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## Ministers and Churches.

Rev. Wm. Mowat, of Allenford, preached in the Presbyterian Church, Tara, on Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Fletcher, of Kirkton filled the pulpit in the Presbyterian Church, Granton, last Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Mitchell's congregation in Almonte has contributed \$45 for the suffering Armenians.

Rev. Wm. M. Kay has supplied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church, Port Elgin, for two Sundays.

Rev. M. Campbell, of Oro, has been conducting revival services in the Presbyterian Church at Churchill.

Rev. A. J. Muir, B.A., of Grimsby, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church at Smithville recently.

Rev. J. Bell, B.A., the pastor of the Burgoyne Presbyterian Church, visited Port Elgin Monday week.

The Rev. Mr. Skene, of Hillsdale, preached a good sermon in the Presbyterian Church, Phelpsston, last Sunday.

The Presbyterian Church at Westport was totally destroyed by fire recently. Loss \$3,000. Insured for about \$2,000.

A call has been sustained from Wentworth Church, Hamilton, to Rev. J. McWilliams, of St. Andrew's Church, Peterboro.

Rev. Dr. McKay, of Woodstock, recently conducted the services preparatory to communion in Knox Church, St. Mary's.

Rev. H. McQuarrie, of North Bruce, preached at Tiverton a week ago Saturday, preparatory to sacramental services.

Principal Grant will lecture at the Collegiate institute, St. Thomas, shortly. His subject will likely be "The Evolution of Canada."

At the recent annual missionary meeting in the Presbyterian Church, West Magdala, Rev. Messrs. Little, Talling, and Scott delivered addresses.

The Presbyterians of Bathurst and South Sherbrooke will build a new church next summer at Dewitt's Corners, on the 3rd concession of Bathurst.

Rev. Mr. Aull, of Palmerston, preached in the Presbyterian Church, Durham, on Sunday, and remained to take part in a service on the following evening.

Rev. Dr. Smith dispensed the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to a large number of communicants last Sabbath, in the Presbyterian Church at St. George.

Rev. Dr. Fraser, of Knox Church, Hamilton, has reconsidered his decision to take a trip around the world and will likely leave about the middle of April for Europe.

The late Rev. D. J. Macdonnell was one of the "house boys" at the Galt grammar school under Dr. Tassie's regime, and it was there that he was prepared for the University.

At the morning service in Knox Church, St. Thomas, a week ago Sunday, the pastor, Rev. J. A. Macdonald, referred in feeling terms to the death of the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell.

The young ladies of Glencoe, who so successfully gave a Japanese concert there some time ago, repeated the concert at Melbourne last week, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church.

On Sabbath last Rev. George Sutherland, of Fingal, preached anniversary services in Shedden Methodist Church, while Rev. Mr. Deacon, of Shedden occupied Mr. Sutherland's pulpit.

A hearty and unanimous call has been extended by the congregation at Webbwood to the Rev. G. E. Loughheed, B.A., at present ordained missionary at this point, to become their settled pastor.

Rev. Geo. Cuthbertson, of Wyoming delivered an eloquent sermon in the Presbyterian Church Petrolia on a recent Sunday morning. Rev. Neil McPherson, B.D., the pastor, has received a call from Guelph.

The ladies of the W. F. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church at St. George, held a social in the church last week. Lunch was provided by a number of the ladies, and a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

At a congregational meeting of Melville Church, Fergus, a unanimous call was extended to the Rev. John H. McVicar, late missionary from Honan, China, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Rev. R. M. Craig.

Knox Presbyterian Church, Goderich, is now out of debt, and has a balance of \$400 in the treasury. At their annual meeting, held recently, Mr. H. I. Strang was presented with a handsome gold watch and chain, as a token of their appreciation of his services as secretary of the Board of Managers.

At the regular meeting of the Young People's Society of the Presbyterian Church at Campbellville, held on February 10th., Rev. Mr. Blair gave an instructive lecture on "Miracles," while on the 17th ult., Mr. Menzies delivered an address on the Fifth and Sixth Commandments, which was greatly appreciated by his hearers.

On Feb. 18th, the Pinkerton Presbyterian congregation surprised the occupants of the manse and presented the Rev. George MacLennan with an address and a valuable fur coat. Mrs. MacLennan was the recipient of a sum of money.

Instead of reading the usual lesson to his Bible Class in Knox Church, Galt, last Sunday morning, Mr. Falconer referred in feeling terms to the death of Miss Grove. He spoke earnestly about her sudden death being a warning to all.

