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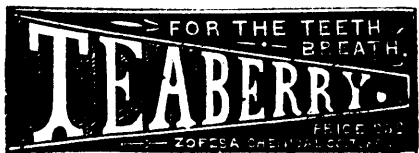
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Ministers and Churches.

The Ottawa Presbytery met at Billings' Bridge on Tuesday for the purpose of ordaining the new minister of that charge, Mr. Morrison.

The Rev. M. J. Hindley having received a unanimous call to Embro tendered his resignation to take effect August 11th, which will throw Garafraxa and Belwood Churches in need of a pastor.

Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, Guelph, made feeling reference on a late Sabbath to the loss his congregation had sustained in the recent deaths of its members. They had lost three within a week, namely, James Ross, Mrs. Butchart and Hugh Melvin.

The late Robert Forbes, of Guelph, has given the Presbyterian Church of Canada \$2,500 for Foreign and \$2,500 for Home Missions, and \$2,500 to the Aged and Infirm Minister's Fund. Mr. Forbes also gave \$1,000 for French Evangelization.

Mr. D. M. Duncan, youngest son of Rev. J. B. Duncan, Parry Sound, has received the appointment of Classical Master of the Winnipeg Collegiate, at a salary of \$1,200 a year, which will be increased to fourteen hundred if the engagement is satisfactory to both parties to the contract.

Rev. Peter Fisher, of Boissevain, who has been attending lectures at Glasgow and Edinburgh universities returned lately. Mr. Fisher is a graduate of Manitoba College. He has been listening to lectures by Dr. Marcus Dods and Dr. Bruce, as well as other eminent men. Mr. Fisher says that Rev. John McNeil and Dr. Stalker are the two most popular preachers in Scotland.

The pulpit of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, London, of which the Rev. Robert Johnston, B.D., is pastor, was occupied last Sabbath by Mr. A. Mahaffy, B.A., graduate and gold medalist of the Presbyterian College, Montreal. The large and thoughtful audiences of both morning and evening evinced a high appreciation of the most helpful and spiritual services of this promising young minister.

Rev. D. Anderson, Monroe, Wisconsin, preached very acceptably in Knox Church, Guelph, recently to large congregations. At the close of the morning service Rev. Dr. Torrance, by order of the Guelph Presbytery, cited the session and congregation to attend a special meeting of Presbytery to be held in Elora, on August 6th, to show cause (if any) why the resignation of Rev. R. J. Beattie should not be accepted.

The Presbytery of Montreal met lately at Avoca for the purpose of ordaining Rev. P. D. Muir, B.A., over the congregations of Avoca and Harrington. Rev. Dr. Smyth, of Montreal, Moderator, presided. A similar service, except the ordination, was conducted at Harrington in the evening, when a large audience listened with great interest to a sermon from Mr. Mowatt, and to addresses from the Moderator and Rev. Mr. Reid.

Rev. John Campbell from Argyleshire, Scotland presented his commission from the Free Church of Scotland to the Montreal Presbytery at its meeting on Tuesday 9th inst., and intends going West. His testimonials are excellent from Principal Rainey, Dr. Stalker, Marcus Dods and others. He preached in Stanly St. Church on Sabbath evening a most impressive sermon. Mr. Campbell will be quite an acquisition to the Canadian Church.

A hearty and unanimous call to Rev. W. S. McTavish, of St. George, was moderated in on the evening of 22nd July, sustained by the Presbytery of Kingston at Belleville on 23rd July, and ordered to be forwarded with relative documents to Presbytery of Paris with request to expedite consideration of the matter. At meeting of Presbytery in Belleville on 23rd inst., the resignation of Rev. Mr. George was accepted to take effect on and after 1st of August. Rev. Mr. Maclean, of Belleville, was appointed Moderator of Session *pro tem*.

For the next two months the Presbyterian and Methodist congregations of Sherbrooke, Quebec, will worship together, one service being held in each church each Sabbath. On the first Sunday morning service will be held in the Methodist Church and the evening in the Presbyterian, the Rev. Dr. Williams conducting both. This arrangement will continue for one month, while the Rev. Mr. Shearer is away upon his holidays. Upon his return Dr. Williams will take a month's vacation and the Rev. Mr. Shearer will conduct the service in the morning in the Presbyterian Church and in the evening in the Methodist Church.

Mr. J. J. Kelso, Provincial Superintendent of neglected children, would like very much to hear of parties who would be willing to give a home to a homeless child. Mr. Kelso has awaiting homes, a number of bright little boys and girls, from infancy up to eight years of age, who would do well in the care of kind-hearted people. Agreements concerning these children are of the most simple character, no one being compelled to keep a child a day longer than they desire. Further information can be obtained by addressing Mr. Kelso, Parliament Buildings, Toronto. Information will be furnished at any time as to the best methods of dealing with ill-treated, neglected or abandoned children.

Rev. A. A. Scott, Carleton Place, dispensed the communion at Bathurst, on Sunday, a station where a student is in charge.

Miss Annie McKenzie, formerly a teacher in the Lucknow Presbyterian Sabbath school, has been accepted as a missionary to China.

During the absence of Dr. Norman Anderson, organist and choir leader of St. James Square Church, Toronto, Mrs. Geo. Needham, of Orillia, occupied the position with much acceptance.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of Knox Church, St. Thomas, Mr. Geo. McKenzie was appointed secretary-treasurer of the congregation for the balance of the year, vice Mr. James McCrone, deceased.

