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## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. J. Waddell Black, minister without  
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WE regret to learn that Mrs. Peter Johnson,  
mother of Rev. D. C. Johnson, of Knox Church,  
Beaverton, died at Crinan, Elgin Co., Ont., on the  
12th inst.

THE Presbytery of Rock Lake, at a meeting held  
at Crystal City on the 8th inst., licensed and or-  
dained Mr. D. D. MacKay, B.A., as missionary at  
Crystal City. The Presbytery at the same meeting  
sustained a call from Boissevain to Rev. Peter  
Fisher.

THE commencement exercises of the Brantford  
Ladies' College began last week with class day  
in the afternoon and an elocutionary recital in  
Wycliffe Hall in the evening. A very large and  
fashionable audience was present and thoroughly en-  
joyed the entertainment. The thorough work of  
Miss Gertrude Hart as teacher of elocution was  
proven by the very creditable efforts of her pupils,  
while the instrumental and vocal portion of the pro-  
gramme was well sustained.

THE anniversary services of St. Andrew's Church,  
Markham, were conducted by the Rev. Principal  
Caven, D.D., on Sabbath, June 7. The sermons  
were of a high order, rich in thought, and very  
impressive. His great aim is to instruct his hearers  
with the great truths and doctrines of God's Word,  
and thus prepare them for heaven. The services  
were greatly appreciated by the large congregations  
assembled to hear him and his visit will not be for-  
gotten. The collections, which were liberal, are to  
be given to the cause of missions.

MR. and Mrs. James Watt, Sunny Acres, last  
week entertained the young people of Chalmers'  
Church, Guelph, in an "At Home." There was  
a large number of the young folks present, including  
quite a few of the older members of the congrega-  
tion. A very pleasant evening was spent in social  
conversation and indulging in all the popular games  
and amusements provided on such occasions. All  
went home more than satisfied with the courtesy  
extended to them by the host and hostess. During  
the evening a telegram was read from Dr. Ward-  
rope, pastor of the church, then in Kingston moder-  
ating over the General Assembly of the Presbyterian  
Church, sending them greetings and expressing the  
wish that all would spend a pleasant time and enjoy  
themselves. This thoughtfulness of the Rev. Dr.  
in remembering and entering into sympathy with  
the young people of his congregation in their social  
amusements, while other and weightier matters were  
on his shoulders, was appreciated with a satisfaction  
which cannot be described beyond that it forged  
another link which bound them together.

AN interesting meeting was held recently in St.  
Andrew's Church, London. Four classical num-  
bers were played on St. Andrew's Church organ  
Tuesday night by Mr. C. Wheeler in a manner  
which reflected the highest credit on that gentle-  
man's ability. A spirited quartette, "Behold the  
Fields are white," was sung by Misses Gilmour and  
Boon and Messrs. Marr and Mason. Rev. J. A.  
Murray occupied the chair, and in a brief speech  
introduced the Rev. A. B. Winchester, of Berlin, a  
returned missionary from China. Mr. Winches-  
ter gave an account of his labours in "Far  
Cathay" with a clearness and unaffected natural-  
ness that was most pleasing. He referred to the  
opium trade and the shameful part England plays  
in the traffic, and described in realistic language  
the fearful and deplorable wreck this drug makes  
on some of the noblest specimens of Chinese  
humanity. What China needs to-day is the Gospel  
and a prohibitory opium law. In closing his  
address, Mr. Winchester urged his hearers to  
greater individual effort in the cause of missions in  
a way that certainly should not fail of results.  
Mrs. A. E. Copper sang a solo, "Who Will Send  
Or Go," in her own inimitable style.

