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## The Late Rev. Dr. James Ross

The whole Church, and not least of all, the readers of the *TEACHERS MONTHLY*, met with a sore loss in the death, through accident, on November 18th last, of Rev. Dr. James Ross, of St. Andrew's Church, London, Ont., one of its valued contributors.

Dr. Ross began his work in 1881 as minister of Knox Church, Perth, Ont. He was for two years lecturer in Church History at Queens and from 1892-1904 Professor of Practical Theology in the Presbyterian College, Montreal, following which he became minister of St. Andrew's.

A ripe scholar, a terse and interesting writer, an eloquent and persuasive preacher of the gospel of Christ, a good pastor, a much beloved friend of many, and one ready to take his full share in public matters of his city and of the church, Dr. Ross fulfilled a splendid ministry.

His work in the *TEACHERS MONTHLY* was a well informed, instructive and altogether delightful feature—*Light from the East*, which he carried continuously for the past thirteen years. It will be a gratification to our readers to know,—so prompt and well forward was our friend and contributor,—that the material for *Light from the East* is on hand for the whole of the present year, and will appear as usual.

## "Increase and Efficiency"

Last October a Dominion-wide campaign was begun for "increase and efficiency" in our Sunday School and Young People's work. Since that time S. S. and Y.P.S. institutes and conferences have been held at convenient centres in every province of the Dominion. Revs. J. C. Robertson and C. A. Myers, General and Associate S. S.

and Y. P. S. Secretaries, have been very busy in the four Western Provinces, giving the workers of the local Synods their counsel and practical help, while Revs. Alex. Macgillivray and W. R. McIntosh, the Joint Chairmen of the Board, with the expert assistance of Rev. Dr. A. J. W. Myers, have rendered like service in the East. Plans have been matured for securing the more effective oversight and development of S. S. and Y.P.S. work in every Presbytery by the Presbytery's Committee. All along the line wise and energetic efforts will be made to organize new Schools and Societies and to bring all existing Schools and Societies up to the Standards of Excellence. It may confidently be expected that next year will see a largely increased enrolment; a greater number of children attending the church services; more children and young people coming into full communion; and more recruits for the ministry and deaconess work; and an advance in missionary interest and liberality,—five glorious results surely, results full of promise for the future of our church.

## All Things New

God is continually making new things. Each day is new, and like no other day. Each year is new, with a new race and a new goal.

New strength may be gained with the new days and the new years. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." No supply of grace ever given to any one in the past has been just the same as that which may be received now by the seeking souls for its new circumstances and needs.

Peter, the apostle of hope, pictures a coming time—"a new heavens and a new earth." God does not mean that the universe which He made all fair and good shall forever be