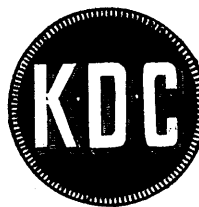




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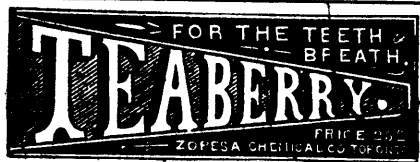
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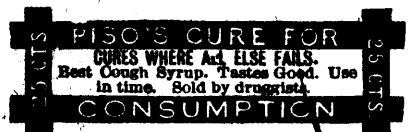
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## Ministers and Churches.

The address of the Rev. G. M. Clark, of Ottawa, will now be 203 Pleasant street, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Rev. John A. McDonald, of Alberni, B.C., has gone to Carleton Place, Ont., with Mrs. McDonald's sister who is very ill.

A few copies of Mrs. Clark's sketch of Trinidad and our mission are still for sale by Jas. Hope and Co., Spark's street, Ottawa.

Rev. Mr. McKillop, Lethbridge, who has been attending the General Assembly, has been the guest of Col. Highbotham, Guelph.

Orillia Presbyterians have decided to place a fine pipe organ in their church. The instrument will be ready for use early in the fall.

The Presbyterian congregation, Belgrave, has chosen a site for their new church which is to be erected next year on the street leading to the station.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Smellie recently celebrated their golden wedding at Fergus, Ont. Members of the family were present from Manitoba, Port Arthur, Toronto and other parts.

The Presbyterian Church, Bobcaygeon, has had a thorough cleaning and whitewashing; and a great improvement has been made in the front platform and approach to the church.

Rev. A. McNabb, the popular pastor of Erskine Presbyterian church, Meaford, left last week on a trip to Scotland for the benefit of his health, having been granted three months' leave of absence by his congregation.

The General Assembly's Committee on the Distribution of Probationers will meet the first week in July. Presbyteries are requested to report upon their vacancies as soon as practicable, and those applying for appointments, their names, duly certified, to the Rev. Dr. Torrance, Guelph.

The Rev. Dr. Jackson, of Galt, has a very cleverly written paper in the June number of the Presbyterian Monthly, on Woman's Work. He is decidedly in favor of women taking a very large share of church work, as he maintains that there are many departments of work in which they far excel the men.

Rev. J. H. McVicar, B.A., a returned missionary from Honan, occupied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church, London, at both services last Sabbath. In the evening he gave a spirited and vivid account of the riots instigated by the natives against Christians in what is literally the "rowdy province" of the Chinese empire.

The charge of Alvinston and Euphemias, now vacant, is a very desirable one for a young, vigorous man, not afraid of work. Drive of five miles, cosy manse. Alvinston has two lines of railway. Euphemias is practically a new field with good material to work up. Rev. John H. Graham, Watford, would like to hear from available candidates.

The Rev. Mr. Winchester, former pastor of St. Andrew's church, Berlin, who has been attending the General Assembly at Brantford, conducted the prayer meeting services on Wednesday evening last, and as it was known he would be present he was greeted with a large congregation. The Rev. Mr. Atkinson on behalf of his people heartily welcomed Mr. Winchester, who delivered an interesting address.

The induction of Rev. Jas. McMillan, late of Alvinston, into the congregation of North Bay, will, D. V., take place on Thursday, 6th July, Rev. D. D. McLeod, of Barrie, to preach and address the minister, and Dr. Grant, of Orillia, to address the people; Mr. Findlay, Superintendent of Missions, to preside. Dr. Grant will also deliver one of his popular lectures in the evening of that day. Induction service at 2.30 p.m.

Rev. Robt. Johnson, of Lindsay, chaplain of the 45th battalion, was called to Kingston, last week, to preach to the volunteers now in camp. The service was held on Sabbath morning, 18th inst., on the camp grounds, the Methodists and Presbyterians of the entire brigade joining in the service. From the words in 1 Sam. 18:17, "Fight the Lord's battles," the preacher pointed out the heroism of Christian life, and urged the soldiers to take service under Jesus Christ in war against sin.

Rev. Chas. McKillop, of Lethbridge, Alberta, formerly of Admaston, arrived in Renfrew from the west on Saturday morning last. His voice has lost none of the old cheerfulness. On Sunday evening, he conducted service in St. Andrew's church

here. Mr. McKillop will attend the sessions of the General Assembly in Brantford; and of the Christian Endeavour Convention in Montreal; and then return to visit friends in this locality. Altogether he expects to spend about three months in the east.—Renfrew Mercury.

A conference on the State of Religion in connection with meeting of the Presbytery of Kingston, is announced to take place at Madoc, commencing on the evening of the 4th prox. The chair will be taken by the Moderator, Rev. D. Wishart, at 8 p.m. Devotional exercises until 8.15. "Religious Life in the Church," Rev. J. Mackie, M.A., discussed until 8.50. "Religious Life in the Home," Rev. M. W. McLan, M.A. Discussion, "Religious Life Among the Young," by Rev. Henry Gracey; discussion, a profitable conference is expected; and it is hoped there may be a large attendance.

The editor of the Barrie Advance has been visiting Orillia, and writes in enthusiastic terms of that pretty town. He makes special mention of the Presbyterian church, styling it a beautiful building, with galleries all around, except the space for pulpit and choir. The pastor, the Rev. R. N. Grant, D.D., is greatly loved by his large congregation. Sabbath, the 4th, was the fourth anniversary of the opening, and the services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Milligan, of Old St. Andrew's church, Toronto. At each service the attendance was about 1,100. This church has an excellent choir under the leadership of Mr. Cooke, and the chief soprano is Mrs. Hunter, Mr. Cooke's sister.

