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Mrs. Bishop in a recent speech said:—Just one or two remarks as to what these false faiths do. They degrade women with an infinite degradation. I have lived in zenanas and harems, and have seen the daily life of the secluded women, and I can speak from bitter experience of what their lives are—the intellect dwarfed, so that the woman of twenty or thirty years of age is more like a child of eight intellectually; while all the worst passions of human nature are stimulated and developed in a fearful degree; jealousy, envy, murderous hate, intrigue, running to such an extent that in some countries I have hardly ever been in a women's house or near a women's tent without being asked for drugs with which to disfigure the favorite wife, to take away her life, or to take away the life of the favorite wife's infant son. This request has been made of me nearly two hundred times. This is only an indication of the daily life of those miseries we think so little, and which is a natural product of the systems that we ought to have subverted long ago.

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Ministers and Churches.

The Rev. T. Davidson, has withdrawn his resignation of the congregation of Wroxeter.

The Rev. G. Ballantyne has been inducted into the pastoral charge of Molesworth Congregation.

The Rev. J. R. McKay, of Knox College, has declined the call extended to him from Bayfield and Bethany.

In the absence of Dr. Smith, on a recent Sabbath, Rev. Mr. Frizzel, of Toronto, filled the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope.

Tuesday evening the 3rd inst., Rev. Dr. Thompson, Sarnia, delivered a lecture in the English Church Hall, on "Self Culture," under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

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The Rev. R. W. Ross, M.A., preached a special children's sermon in the Presbyterian church on a recent Sunday morning. The service was appropriate to the occasion and the sermon of the most interesting and instructive of its kind ever given in Glencoe.

The first communion services in the Point Douglas Presbyterian church, Winnipeg, were held recently, the services being conducted by the Rev. Prof. Baird. An addition of thirty-seven was made to the list of communicants. The evening service was conducted by Rev. Principal King.

The Executive of the F. M. C. has asked Dr. S. L. Mackay to give up visiting congregations until after the Assembly. He has been taking colds, which is not surprising after so many years in a tropical climate, and is in danger of seriously impairing his health, which the church cannot afford.

A meeting of the session, Temporal committee and officers of the Y. P. S. C. E., of Knox church, Ottawa, was held recently to consider the advisability of extending a call to a pastor. Rev. Mr. Herdridge, moderator, presided. A meeting of the congregation is to be called to take further action.

The Presbyterian Church, Mount Pleasant, has secured a new organ, but their joy will be marred by losing their esteemed pastor, Rev. Mr. McKay. Mr. McKay has made many friends in the community during his stay, who will be very sorry to part with him, but will wish him continued success in his new field of labor at Sunderland.

Rev. Robt. Johnston, B.A., pastor of St. Andrew's church, Lindsay, lately spent ten days in Montreal. He occupied the pulpit of Crescent St. Presbyterian church in the morning, and of St. James' Methodist church in the evening, last Sunday. We congratulate him upon his obtaining degree B.D. of which was conferred upon him at the last convocation held at the Presbyterian college, Montreal.

At a meeting of the theological students of the summer session, held recently in Winnipeg, it was decided to form a Theological society in connection with the summer session. A joint meeting of theological and art students was held in Dr. King's class-room at 4.30 yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of furthering the scheme of supporting a missionary in the foreign mission field.

An impressive service was held in Chalmers church, Guelph, on a late Sunday, commemorative of recent deaths which have occurred in the congregation. The pastor, Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, preached a memorial sermon, taking his text from Job, 23rd chap., 10th verse, but speaking more especially from the latter part of the text, "When he hath tried me I shall come forth as gold."

Mr. Knox preached in St. Andrew's, Fergus, on Sunday morning, April 1st, whilst Rev. Mr. Mullan was in Glenallan. A union service was held in Melville Sunday evening, communion having been observed in the morning. Rev. Mr. McKay, secretary of Foreign Missions, preached. His sermon was highly appreciated and in the evening the church was crowded. Mr. McKay delivered a very powerful appeal for help to the missions. He is a pleasant, eloquent speaker, and was closely listened to.