At the close of the morning service in the Presbyterian Church, St. George, Sunday last, the newly-elected elders were ordained and inducted into their offices. The names are: David Little, D. McColl, George Leslie and R. C. McCullough.

By special request of His Excellency Lord Aberdeen, Rev. W. T. Herridge, on his recent tour through Aberdeenshire, Scotland, visited Haddo Hall, the ancestral home of the Aberdeens, and writes home a most graphic description of the noble pile and its environs.

Rev. Dr. McKay, of Formosa, Japan, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church, Dutton, Sabbath evening, 21st inst. The church was packed and large numbers could not gain admittance at all. The doctor gave some thrilling accounts of his experiences with the heathen in the far off east.

Rev. Dr. McKay, of Formosa, was in St. Thomas all last week going over the manuscript of his forthcoming book with Rev. J. A. Macdonald, who is editing it. The volume will contain nearly five hundred pages and will be profusely illustrated. Mr. Macdonald hopes to have the manuscript in the printer's hands in time to have the book published this fall. It will be published by Fleming H. Revell, of New York.

Rev. J. A. Macdonald, St. Thomas, occupied his own pulpit for the last time on Sabbath 28th, until September. He left for Mukoka with Mrs. Macdonald on Monday. During August his place will be supplied by Rev. Albert Mahaffy, B.A., who has been supplying Rev. R. Johnston's pulpit in St. Andrew's Church, London, for July. Mr. Mahaffy is a graduate of McGill University, and of the Presbyterian College, Montreal.

The grounds of J. S. Mackay, Woodstock, presented a gay appearance recently on the occasion of the lawn social under the auspices of the Chalmers Presbyterian Church. The advertisements set forth that there would be music, politics ice cream and raspberries, and Sir Richard Cartwright was placed at the head of the list of speakers. Such a wealth of attractions could not fail to draw a large crowd and the cool evening lent itself to the occasion.

It will interest many of our readers to know that the Rev. P. McF. McLeod, who recently returned to the old country, has met with a very kind reception there. First at the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England, in Newcastle, then in Glasgow and Edinburgh. He addressed the Free Church Assembly and made an excellent speech according to the report. He has been requested to accept the pastorate of the Church at Tooting in London South West, at a liberal salary. Not being in time to be received by the Synod this year he takes charge in the meantime till eligible for a call, entering on his work there on the 21st of this month. His family sails from Montreal on the 27th inst.

Rev. Jas. Gourlay, M.A., and Mrs. Gourlay, late of Port Elgin, sailed to the old land lately by the S. S. *Labrador*. They will prolong their visit to Britain for a year. Before leaving Port Elgin Mr. Gourlay was made the recipient of a most appreciative and affectionate farewell address, together with a purse containing \$90. After a twenty years' pastorate he carries with him the love, respect and prayers of a most attached people. Any congregation to which Mr. Gourlay ministers will indeed be a happy one. Mrs. Gourlay was also shown the esteem and affection of her Bible class, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and other agencies of the Church in a tangible way before leaving.

The corner stone of the new Presbyterian Church, Fenelon Falls, was laid recently by Mrs. J. Howry. The pastor and congregation have great reason to thank Mr. Howry for the very handsome donation of two thousand dollars with which he presented the church on the occasion. Rev. Mr. McKinnon gave a short address, followed by a history of the church read by Mr. F. McDougall. The address of the afternoon was then delivered by Rev. Mr. Ross, of Cannington. Short able addresses were also given by Rev. Mr. McColl, Major S. Hughes, M.P., and J. H. Carnegie, M.P.P. Tea was then served on Mr. Swan's lawn, and a first-class musical and literary programme was given in Dickson's Hall in the evening, which was crowded to the doors.

The annual convention of the Ottawa County W. C. T. U. met at Thurso recently, the president, Mrs. (Dr.) Metcalfe, of Thurso, presiding. Mrs. David Stewart, of Aylmer Road, was called upon for a report of the past year's work, which she gave at some length, stating that we now have in Ottawa county eight Bands of Hope with an enrolled membership of 450, a slight advance of last year, and urging the unions to use every means to

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OBITUARY.

MR. JOHN CAWDWELL.

Mr. John Cawdwell died at Hawkesville on June 15th, 1895. For nearly 40 years an elder in St. Andrew's Church, he was diligent in the duties of his office, the friend and counsellor of the erring and the tried, able acceptably to supply the pulpit in the absence of his pastor, his departure will be a great loss. He leaves a widow and family to mourn, and he leaves to this congregation the example of a consistent Christian life and a triumphant Christian death. He died in the full assurance of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, his Redeemer.

MR. NEIL FERGUSON.

On the 4th of July, Mr. Neil Ferguson another of those grand old men who, more than a half a century ago, amid toil, difficulty and danger laid the foundations of our country's prosperity, passed to his rest at the great age of 92 years. He was a man of uncommon physical and mental endowment, and possessed of sterling integrity which won for him universal confidence and respect. He was born in Mull, Scotland, in 1803, and came to this country, together with his parents and brothers and sisters, in 1832, and a year or two later settled on the place, then a wilderness, where in God's providence he made his home continuously for sixty years until life ended and

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