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## Contributors and Correspondents

For the Presbyterian.

### TO MEN IN BUSINESS.

You are very busy trading in this world's business.

Let me put the one question of the greatest importance to you,—Are you trading with Heaven? This is a trade of the most profitable and lucrative kind. There are losses and gains in this trade too; but it is remarkable that the very things which appear present losses turn out gains in the end. On the side of loss you may mark down carnal pleasure, carnal company, the gratification of every lust; and to these you may sometimes add the loss of many worldly good things, such as health, wealth, the esteem of the world, etc. Now can you say that you count all these things loss for Christ? On the side of gain you may mark down union to Christ, the favour of God and communion with Him, the inhabitation of the Holy Spirit, pardon of sin, adoption into God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of Grace, and perseverance in it until you reach Heaven at last. It is easy to see that the side of gain far exceeds that of loss. But it is of great moment to understand the proper way of trading with heaven here.

1st.—You must be made citizens in regeneration.

2nd.—You must learn the rules of the Spiritual trade from the Bible.

3rd.—You must send new orders, by faith and prayer, to heaven every day.

4th.—Your orders must all be made out in Christ's name.

5th.—You must offer no payment except the incense of gratitude and praise.

6th.—When your returns come, note them down in your day-book.

7th.—Show what is sent you to the best advantage in your practice, but don't sell it or give it away for goods of this world.

8th.—Make large demands; they cannot be too large or too frequent.

9th.—Drive no contraband trade on earth.

It is lawful to traffic in the commodities of this world; but beware of giving them that time or attention which belongs to the things of a better.

You think you are, on the whole, gaining in the trade of this world. O, can you say so to your traffic with Heaven? Have you taken any time to balance accounts for eternity? How do matters stand between God and you? You must allow that it will be strange infatuation to study exactness as to your worldly business, and leave all in uncertainty as to your eternal concerns. I have hinted, that from the nature of your employment you are apt to fall into carelessness, formality, and spiritual deadness. Your frequent hurries, your constant intercourse with the world, your increasing acquaintance with persons who may be agreeable enough, but sad hindrances as to religion—above all, the workings of the pride, the vanity, and carnality of the evil heart—will be a daily snare, and ought to be your great burden. Your exercise will go to wreck if you take not some time every morning for reading the word of God and prayer. I doubt not that you keep up the form of religion; but this is a small matter if the heart is not in the work. You are sometimes called to large parties of friends: O, take care of any sinful compliance there which may provoke the Lord to desert you both in the house and shop. It is not easy to go into company and come away with an approving conscience. I desire to exercise a constant jealousy over you and myself too, and to hold you up constantly to Him that is able to keep you from falling. May He always stand at your right hand.

## GENERAL PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

As the papers and speeches of the Council are to be printed your correspondent will confine himself to general remarks.

The city is exceeding itself in the hospitality and welcome given to the delegates. Presbyterianism is evidently at a premium in the city of the Castle and Grey Friars.

The opening sermon was preached by Prof. Flint in the High Church of St. Giles, the old parish church of which John Knox was pastor and where he was like "to ding the pulpit into blade and jump out o' it."

The sermon would suffer by being presented piecemeal. The subject was Christian unity in its comprehensiveness and spirit as distinguished from the religion of humanity and the uniformity of ecclesiasticism. It was a sermon well fitted for an Evangelical Alliance, scarcely Presbyterian enough for any who from that more exclusive point of view would survey the Christian world.

Vigorous, well connected and Evangelical

it was well received even where exception might be taken to special statements.

The afternoon of Tuesday was spent in necessary business, appointing presidents and permanent officers. Each meeting is to be presided over by a different member, and our esteemed Principal of Knox College is one of the honored few.

The evening was occupied by a public reception from the citizens of Edinburgh, the Lord Provost presiding. Singularly enough at this great Presbyterian gathering, and for the first time at least in living memory, the Provost is an Englishman and a Methodist, which fact called for some pleasant banterings during the evening. On dit. The Lord Provost and lady to whom the delegates were individually presented, appeared in court dress, instead of his official uniform as Chief Magistrate of the city, though representing the city; nor was he accompanied by the sword and mace bearers, the halberdiers and city officer. Moreover the city fathers had not received tickets, and therefore some fluttering in the city dove coats appeared, but nothing more.

