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## WAR AGAINST OPIUM.

The following letter has been addressed to the Hon. R. W. Scott, Secretary of State at Ottawa, by the Rev. J. C. Thomson, M.D., cor. secretary of the Montreal Chinese Mission, approving the recently passed measure prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of opium in Canada:—

"Dear Sir,—I have pleasure in forwarding you a resolution unanimously adopted at a recent meeting of the executive of the Montreal Chinese Mission, as follows:

"Resolved, that, having respect to the all but universal denunciation of indulgence in opium, even by its habitués, and aware of the extent of this and consequent evils in Canada, and Montreal particularly; we, the executive of the Montreal Chinese Mission, would, with great gratitude to God, acknowledge the passing of the bill by the Ottawa Government on the 14th inst., prohibiting the importation, manufacture, and sale of opium in Canada, except by duly licensed druggists, upon the presentation of a physician's prescription; and while cordially commending such long-sought action, would respectfully urge the prompt enforcement of the act, to the great good of many and the removal of a stigma from the fair fame of our Dominion.

"And would further earnestly urge upon our local authorities early action in the prosecution of so laudable a measure; meantime pledging, on our part, every possible aid and encouragement in its behalf.

"And may I add that the Chinese Christians of Montreal moved earnestly in similar terms last evening, expressing their deep satisfaction at such prohibition of opium in Canada, already so effective in China. Yours respectfully,

J. C. THOMSON, Cor. Sec."

THE GLORY OF THE LORD AP-  
PEARED IN THE CLOUD.

Phillips Brooks once preached a sermon from the text, "Who passing through the valley of weeping make it a well." He said there were two ways of treating sorrow. One may say, "This that I have to bear is hard, but the clouds will break and there will come better days. Compensation is in store for me. It may not be in this world, but some time it will all be made up to me." Or he may say, "I will do just what scripture tells me to do. I will make of my valleys of weeping, well-springs of joy. I will turn sadness into occasions for rejoicing." The apostle says, "In everything give thanks." Assuredly we cannot be thankful for everything, but in every experience that comes to us we may find some reason for giving thanks. When Jeremy Taylor's house had been plundered, all his worldly possessions squandered, his family turned out of doors, he congratulated himself that his enemies had left him "the sun and moon, a loving wife, many friends to pity and relieve, the providence of God, all the promises of the gospel, my religion, my hope of heaven and my charity toward my enemies." Can you see the glory of the Lord in the cloud?—The Standard.

—Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D.D., has accepted the invitation of a number of the ministers in Hamilton, to hold evangelistic meetings there in October.

## EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. T. A. Sadler, of Cardinal, is visiting friends in Russell.

Rev. J. B. and Mrs. MacLeod, of Martintown, have been visiting at the Manse, Williamstown.

Rev. M. S. Oxley, B.A., of Westminster church, Montreal, is spending a portion of his holidays at Summerstown Station.

Rev. D. G. McPhail, of Cayuga, is taking his month's vacation, the greater portion of which will be spent with his mother at Perth.

Rev. J. R. MacLeod, Martintown, occupied the Apple Hill Presbyterian pulpit last Sunday, Rev. Mr. Lee, the pastor, being absent on his holidays.

Rev. A. K. McLennan, wife and children, who had been spending the most of July in Dalhousie Mills, the guests of Mr. D. S. Morrison, left Wednesday for Montreal, en route for Boston, Mr. McLennan going direct, Mrs. McLennan following later.

In Toronto on Wednesday evening, July 29th, Rev. Thomas F. Heeny, pastor of Chalmers Church, Lansdowne, was united in marriage to Miss Florence Herbison, daughter of Mr. B. Herbison, of Sand Bay. Rev. and Mrs. Heeny left for a trip up the lakes, and on their return will take up their residence in Lansdowne, where Mr. Heeny will resume his pastorate. The bride is a sister of Rev. Wm. Herbison, formerly pastor of Stewarton Church, Ottawa, now of St. Giles' Church, Toronto.

