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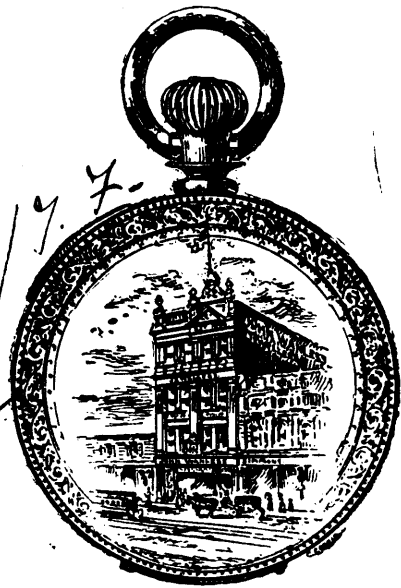
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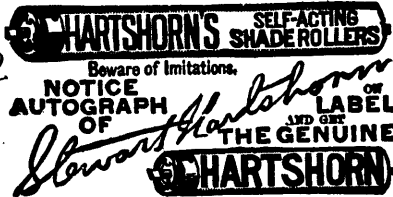
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THE Rev. S. Houston and wife have sailed for a trip to Ireland.

THE Rev. G. B. Howie will leave Montreal for Syria on 20th inst.

THE Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Craig, of Deseronto, were in Florida last week en route from Jamaica. Mrs. Craig is greatly improved in health.

THE Rev. J. A. Maclean, B.A., a graduate of Queen's, has accepted a call to Blakeney and Clayton. He will be inducted very shortly.

REV. JOHN THOMPSON, D. D., pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, has been presented with a purse of gold and an address on twenty-fifth anniversary of his pastorate.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Ottawa last week, Rev. Mr. Goodwillie, of North Bay, was appointed to Osgoode Church and Rev. Mr. Hyland, of Bishop's Mills, Brockville Presbytery, to Fitzroy Harbour.

THE meeting of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour of the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, held in their hall, Walton Street, last week was very largely attended. So much interest is taken in these weekly meetings that the hall is becoming inadequate to accommodate the large gatherings.

THE closing meeting of the season of the Presbyterian Sabbath School Union will be held in Knox Church on Friday, May 15, at eight o'clock. The Study of the International Lesson will be conducted by Mr. R. J. Hunter, and there will be a conference on Mission Sabbath Schools—their Work and Management, to be introduced by Mr. Thomas Yellowlees.

THE Rev. Principal Caven, of Knox College, preached an impressive sermon at St. Enoch's Church, Toronto, on Sabbath last, and after the service ordained Messrs. William Fisher and A. C. Maclean elders of the Church. Dr. Caven, before receiving the elders into fellowship, delivered an earnest charge to them. He also addressed the congregations, pointing out how in many ways the members might assist their elders and render their services efficient, pleasant and easy.

THE Vancouver, B.C., *World* of the 28th ult., in its report of the arrival of the C.P.R. steamship, The Empress of India, says: Rev. Dr. Torrance, of Guelph, Ont., is one of the globe circlers and has only words of praise for all he saw. It was a glorious trip: one never to be forgotten. The Empress is a first class sea boat, the accommodation palatial and the officers most courteous gentlemen. The Doctor would have liked to have stayed in Vancouver a few days, but was obliged to leave for Lethbridge, where Mrs. Torrance has been lying ill, by the steamship special.

THE Meaford *Mirror* says: Mrs. Robert Clark died last Monday forenoon after a long illness borne with Christian resignation. The deceased lived a blameless life and was respected highly for her many amiable qualities. She was a devoted wife and mother and an active worker in the Church. Her sorrowing husband and children have the sympathy of the community in their great loss. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon and was largely attended. After a service in the Presbyterian church, which was conducted by Rev. J. A. Ross, of Erskine Church, and Rev. J. McInnis, of Knox Church, St. Vincent, the remains were interred in Meaford cemetery.

A BOYS' Mission Band has been organized in connection with MacNab Street Church, Hamilton. Thirty-nine boys have already joined. The object of the band is to train and educate the boys in the work done in mission fields, and more especially to stimulate them to take an interest in home mission schemes of the Church. On Friday night, under the superintendence of Mrs. Fletcher, the boys conducted the meeting themselves. They elected their own officers, and the business-like manner and correct society rules carried out deserve more than a passing remark. The following officers were elected: Calvin McQuestion, president; James Black and George James, vice-presidents; John Murray, secretary; Laidlaw Addison, treasurer, and the following committee: Harry Leitch, Geo. Davidson, Geo. Dundas, Chas. Blankstien.

