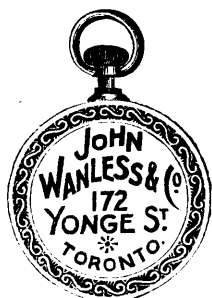


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Ministers and Churches.

THE Presbyterian congregation in Ashfield has called Rev. John Rose, of Whycomah, Cape Breton.

THE Rev. J. A. Murray and family, London, have gone for a two months' vacation in Sydney, Cape Breton.

THE Rev. James Ballantyne, wife and family, South London, have left for a month's recreation at Nantucket Beach.

DURING the months of July and August all communications about vacancies in the Presbytery of Peterborough should be sent to Rev. Mr. Bennett.

THE Rev. B. Canfield Jones, of the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, has accepted a call from Westminster Presbyterian Church at Westchester, Pa.

THE Rev. Mr. Forrest preached a practical and appropriate sermon to the A. O. U. W. brethren on Sunday evening week in the Presbyterian church, Markdale.

DR. GHOSH HOWIE and Mrs. Howie lectured in St. Mary's on the condition of the Jews and Turkish Government on the 6th inst. They are announced in Tilsonburg for the 17th.

THE Rev. Professor Baird, of Manitoba Presbyterian College, delivered a lecture in Knox Church, Galt, on Tuesday evening week on "Church Work and Missions in the North-West." The attendance was slim, but those present enjoyed a treat.

J. S. DAVIDSON, B.A., was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Knox, St. Vincent and St. Paul's, Sydney, on Wednesday, June 29th. Salary \$800 and a manse. The beautiful brick church was filled with the united congregations.

THE Presbyterians of Innisfail have decided to build a church at once. The manse is so crowded at service that this is imperative. At the communion dispensed in Curry's Hall, on June 5th, over thirty united with the church. A service in the morning as well as in the evening is demanded.

A MASS meeting of Christian Endeavourers will be held in Westminster Church, Bloor Street E., on Thursday, July 14, at 8 p.m. Reports will be received from the delegates who have been attending the New York convention, and addresses will be delivered by some prominent convention speakers.

ON Tuesday afternoon week the Presbytery of Orangeville met in Laurel Presbyterian Church, when the ordination and induction of Rev. Mr. Bell to the charges of Black's Corners and Laurel Churches took place. In the evening an entertainment was held, in which Shelburne choir participated.

H. D. MCKITRICK, B. A., was ordained as missionary for one year in Johnston Church, on Wednesday, July 6th. The church was beautifully decorated, and the church and grounds have been tastefully improved and a fine new shed put up. He enters on his work with every promise of success.

THE Rev. W. W. Percival, M.A., the esteemed pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Richmond Hill village, having completed the course and passed the necessary examinations, has been granted the degree of Ph.D. by one of the leading American universities. We congratulate the Rev. Doctor Percival on his success.

THE Rev. Alexander C. McKenzie, formerly of Embro, now pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Owego, New York, has just been honoured with the degree of D.D. by Maryville College, Tenn. Dr. McKenzie is the son of the late Rev. D. McKenzie, who was for nearly forty years pastor of Embro Presbyterian congregation.

THE anniversary of the Keene Presbyterian Church was held on the 26th ult. The preacher upon the occasion was Rev. Professor Mowat, of Queen's University, who preached two powerful and impressive sermons which will long be remembered in this district. The congregations at both diets of worship were large and the collections were liberal.

THE Rev. James Cameron, M.A., B.D., has declined the call extended to him from Leaskdale and Zephyr. These fields will afford an excellent opportunity for a man who desires material upon which to work. The location is pleasant, and there is a large attendance of young people at services. The supply is in the hands of Session, of which Rev. Alex. U. Campbell, B.A., is Moderator.

KNOX Church Sunday School, Hamilton, held their annual picnic at Oakville last week. The day was beautiful, and over 600 scholars and teachers turned out to enjoy themselves, and were well cared for and looked after by the Rev. Dr. Fraser and Mr. Macpherson. No accident of any kind occurred, and all returned on the *Modjeska* at night well pleased with their glorious day's outing, but feeling rather tired after the excitement of the day.

MISS NELLIE COMFORT, who has been organist in Chalmers Church, Toronto, for over three years, has resigned her position on account of leaving the city. On Saturday evening week she was presented with a very handsome silver tea service by the choir and friends in the congregation as a token of the high esteem in which she is held. Words of commendation and regret at her departure were spoken by Messrs. Charles Dimmock, F. N. Tennant and the pastor, Rev. J. Mutch.

