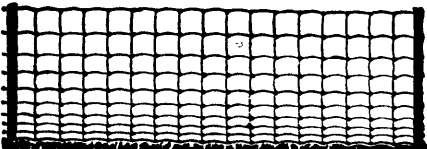




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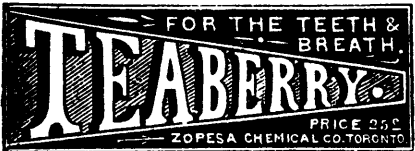
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Ministers and Churches.

Rev. D. McDonald, of Dundee, and formerly of Carleton Place is laid up at present with a lame leg, the result of a fall in January last.

Rev. Mr. Pringle, late of Port Arthur, preached in Westminster church, Winnipeg, on Sunday, en route to St. Paul, to take a position in Macalester college.

Rev. Charles Chiniquy, whose residence at St. Anne's Ills., was recently destroyed by fire has returned to Montreal and has decided to spend his last days in Canada.

The Rev. Dr. Campbell, of St. Gabriel Church, Montreal, Moderator of the Presbyterian, preached in the Second Presbyterian Church, Huntingdon, last Sunday at both services when two scholarly sermons were delivered.

Rev. Dr. King, of Winnipeg, conducted the services in Knox church, Portage la Prairie, last Sunday in the absence of Rev. Mr. Wright, and delivered able discourses at both morning and evening services. During his stay in Portage the Dr. was the guest of Mr. W. W. Miller.

The Presbyterian congregation of Wintbourne re-assembled in their church with a pardonable degree of pride, the occasion being the reopening of the edifice after being closed for some time to allow of its being renovated and improved. The Rev. E. H. Sawers preached morning and evening to large congregations.

The popular pastor of St. Andrew's church, Ottawa, entertained the young men of his congregation on Thursday evening at the manse. A large number of young men were present and a most enjoyable evening was spent. During the evening songs were sung by Messrs. Beddoe, Chrysler, Johnston and Lawson.

The resignation of Rev. John Gray, who has been called by the leading Presbyterian Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan, was accepted at a recent meeting of the Chatham Presbytery. Dr. Battisby was appointed to preach the pulpit vacant on the 23rd inst., and Rev. W. M. Fleming was appointed Moderator pro tem of the session.

Rev. John Mackie, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, preached most acceptable sermons in St. Andrew's church Belleville, last Sabbath, on the death of George Maclean, the late son of the pastor, Rev. M. W. Maclean. The rev. gentleman took his morning text from St. John 11, xv: "Jesus wept," and the last clause of 11, 43rd verse: "Lazarus, come forth."

The Lindsay Post says Rev. R. N. Grant's lecture on Monday night on the subject, "Misplaced Man" was one of the most practical, interesting and instructive discourses ever listened to by a Lindsay audience, and it is cause for satisfaction that so many were enabled to hear it, as it cannot fail to accomplish much good. Especially should the speaker's remarks relative to a boy's choice of trade or profession have weight with parents.

Rev. Dr. McKay, of Woodstock, has received a letter dated Feb. 14th from Dr. G. L. McKay, of Formosa, China. Mr. and Mrs. Gould are fairly settled, and are working hard and very successfully studying the language. The doctor intends leaving Formosa to visit Canada sometime between June and October of this year. His wife and family will accompany him. He says "We never had so much snow on the mountains."

Bank Street Presbyterian church, Ottawa, was largely attended, on the occasion of the 27th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. Dr. Moore to the pastorate. At the evening service the sacrament was administered, when Rev. Dr. Moore referred to the harmonious feelings which had existed between himself and his people during the past twenty-seven years. He stated that his first sermon as their pastor had been from the words, "Brethren, pray for us," and well he knew that since that time had the apostolic injunction as applied to himself and his congregation been fervently observed. This had resulted in spiritual profit, the welfare of the church and a blessed spirit of unity between pastor and people. He expressed a hope that the coming years might be still richer in divine gifts.

