

Foreign Missions.

Contributions.

Manitoba.	
Church, Minnedosa.....	\$8 50
Ontario.	
Church, Bowmanville.....	85 00
Collingwood.....	10 00
Erin Centro.....	47 07
Welland.....	3 00
Erin Village.....	14 00
Owen Sound.....	10 00
London.....	21 00
W. Lorne and Rodney.	6 03
Mimosa (2).....	2 00
C. W. B. M., Bowmanville	17 00
Y. P. S. C. E., Wainfleet.....	1 10
A Brother, Aurora.....	0 25
A Sister, Aurora.....	0 25
A Visiting Sister, Warton	10 00
Brethren in Goderich	1 50
Mrs. M. L. Frick.....	2 00

Pastors Should Work for Missions.

Pastors who do not push the missionary cause in their church make a great mistake, both for the cause of God and for themselves. We know of a case where a considerable reduction in the contributions to a minister's salary was directly due to a neglect of the missionary collections.

The following instance from the *Missionary Bulletin* is exactly in the same line, and both illustrate the words, "There is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty." We were informed the other day of a man who succeeded a faithful pastor in a certain field of labor. The ex-pastor had received a salary of \$700, and raised a goodly sum of money for the general and local interests of the church, and had the satisfaction of seeing his church harmonious and prosperous. His successor told the people he did not believe in missions; they had enough to do to take care of their local interests, and could not afford to send money away. The result was that he got less than half as much salary as the former pastor, the church was divided, all the interests began to flag, and in less than a year everything was going wrong.

The minister who puts himself into opposition to the genius and spirit of the Gospel will dry up every fountain of benevolence and activity in the church, and overthrow the foundations upon which the hope of the church must be built. Activity is the work of the Gospel—generous provision for its success, a spirit of liberality towards its operations—is essentially necessary to the success of the ministry.—*Dap-tist Missionary Magazine.*

What a Hindu Convert Endures.

It is a bright sign of progress when a Hindu paper says of a recent convert to Christianity, "The Hindu community must not look on him as an alien and persecute him. He has thought for himself and prefers the Christian religion. It is a matter of choice." Such toleration was once inconceivable in India; and it is rarely seen even now. A very trying sort of opposition which many converts must encounter, and for which we can only honor those from whom it comes, is vividly described by a young Hindu in an account of his experience published in the *Missionary Herald*—

"I fear I cannot convey to you any idea of what my mourning mother is doing. She scarcely eats at all. During these five or six days my sister has been reduced to almost a skeleton. Whenever I think of, or look at her, my heart nearly breaks. When I think they are suffering so much mental agony for me, I pray to God, and find consolation in the thought that God and truth are the cause of this lamentation. Last evening I went to bed

after prayer. In a little while my sister called me to have my supper. I was introduced to a scene which must remain indelibly impressed on my memory as long as I live. My mother was lying prostrated on a bed overwhelmed with grief. Now and then she was sighing. Beside me was my older brother, weeping like a tender-hearted woman. He wept, and wept, and wept till I could no longer bear to remain there. When I was about to leave, my brother told me to remain for a little. Then he described the piteous condition of our family, and he pleaded, 'My dear brother, I have done much to give you an education, scanty though it is; I will do more if you will retain caste. I am willing to sell the little patrimony (on which the subsistence of our family depends) to provide for your expenses required to prosecute your studies. Take now as large a sum of money as is required, but grant me only this petition, preserve the life of our mother, who will certainly pine away to death in your absence. Worship whom you will, but retain caste.' I could bear these things no longer, so, beseeching them to take food, I retired to pray. When I asked my Lord whether I should do what my friends tell me, a clear 'No' came, accompanied by the tender command, 'Follow me.' I clearly see that dear and affectionate friends on earth must be forsaken, if necessary, in order that one may be 'rich towards God.' But this is a truth very difficult to act out. I do not fear either kind of persecution. If the whole world stands against me I am ready to be crushed for him who died for us while we were sinners. Lord, I am thine for evermore."

Dr. Pentecost says: "I have seen this sight since I came to India:—The son of a sweep (the lowest and most despised caste), educated and passed his M.A. degree, presiding over a collegiate institution in which the sons of highest caste Brahmins are sitting at his feet as pupils. When it is remembered that a few years ago for the shadow of a sweeper to fall across the pathway of a Brahmin was to defile him, this example (one of the many that I could relate) will give you some idea of what the Lord is doing in this land. Here are the mighty victories of the Lord being won."

Obituaries.

