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Rev. D. Strachan of St. John's church, Brockville, was the preacher in Erskin church, Ottawa, last Sunday. Mr. Strachan is always heard with pleasure and profit.

Rev. W. McC. Thompson, who has been pastor of Greyfriar's Presbyterian church, Port of Spain, Trinidad, for nearly two years, has returned to Nova Scotia in very poor health. He is at the home of his father, Rev. James Thompson, Durham.

Rev. Professor W. G. Jordan, D.D., of Queen's University, Kingston, occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's church on Sunday. Strong and scholarly sermons were delivered both morning and evening. It was announced that Dr. Herdridge would occupy his own pulpit next Sunday.

Looking out over the Toronto Exhibition, one could not but be struck with the aspect of the crowds from various parts of Ontario—well dressed, well-fed, well-behaved, and bearing all outward marks of material prosperity. The observer had that very morning been reading the accounts of tens of thousands of people in Glasgow who were pinched with want through lack of employment—making a sharp contrast between what he had read in the morning, and what he saw in the afternoon. Not long before, the observer had read accounts of a good deal of excessive drinking in Glasgow, and he could not but wonder whether there would not have been less distress in the big Scottish city if the money spent uselessly and even injuriously in drink had been laid by to tide over the proverbial rainy day. However, it behooves Canadians, while giving vent to thankfulness, to steer clear of Phariseism. We, too, speaking of Canada as a whole, waste too much of our substance on a traffic which gives no good return for its existence.

MACHINERY NOT EVERYTHING.

After all, machinery is not everything, and yet we are constantly seeing Assemblies, Synods, Presbyteries, Sessions and Congregations talk and act as if all that was needed was some additional machinery of one kind or the other. We do not decry machinery, nor proper organization, which may often mean only the best way of doing things, but at the same time do we not need to guard against the idea in congregational or other Christian work that machinery is everything? The late Rev. D. J. Macdonnell used to say about various plans and discussions re Sabbath school teaching, &c., that discussion about teaching was good enough in its place, but that the main thing after all was—to teach. So in all kinds of Christian work the thing is to be as reasonably sure as possible that you are on the right track; then go ahead. Prayer and work make a tremendous combination.

NAVIGATING THE AIR.

There is no reason to suppose the age of scientific discovery will ever come to an end. We have hardly got wondering over the telephone, the electric trolley, the electric light, the improved speed of steamships, and of railway trains, when the navigation of the air, long held to be the merest dream, becomes an accomplished fact. Like the other inventions, that of aerial navigation has to have its embryonic infancy, and will have to come gradually to its perfection; but the feat itself has now been accomplished, ships of the air can be navigated; the rest is but a matter of time, money and further experiment. The scientists of every country, stimulated by large reward from their governments, and from men of wealth, are at work on the navigation of the air. Within a few days, Orville Wright, of Washington, has succeeded in remaining up in the air for over an hour, being able to go hither and thither, up or down, at pleasure, even in tempestuous weather. The mind of man, after all, is capable of something more than the mind of the ox! Let us hope this latest of the great scientific achievements, when it comes to its perfection, may tend to the peace and the higher interests of mankind.

The annual meeting of the Lord's Day Alliance in the various provinces will be held probably according to the following arrangement: Nova Scotia, Nov. 3 at Halifax; Prince Edward Island, Nov. 3, at Charlottetown; New Brunswick, Nov. 5, at St. John; Quebec, Nov. 9, at Montreal; Ontario, Nov. 13, at Toronto; Manitoba, Nov. 18, at Winnipeg; Saskatchewan, Nov. 20, at Regina; Alberta, Nov. 24, at Edmonton; British Columbia, Nov. 27, at Vancouver.

The Ottawa Ladies' College, of which Rev. W. D. Armstrong, D.D., is president, has re-opened with a very large number of day pupils, and also of resident pupils from all parts of Canada. Dr. Armstrong states that when all the pupils are in there will be a larger attendance than in any previous year.

THE NEW PROFESSOR AT QUEEN'S

The work of a professor in one of our colleges is important, though it is not work that comes directly under the public eye; he has the privilege of guiding and inspiring the future ministers of the Church, the young men who will soon take the leading positions in moral and religious movements. Some people think that the professor might come out more into the open, show himself more frequently in public, and give to a larger audience the benefit of the gifts that he is supposed to possess. In that connection we must remember that it is only a few who can do well the work of two or three men; and after all a man, in any sphere, serves the larger public best by doing his own task well. Some of the men whose work is most influential and abiding are seen very little in public. Every man in his own order. The student and scholar has his place as well as the public orator.

Queen's University suffered a distinct loss by the resignation of Professor J. MacNaughton, who has gone to take up again classical work in McGill; he was an able scholar, a brilliant speaker and suggestive teacher; for a little while he gave his services to the theological department, but he felt called to go back to the teaching of Greek and the interpretation of ancient Greek life. We are glad then, under the circumstances, that the Trustees of Queen's have had such splendid success in filling his place; the Rev. E. F. Scott, of Prestwick, Scotland, is a man quite capable of doing the highest academic work in this department. Mr. Scott is a graduate of Glasgow and Oxford, and for many years has given special study to the New Testament and the problems connected with the early history of the Christian Church. Two books recently published by Mr. Scott show that he is an able expositor as well as a competent scholar. These books, the one entitled "The Apologetic of the New Testament," the other one "The Fourth Gospel," bear the marks of long and careful study as well as of independent thinking; they are far removed from the common place and are instructive and interesting in the highest degree. A man who could do this kind of work while carrying out the duties of a pastor, must be possessed of exceptional ability. It is good that the vacant chair at Queen's is likely to be so well filled, good for the university and the Church at large. We are glad that Scotland can spare us a man of such real distinction, and trust that he will have great success in his work.

A Red Dish.—A very beautiful dish may be made from red apples; set side by side in a sauce pan and half cover with water; cook until tender, turning them often so that all parts shall get soft at the same time. Do not let them break but lift out carefully with a colander dipper and remove the skin carefully. The red color should remain. To a pint of water add a half pint of sugar and the grated rind of a lemon. Simmer until reduced one-half and pour over the fruit. Serve cold.