THE corner-stone of Old Cooke's Church, corner  
Mutual and Queen Streets, was removed from its  
place last week and in the centre of it was found a  
large glass bottle. A meeting was held at Mr.  
James Allison's place of business, Yonge Street, at  
which the following gentlemen were present: Rev.  
Wm. Patterson, P. G. Close (Chairman), Thos.  
Kinneir, A. G. Booth, N. McSheag, W. B. Saun-  
ders, W. Anderson, Samuel Wallace, W. F. Brit-  
ton, John Rennie, T. A. Lytle, R. Pollock, A. E.  
Young, R. Wilson, John Rogers, Robert Bradford,  
Hugh Millar, J. P. Wm. Tafts, Wm. Eagle, R. C.  
McConnell, Wm. Corbitt and A. E. Sexsmith.  
In the bottle was found a parchment recording the lay-  
ing of the corner-stone ceremony, and upon which  
was written the names of John Greenless, Nath-  
aniel Gratchell, Thompson McCleary, John Carr,  
Hugh Millar, Arbuckle Jardine, James Rusk, Chris-  
topher S. Patterson (now judge of the Supreme  
Court at Ottawa), Thos. Salter, James Farrell,  
Samuel McLean, Andrew Riddell, Elijah Robin-  
son and W. R. Orr. A daily and weekly *Globe*  
with a pictorial supplement for January, 1857, and  
the other Toronto papers then in existence, together  
with one cent, one penny, sixpence and a shilling  
piece, were found in the jar, which is to have another  
long seclusion in the corner-stone of the new build-  
ing.

THE late John Crerar, of Chicago, made the fol-  
lowing disposition in his will, which relatives in  
Ontario are now contesting: Second Presbyterian  
Church of Chicago, \$100,000; mission schools of  
same church, \$100,000; Scotch Presbyterian  
Church of New York, \$25,000; Chicago orphan  
asylum, \$50,000; Chicago nursery and half orphan  
asylum, \$50,000; Chicago Historical Society, \$50,-  
000; Chicago Presbyterian Hospital, in west divi-  
sion, \$25,000; St. Luke's Free Hospital, \$25,000;  
Chicago Bible Society, \$25,000; American Sun-  
day School Union of Philadelphia, for western  
work, \$50,000; Chicago Relief and Aid Society,  
\$50,000; St. Andrew's Society of New York,  
\$10,000; St. Andrew's Society of Chicago, \$10,-

000; Illinois Training School for Nurses, \$50,000;  
Chicago Literary Club, \$10,000; Chicago Manual  
Training School, \$50,000; Presbyterian League of  
Chicago, \$50,000; Old People's Home, \$50,000-  
Chicago Home for the Friendless, \$50,000; Nor-  
man Williams and H. W. Jackson, \$100,000, for  
the erection of a statue of Abraham Lincoln;  
Greenwood Cemetery Association, \$1,000; Young  
Men's Christian Association, \$50,000.

A CONTEMPORARY says: The Presbyterian  
Church anniversary at Ashburn passed off with un-  
usual success. There was a large attendance with  
good collections. Rev. Mr. Kippen preached two  
excellent sermons, brimful of exhortation and ad-  
vice. Rev. Mr. Bedford preached directly from his  
heart an excellent sermon to the children, not for-  
getting to give the parents some wise counsel. Mon-  
day evening a large crowd assembled, and having  
done ample justice to a delicious tea (the Ashburn  
ladies are unsurpassed in this line), retired to the  
church where an intellectual feast awaited them.  
The Rev. Mr. Hunter's lecture, it is safe to say,  
was worth the whole admission fee. Wit and hu-  
mour, interspersed with sound advice, made up a  
lecture which if it were delivered again in Ashburn  
would be sure to draw a full house. The Myrtle  
choir surpassed itself, rendering some choice selec-  
tions of sacred music in the best style. We were  
glad to see so many of the Myrtle people turn out  
to these services, and hope the Ashburn people will  
see their way clear to return the compliment. A  
second social was held the following evening. Since  
the induction of Rev. R. B. Smith, cheering pro-  
gress has been made both at Ashburn and at  
Utica.