A VERY enjoyable welcome was given on Wednesday evening by the ladies of the Three Rivers Woman's Christian Temperance Union to the Rev. J. R. McLeod and family, recently of Kingsbury, P.Q., now minister of the Presbyterian Church, Three Rivers. It was also the seventh anniversary of their organization, and reports were read by the secretary and other officers. The "Loyal Legion," a young people's temperance society, sang very sweetly, and excellent music was contributed by the choir.

A VERY successful garden party was held in connection with Chalmers Church, Mount Albert, on July 1st. Mr. Gibney's lawn was indeed a scene of life and enjoyment during the twilight, moonlight and torchlight hours. Ample provision had been made by the ladies of the congregation and apparently enjoyed by all. An hour's programme of music and short addresses was given and the Mount Albert brass band, with its choice music, added greatly to the evening's enjoyment. The total receipts amounted to over \$130.

THE Woodville Independent says: In the Presbyterian church here on Sunday forenoon week, the Rev. Mr. McAuley was preaching on "giving a reason for the hope that is within you," and in the course of his discourse spoke of people who would not give a definite answer when asked if they were Christians. A visiting lady in the congregation stood up and gave her testimony as a believer. The congregation was greatly surprised at this breach of decorum; but when the lady sat down the minister proceeded with his sermon, merely remarking "this is a testimony." The lady was perfectly sincere, and did not seem to think she had done anything improper.

THE London Free Press says: Rev. Ghosh Howie, the blind orator of Palestine, preached at the Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, on Sunday, and lectured there on Monday night. His sermon was on the parable of the prodigal son. In the course of his remarks the preacher said that this case reminds us of many a Canadian who leaves his home with a view to make a fortune elsewhere, or at any rate to make a living without having to work very much for it, and very soon finds out that even in the United States people have to work for their living. I could, he said, lay my finger on a score who would be glad to return to Canada if they had the means. The Doctor goes to Tilsonburg on the 17th inst.

THE Conference at Niagara-on-the-Lake is well attended. The Pavilion was quite full Saturday morning at 9.30, when a service of prayer and praise was held under the leadership of Hon. R. Moreton. At ten o'clock Professor J. M. Stifler, D.D., of Christie, Pa., continued his outline studies on one of the Epistles. At 11 o'clock address on the Enquiry of Spirits was delivered by Rev. James H. Brooks, D.D. In the afternoon Rev. H. M. Parsons, D.D., of Toronto, gave an address on "Babylon," followed by some studies of silent Scriptures by Rev. Dr. Albert Erdman, Rev. Dr. Goodman and others. In the evening a large gathering listened to Rev. Hudson Taylor, of China Inland Mission. Sabbath services were as follows: At 9.30 Bible class, conducted by Rev. W. J. Erdman, D.D.; preaching at 11 a.m. by Rev. E. P. Goodman, D.D., of Chicago; general meeting at 8 p.m.

THE corner stone of the new Presbyterian church, Prescott, to replace the one burnt down some time ago, was laid with appropriate ceremony by the Rev. Principal Grant of Queen's University, Kingston. Long before the time appointed for the ceremony, people began to arrive, and when the proceedings commenced there were fully two thousand people present, every denomination being well represented. The Rev. Mr. Stuart, pastor of the Church, acted as chairman. His Worship the Mayor, Mr. John Carruthers, presented the trowel, on behalf of the building committee of the Church, to Principal Grant. The trowel is of solid silver with a polished walnut handle, and is a handsome piece of work. Principal Grant then delivered an appropriate and stirring address, after which Rev. Mr. Stuart then thanked the audience on behalf of the building committee for their presence and attention. The proceedings were then closed by the singing of the doxology and prayer by the Rev. Mr. MacArthur of Cardinal.

DOMINION DAY was celebrated at Meadow Lee by a picnic and bazaar on the grounds of the new Presbyterian church. Early in the day could be seen rigs filled with youth and beauty and also the more sedate coming from every direction determined on having a real good time; judging from their happy appearance their hopes were fully realized. All sat down to an excellent repast provided by the ladies; when justice was done to the inner man they enjoyed themselves at their favourite games. Mr. Acheson, who has been our missionary for the past three summers, occupied the chair in his usual happy manner while a short but interesting programme was rendered. Rev. Mr. Scarlet was the principal speaker, and the choir under the able leadership of Mr. Bond did excellent service. The treasurer, Mr. Robertson, read a very satisfactory report. Receipts of the day one hundred dollars. Rev. R. G. McBeth, of Winnipeg, occupied the pulpit on the following Sabbath, being the first anniversary, and preached a very eloquent and impressive sermon to a large congregation. Presbyterians are thankful and jubilant that they now worship God in a commodious church free of debt.