## WHITBY PRESBYTERY.

At the last meeting of Whithy Presbytery the commissioners to the General Assembly gave interesting reports of their attendance upon the Supreme Court of our Church in its meeting at Winnipeg.

It has been felt for some time that congregations should get the benefit of the reports of the various committees of Presbytery and plans were suggested looking forward to the printing of a summary of the reports for circulation in the congregations of the Presbytery.

Rev. W. R. Wood was granted a presbyterial certificate and his brethren parted from him with great regret. He did good work as pastor of Dunbarton congregation.

There are now three vacancies in the Presbytery, Port Perry, with Dr. Abraham, of Whithy as interim moderator; Dunbarton, of which Rev. A. S. Kerr of West Hill is moderator, and Claremont, with Rev. Wm. Moore of Pickering as moderator.

A committee was appointed to make arrangements for a conference on some timely subject at the next meeting of Presbytery, which will be held at Oshawa in October.

The Rev. R. P. Mackay, D.D., secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, is the guest of the Rev. A. J. Mowatt, D.D. He is expected to preach on Sunday in the Cap-a-l'Aigle Church.

An average of three British seamen lose their lives every day by drowning and 300 British steamers and sailing vessels are lost yearly at sea.

A swarm of bees recently took possession of a wall letter box in the town of Killane, and were with difficulty dislodged.

## WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. T. J. Thompson, of St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, is holidaying in Montreal and points east.

Rev. Dr. Fletcher, of Hamilton, has been preaching with great acceptance in St. Andrew's Church, Thamesford.

Rev. A. H. MacGillivray, of Chatham, conducted the services in Knox church Mitchell, on Sunday last.

The Deer Park congregation will hear several candidates before proceeding to call. Last Sunday Rev. J. B. Paulin occupied the pulpit.

The Huntsville Church was reopened last Sunday after being handsomely decorated. Rev. S. Childerhose, B.A., of Parry Sound, was the preacher.

Mr. George Little, B.A., of Knox College, was the preacher in Knox Church, Stratford, last Sunday, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Robert Martin.

The new gas plant has been installed in the Kemble church. A light has been placed at the front of the church and another at the rear to light the shed.

Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt, is again spending his annual vacation in the vicinity of the Soo, and has gone out the Algoma Central on a fishing expedition, accompanied by several friends, like himself, keen disciples of Isaac Walton.

Rev. E. S. Logie, of Hartney, Manitoba, who is supplying the pulpit of St. Andrews Church, the Soo, during the absence of Rev. Mr. Reid, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Sudbury. Mr. Logie was instrumental in saving a young girl from drowning at Point Aux Pins' beach last week. Mr. Logie was sitting on the beach along with some members of his congregation watching a number of children bathing in the river a few feet from the beach when he saw a child's hand above the surface. Without hesitation he dived in to the water and brought the child to shore.

## HAMILTON.

Rev. Dr. Lyle's subject in Central Church last Sabbath evening was "When, if ever, is it a duty to lie?"

Rev. David James, son of Rev. Dr. James, a former pastor, preached in Knox church on Sunday.

Rev. James Russell of Wolsley, Sask., is supplying for his brother, Rev. S. B. Russell, of Erekin church.

The handsome new Sherman Avenue Church is being rapidly pushed to completion. It is hoped that it may be ready for opening early this fall.

Rev. W. L. Williman of Elora preached in St. Giles' tent on Sunday last and dispensed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to about a hundred members. Rev. D. S. Dix of Toronto will have charge during August.

Rev. Professor Jordan of Queen's University was the preacher last Sunday at the union services of McNab street and St. Paul's, held in the latter church. Both Mr. Ketchen and Mr. Drummond are away for their vacation.

The corner-stone of the new St. Giles' church was "well and truly laid" on Thursday evening of last week. John Knox, a prominent Hamilton citizen, wielded the trowel. Felicitous speeches were made by clergymen and prominent citizens, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.