The Port Dover Presbyterian church, after undergoing extensive repairs, was reopened on Sunday, June 18th. Though beautifully situated, this church as to its exterior is plain and unpretentious enough; without, the efforts at beautifying have been expended on the grounds rather than on the building; but within it is really a thing of beauty. The opening services, morning and evening, were conducted by Rev. Dr. Howie. On both occasions large congregations greeted the reverend gentleman. His evening discourse upon "Christ, the Light of the world," called forth many congratulatory remarks, and was proof to all that he had more than ordinary claims to the title of thinker and orator.

The corner stone of a new Presbyterian church in Mitchell was publicly laid on Thursday of last week before a large assemblage of people. Rev. Messrs. Grant, of St. Mary's; McKibbin, of Millbank; Steward, of North Easthope; Henderson, of Atwood, and Corney, Tully and Collings, of Mitchell, were present, as were also Mr. Pridham, M.P., of South Perth, and Hon. Thomas Ballantyne. Hon. Thomas Ballantyne laid the stone, in the cavity of which were deposited coins, the newspapers and a history of the congregation. The building fund was increased by a bequest of \$1,000 made by the late Thomas Mathieson, and \$1,000 subscribed by Mr. Andrew Forester. Mr. Speaker Ballantyne also gave a cheque for \$100.

Wilton Grove Presbyterian Church, Westminster, held its yearly mission feast last week. Forenoon and afternoon the beautiful church was full with a very earnest audience. Excellent missionary addresses were given by the Rev. Messrs. Macdonald, of St. Thomas, Murray, of London, Ballantyne, of Kirkwall, Currie, of Belmont, Currie of Glencoe, and Dr. Moffat, of Toronto. The choir added very much to the interest of the day, as well as some very suitable recitations. Refreshments and social intercourse from twelve till two made it quite a family gathering for old and young. This country congregation gave last year for its own home work \$1,410, and to the schemes of the Church \$1,434. So at the mission feast, no money was needed, not even the orthodox collection. It was a most enjoyable and successful gathering. May many of our country congregations have missionary festivals like that of the Rev. Mr. Savers and his sensible, kindly congregation.

On the evening of Monday, June 12th, a large number of the members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church, South Mountain, gathered at the manse, for the purpose of giving a surprise to their pastor, the Rev. J. F. Macfarlane, B.A., on the eve of his departure to the General Assembly, and for a short but well earned holiday. After some time had been spent in social enjoyment, the pastor was called forward to receive a very appropriate, and affectionate address, read by Mr. Boyd, a student of McGill College, in the name of the congregation. An elegant easy-chair was also presented, as a slight token of the esteem and goodwill entertained for the reverend gentleman by the congregation. Mr. Macfarlane, in fitting terms, acknowledged his acceptance of such a hearty expression of sympathy and confidence, and expressed the hope that the pleasant relationship that he existed between himself and people, might never know change. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing, "God be with you till we meet again," and prayer by the pastor.

The corner stone of the new Presbyterian church, Stirling, was laid on the afternoon of Tuesday, 6th inst., by the Rev. T. W. Jolliffe, Grand Master of the I.O.O.F., Ontario. There was a large attendance of Presbyterians, Odd Fellows and friends. The Grand Master was presented with a silver trowel with which to perform the ceremony; and after an address by Mr. Jolliffe and prayer by Rev. James McFarlane, the stone was declared to be "well and truly laid." Thereafter the people repaired to the Agricultural Hall, where an excellent dinner was served, and suitable speeches were made by Drs. Bell and Bouter and Messrs. Hoyle, King and Grand Master Jolliffe. The building is to be Gothic in architecture. In dimensions 40x60 feet, with a projection on either side, making the extreme breadth 44 feet. The basement, which is of stone, is between 9 and 10 feet high and contains the general room, or Sabbath school and prayer-meeting, one class room, the furnace room and a vestibule, of entrance from the upper floor, by way of the well side entrance. The total receipts of the day, including the concert in the evening, were over \$780, and the net proceeds \$660.

On Monday evening last a large number of the friends of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. McQuarrie, met at the manse, to give them some tangible token of the esteem in which they were held by their many friends in Wingham and vicinity. Mr. John Hanna was called to the chair, and after a few appropriate remarks, introduced Mr. Thos. Lettice, who read an affectionately worded address to Mr. McQuarrie, from which we make a couple of extracts: "As our pastor, we also remember with love and gratitude your deep sympathy and words of comfort ever shown to us in our trials, sorrows and bereavements. We believe you take with you the good wishes, not only of the congregation, but also of the general public. We assure you, our prayers and good wishes will follow you and your esteemed partner in life, and family, wherever your lot is cast." Mr. Wm. Lithgow then handed Mr. McQuarrie a purse containing \$200 in gold.

An address to Mrs. McQuarrie, read by Mrs. Alex. Ross, was also presented, along with two easy chairs. On Tuesday evening a number of young people met at the residence of Mr. Alex. Ross, to show their esteem to Miss McQuarrie. An address, expressive of the "heartfelt esteem" in which she was held by the young people, accompanied by a dressing-case, Bible and purse, was handed Miss McQuarrie, who replied in feeling terms. Mr. McQuarrie and family take up their residence in Toronto.

Last Sunday Rev. A. Simpson celebrated, with Park street congregation, Halifax, the completion of their twenty-fifth year as pastor and people. Rev. P. G. McGregor resigned partly on account of the failure of voice, and partly to devote himself exclusively to the work of Agent of the Church; and Mr. Simpson was called to be his successor in what was then

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