THE Ottawa Free Press says: A large audience  
assembled in the Presbyterian church in Vernon  
on Tuesday afternoon, the 2nd inst., to witness the  
induction and to welcome the Rev. J. M. Good-  
willie to the pastorate of the Osgoode and Ken-  
more Churches. A goodly number of members  
and adherents of other denominations were pres-  
ent. The ministers present were Dr. Armstrong,  
Revs. Campbell, Stewart, Findlay, Christie and  
McQuarrie (Baptist). Dr. Armstrong, according  
to appointment, preached. In the sermon he put  
forth in an able and impressive manner the prin-  
ciples of Presbyterianism. The usual questions  
were satisfactorily answered by the minister to the  
Presbytery, and the pastor elect was welcomed as a  
new member of the Ottawa Presbytery. Rev. R.  
Stewart then addressed words of encouragement to  
the pastor, and Rev. Mr. Findlay words of counsel  
to the people to forget the things of the past and  
to press on to greater possibilities in the things of  
the future. Mr. Goodwillie then took his position  
at the door and the people welcomed him by a  
general hand-shaking. Seats were again taken  
in the church. A sumptuous tea was provided by  
the ladies and the young men served it in an oblig-  
ing manner. The united congregations are fortun-  
ate in the happy and speedy settlement of a minis-  
ter, and wish for Mr. and Mrs. Goodwillie a happy  
and prosperous sojourn amongst them.

ON Monday, June 1, within the vestry of St.  
John's Presbyterian Church, Medicine Hat, the  
Presbytery of Calgary met and was constituted.  
Present, the Rev. Messrs. R. A. Munro, Pine  
Creek, Moderator; J. C. Herdman, Calgary;  
Chas. McKillop, Lethbridge. The principal busi-  
ness before the Presbytery was the examination of  
Messrs. Charles Stephen and James Buchanan.  
The examination, which lasted for several hours,  
was considered highly satisfactory in both cases.  
In the evening the Presbytery again met for the  
ordination and induction of Rev. Charles Stephen  
to the congregation of St. John's Church, Medi-  
cine Hat, and for the ordination of the Rev. James  
Buchanan as missionary to the Red Deer District.  
The Moderator preached from Matthew xxii. 1:  
"All things are ready! Come." Thereafter the  
usual questions were put to the candidates for  
ordination, and satisfactorily answered. The Rev.  
Mr. McKillop addressed the newly ordained minis-  
ters, and Rev. Mr. Herdman addressed the con-  
gregation. A reception to Rev. Mr. Stephen by  
the members of the congregation was held in the  
Reading Room on Tuesday evening. There was a  
fair attendance and a very pleasant evening was  
spent. An impromptu programme of addresses  
from Rev. Messrs. Buchanan and McKillop and  
Mr. T. Tweed, and vocal and instrumental music  
was appreciatively received. The ladies furnished  
refreshments consisting of ice cream, lemonade and  
cake. In calling Mr. Stephen to the pastorate of  
this church the congregation have secured the  
services of an earnest, clever, scholarly gentleman,  
and one who, during the two months he has laboured  
at Medicine Hat, has proved himself to be a  
very earnest worker.

THE Sherbrooke Examiner says: There was a  
large gathering in St. Andrew's Church in this city  
on Tuesday evening, the 26th May, on the occasion  
of the induction of the Rev. William Shearer to  
the pastoral charge of the congregation. The Rev.  
John McLeod of Richmond, Moderator of the Ses-  
sion presided. The sermon was preached by the  
Rev. W. Smith of Danville, and the Rev. J.  
McLeod of Kingsbury addressed the minister, and  
the Rev. J. Ferguson addressed the people. Dur-  
ing the evening the ordination of the Rev. I.  
Robertson as a missionary added interest to the  
services. The lecture hall of St. Andrew's Church  
was well filled by the members of that congrega-  
tion and a few friends and pastors from the other  
churches to meet and welcome their newly arrived  
pastor and wife, Rev. Wm. Shearer late of More-  
wood, Ont. An appetizing supper was served by  
the ladies to all, after which Mr. James David-  
son called the meeting to order and introduced  
Rev. Dr. Barnes and Rev. A. Burwash in turn who  
spoke words of welcome to Mr. Shearer and family,  
and congratulated the people on his coming among  
them. The Rev. Mr. Shearer appreciated the  
kindly feeling and words of welcome. He detailed  
at some length his call to the ministry, giving a  
history of his different fields of labour from the  
time he was chosen as a missionary to Pekin,  
China, by the American Board of Missions, to his  
acceptance of the call to this city. A very pleasant

evening was spent until about half past ten when  
the chairman asked the audience to sing the  
doxology and the benediction was pronounced by  
Rev. Mr. Burwash.