The new church building at Prescott, with its complete outfit of sheds, bell, and manse is worth more than a passing notice. Its two memorial windows constructed in the town and entire fittings are equal in finish and taste to anything we have in the queen city of the west. The Rev. Jno. Burton, of Toronto, occupied the pulpit on the second Sunday of the opening services, and addressed the school in the afternoon as they entered upon their enjoyment of the bright and airy room. During Mr. Burton's pastorate in Prescott Dr. R. Boyd was living, and at the morning service he made feeling reference to the manly, truthful, sympathetic character of that pioneer of Presbyterianism in the Canadian field. Dr. Boyd divided with Mr. W. Smart in

those early days a mission field which reached from Cornwall to Kingston, and the present generation need to keep the memory green of those faithful workers. They laboured, we enter upon their labours. The present pastor, Mr. Stuart, is justly held in high esteem, and is to be congratulated upon the happy surroundings of his work to-day. It was also a pleasant sight to see so many not only old friends, but children now grown up to man and womanhood, crowd around their former pastor as the several services of the day closed; twenty years' absence seemed only to have deepened the pleasantness of the memories. Prescott as a town is not among those that boast of being full of life, but there is no more pleasantly situated and united congregation connected with our church to-day than that which holds Rev. James Stuart as pastor.

The newly erected Presbyterian church in Prescott was formally opened on Sabbath 26th, ult. by Rev. Dr. Caven, Principal of Knox College, Toronto. The beautiful edifice was crowded to the doors. The church, which replaces the one destroyed by fire last year, is of composite architecture, handsomely furnished in antique oak, beautifully frescoed, and altogether a modern place of worship. At the opening service in the morning the platform was occupied by Dr. Caven, Rev. Mr. Hughes, of the local Methodist church, and the pastor, Rev. James Stuart, who opened the service with prayer, after which the hundredth Psalm was sung by a fine choir of 22, the congregation joining heartily. For the dedication sermon Dr. Caven took as his text Psalm lxxxiv, 10: "For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in tents of wickedness." The rev. doctor's discourse was most interesting and scholarly, and was listened to by the large number present with rapt attention. The service in the afternoon was conducted by Rev. Dr. Miller, of Odgensburg, he having been at the opening of the old church (lately destroyed) over 40 years ago. Dr. Miller was accompanied from the neighboring town across the border by a large number of his congregation, the church being again crowded. In the evening Dr. Caven was present and addressed a large congregation. The magnificent organ, presented to the church by Mr. J. P. Wiser, was ably presided over by Miss Clara Dowsley. The plates used for collection are the gift of Mrs. John Dowsley, and are of solid silver, as is also the christening bowl presented by Mrs. I. D. Purkis. The three beautiful platform chairs are from Mrs. M. Dowsley, while the sweet toned bell was contributed by Mrs. J. S. Corbin. The contributions of the day go towards the building fund of the church and were large. The social in connection with the opening on Monday evening was a successful and enjoyable affair. After prayer by Dr. Kellock of Spencerville, the chairman, Rev. Mr. Stuart thanked the friends for their presence and for their kind sympathy with the congregation when in trouble, and expressed the hope that the good feeling would continue. The solos of Mrs. W. G. Robinson, Miss Riekey and Mr. Haultain were exceedingly fine and the Quartettes by Rev. Mr. and Mrs. McArthur, Miss Mcpherson and Mr. Haultain of Cardinal were duly appreciated; the accompaniments being played on the beautiful organ by Mrs. Hillyard and Miss Minnie Dowsley. The instrumental solo by Miss Dame the organist of St. John's Church, brought out the fine tones of the new instrument and delighted the large audience. The speeches by Rev. Messrs. Hughes, McArthur and Kellock were short, witty and instructive; and all were pleased with the remarks of Mr. John Gill of Brockville.

