

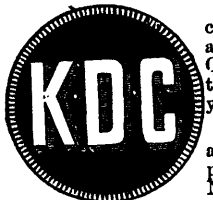
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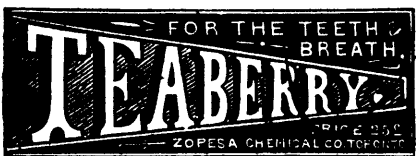
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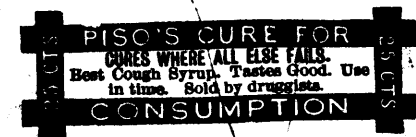
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**Ministers and Churches.**

The re-opening services of Port Dover church will be conducted by Dr. Howie on the 18th and 19th inst.

The Rev. Dr. Warden, of Montreal, leaves this week for a brief trip to Scotland. He will only be absent three weeks.

The induction of Rev. Mr. Harrison as pastor of the united congregations of Dundalk and Ventry, took place on Tuesday of last week.

The Winchester Presbyterian Church has decided to extend a call to Rev. Mr. Shearer, formerly of Morewood, but now of Sherbrooke, Que.

The Rev. Mr. Cattamach, of Queen's College, has accepted the call to Centreville, and his induction will take place on Tuesday, 27th June.

The name of Rev. A.D. McDonald, D.D., of Senfirth, was inadvertently omitted in the report of the meeting of the F. M. C., held on 23rd and 24th May.

The authorities of Knox Church, Guelph, have decided to put a cedar hedge in front of the church lawn, and men are at work putting in the plants.

Stewarton Presbyterian church, Ottawa (Rev. R. E. Knowles, pastor), is to be enlarged so as to double its seating capacity. The work will cost \$2,500.

The resignation of Rev. H. McQuarrie, of Wingham, will take effect on June 11. Rev. J. L. Murray, of Kincardine, will be Moderator of Session during the vacancy.

Glencoe Presbyterian Y.P.S.C.E. have decided not to send a representative to the Montreal convention. It is thought the money required to send one can be better expended.

A very interesting missionary meeting was held in Appin Presbyterian Church, Monday of last week. Addresses were delivered on Home and Foreign Missions by Rev. D. Currie, and Mr. Angus Graham, of the North Ekfrid Mission.

Mrs. (Rev.) W. S. Ball, of Vanneck, was presented with a purse containing \$50 by the lady friends of the Vanneck Presbyterian Church, on the occasion of her leaving for Toronto. The presentation took place at the manse, Vanneck.

The Presbytery of Sarnia, on the 6th inst., granted the translation of Rev. Mr. McMillan, of Alvinston, to North Bay, in the Presbytery of Barrie; the same to take effect on the 12th inst. Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson to preach and declare the pulpit vacant on the 18th inst.

Donald Guthrie, B.A., son of D. Guthrie, M.P.P. for South Wellington, occupied the pulpit of the Rev. Mr. Beattie, Gobles, last Sabbath, with great acceptance, preaching two able sermons, remaining until Monday morning with his aunt, Mrs. W. C. McLeod, Jr., 335 Hunter street.

At a congregational meeting of Knox church, Perth, on Saturday afternoon, a unanimous call was given to Rev. Dugald Currie, M.A., B.D., of Glencoe, Ont. The pulpit has been vacant since the Rev. Prof. Ross accepted a professorship in Montreal College, last summer. The meeting was a very harmonious one, and the call to Rev. Mr. Currie has given general satisfaction.

The Christian Endeavour Society of the Brampton Presbyterian Church gave an open entertainment on Monday evening last week. The lecture room of the church was well filled. A pleasing musical programme was presented, followed by interesting addresses from Revs. Dr. McTavish, J. McP. Scott, and John Neil, of Toronto. Refreshments were served at the close of the entertainment.

Rev. R. G. MacBeth, left Winnipeg a few days ago for the World's Fair at Chicago, and the General Assembly meeting at Brantford, Ont. Before leaving he was presented with an address and cheque for a handsome amount by Rev. Professor Baird and Mr. Hugh Ross, on behalf of the congregation of Augustine church. The pulpit of Augustine church will be supplied during Rev. Mr. MacBeth's absence by Revs. Dr. McLaren, Scrimger and King, and the Students' Missionary Society of Manitoba College.

On the eve of the removal of Rev. Mr. Shaw from Tilbury Centre, an address, expressive of the good wishes of the congregation, was presented to himself and wife accompanied by a large leather bound chair and two volumes of the Encyclopedia of Missions for Mr. Shaw, and a music rack and silver and gold fruit spoon for Mrs. Shaw. The presentation took place at the residence of Banker Stewart, and was a very pleasant affair.

On June 8th, in Columbus, the congregation of Columbus and Brooklyn spent

an enjoyable and profitable day. Meetings were held in the forenoon and afternoon for the discussion of missionary themes; at the former Rev. J. Abraham, of Whitby, preached on Home Missions, and at the latter Mr. William Holliday spoke on Home Missions; Mr. J. M. Burns on French Evangelization; and Wm. Smith, M.P.P., and Mr. Wm. Ratcliff on Foreign Missions. Between the meetings the people pic-nicked.

