupting influences of the world and to pattern their lives after the "Perfect Man."—*Brute Herald*.

The Rev. A. Lee, B.A., pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Kamloops, B. C., was kindly remembered on Christmas Day by the members of his congregation, who presented him with a valuable cane made of oak, from the steamer *Beaver*, with gold top, suitably engraved. This Christmas box was a mark of esteem, and as such was much appreciated by Mr. Lee.

Knox Church manse, Dundas, took fire on Tuesday morning, Dec. 31st., it is supposed from the rafters in the cellar getting over heated from the furnace. The fire brigade put in a prompt appearance and drowned out the blaze. The house was flooded with water, and carpets and furniture were considerably damaged thereby. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

On Thursday evening of last week the Rev. J. H. MacVicar, B.A., of Montreal, lately missionary in Honan, China, delivered a very instructive and interesting lecture in the East Presbyterian Church, Oak Street, Toronto, to a very large audience of the Chinese people. For over an hour the lecturer held the attention of his audience as he graphically described the various phases of Chinese life, showing at once the need and the power of the Gospel. The chair was occupied by the pastor, the Rev. J. A. Morison, B.A.

The Presbytery of Victoria had an adjourned meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Nanaimo, on December 24th when at the urgent request of the congregation the resignation by Rev. D. A. MacRae of his charge of St. Andrew's was allowed to lie on the table, Mr. MacRae being granted six months leave of absence with the hope that the state of his family's health may be such then as to enable him to resume his pastoral work. Rev. W. Leslie Clay was appointed convener of the Presbytery's Home Missions and Augmentation Committee during Rev. Mr. MacRae's absence, and Rev. Alexander Young, Presbytery treasurer and convener of the Committee on Church Life and Work.

The young people of St. Paul's Church, Winchester, gave their pastor, Rev. D. G. S. Connery, M.A., a pleasant surprise on New Year's night. At the conclusion of the Sabbath School entertainment, Mr. Andrew Kennedy read an address expressing the kindly feelings of the people for their minister and Miss Robinson handed him a well-filled purse. The pastor made a feeling reply.

With a view to clearing off all indebtedness and beginning the New Year with a clean sheet, the members of the Presbyterian congregation of Daloraine, Man., Rev. D. Munro, pastor, were asked to make December 22nd the closing of their contributions for '95. As a result the plate collection for that evening, together with a few sums added during the week, amounted to within a very small fraction of \$1,100, a sum sufficient to cover all liabilities.

A very enjoyable At-Home was given in the basement of Knox Church, Dundas, on Friday evening, the 27th ult., on the invitation of the pastor. The room was filled with members and friends of the church, and between parts of a programme the time was filled in with social chat and friendly greetings. Rev. Dr. Laing acted as master of ceremonies, and with Mrs. Laing received their guests. The whole affair was a very happy one and it is expected that similar At-Homes will be given this winter by other members of the church to promote cordiality throughout the membership.

Nine years ago St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay was erected. Since that time the congregation has nearly doubled in numbers, and the work of the church has progressed wonderfully. The growth of the Sabbath-school has been equally gratifying, and the time is not far distant when the managers will be compelled to proceed with the erection of a new schoolroom on the property adjoining the church to the north. Eight classes have already overflowed into the church proper, and it has also been found necessary to rent rooms across the street for the accommodation of the infant classes.

The annual entertainment of the Paris Presbyterian Church Sunday-school was held in the church on Friday evening, the 27th ult. Tea was served. The proceedings consisted of the presentation of the prizes awarded for memorizing the shorter and mother's catechism and also the "Sermon on the Mount." The winners of the prizes passed a most successful examination. The gathering was then treated to a trip to Palestine with stereopticon views given by the Messrs. Wilson, of Woodstock. Large and beautiful views were shown, comprising scenes in England, Scotland, Switzerland, Egypt and Palestine, all of which were much enjoyed by the audience.

In St. Paul's Church, Glammis, on New Year's Day, was celebrated the wedding of the Rev. R. G. Marison, A.M., B.D., lecturer in Toronto University, and Miss Maggie A. Ferguson, youngest daughter of the late Rev. W. Ferguson, a former minister of Glammis. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Wm. Cooper, B.A., of Listowel, assisted by the Rev. Mr. MacDonald, B.D., of Glammis, and the Rev. J. A. Mustard, B.A., of Kent Bridge. Miss MacIntyre acted as bridesmaid, while the groom was assisted by Mr. George A. Keith, of Toronto; Mr. James A. Dow, B.A., of Knox College, and Mr. MacIntyre being ushers. A large congregation was present to witness the ceremony, which was very impressive, but judged by Canada Presbyterian standards would be considered very high church. The officiating clergy were in full canonicals, cassocks; robes, bands and hoods, and the office used was that of the Euchologion, with some additions.

A very pleasant social gathering took place at the manse, Cumberland, on the evening of Dec. 20th, when a surprise party of about two hundred people, made up of the congregations of Rockland and Cumberland invaded the manse. During the evening Sergt.-Major Young and Mr. S. Canning on behalf of the Rockland congregation, presented their pastor, Rev. D. Hutchison, B.A., with a beautiful and valuable fur coat, Sergt.-Major Young reading the address and Mr. Canning, presenting the coat. Mr. Gamble and Mr. J. J. Byrnes of the Cumberland congregation then followed, Mr. Gamble reading an address to the pastor and his wife, and Mr. Byrnes presenting them with a purse of money with which to purchase a sleigh and robes. Mr. Hutchison was so surprised at this demonstration of kindness and goodwill that he could make but a stammering reply in which he thanked the people for their kindness. After refreshments were served, the people amused themselves with games, dialogues and music and song till the "wee sma' hours" when the party broke up.

The following programme of meetings in connection with the opening of the Canadian Mission College Indore, will be read with interest: Friday evening, Nov. 22nd.—Opening of College by Colonel Barr, agent to the Governor-General for Central India. Saturday, S.A.M.—Addresses by Rev. J. F. Campbell and Rev. E. R. Fitch. At 2 p.m.—Addresses by Rev. T. Wynkoop and Mr. Anand Rao-Mhow. At 6 p.m.—Address by Rev. Dr. Kellogg in English and Rev. W. A. Wilson, M.A., in Hindi with magic lantern on Egyptian Antiquities, etc. Sabbath at 9 p.m.—Sabbath-school gathering; addresses by Rev. T. Wynkoop, Mr. Balam, Mr. Franklin and Rev. Dr. Buchanan. At 4 p.m.—Celebration of Lord's Supper; addresses by Rev. Dr. Kellogg, and Rev. T. Wynkoop. At 6 p.m.—Addresses by Rev. Dr. Kellogg in Hindi and Rev. A. P.

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REV. DR. WARDEN AND THE CHURCH AGENCY.

MR. EDITOR,—The information contained in the editorial entitled, "The Church Agent," which appeared in your last issue, was a surprise and a revelation to not a few of your readers. I for one have been wondering why Rev. Dr. Warden, even if he felt himself still unable to give his final decision as to accepting the office of "agent," should not have volunteered his services in the present trying circumstances in which Dr. Reid finds himself. It is not after Dr. Warden's manner to withhold help from a brother in need, but in the present instance he stood bound by the very explicit pledge he gave at London that "no interest of the Church" would be permitted to suffer because of his inability to give a definite decision at the time (Assembly Minutes, p. 57). And now it appears that that help has been by him more than once proffered, and that it has been refused!

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