ON Friday evening the Assembly Hall of the  
Church of the Redeemer was filled by an appreci-  
ative audience to witness the closing exercises of the  
Toronto Presbyterian Ladies' College. On the  
platform were seated Dr. Macintyre, the principal,  
who presided, Rev. John Stenhouse, M.A., B.Sc.,  
Science master, John McGowan, B.A., W. F. Sey-  
mour, B.A., Mr. Edward Fisher, Prof. Dinelli,  
Rev. Sep'timus Jones, M.A. and the Hon. G. W.  
Ross, Minister of Education. The musical part of  
the programme was executed with marked credit to  
the students and to the teachers of the conservatory  
with which the College is connected. A large  
number of prizes and honour certificates were pre-  
sented, and the following ladies received the  
diploma of the College: Miss Mary Brodie, Beth-  
esda, Miss Belle Marquis, St. Catharines, and Miss  
Mabel Houlston, Three Rivers, Que. The Hon.  
Mr. Ross, after presenting the diplomas, took the  
opportunity of giving a brief but effective address.  
He spoke of the very important and indispensable  
place occupied by such colleges in our well-rounded  
system of education. He was gratified to find the  
wide range and thorough courses of studies pursued  
by the young ladies of this new institution, and he  
had no doubt the time would soon come when very  
valuable work would be done in affiliation with our  
university system. A very noticeable feature of the  
College work was to be seen in the art exhibits,  
which called forth from the visitors present many  
favourable criticisms of the high order of the work  
done by the young ladies under the able instruction  
of T. Mower-Martin, R.C.A. Dr. Macintyre is to be  
congratulated on the success that has attended his  
efforts during the past year, and on the assured  
success for the next session. The institution has  
already made for itself a name which places it in  
the front rank of similar institutions and from the  
educational facilities which Toronto affords there is  
everything to indicate that it is to make a marked  
impression on the higher education of the women of  
our country. In another column will be found the  
announcement for the next session, opening on the  
3rd of September.

A GOODLY number of people congregated at  
West Toronto last week to witness the ceremony of  
laying the corner-stone of the new church there.  
On the platform were seated the following minis-  
ters from the city and elsewhere: Revs. William  
Burns, Alexander McGillivray, William Patterson,  
John Mutch, John Neil, John Scott, James Mc-  
Donald and J. A. Turnbull, Rev. Mr. Hogg, of  
Winnipeg, and the local ministers. An opening  
hymn was followed by Scripture reading and  
prayer, when the ceremony of laying the stone  
was performed by William Mortimer Clark, Q.C.  
The trowel, which was a beautifully chased silver  
one, bore the following inscription: "Presented to  
Mr. William Mortimer Clark, Q.C., on the occa-  
sion of his laying the corner-stone of the Presbyter-  
ian Church, Toronto Junction, June 20, 1891," and  
was presented by Mr. R. L. McCormack, chair-  
man of the Board of Managers. As usual on such  
occasions, copies of the Toronto daily papers, the  
local and denominational papers, current coin and  
a brief history of the Church, was placed in a cavity  
in the stone. The record was prepared and read by  
the secretary of the Board, Dr. Reid, and showed  
the marvellous growth of Presbyterianism during  
the comparatively short time the Church has been  
established here. The following are a few facts in  
connection therewith. In 1884 the first prayer-  
meeting was held, when only four persons were  
present. Nothing dismayed, regular services were  
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