The address of welcome was given by Lord Balfour of Burleigh, who drew attention to the fact that the council represented over 20,000 congregations scattered over Europe, America and the Colonies. In the address and reply of Dr. Adams of New York, and Dr. Plumer of South Carolina, there was a pardonable amount of mutual admiration, from which element the reply of the Principal of our Queen's College on behalf of the Canadian brethren was free, the remarks being of pleasant recollection, happy associations and practical realization of unity and work.

For an hour before the time of gathering the streets leading to the Academy of Science and Art in which the gathering was held were lined with carriages and thronged with people. The heavens kindly held the proverbial mist in retentis, hence the "dress circle" was not seriously discomfited as in a purely democratic crowd they waited their turn. Inside once gained all was pleasant and gay, and there the council entered into its more serious business, of which a short account in our next.

## LETTER FROM INDIA.

MY DEAR MRS. HARVEY.—Your kind letter we duly received and feel quite encouraged by it. You all seem so much pleased with my letters that I feel quite stimulated by your kind speeches about them, and I thank God for telling me what, and how, to write.

Since writing my last letter I have been able to spend a day visiting among Mahomedan families, and I will now give you an account of our visits. Before doing so, I ought to mention that we have two ladies engaged in this work, Miss Fallon and Miss Malloch, both earnest devoted workers. Miss Malloch has only been about a year at work, but Miss Fallon has been two or three years. She speaks Hindustani beautifully. She was born in India, and knew the language as a child. So that when she returned, a young lady, it came back to her, and in this way the learning of it has been much easier. I often say there is compensation to a missionary to have been born in this country.

Miss Fallon was my companion on the day I refer to. We set off at two p.m. (after having asked God's guidance). In the first house there was one pupil. She reads her own language nicely, and read with us about the man sick of the palsy whose friends let him through the roof of the house in order to bring him near to Jesus. Miss Fallon explained the passage. During the reading, women old and young gathered round us until there was quite a little crowd. We sang to them in Hindustani, "Jewels" and "Here we suffer grief and pain." Next came a lesson in English; and a girl from an adjoining house came to get her lesson too. In this house Miss Fallon has a Sabbath School, to which eight little girls come. Only think of such a thing! little Mahomedan girls coming to learn about Jesus, the true prophet. It is quite wonderful and so very interesting and encouraging. Please remember this school very specially. We next went to a house, and after having mounted three long stairs entered such a clean tidy room which is used as sitting, sleeping, and I suppose, dining room. I might mention here that we never grumble at having to mount stairs. The air is always purer the higher one ascends; consequently our lungs are always refreshed by the ascent. Perhaps you will smile at this remark; but if you had had an experience of the smells of Bombay you would understand why we crave for anything like pure air.

In this house we find mother and daughter waiting our arrival—books and work ready. First comes the Bible lesson; and before we begin, other two women join us. The chapter is the third of John, from 1st to 18th verse. All take part in asking questions and seem much interested. We sing a hymn, "Come to the Saviour." The mother and her friends now begin work, while the daughter has her lesson from Miss Fallon. I begin a conversation with the mother about her

work, and find that this rich yellow satin she is embroidering is part of her daughter's marriage dress. I ask about her intended son-in-law, and she gets quite eloquent about him. I next say, does your daughter love him? she has seen him? To the first question her answer is only a smile, which may be a smile at my asking such a question, or it may mean yes, my daughter loves him. To my second question she says most emphatically, Oh no, she has never seen him, and will not until they are married. To this I smile and say, well, my prayer is that they may love each other and be helpful in leading each other heavenward; and while I say this I earnestly lay the matter before God.

Sometimes when women tell you about their customs, they stop after having done so, and say, now please tell us about your customs, which we gladly do, and in general the simplicity of Christian customs astonishes them. One needs to be careful not to praise our customs; let them speak for themselves; for native women of all kinds resent being told that our customs are better than theirs; besides these customs have a sacredness in their eyes, and we must speak cautiously if we wish to influence them. In the next house we visited, there were so many dirty naughty little children that we could hardly hear our own voices. While Miss Fallon was speaking to the woman, I tried to get the children drawn into a quiet game, in which I was partially successful. My reward was a nod of approval from the mother, who evidently could appreciate quietness.