Anniversary sermons were preached in the Presbyterian Church, at Elsinore on Sunday by Rev. A. H. Kippan, of Tara. Mr. Kippan is an able man and his sermons were excellent. A successful entertainment was held Monday evening.

In Stanley Street Church, Ayr, on Sabbath morning, Rev. J. S. Hardie made special reference to the death of Mrs. Bishop, the oldest member of the congregation, who united by profession of faith on July 2nd, 1836. "She was the pattern of a meek and quiet spirit."

The annual meeting of the Harlem Auxiliary of the W. F. M. S. was held on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. An excellent programme was prepared and carried out. The church was filled. The collection amounted to \$11. A particular feature of the evening's entertainment was an address by Miss Crummy, of North Dakota, formerly teacher in the school here. Everybody is pleased to see Miss Crummy again.

A private letter has been received from Mrs. (Rev.) Goforth, formerly of Thorndale, in which she speaks of the greatly increased interest in the work manifested by the natives of the Town of Chang Te Fu, Honan, into which she and her husband had recently removed. She states that during the seven weeks' time they have been there about 3,000 women and children attended her meetings. Mrs. Goforth speaks most hopefully of the opportunities of Gospel work there.

Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, on Sabbath last conducted anniversary services in College Street Church in this city morning and evening, besides lecturing to a good audience on Friday evening of last week. His discourses were listened to with rapt attention by his hearers. At the beginning of the evening Dr. Cochrane announced that the collection in the morning had been a most liberal one and asked that the same spirit of liberality should prevail at the close of the evening service. His conclusion was an eloquent appeal to all present to come out at once in the Master's service.

Rev. Mr. Nichol, formerly of Unionville, was inducted into the pastorate of Beeton and Tottenham on March 18th, in the presence of a large congregation. Revs. Messrs. Burnett, of Alliston; Carswell, of Bond Head, and R. Moodie, of Barrie, Moderator of the Session during the vacancy, took part in the induction services. After the induction many of the congregation gave Mr. Nichol a warm welcome to his new field of labor. In the evening, a first-class entertainment and tea took place, when the new pastor had a better opportunity of becoming acquainted with his people. Those who contributed to the intellectual part of the programme were: Revs. Messrs. Carswell, Keam, Ferguson, Miss Sanford, Mrs. Golding, Mrs. Sheppard, Miss Landerkin, Miss Potter, Miss Thomas, Miss Hastings, Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Potter.

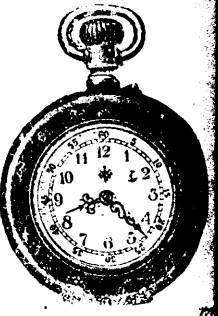
The eleventh annual meeting of the Chatham Presbyterial of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held in the First Presbyterian Church, Chatham, the attendance being large and representative. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Miss Bessie Walker; 1st Vice, Miss Stone; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Hunter, Ridgetown; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Lizzie McNaughton; Secretary, Mission Bands, Miss Annie Walker. Among the delegates were the following:—Duart, Mrs. McKerricher, Miss Gillanders and Miss Thomson; Ridgetown, Mrs. McCullough, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Lake and Miss McKinley; Thamesville, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Becket, Mrs. Taylor; Tilbury, Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Moffat, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Forbes and Miss Munro; Florence, Mrs. Webster, Miss Spittal, Miss Trotter, Miss Stephenson and Miss Corbett.

## OBITUARY.

THE LATE REV. JOHN SCOTT, D.D.

This faithful and highly esteemed servant of Jesus Christ passed to his rest and reward on the 26th day of December last. He was born of godly parentage, and in his youth was carefully taught, by precept and example, to walk in the fear of the Lord. His parents, John Scott and Beatrice Boa, were both God-fearing and God-serving. Dr. Scott, who was the eldest child in the family, was born in Carterhaugh, Selkirkshire, Scotland, on June 16th, 1817. He grew up a thoughtful youth, making good progress in his studies, and when twelve years of age went to Dalkeith, where he remained seven years, and while there became a member of the U. P. Church, of which Rev. Joseph, now Dr. Brown, of Glasgow, was the pastor. At the age of nineteen years, he offered himself as a missionary to the U. P. Church, and after prosecuting his studies for some time in Edinburgh was sent as a Catechist to Jamaica, in the fall of 1838. He labored for seven years in Jamaica with the same fidelity and earnestness, which characterized all his life work; when, partly to recruit his health, and partly to prosecute his studies, he came to Canada in 1844. He was enrolled as a student in Knox College, Toronto, in 1845, and graduated in 1849. He was ordained and inducted into the

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