The Presbytery of Saugeen met in Palmerston on 14th March. The Moderator's term of office having expired, Mr. Cameron, of Harriston, was appointed Moderator for the next six months and took the chair. The clerk read a letter from the Rev. Jas. Cameron, B.D., declining the call to Fordich and Gorrie. The treasurer of Presbytery was requested to issue a printed report annually of moneys received and disbursed. The usual grant was asked for Cedarville and Esplin. Mr. Stewart presented the Sabbath School report which was received and adopted. Mr. Cameron gave in the report on Temperance, recommending that the people be advised to vote for candidates for parliament who are in favour of immediate prohibition; also that the people be urged to select men who will put prohibition above every other question at present in parliament. The report was received and adopted. Mr. Ramsay gave in the report on Systematic Benevolence, recommending that congregations collect money for congregational purposes, not by socials, bazars and the like, but by the system of weekly offerings; and to organize themselves thoroughly for the purpose of gathering money for the schemes of the church; that those who have the oversight of the young be exhorted to make every effort to stir up in them an interest in the work of the church, to impress upon them the teachings of the Scriptures with reference to giving, and to lead them to give money of their own

to missions. As Dr. Meikle could not always be present at the meetings of Presbytery it was thought best to relieve him of the office of treasurer. Mr. Ramsay was for the above reason appointed in his place. The Presbytery tendered Dr. Meikle a hearty vote of thanks for his very efficient services as treasurer for the past three years. The Rev. D. M. Gordon, of Halifax, was nominated as Moderator of General Assembly. The following were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly. Ministers, Messrs. Morison, McVicar and Ramsay; Elders, Messrs. Wm. Young, of Durham, Thomas Martin, of Mount Forest, and D. Hamilton, of Harriston. Mr. Gallagher was continued for another three months in the mission field of Mildmay, Ayton and East Normanby. Mr. Stewart tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of Belmore and McIntosh to the surprise and regret of every member of Presbytery. The Presbytery agreed to meet in Knox Church, Harriston, on 11th April, at 10 a. m., to dispose of said resignation. S. YOUNG, Clerk.

The presbytery of Minnedosa met in this place on Tuesday evening, the 7th inst. There was a good attendance of members. The minutes of previous meetings were read and approved and Mr. J. E. Munroe was appointed moderator for the ensuing six months. An extract minute from the records of Rosedale session was received and read expressing appreciation of Mr. T. U. Richmond's services. An application to the church and manse building board for a grant of \$125 to aid in the erection of a church at Blake was received and considered. On motion of Mr. McArthur, it was agreed that the application be favourably entertained and that Mr. Alng be instructed to have it properly filled out and forwarded to the board. An application to the board for a loan of \$700 to aid in the erection of a church was received from Gladstone. It was agreed on motion of Mr. Rowand that the application be favourably entertained and that the moderator and clerk be authorized to append their names to the same when properly filled out. Mr. Colin McKercher, of Strathclair, made application for ordination. The request was granted. The usual questions were put to Mr. McKercher, and satisfactorily answered, whereupon, with the laying on of hands and prayer he was solemnly set apart to the office and work of the gospel ministry. Mr. Rowand then addressed a few appropriate remarks to Mr. McKercher and his name was added to the roll of presbytery. Arrangements were made for the erection of a session in the Lake Dauphin field. It was agreed to ask Dr. Robertson to visit the fields in the vicinity of Yorkton, with a view to their needs being recognized and their organization completed. Mr. Murray submitted the home mission report, arranging supply for the next six months and the grants to the various fields. It was agreed that Bayfield be severed from Birtle and connected with Binscarth, and that Silver Creek be henceforth connected with Russell. Mr. A. Smith was appointed convener of the committee on state of religion. Mr. Frew was appointed convener of foreign missions committee in place of Mr. Rowand who had resigned. Messrs. R. Frew, William Murchie, C. W. White and W. L. H. Rowand ministers, were appointed commissioners to the general assembly, and Messrs. J. L. Logie and B. Schwalm were appointed as elders. The clerk was further authorized to add the names of two other elders who may be able to attend. Mr. Stitt, a student from Alma College, Michigan, request-

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