Such is a brief account of one afternoon's work, very pleasant indeed, but very responsible work too.

You will be interested to hear that I expect before long to have two ladies to assist me. Our two young missionaries are both to be married next week, and both their intended wives are longing to take up Zenana work. The prospect of all this help makes me feel quite rested.

Vitabal was very well and happy the last time I saw her. She sends many salaams to you all, and thanks for the kind interest you take in her.

The weather is getting hot and we are looking forward to going off to the hills for change both of air and work, for our work is to be found everywhere. With united kindest regards to you and the many kind friends we have in Canada; believe me, yours affectionately,

KITTIE STROTHER.

## Our Lady Missionaries in India.

Editor BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.

SIR,—The following testimony respecting the labor and services of our lady missionaries at present in India, will be very gratifying to your readers. It is taken from the Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, presented to the General Assembly in May last.

"The Girls' Orphanage at Futteghur, have been under the management of Miss Fairweather and Miss Rogers, ladies from the Presbyterian Church of Canada, who have been supported by their own society. As their Church has recently established a new mission at Indore, Central India, these ladies have been transferred to it. It is fitting in this separation to express our high appreciation of the labors of these excellent ladies whilst connected with our mission, and our wishes for their success in their new field of labor, and also to thank the friends in Canada for the support given to their missionaries in doing an important work at Futteghur. Four of the girls in the orphanage were received into the Church."

At a late meeting of the Executive Committee of the Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee arrangements were made by which Miss Forester and Miss McGregor would go to Indore in the ensuing fall, under the care of Rev. Dr. A. Brodhead, a missionary of the United States Presbyterian Church, who is returning to India after a visit to the States. Arrangements were also made for employing a missionary among the Sioux Indians in the North-West Territory, making, in the meantime, Fort Ellice the centre of operations. The Committee are looking out for another missionary to China. Yours truly,

T. L.

## Correction.

Editor BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.

DEAR SIR,—In your issue of the 18th inst., you notice the collection of \$180 taken up by our Sabbath School for the sufferers in St. John, as a collection given by the congregation. There was a special collection taken up the same day in the congregation for a different object under direction of the General Assembly; but the collection for St. John was made by the Sabbath School and amounted to the figure mentioned. Our Sabbath School children felt very much gratified at the result of their effort, and I am sure you will be happy to give them the credit of it. Yours very truly,

W. T. McMULLEN, Minister, Knox Ch., Woodstock, Ont., July 16, 1877.

[It affords us much pleasure to make room for the above correction. The gift of \$180.00 by the young people of the Sabbath School of Knox Church, to the St. John sufferers, was an exceedingly creditable thing, and worthy of general imitation. —Ed. B.A.P.]

The Rev. Professor Calderwood has been presented with an address by the public school teachers of Edinburgh, in recognition of his eminent services to the cause of education while chairman of the School Board of the city.

## Presbytery of London.

The quarterly meeting of this Court was held in First Presbyterian Church, London, on 10th July. A call was sustained from Hyde Park congregation to Mr. Alexander Henderson, a probationer of this Church at present on a visit to Scotland. A call from N. E. Nissouri to Mr. Colin Fletcher, promising \$700 with manse, was also sustained and forwarded to Mr. Fletcher. Mr. P. O. Goldie was heard on part of his trial for license. The Presbytery will hear the other discourses and examine him on the last Tuesday of August. Mr. Wells, formerly of New Richmond, N.B., accepted a call from East Williams at a salary of \$700 with manse. The induction was appointed to take place at Richmond Church on 24th July, at 11 a.m., Rev. J. A. Murray to preach, Rev. John Rennie to preside and address the Minister, and Rev. D. F. Sege to address the people. Rev. Mr. McDonald tendered his resignation of the charge of Point Edward on account of failing health. It was agreed to cite parties for their interests.