For some weeks the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church, Duluth, has been filled by Rev. Dr. Waits of Owen Sound, Ont. The engagement, which lasts to the end of the month, was not an ordinary supply, but was made with a view to asking the reverend gentleman to become pastor in case he proved acceptable. On Monday evening, 26th ult., prior to Dr. Waits leaving the city, a joint meeting of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees, was held to discuss the situation, in view of the Alien Contract Labour Law, and on Tuesday morning he was interviewed by a deputation, to whom he gave no decision.

We have received a copy of the annual report of the Knox Church congregation, Walkerton, from which we take the following items: During the seven years of Dr. James' pastorate there have been added to the communion roll 266 names, or an average of 38 per year, and there is now a membership of 342. Mission contributions for 1893 \$814, and for congregational purposes \$4,376, which includes \$1,500 paid on the mortgage debt. Two small legacies of \$400 and \$200 were paid in during the year for the reduction of this debt. Dr. James leaves the congregation in a prosperous condition.

The directors of the Upper Canada Tract Society held their regular monthly meeting recently with Rev. Canon Sanson in the chair. It was reported that the colporteurs had visited many families, and sold 640 Bibles and religious books. The income from subscriptions, collections, and donations was higher last year than ever before received, and during that time nine colporteurs employed by

the society in Manitoba, Algoma, and Ontario, visited 14,000 families, selling altogether 11,620 Bibles and religious books, and covered in their travels 10,000 miles. Mr. Bone, on the Welland canal, and Mr. Potter, the other sailors' missionary, were both successful in their work last year. The sixty-first annual meeting of the society will be held in the Bloor Street Baptist Church, on May 10th, when Rev. Dr. Smith, of the Metropolitan Methodist, and Rev. T. B. Hyde, of the Northern Congregational Church, will address the meeting. Rev. Dr. Moffatt, secretary goes to Brampton for Sunday and Monday, and on Thursday he will be in Newmarket. An additional colporteur was appointed in the person of Mr. Wm. Graham.

OBITUARY.

One of the oldest and most highly respected residents of the town of Peterboro, Mr. Robt. Johnston, passed away peacefully to rest lately at his family residence, "Oakhurst," Gilmour street, at the patriarchal age of nearly 87 years. The deceased gentleman was born at "Righead Farm," near Carlisle, Cumberland County, England, on November 14th, 1807; consequently if he had lived till next November he would have been 87 years of age. At the age of 23 years Mr. Johnston came to Canada, settling in Beauharnois, province of Quebec, about thirty miles from Montreal. Here he entered into a general mercantile business and was one of the foremost and most highly esteemed residents of the place, as shown by the fact that when Beauharnois was incorporated, Mr. Johnston was elected the first mayor. Mr. Johnston was a faithful member of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, and while respected very highly as a citizen, will be especially remembered by his family as a considerate and loving father.

The late Rev. Lachlan Cameron, pastor of St. Andrew's church, Thamesford, was born in 1826 in Ilay Scotland, and fell asleep in Jesus on Monday, March 26th. He came to Canada with his parents about the year 1852, who settled near Woodville, Ontario, in the same year. Like many others, who have studied for the ministry, Mr. Cameron spent some years of his life in teaching school. Having spent a few years in this work he entered Knox College where he took a six years' course and graduated in the spring of 1862, with credit to himself and his Alma Mater. During the years of his college training he did faithful service in the mission fields of the church. He was ordained and inducted at Acton in November 1862, where he served the Master loyally and earnestly till the 14th of October 1874. In this field, during the period of nearly twelve years, the Lord granted him constantly many seals to his ministry. Early in the summer of 1874 he was called to Thamesford, and declined. A second call being presented to him, Mr. Cameron thought it his duty to accept. On both occasions the Acton people made strenuous efforts to retain their esteemed pastor. His induction took effect at Thamesford, November 10th, 1874 where he laboured for a period of over 19 years. Mr. Cameron was an able and earnest preacher and a very diligent and painstaking pastor. He preached not himself or human doubts, but believed he had a specific message from God to men, and he delivered it with all the sanctified fire of his Celtic nature. His ambition was to be true to men's souls and therefore he was pointed, simple and clear in his presentation of truth. In all his ministry he might have truthfully adopted the language of the Apostle: "And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and him crucified." His Christianity was all through life of the most practical kind. He was liberal to every good cause during his life and in his will he left \$1,200 to the schemes of the church, namely, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Aged and Infirm Ministers and Widows and Orphans \$300 each. He was married in 1864 to Sarah Jane, daughter of the late John Kennedy of "Craigmooriston," near Guelph, and this most happy marriage continued till on December 18th, 1890, the Lord was pleased to take Mrs. Cameron to himself. Mrs. Cameron's praise is in all the churches and her memory fragrant wherever she has been. He leaves four of a family, two sons and two daughters, Mrs. Dr. Kester, of Mount Elgin, Ontario is the eldest daughter. The other three are Calvin and Dallas, who are pursuing their education in Toronto with a view to the ministry, and a daughter Hannah.