McKee.—Margaret McKee was born in the Township of Garafraxa, and died in the village of Alton, April 17th, 1892, in the forty-eighth year of her age. She was an intelligent and devoted woman. She believed in Jesus Christ with all her heart and found him a constant companion, comforter and friend, until she departed to be with him for ever. She was confined to her bed for about four months before her death; during all that time she rested calmly and hopefully on the promises of the Gospel. From the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. M. McLellan, in Alton, the remains were conveyed to her old home where her brother William now resides. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Mr. Madill, Congregational minister of Alton. G. M.

Stewart.—At his home in Eramosa, on the 12th of April, 1892, Jno. Stewart, aged forty-two years.


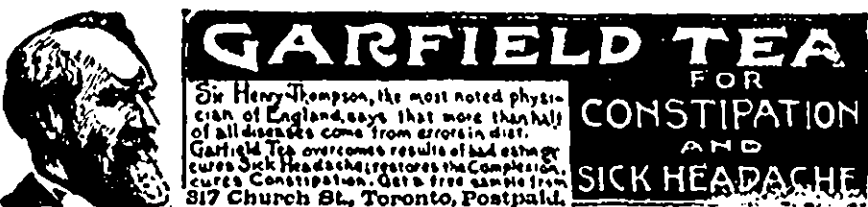
Bro. Stewart was one of the trustees of the church here, and in his death the church has lost one of its warmest supporters. He was one of the few men that seem to be needed in a community. His death was precious in the sight of the Lord, for it was a triumph

of faith. We sorrow, but not as those who have no hope. He leaves five brothers (Bro. D. H. of Blenheim is one of them), two sisters, his wife and three small children to mourn his loss. At the funeral, which was one of the largest ever witnessed in Eramosa, Mr. Freeman, Baptist minister of Guelph, the Ed. of THE CANADIAN EVANGELIST and the writer took part. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. P. B.

Thomson.—At his residence, lot 22, 3rd con., Erin, on Tuesday, 19th ult., Archibald Thomson, aged seventy-five years, three months and twenty-four days.

Mr. Thomson was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, Dec. 26, 1816, and came to this country in 1832 with his father. They were among the first settlers in the township of Erin, then an almost unbroken wilderness. In 1814 he married Mary, daughter of Alexander McKinnon, 4th line, who survives him, and settled on lot 22, 3rd concession, Erin, upon which he resided continuously since. He was a typical township of Erin farmer and an honorable, just and respected member of the community. By his careful and intelligent management of his business he amassed a considerable competence. He leaves eight sons and two daughters. Alexander, farmer, Erin; Peter M., also a farmer in Erin; Daniel K., publisher, Chicago, Ill.; Archibald E., who is engaged lumbering at Saginaw, Mich.; Margaret, Mrs. Peter Stewart, Eramosa; Benjamin, who is in the poultry business at Mansfield Valley, Pa.; Joseph, farmer; Catharine Ann; John, engaged in the jewelry business at Grand Rapids, Mich., and Robert, who manages the home farm. Mr. Thomson was a member of the Erin Centre Disciple church. The funeral will take place to-morrow at two o'clock.—*Hills-bury Banner, April 19.*

Bro. Thomson was one of the early Disciples in the old Erin church, and of him it may be written, "Faithful unto death." He understood and loved the truth, and his delight was in the law of the Lord. He was one of those who have learned to apply the Scripture as "a rule to their own practice." He was generous in the use of his means for that which he believed would further the cause of Christ. He was a faithful husband and a tender father, a kind neighbor and a good citizen. For a number of years his health was not good. Some six years ago in company with his wife he paid a visit to his native land. He derived considerable benefit from the voyage and the visit. A partial failure of the sense of hearing annoyed him a good deal; it interfered with the full enjoyment of the society of his family and friends, and made it impossible for him to fully participate in the services of the Lord's house on the Lord's day. But he did not make his infirmity an excuse for remaining away from the meetings of the church as the manner of some is. He could commemorate his Saviour in the breaking of bread, if he could not hear the sermon, while his presence helped the preacher to speak to those whose hearing was not impaired. His last illness was short and severe. On Wednesday, April 13, he was cheerily boiling sap in the sugar bush; on Tuesday, the 19th, at seven o'clock in the morning he passed over the river. Three of his sons who were hastening home hoping to see their father alive were sadly disappointed; one of them arrived about one-half hour after all was over, the other two a few hours later. A very large number of old neighbors and friends attended the funeral. The writer addressed the congregation in the old Fifth Line meeting-house, and Bro. S. Woolner and Bro. P. Baker assisted in the service. G. M.

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