## Presbytery of Kingston.

The quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held within St. Andrew's Hall, Kingston, on the 10th and 11th days of July. Principal Snodgrass was appointed Moderator for the ensuing year, and in his absence from the country, Mr. Wilson, the retiring Moderator, continued to act. Mr. Turnbull gave notice of motion to have the term of the Moderator's office limited to six months. A request from Mr. Burton for leave of absence was granted. Congregations that did not contribute to the Commissioners' expense fund are to be corresponded with. Mr. Smith, Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee presented a report in regard to the state of matters in the several mission fields within the bounds. A petition from the Presbyterians of West Huntingdon asking to be placed under the care of the Rev. Mr. Gray was granted. Arrangements were made for the disputation of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in all the vacancies and mission stations within the bounds before the first Sabbath in September. Messrs. MacMechan, Young, and Craig were appointed a committee to examine into the state of matters in Bath and associated stations, with a view to ascertain what plan of supply would be best for that district. The induction of the Rev. Finlay McQuig into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Chalmers' Church, Kingston, was appointed to take place on Thursday, the 26th of July, at half past seven p.m., Professor Mowat to preach and preside, Mr. Coulthart to address the minister, and Mr. Wilson the people. Messrs. Robert Brough and William Brough appeared as commissioners from the congregation of Gananoque, to ask permission to sell a certain glebe land, the proceeds to be applied to congregational purposes. The final disposal of the matter was deferred to an adjourned meeting, to be held in Chalmers' Church, Kingston, on the 26th day of July, at three p.m. Mr. Alexander MacGillivray, student of Queen's College, Kingston, appeared, and after examination on all the subjects prescribed, was licensed to preach the Gospel. Rev. A. B. Nicholson, lately a minister of the Presbytery of British Columbia, in connection with the Church of Scotland, was received as a minister, and appointed to labour in Lansdowne, etc., for three months. The Presbytery appointed a Home Mission Committee, with Mr. Smith, of Kingston, as Convener. The list of supplements, etc., was revised. The following minute was adopted in regard to Mr. Leitch. The Presbytery in parting with their brother, Mr. Leitch, feel it due to him to express their hearty appreciation of his indefatigable and abundant labours within the bounds, of his kindly and fraternal demeanour as a co-Presbyter, and his readiness to co-operate in the general work of our wide mission field, and they express their warm wishes and earnest prayers for his comfort and usefulness in his new sphere of duty in the Presbytery of Huron. Mr. Coulthart tendered resignation of the pastoral charge of the congregation of Gananoque. Directions were given to cite the parties concerned to appear for their interests in the matter at the adjourned meeting on the 26th. Sessions were enjoined to produce their records for examination at the next quarterly meeting. The disposal of a claim preferred by the Synod of Toronto and Kingston on behalf of the Manitoba College was deferred to the next meeting. In pursuance of a plan entered on last year, Messrs. MacMechan and Smith, and Professor Mowat were appointed a committee to visit the congregation of Amherst Island in the matter of increased ministerial support. On the report of a committee appointed to examine him, Mr. William J. Smith was recognized as a student for the ministry, and the course of study recommended in his case sanctioned. A motion introduced by Mr. Wilson, on the subject of Sabbath profanation, was adopted. It is as follows: This Presbytery learn with great regret that the Kingston Street Railway Company have commenced to run their cars on the Lord's day, and that excursions by boat on the Sabbath leave the port of this city, and they would earnestly dissuade all under their care from encouraging in any way these forms of Sabbath profanation, and violations of the civil law of Ontario. Notice of motion was given by Mr. Coulthart to have the present plan as to places of meeting discontinued, so that the meetings may be held in other places than the two to which they are now limited.

THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, Pres. Clerk.

