

the fine choir with their new organ led in very hearty congregational singing. The preacher should have been Dr. Gunner, of Listowel; but in his absence, due to the snow-blockade, Rev. W. Wetherald occupied the pulpit, and preached impressively from Matthew xi. 28—"Come unto Me." At the close, the Association united with the church in observing the Lord's Supper, Rev. Messrs. Hunter and Hughes assisting the pastor. On Wednesday evening the members of the Association were invited to a tea-meeting under the management of the ladies of the church, and addresses were given by several of the brethren, interspersed with musical selections by the choir. In spite of the snow-storm and the consequent detention of the northern brethren, we had a very successful meeting of the Association. Adjourned to meet in Paris on the Tuesday after the Communion Sabbath in October. It may be mentioned that \$10 were voted from the funds to the Widows and Orphans' branch of the Provident Fund, and duly forwarded; also that the Rev. D. McGregor, having resigned the secretaryship, whose duties he has so ably discharged for the past five years, and a successor appointed, any communications intended for the Secretary-Treasurer of the Western Association may be addressed to the undersigned, who has fallen heir to the honours and emoluments of that office.

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#### OBITUARY.

There passed through the shadow into light on the 26th ult., Harriet Pontifex, relict of Mr. John Elliot (who had preceded her a little over a year), at the advanced age of ninety years. Mr. Elliot was eighty-eight when he died, having been born in 1796. As no notice appeared of Mr. Elliot's death at the time of its occurrence, a few words may be penned of the two so long connected, so briefly separated, and now so happily reunited where shadows fall not. Mr. and Mrs. Elliot were both born in England, and were married in 1822. Sixty-two years of happy wedded life were therefore enjoyed. They came to Canada in the fall of 1831, and on settling in Toronto (Little York) Mr. Elliot, who had been a clerk in Doctors' Commons, London, England, completed his law studies in the office of the late Chief Justice W. H. Draper. After practising law for several years, he

accepted the Clerkship of the County of York, which office he retained with honour until 1876. In London, England, both our departed friends were members of Craven Court Chapel, the Independent Church under the late Dr. Liefchields, and on arriving in Toronto they connected themselves with the church which had been formed under the pastoral care of Rev. William Merrifield in 1834. This church subsequently came under the pastoral care of Rev. Mr. Roaf, and our friends became members of Zion Church, continuing in that fellowship until Dr. Jackson's removal to Kingston, when they united with the Northern on account of advancing years and the distance of residence from the old historic church. For some time Mrs. Elliot had been smitten with paralysis, and therefore unable to attend church, but Mr. Elliot's form was a familiar one, and awakens to the writer a tender recollection, in the fact that in the last service (a united thanksgiving one in the New Zion Church) at which his boy was present here, the two, the fresh old man of over fourscore, and the fading lad of twelve, sat side by side in friendly worship. They soon joined, in the Great Presence, in their worship again.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliot were of singularly equable disposition. Without any ostentation they preserved a blameless, earnest life, serving their Master, with open-handed charity to all, and as a shock of corn fully ripe have been at length gathered home. They leave two daughters, one the wife of Mr. Jas. Smith, of Toronto, long and favourably known not only in his profession as an architect, but as an active friend of our churches and their work. B.

THE library of the late Dr. Lindsay Alexander, consisting of over 1,400 volumes of church history, theology, and general literature, including a collection of old Bibles, has been sold by public auction in Edinburgh.

A QUEER old man, who formerly lived near Dwight, Dakota, and who was looked upon as a crank, has received a large sum of money from Krupp, the German gun manufacturer, for a valuable discovery in projectiles.

PERHAPS one of the most notable factors in the unification of the Kingdom of Italy lies in its recognition of the potency of the press. It publishes to-day 1,378 newspapers and periodicals, 210 of which are in the Province of Rome.

THE inhabitants of St. Petersburg consider themselves fortunate in having had an average winter death-rate of only thirty-five per 1,000 of population. In London, where the rate has been recently 19.5, this would be thought epidemic. The usual rate for the Russian capital is forty to forty-five.

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