

Mitchell, Ont. Before the close of the service he was presented with a quarter's salary in advance. On the evening of the same day a reception tea-meeting was held. The programme was varied and well sustained.

A handsome set of harness was presented to the Rev. J. K. Baillie, '80, on the 29th December by the members of his Bible class. Mrs. Baillie had a silver tea-set presented to her by them. On the 27th ult. a most successful Sabbath-school meeting was held.

We notice that J. Wellwood, B.A., '73, of Minidosa, preached in the evening at the opening services of the new Presbyterian church, Portage-la-Prairie, Manitoba.

R. D. FRASER, M.A., '73, of the united congregation of Claude and Mansfield, lately held two public social meetings, the first on Friday and the second—a Sabbath-school gathering—on Saturday, the 13th and 14th inst. The Rev. A. Gillray, of Toronto, delivered his interesting lecture on "Rome, Florence and Milan," and the students' quintette club from Toronto took part. The congregation appears to be in a very prosperous condition.

S. J. TAYLOR, B.A., '79, is at present in France—probably in Paris—assisting in the McAll mission. We hope to hear from him soon.

ALL ABOARD! ding, dong, tout, tout, r—r—r—. What a racket these college cars make, specially reminding us of C. McKillop, B.A., '79, who visited his Alma Mater a few weeks ago and set the old engine on the track. We regret the cause of the visit was all in his eye, and sincerely hope he sees clearly now.

THE Chateauguay and Beauharnois congregation was lately preached vacant, Thomas Bennet, '76, having received a call to Carp and Kinburn, recently vacated by J. W. Penman, '79.

We notice a long letter in a recent number of the *Interior* from the pen of the Rev. James McFarland, Durango, Colorado. The letter is full of interest. We shall be glad to hear from him at any time.

MR. FARQUHARSON, of Toronto, was ordained and inducted to the Rock Lake Mission Station, Manitoba, on the 31st inst. He was very cordially welcomed by the people, and enters upon his work with every likelihood of great success. This was the field—at least part of it—wrought by J. Mitchell, '81, last summer.

#### SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENT.

Lost, stolen or strayed, or otherwise made away with, several graduates of the Presbyterian College, Montreal. Any information as to their whereabouts, circumstances, mode of life, &c., will be gratefully received by their sorrowing friend, the managing editor, at their own Alma Mater.

#### The Shortness of Time.

The time is short. All things remind me, that  
The glory of this world will pass away.  
Kingdoms and Empires great that once held sway  
Now sleep amidst the ruins of the past.  
Earth's sons, that once the post of greatness filled  
Are gone. Philosophers, poets great whose songs  
The admiration of the world have gained  
Proclaim the truth—The fashion of the world  
Hath passed away. But not to men alone  
Applies this truth that God to men declares.  
In nature too, the fashions change and pass  
In varied loveliness before our gaze.  
The Spring with verdure green and flow'rets fair  
Gives way to Summer's gorgeous colouring;  
Then Summer yields her grace and beauty fair

To Autumn, with his fruits and golden sheaves,  
Which in his turn gives place to Winter stern,  
Who binds in icy bonds our lakes and streams.  
And as the Seasons in their cycle roll,  
The truth to us they tell, that time is short  
And all things earthly fade away. What then,  
I ask, should time's fleet hours on me impress?  
What should the changing fashion of the world  
Suggest to me? A voice speaks in my ear  
"Time is too short for an immortal soul,  
To waste in illeness or pleasures vain.  
Then what thy hands shall find to do, the same  
With might pursue, for opportunities  
Neglected never more return." But as  
I mused on time, thinking of its shortness,  
The voice again resounded in my ear—  
"Time is too short for an immortal soul  
To be absorbed entirely with the things  
Of earth. Here have we no abiding place  
Our home eternal is with God." Then let  
My heart be ne'er so filled with earthly plans,  
That thoughts of life eternal may be thrust  
Aside. But once again the voice spake in  
My ear. "The time is short, what must be done  
Must be begun at once." What must be done?  
Whatever else is left undone by me,  
This may not be neglected. I must seek  
To be at peace with God, through Christ his Son;  
To lead a life of growing grace and strength  
Each coming day, and thus reflect the light,  
The glory, and the beauty of that life  
That comes from God. What must be done? Live that  
The world may miss me when I'm gone. Live that  
My life may be a living proof to all  
That Christianity in truth leads men  
To seek a brother's welfare, as they'd seek  
Their own. If reconciled we live at peace  
With God, in grace increasing and in deeds  
Of love abounding, soon another voice  
Will sweetly ring upon our ears, "Well done  
Thou good and faithful servant, enter thou  
Into the never-ending joys of Christ,  
Thy Lord."

A. L.

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