## Presbytery of Paris.

The regular quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held in Dumfries Street Church, Paris, on Tuesday, July 8th. There was a large attendance of Ministers and elders. The Rev. Thomas Alexander of Mount Pleasant was elected moderator for the ensuing twelve months. A call from the congregation of Princeton and Drumbo to the Rev. James Little of Hamilton, was laid on the table and sustained. The stipend offered is \$1050. The clerk was instructed to forward the same to Mr. Little. Mr. Grant, from the Committee appointed to confer with Mr. Kellcock in reference to his application to be received as a student for the ministry, gave in a report which was received. The Presbytery also resolved to recommend Mr. Kellcock to the authorities of the college he may desire to attend, and also to send his name to the Home Mission Committee for employment. The Presbytery considered the report of the Committee appointed to meet with St. Andrew's Church, East Oxford. Mr. Hugh Thomson, the pastor, tendered his resignation of said pastoral charge; whereupon it was resolved to cite the congregation to appear for their interests at a next meeting of Presbytery. Mr. McMillan, on behalf of the committee appointed to negotiate the sale of the building, formerly used as the Presbyterian Church in Beachville, reported that the trustees of the public schools had determined to erect a new building, instead of purchasing the church as was proposed. Memorials were read from the trustees of the property in East Ward, Brantford, asking leave of Presbytery to sell said property and divide the proceeds between the two congregations in Brantford; and also from Wellington street, Brantford, asking the assistance of the Presbytery in any way they see fit towards the building of a new church on their present site. Leave was granted to sell the property, and in regard to the assistance asked, the members of the Presbytery having expressed themselves fully in the matter, it was left to the minister and representative elder of the congregation to convey the felling of the court to the congregation. Mr. R. P. Mackay, having delivered his trial pieces to the entire satisfaction of the Presbytery, and having also passed his examination in theology, church history, church government, Hebrew and Greek, and personal religion, was in due form licensed to preach the gospel wherever he may be called. Mr. Grant brought under the notice of Presbytery, the Sabbath desecration at present carried on by the Great Western Railway between London and Port Stanley. The following deliverance was agreed upon: "Having heard that the Great Western Railway have commenced running a Sabbath excursion train between London and Port Stanley, the Presbytery express surprise and regret at such action, deplore the prevalent desecration of the Sabbath by railroad corporations throughout the Province, and appeal to the Christian people to use all legitimate means, through the government and otherwise, for the suppression of this flagrant iniquity."

The Presbytery agreed to hold its next regular meeting in Zion Church, Brantford, on Tuesday, the 25th of September, at 2 p.m.

## Presbytery of Glengarry.

This Presbytery met in St. John's, Cornwall, on Tuesday the 10th inst. The Rev. James S. Mullen was appointed Moderator for the current year. The call from the congregation of Williamstown to the Rev. Kenneth McDonald, of Indian Lands, was disposed of. A memorial from one section of the united congregation of Williamstown signed by 180 members and adherents, opposing Mr. McDonald's settlement, was presented and read. A motion to the effect that this memorial should be dismissed at this stage as irregular, was carried in opposition to another agreeing to receive it as a paper in connection with the call, and a third that it should be sent back in order that it might come up through the session. The Commissioners from Indian Lands were then heard in opposition to the translation, after which Mr. McDonald intimated his declinature of the call. The question was then put "translate" or "not translate," when a majority voted "not translate." Thereafter a petition having 120 signatures attached was laid on the table and read, asking that the union formed last October should be dissolved. A committee of Presbytery was appointed to visit Williamstown on the 31st inst. to inquire into the present condition of affairs, and report to an adjourned meeting of Presbytery to be held in Martintown on the first Tuesday of August. The Rev. Donald Ross resigned the moderatorship of Williamstown session and Rev. Dr. MacNish was appointed in his room. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Ross for the manner in which he had discharged his duties. A memorial from certain residents of the district of Summerstown was laid on the table, in which the Presbytery was asked to erect them into a separate congregation. After considerable discussion the request was granted unanimously. The Rev. D. H. McLennan, W. Ross, W. Grant, Messrs. R. Wilson and George Munro were appointed the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee for the ensuing year. The Rev. D. H. McLennan to be convener and to have a salary of \$40 per annum. Leave was granted to Mr. William Ross, Moderator of the session of Kenyon, to moderate in a call when required. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Martintown, on Tuesday, the 7th day of August, at 2 p.m.

MATTHEW HENRY says:—"A scandalous maintenance makes a scandalous ministry." Another man who has seen "two or three things," says:—"The poverty of the parsonage will develop itself in the pulpit."