

Western Ontario.

Rev. Mr. Wilson, Newbury, has been preaching at Blenheim.

Rev. J. W. Orr, of Mono Mills, has been called to Holstein in Saugeen Presbytery.

Rev. G. C. Patterson, of Embro, has closed a series of successful revival meetings at Bennington.

The Presbyterians of Glanworth, are arranging for an old fashioned tea meeting about the middle of January.

On Sunday the Rev. Dr. Dickson, of Galt, opened the new church at Armow, Ont., and lectured on Monday evening.

The congregation at Ospringe recently celebrated the removal of the debt of the church by a social at which the mortgage was committed to the flames.

Rev. A. E. Neilly, of Horning's Mills, called to Dover, Chatham Presbytery, is unable to enter upon his work there because of the locality being under smallpox quarantine.

On Saturday night, a fortnight ago, the West Flamboro church took fire from a new furnace just lighted, but after a stiff fight the flames were extinguished without serious damage.

The re-opening services of Knox church, Stratford, were held last Sunday, when Rev. Marcus Scott, M. A., of the central church, Detroit, was the preacher morning and evening. He also lectured on Monday evening on "The Struggles and Triumphs of Presbyterianism" to a large and appreciative audience.

The seventh annual anniversary of the Avon-ton church was a decided success both socially and financially. The pulpit on Sunday, the 15th, was occupied by Rev. Mr. Drumm of Thamesville, a former pastor, and the church was filled to overflowing. The proceeds of church services and social amounted to \$138.

Deer Park Church was scarcely adequate to accommodate the large crowd that turned out on the occasion of the annual Christmas entertainment for the Sunday School. The pastor, Rev. D. C. Hossack, presided, and Mr. Scott, the superintendent of the Sunday school had charge of the program. A handsome sum of money was realized, and will be devoted to the purchase of a new library. The interest shown speaks well for Mr. Hossack, who has been with this congregation something less than a year.

The congregation of Chalmers Church, London, tendered a very pleasant reception to Rev. Walter Moffat and his bride upon the occasion of their home-coming. They were presented with a beautiful silver tea and coffee service, suitably inscribed, and a highly complimentary address. The presentation was made by Mrs. J. M. Pirrie and the address was read by Mrs. Milliken. Mr. Michael occupied the chair. On behalf of the Sabbath school, Miss Jessie Duguid also presented Mrs. Moffat with a plant. During the evening refreshments were served.

Knox Church, Burlington, was well filled on the occasion of the induction into the pastorate of Rev. David Anderson, recently of Milverton. A number of the members of Hamilton Presbytery were present. Rev. A. McWilliams, of Hamilton, conducted the ceremony. The induction sermon was preached by Rev. J. Anthony, of Waterdown; following which the Moderator outlined the steps by which the present condition of affairs had been brought about. The charge to the new minister was delivered by Rev. Dr. Lyle, after which Rev. Mr. MacNamara, of Nelson, addressed the congregation on their duties and responsibilities. After the ceremony a social reception was given Mr. and Mrs. Anderson in the school room.

Union Presbyterian services will be held in London during the first week of the New Year, as follows: Jan. 2—St. George's, London Junction; addressed by Rev. W. J. Clark and Rev. Robert Johnston. Jan. 3—Knox Church, South London; addressed by Rev. George Gilmore and Rev. A. J. McGilivray. Jan. 6—King Street Church; addressed by Rev. Walter Moffat and Rev. J. G. Stuart. Jan. 7—Chalmers Church; addressed by Rev. Thomas Wilson and Rev. W. J. Clark. Jan. 8—First Church; addressed by Rev. George Gilmore and Rev. J. G. Stuart. Jan. 9—St. James' Church; addressed by Rev. Robert Johnston and Rev. Walter Moffat. Friday, Jan. 10—St. Andrew's; union communion services; addressed by Rev. Thomas Wilson and Rev. A. J. McGilivray.

Rev. Principal Grant, D. D.

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There are few in Canada, to whom the word that Principal Grant is recovering, even if slowly, from his serious illness, will not be welcome news. The famous head of Queen's university, Kingston, has had a busy and picturesque life. He was busy enough when fighting for the rudiments of education in Nova Scotia; and he could not have been idle in Glasgow University, where he carried off firsts in classics, moral philosophy and chemistry, and took the thirty guineau prize for the best essay on Hindoo literature and philosophy. He must have had plenty of pluck and scientific curiosity, when, before the railway, he crossed the Canadian continent in 1872. It was in the year following that his book, "Ocean to Ocean," made its appearance. His books have shown him a man of large thoughts, full of faith in Canada and the empire. He has been always a leader in great ideas, such as the binding together of the British empire, which, in his view requires, among other instruments, a round-the-world cable, which vents of utterance on British soil.

It is not easy to name off-hand the salient characteristics of any man. Spurgeon has been explained, and accounted for a thousand times, yet somehow the explanations fails to explain. The real personality, the sum total, is always elusive. Spurgeon was Spurgeon, not somebody else; Principal Grant is Principal Grant.

But one or two things may be said about him. No man has manifested a more indomitable perseverance. His versatility of mind is remarkable. He possesses that gift which surely it may be no sin to covet—the gift of a personality that inspires men. I do not recall at this moment the name of any educational leader who is more venerated by those who were formerly his students. Nor is it matter for wonder. Oftener than is known, has he privately, and in the most off-hand delicate manner, as if it were nothing—given a needed lift to some "lad o' pairs" richer in brain than bullion.