THE last monthly meeting of the Toronto Presbyterian Council for the season was held in the lecture-room of Knox Church last week, Mr. William Mortimer Clark, the president, in the chair. The boundaries between Leslieville and St. John Churches and West and St. Mark's Churches as reported by the executive, were adopted. It was decided to have 400 copies of the boundaries of the Churches printed and distributed to members of Sessions. The Rev. William Burns, the secretary, asked members of the Council to furnish him with the names and addresses of all members of Sessions. The adjourned discussion on "How to Reach the Masses" was not taken up owing to the late hour at which the business before the Council was concluded.

MR. ARTHUR DEPEW, the young and talented organist of Old St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, has resigned his position here, having been engaged by a Presbyterian Church in Detroit, Mich., at a much higher rate of salary. He will be very much missed both in the Church where he now is, and also in the city at large, he having become exceedingly popular at first-class concerts as accompanist. His friends, of the choir met at the residence of the choirmaster on Thursday evening last to bid him a pleasant farewell, and he was then presented with a beautiful gold-headed cane suitably inscribed.

THE anniversary of the King Street Presbyterian Church, London, was the occasion of special sermons being preached there Sabbath week. Rev. E. Cockburn, of Paris, occupied the pulpit, and in the evening chose as his text Mark i. 35: "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day,

He went out and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed." Christ, said the reverend gentleman, always prayed before an important occasion, and in every case we are told that the windows of heaven were opened and God answered His petitions—a fact that contained a lesson for us all. As in the garden of Gethsemane our Lord's prayer was not answered as He desired, so we should all learn to say, nevertheless, not my will, but Thine, O Lord, be done. The Church to-day had great need of an outpouring of God's holy Spirit, and Christian men and women should devoutly pray for it. The sermon throughout was instructive and to the point, and the preacher held the undivided attention of his hearers during its delivery.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Peterborough Presbytery was held in St. Andrew's Church last week, for the purpose of dealing with the call of the St. Andrew's congregation to Rev. A. MacWilliams, of South Mountain, in the Brockville Presbytery. Rev. Mr. McEwen, of Lakefield, Moderator, presided, and among those present were: Rev. E. F. Torrance, of St. Paul's, Peterborough, Rev. Mr. Hyde, Warsaw, Rev. Wm. Bennet, Springfield, Clerk, and Messrs. Wm. Graham, Lakefield, and G. M. Roger, of St. Paul's, elders. The call to Rev. Mr. MacWilliams was formally sustained. It was presented by the Clerk of the Presbytery, supported in speeches by Dr. Bell and Mr. John McClelland, of St. Andrew's, and sustained. The call, with reasons for the translation and a guarantee of \$1,200 salary and manse, will be forwarded to the Brockville Presbytery, which body will now have to deal with the call. A committee consisting of Rev. Mr. McEwen, from the Presbytery, and Dr. Bell and Messrs. John McClelland and G. Paton were appointed to attend the Brockville Presbytery and plead for the translation.

THE following address of condolence, beautifully illuminated and handsomely framed, was presented to the Rev. Mr. Cameron on the occasion of the death of Mrs. Cameron by the trustees and congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Thamesford: Whereas, God in His good pleasure has seen fit to remove from you a dear wife and a loving mother, we would take this opportunity of tendering you our heartfelt and sincere sympathy in this sad affliction which has fallen upon you. We know that no words of ours can heal the breach that has been made, but we also know that He "who is strong to smite is also strong to save," and we would pray that the same consolation and comfort which you have so often ministered to others in like circumstances may be ministered to you and yours at this time in a double portion by our Heavenly Father. May you be guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, and although a tie is broken between you and earth, yet may heaven appear the nearer and its rest the more blessed by reason of her who has gone before. The address was signed by James Patterson, chairman, and W. H. Sutherland, secretary.

SOME time since the members, adherents and friends of Marringhurst congregation, in the Presbytery of Rocklake, Manitoba, met at the house of Rev. John Cairns, the late pastor, to the number of a hundred; and presented him with an address expressive of regret at parting with him as their pastor. It contained warm and cordial expressions of the high esteem in which he was held for his devotion and zeal by the people of his late charge. Mr. Cairns in his reply made some very feeling remarks as to his resignation, saying that, but for his consideration of duty, he had hoped to live and die amongst his present congregation. He sketched the progress that had been made in the district since coming to it, mentioning amongst other things that he had baptized 184 children and that there were still some to baptize. Mrs. Cairns was also presented with a purse containing \$91. After the presentation the meeting assumed a free conversational aspect, and music, readings, recitations and speeches enlivened the evening, which passed all too quickly away. After a short religious service the meeting dispersed, ample provision being made by the hospitable neighbours for those who had come from a distance staying over night.