PRESBYTERY MEETING.

Presbytery of Sarnia met in St. Andrew's Church here on the 12th ult., Rev. Messrs. Aylward, Finlay and Anderson, ministers without charge, being present, were asked to sit with the court. Leave was granted to the congregations at Petrola, Parkley, Camlachie and Alvinston to have calls moderated in there if necessary before the next ordinary meeting and their respective Moderators were authorized to discharge that duty if called upon. The following deputation was appointed to visit aid-receiving congregations and stations and to report in March next, viz: Corunna and Mooretown, —Dr. Thompson, and Rev. Mr. Nichol; Sarnia South, Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson; Maudamin, Mr. Nichol; Inwood, Brooke and Weidmann, Mr. Graham; Marthaville, Mr. McDermid, Courtright and Sombra, Mr. McKee. Congregations were instructed to make their own arrangements for holding missionary meetings and report in March next. A deputation from Corunna and Mooretown was present and intimated a shortage in the subscription lists ever since Mr. Urquhart's induction, with no prospect, in present arrangements, of being able to make up the salary promised. On motion of Mr. Cuthbertson it was agreed to appoint a deputation consisting of Dr. Thompson and Mr. Nichol, ministers, and Messrs. Nisbet and Geo. Lays, elders, to visit Corunna and stations, Burns Church and Moore Line, Courtright and Sombra, with a view

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of making such a rearrangement as shall solidify these fields and lessen expenditure heretofore made of Assembly funds. It was agreed to make application for \$50 from the Assembly's H. M. C., and to pay \$20 from the Presbytery's fund to pay arrears for services at at Duithel Church during the summer. The hour of adjournment having come the Presbytery adjourned to meet at Point Edward, and within the church there at 2 p.m., and was closed with the benediction. The Presbytery met again at 2 p.m. in the church, Pt. Edward, pursuant to adjournment for the induction of Mr. Eadie. The congregation being met and the edict returned with certification of having been duly served, no objections were offered. After sermon the Moderator gave a narrative of the various steps taken in the call and put the questions usual in such cases which were satisfactorily answered. The induction prayer was offered up, after which the Moderator inducted Mr. Eadie into the charge of Pt. Edward, giving him the right hand of fellowship. Mr. Cuthbertson addressed the minister and Mr. Jordan, the people, in suitable terms. Mr. Eadie's name was added to the Presbytery roll and the meeting was closed with the benediction. —Geo. CUTHBERTSON, clerk.

Presbytery of Brockville met at Prescott. Dr. Muir, Huntingdon, was nominated Moderator of Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, and Rev. D. M. Gordon, of the General Assembly. The clerk, on behalf of the committee on A. I. M. F., reported that a system of exchanges of pulpits had been arranged throughout the bounds of the Presbytery and where canvassing had been done, much liberality had been shown. The report on remits presented by the Moderator, Mr. J. J. Wright, recommended: 1st. That a group of mission stations, supplied by one missionary, be regarded as one congregation for purposes of representation. 2nd. As regards the enlarging of the powers of Synods that no change be made. 3rd. That College Boards should have the right to make appointments of professors subject to the approval of the General Assembly, and that the latter should have the right to ask for the removal of any teacher when such seemed necessary for the good of the church. 4th. That the Hymnal should be revised, enlarged and given better binding, that hymns for the younger members of the church should be issued in separate volumes with a suitable number in the larger Hymnal and that selections from the Psalter would be sufficient. A special committee was appointed to consider and report upon the proposed selections. These recommendations were agreed to. It was further agreed that the music of the Hymnal should be thoroughly revised, that the pages should be cut as in the Psalter, that the new Hymnal should be more thoroughly indexed as to topics, and that an

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