Principal Grant is almost equally capable with pen, in pulpit, on platform, or when looking with friendly eyes on a group of students in the classroom. He is what may be called "a bonnie fighter," many a time drinking to the full that *Stern joy which warriors feel*. In for men worthy of their steel.

He is delightful in private intercourse. I remember, on one occasion, in the old-time Saturday Night club, of Toronto, his subject was "Carlyle." The mutual criticisms from that club, though founded on absolute good nature, were expected to be something very opposite from the mere confectionary of agreement, not to speak of flattery. Accordingly some of us made it our business to deride Carlyle, with the view of stirring Principal Grant to his best in reply. He was splendid, holding his own superbly. I think he had a good time in defending his favourite author; so had we all a good time, as was confessed, later, when the friendly fighting was finished for the evening.

Dr. Grant is a believer in providence. I remember one of his public speeches—the subject does not matter—when he electrified his audience by exclaiming, in stirring tones, "Go onward, then, in the spirit of the cry of the old Crusaders—'God wills it!'"

I have referred to Dr. Grant's liking for Carlyle. A few years ago I asked him for his favorite quotation. He gave this, from Carlyle's "Sartor Resartus":

"There is a higher in man than love of happiness; he can do without happiness, and instead thereof find blessedness. Love not pleasure; love God. This is the Everlasting Yea, wherein all contradictions are solved; therein whose walks and works it is well with him."

At the meeting of the Home Mission Committee in March last, it was decided that, hereafter, the spring meeting of the Committee should be held on the second Tuesday of March, at half past nine o'clock in the morning. Lest this may have been overlooked by any of the brethren, their attention is called to it. This year the second Tuesday is the 11th of the month, on which date the Committee will meet in Toronto. The Assembly's Augmentation Committee also meets earlier than usual, and will probably be called for the latter part of the same week as that on which the Home Mission Committee meets.

If the Baroness Burdett-Coutts shall live to witness the coronation of Edward VII. next June it will be the third event of the kind she will have attended.

British and Foreign.

The largest island sea is the Mediterranean, 977,000 square miles.

Austria seeks to checkmate "corners" in grain by penal legislation.

The Salvation Army self-denial week in Australia realised over £24,000.

An electric train has been tested in Germany at a speed of 105 miles an hour.

It is proposed to get a colleague and successor to Rev. J. Young, Greenock.

During 1900 no less than 2,717 deaths in Ireland were attributed to cancer.

The congregation of Johnstone Parish Church will introduce instrumental music.

Rev. Dr. Newman Hall of London, is convalescent after a somewhat serious illness.

Rev. Wm. Main, St. John's Middle Church, Perth, is getting a manse to cost £2000.

A movement is on foot to improve the Town Church of St. Andrews at a cost of £20,000.

Dunoon U. F. Presbytery complain of increased yachting and carriage-hiring on Sundays.

Attempts are being made in various parts of Ireland by the farmers to stop hunting over their lands.

Rev. W. A. Stark, Kirkpatrick-Durham, has been appointed moderator of the Dumfries E. C. Presbytery.

The Marquis of Dufferin and Ava is rapidly recovering from his illness at Clondeboy, county Down.

Minnesota has made wife desertion a felony, and the first conviction under that law was made the other day.

Rev. Dr. Henderson, of the Crief South U. F. Church, has intimated his resignation after 39 years of service.

The death, aged 92, is announced of Mrs. Jane Kidd ("Jeanne Knox"), one of the eldest inhabitants of Doune.

Inverness U. F. Presbytery have protested on the iniquity of allowing the Lovat Scouts to leave Inverness on a Sunday.

Rev. G. H. Morrison, of St. John's Church, Dundee, is one of the leading young ministers of the United Free Church.

A handsome window has been placed in Skel-morlie Established Church in memory of the late Lord and Lady Inverclyde.

Rev. W. S. Peebles, minister of St. Andrew's U. F. Church, Annan, for 13 years, has been presented with a set of silk robes.

The family of the late Rev. Dr. A. K. H. Boyd have presented a font to St. Andrews Parish Church, in memory of their father.

To encourage silk-weaving in England, the Queen will place the orders for her Coronation robes with the Spitalfields weavers.

A Kilmarnock minister one Sunday described drink as "the curse of Scotland." We thought the nine of diamonds held that record!

Rev. Dr. Macgregor, of St. Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh, has again been compelled to winter abroad owing to serious illness.

Since the commencement of the war in South Africa Scotland has sent to the front 15,500 non-commissioned officers and men and 320 officers—total, 15,830.

Dunblane Presbytery says "there is nobody within their bounds who cannot attend church with fair regularity without hindrance from Sunday labour."

Dunoon U. F. Presbytery has sanctioned the union of the two U. F. churches at Inellan, and a retiring allowance of £180 has been granted to Rev. M. Henderson.

The crusade against rats, which are supposed to spread the plague, continues. Within a short period over 78,000 of the pests have been destroyed in the London docks.

Duluth is a peculiar city. Its population is about 70,000, yet the length of the incorporated town along the lake front is 28 miles. Its width ranges from one to two miles.

Again in Toronto the Salvation Army has exhibited practical Christianity. The feeding of 800 or 1000 poor people at the Pavilion last Saturday night was calculated to do more in winning people to the cause the Army advocates than weeks and months of preaching. The Army acts on the principle, that faith without works is dead, and while they observe the former, they do not forget the latter.