MR. CHINIQUEY seems to have plunged with the vim of half his years into the struggle now going on in Minnesota for the integrity of the American school system in that State. Night after night he is reported by the *Minneapolis Tribune* to have filled the Swedish Tabernacle in that city, which is said to hold six thousand people, and orations two hours long are reported *in extenso* in that paper. In introducing Mr. Chiniquy, the Rev. G. L. Morrill said: "Some years ago in a Chicago studio a young lady sat painting the head of an old monk. An elderly gentleman entered the room, looked at the picture and said to the artist, 'A wrong idea of life—what do you want such a picture for?' That lady has since become my wife. The monk's head hangs upon my study wall, and the gentleman who made the remonstrance is to address you this evening. (Applause.) America's first great war was for independence; her second, for freedom; her third is for the public institutions. (Applause.) We are rapidly learning the meaning of the words 'If the liberties of the American people are ever destroyed they will fall at the hands of the Roman Catholic clergy. (Applause.) But the God of liberty who raised up Martin Luther has given us a

Father Chiniquy, whom I take great pleasure in introducing."

THE *Streetsville Review* says: Last Sunday morning the Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, in the Presbyterian church here, called the attention of his congregation to the fact that three years had elapsed since his induction to his present charge. He referred briefly to the work accomplished by the various organizations of the congregation during that time, and cordially thanked his people for their many kindnesses to him, and the well-sustained interest they had shown in attendance upon and support of ordinances. The liability against the congregation was steadily decreasing, while to the Schemes of the Church increased attention is being paid. During the past three years upwards of \$1,200 had been contributed for missionary purposes. The communion roll had been increased by ninety-seven names—the membership at present reaching over 300. In commencing a fourth year of work he urged a fuller consecration to God as the only means by which a larger measure of success might be secured, and trusted that the spirit of harmony which had been the special characteristic of the relations between them as pastor and people would long continue. Thus successfully is being carried on the work begun by such eminent and godly men as Rintoul, Ure, Breckenridge, and their successors still living.

FOR some two months past Chalmers Church, Halifax, N.S., has been closed (the services being held meantime in the adjoining hall) in order that its interior might undergo renovation, transformation and improvement. Sabbath morning week it was re-opened for divine worship, Rev. L. G. McNeill, of St. Andrews Church, St. John, preaching a sermon appropriate to the occasion, which was very much admired by the crowded congregation for its fervour, eloquence and literary finish. He took for his text the second clause of 25th verse of 118th Psalm: "O Lord, we beseech Thee: send now prosperity." He congratulated the congregation upon their beautiful church—a sign of prosperity in itself. Spiritual prosperity was the dominant idea in the mind of the psalmist in the verse quoted. This should be their first and highest aim. They should seek the presence and life-giving power of the Church's great King and Head. He next directed attention to the spiritual nature of the members of the Church. He urged loyalty to truth and the faithful discharge of duty on the part of Church members, and unity of purpose in carrying on Christian work. The choir sang a couple of anthems in a manner which indicated careful culture of vocal powers. The church looks very handsome in its new dress. The platform has been enlarged for the better accommodation of the choir, which stands in front of the minister's desk, enclosed behind a costly and elegantly-constructed railing made to harmonize with the woodwork of the pews. The pews are made of ash, trimmed with walnut. They are constructed so as to secure a comfortable sitting posture, and are luxuriously cushioned with crimson cloth. The walls are painted white and the front of the gallery is tinted in harmonious colours, while the ceiling is of oiled spruce. The general effect is very pleasing.

THE Rev. James Ross, M.A., B.D., of Perth, who has been appointed Professor of Homiletics, Pastoral Theology, Sacred Rhetoric and Church Government in Montreal Presbyterian College, is the subject of the following sketch in the *Montreal Witness*: The new Professor of Homiletics, Pastoral Theology, Sacred Rhetoric and Church Government in the Presbyterian College, Montreal, was born in the parish of Peterculter, in the Dee Valley, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. Some time afterwards his family removed to the parish of Kemnay, in the valley of the Don, where he sat under the ministry of the Rev. George Peter, who is still the minister of that place. He came to Canada in the year 1869, settled for some years, and taught school in the townships of Dorchester and London. In September, 1874, he matriculated eighth on the list

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