THE Presbyterians of Teeswater have taken a step in the right direction. For upwards of twenty years they have been divided into two congregations, but last February when Zion Church became vacant negotiations were at once entered into between the two congregations to see if a basis of union could be laid down. It was at once found that there were no difficulties in the way, and on Tuesday, May 5, congregational meetings were held at two and three o'clock in the respective churches, and everything having been satisfactorily arranged, the Presbytery of Bruce met the assembled congregations within the walls of Zion Church at four o'clock, and consummated the union, the Rev. James Malcolm, formerly pastor of Westminster congregation, becoming the pastor of the united congregations. Zion Church being the better building of the two shall be used for service. The old names that once distinguished the congregations will be dropped and a new one will be chosen. This will now make one of the largest and finest congregations within the Presbytery of Bruce, having upwards of 400 members and 200 families.

MRS. EDWARD BLAKE presided at the meeting of the Toronto Auxiliary to the McAll Mission held last week in Association Hall. The treasurer's report stated that since March 1 \$56 had been collected. The meeting was informed the Rev. Dr. McAll desired to purchase, for the use of the children in connection with the missions in Paris, a boat which would cost \$5,000. For this purpose the Toronto branch had received \$3. In a letter from Rev. Dr. McAll an explanation was made with reference to the delay in the issue of the annual report. Copies would be sent on to Toronto as soon as possible. The secretary read a letter from Rev. Daniel Roberts, who has charge of the mission station at Toulouse. The reverend gentleman stated that he had formed a Bible-reading class, and hoped to shortly open a Sunday school with fifteen or sixteen scholars. A letter from the president of the Hamilton auxiliary was

read. That gentleman is at present travelling in Europe, and described a visit to Mentone and Monte Carlo. Mrs. Blake read an interesting paper on the McAll Mission, the subject being discussed under three heads, viz.: the character and field of the work, the way the work was done and the claim it had for aid. This paper will be published in pamphlet form and distributed among friends of the mission. It was announced that an auxiliary will soon be formed in Winnipeg. The meeting then adjourned. Any one intending to visit Paris, and wishing a list of the mission halls in that city, should apply to Miss Carty, 263 Jarvis Street.

THE Rev. Dr. Waits, of Owen Sound, conducted the anniversary services in Erskine Church, Meaford, on Sunday week. There was a large attendance at both services. A number of flower plants, many of which were in full bloom, were tastefully arranged around the pulpit and added much to the appearance of the church. The sermons were eloquent and convincing and delivered with much force. In the morning the text was Leviticus x. 3. With much pathos the preacher spoke of the afflictions of life, especially bereavement, which was Aaron's great sorrow, and in this part of his sermon touched a chord which must have vibrated in many a heart. The hopeless sorrow of Aaron was contrasted with the sorrow of those who have lost Christian relatives. The insufficiency of carnality, stoicism, philosophy and scepticism to heal the wounded heart was dwelt on with much power. Religion was held up as the only thing which can brighten life's path and bring peace to the troubled soul. In the evening the Rev. Dr. took for his text the words: "And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, verily I say unto thee, to-day shalt thou be with Me in Paradise"—Luke xxiii. 42-43. The faith of the dying malefactor was emphasized and enjoined as worthy of imitation, the glories of heaven were pictured in beautiful word painting, and a strong appeal was made to seek an entrance into the heavenly Jerusalem. On Monday evening Rev. Dr. Waits lectured on "The Gray Metropolis of the North." Those who were present thoroughly enjoyed the lecture. In speaking of Edinburgh the bright and dark sides of the picture were presented. Places intimately associated with the political and ecclesiastical history of Scotland were described. The names of some of the noblest characters which adorn the pages of Scottish history were referred to and an eloquent tribute paid to the many sterling qualities of the people. In his travels through the country the lecturer appears to have been particularly struck with the reverence for religion and respect for the Sabbath everywhere noticeable. His analysis of Scottish characters was rather flattering to the Scotchmen present and would lead a listener to believe that though the reverend gentleman was born south of the Tweed his heart was in the Highlands.

JUBILEE services were recently held in Knox Church, St. Catharines, of which the Rev. George Burson is the esteemed pastor. The pulpit was occupied by Rev. Principal Caven, who preached in the morning an appropriate and instructive discourse from Psalm lxxiv. 10. At the close he said: Although almost a stranger, he was sure it must be a matter of great interest to them to know that they were celebrating this jubilee. As they looked back over the years that had passed since the Church was organized fifty years ago, perhaps the first thought would be what changes have taken place during that time. Of the names that were on the roll when the first communion was celebrated in 1841, there was just one with them whose name appeared to-day. The loved ones whose presence seemed so necessary were all gone. It was not necessary to enquire where; Christ could answer that question. They had gone to be with Him, which was far better. He

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