The death is announced of Rev. D. B. Blair, D.D., of Barney's River, Pictou county, N.S. Dr. Blair has been for many years one of the most prominent clergymen of the Presbyterian Church in Nova Scotia. He was scholarly, evangelical, and particularly distinguished for his extensive and accurate knowledge of Scottish Church history. Personally and socially he was highly esteemed by all who came in contact with him. He was a vigorous writer, and fearless in expressing his opinions, and yet always respected the views of those who conscientiously held views opposed to his.

The "Sunbeam" Mission Band in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Ailsa Craig held an open meeting on Monday evening, 5th inst. A long and well-rendered programme was given, consisting of readings, recitations and singing by the Band, supplemented by suitable addresses from the Rev. W. M. Shore, Episcopal, on general mission work; also Rev. D. L. Dewar, pastor of the church, on the effective work that even the young can do in the Master's cause. There was a good attendance, drawn from all the local Churches. A mission collection was taken up in behalf of some work in the North-west.

The quarto-centennial of the pastorate of Rev. J. Becket, of Thamesville, was celebrated by his congregation on Wednesday, June 7th. At the conclusion of the weekly prayer-meeting, the chair was taken by Mr. R. Ferguson, M. P. Mr. Wm. Sherman read a very appropriate address to the pastor, and Miss Belle Ferguson presented him with a purse of money. Mr. Becket in a brief reply referred to the harmony and peace that prevailed in the congregation for a quarter of a century, and expressed his gratitude to God in leading him to the work of the Christian ministry and in giving not a few tokens of His approval and blessing. Refreshments were served by the ladies; congratulatory addresses were given by Rev. W. Hinde, Rector of St. Stephen's, and others; and the meeting was closed with benediction.

The new St. Mark's Church (Presbyterian) in connection with St. Matthew's, Onabruk, Rev. J. J. Cameron, pastor, was formally dedicated on Sunday, the 4th inst., Principal Grant, of Queen's University, Kingston, preaching able and eloquent sermons morning and evening, and Rev. Andrew Russell, in the afternoon, to overflowing audiences. The services were very much appreciated. The new building is a very neat, tasteful structure, capable of seating 300, and reflects credit on the liberality and enterprise of the congregation. The debt has been reduced to \$600. On the following Monday evening a successful social was held in the church. Short and interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. W. Clark (Baptist), Onabruk Centre, Rev. W. Kitts, missionary from China, Rev. W. Davis (Adventist), and Rev. W. Davis, of Queen's University, interspersed by choice musical selections by Knox church choir, Cornwall. The pastor occupied the chair.

On Thursday, June 1st, the corner stone of the new Presbyterian church, Wick, was laid by Mr. Alexander Leask, elder of the congregation. After devotional exercises, led by the pastor, Rev. Mr. McMillan, assisted by Rev. Mr. Ross, Cannington, the pastor gave an historical sketch of the congregation. The history was a long and interesting one, reflecting much credit on the various ministers who have laboured in this field. A copy of the history, together with copies of the various leading secular and religious papers were deposited on the corner stone, which was then declared well and truly laid by Mr. Leask. The congregation then adjourned to the shed, where an excellent programme was prepared. There were present, Revs. Dr. Grant, Orillia; Hanna, Uxbridge; Bethune, Beaverton; Neilly, Sunderland; McLeod, Sonya; Ross, Cannington; Whiteman, Port Perry; and Messrs. Smith and Glendinning, M.P.'s for North and South Ontario. Dr. Grant was the speaker of the day and delivered a most thoughtful and practical address on congregational work. Three points were emphasized—unity, activity, and liberality. The choir of the Presbyterian church of Uxbridge, delivered some pleasing anthems, which were much appreciated. After the address of Dr. Grant, all sat down to an excellent tea, prepared by the ladies of the congregation. The Rev. Mr. McMillan and the people are to be congratulated on their success. We wish them a happy and prosperous future.

The recent semi-annual meeting of the Hamilton Presbyterial W.F.M.S. in Knox church, Hamilton, proved a very pleasant event. Mrs. Grant, the President, conducted the meeting. After devotional exercises, the roll was called by the Secretary, Mrs. Wanzer, and responded to by delegates from the auxiliaries and mission bands belonging to the Society. Hamilton particularly being well represented. After a few well-chosen words of address, the President asked that the sister societies of the town be heard from. Miss Burrows spoke in behalf of the Methodist Church, and Miss Holt for the Baptist Church, each giving a few words of welcome and expressing union and sympathy in the work. Miss Webb was then introduced, and in a very impressive manner gave a glimpse of life as it exists among the women of China. A lengthy letter from the North-west was read, describing the state of the schools for the Indian children, and telling the sort of material suitable to send for clothing, along with other instructions. Mrs. Ewart, of Toronto, gave some interesting and important facts as to the qualification of those who present themselves as missionaries for the foreign field. Some are rejected on account of health, some are too old, some are too young, others lack education, thus showing that much of the responsibility rests with the board of management as to the selection of those most likely to be successful in the work. After routine business, the delegates and friends present were invited to tea in the schoolroom, where a very enjoyable hour was spent by all.

Senator Leland Stanford, of California, has caused general surprise by coming out in a statement strongly opposing the exclusion of the Chinese. Among other things he says: "We need the Chinese to work in our fields, vineyards and orchards, and gather our fruit and do the common labour of the country. I do not know what we would do without them, and I undertake to say that they are the most industrious, and altogether commendable class of foreigners who come here. There is no other class so quick to learn, and none so faithful."

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