BRANDON NOTES.

Special Correspondence

Rev. R. G. Stewart, of Kenton, is supplying for Rev. J. W. Woodside, of Vancouver, B.C.

The Orangemen of Souris River County met in Melita on July 11th and were addressed by a brother of the order—the Rev. Walter Beattle.

Rev. T. H. Wallace had the misfortune to break his leg some time ago. His pulpit in Elkhorn is being filled by a minister who is homesteading in that district.

The overture of Brandon Presbytery asking for the preparation of a handbook dealing with the work of our Church in all its branches was, by the recent Assembly, referred to the Publications Committee for favorable consideration. The Church in the United States finds it pays to prepare such a book. Why should not we have such a means of intelligence, too?

The Elva people had a great day on July 9th, when St. Paul's Church had its corner stone well and truly laid Rev. J. M. Kellock presided. Rev. J. E. Stephens, moderator of Presbytery, laid the stone, and did it in a workmanlike and graceful way.

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In the receptacle provided were laid coins, the local papers, a financial statement of the congregation and of the Building Committee, names of members and elders, and an historical account of the beginning and development of the Presbyterian cause in the village and surrounding country.

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After a sumptuous supper, speeches began at \$ p.m., and continued through the long clear western night until 10 p.m., the crowd listening with intense and untiring attention. Dr. Schaffner. M.P., John Willams, M.P.P., and Rev. Stephens, Kellock, Russell, Townley, and Johnston (Methodist) were the speakers, and their topics included such live subjects as "The Church's influence on the national life" and "The benefits of the proposed union of the churches." A pleasing and touching feature of the occasion was the little speech, in a reminiscent veingiven by Mrs. Brown, widow of one of the carliest ministers that labored in the place. The Building Committee and Ladles' Ale were between them richer by \$162 for the day's gathering. The architect promises that the church, when built, will be the finest one of anything like its size and cost in the Brandon and Estevan.

MONTREAL.

Many of the city ministers are taking their holidays, and the people are hearing new volces from Sabbath to Sabbath. In several cases two neighboring congregations have united; but in a majority of instances new men take the places of absent pastors.

Erskine and Emmanuel congregations worship together during July and August.

Rev. Prof. Welch, D.D., is the preacher in St. Paul's Church during Dr. Barclay's absence.

On Sabbath last Rev. Neil MacPherson, of Indianapolis, took the services in Crescent St. Church.

In the American Presbyterian Church Rev. A. E. Keigwin, of New York, has been giving very acceptable services.

Rev. D. J. Graham of MacVicar Church, is now on a well-earned holiday. Rev. Mr. Beattle occupied the pulpit last Sunday.

St. Andrew's and Melville churches, Westmount, united during July and August, and the same may be said of Knox and Stanley St. congregations.

The Grand Trunk Railway, with its Pacific terminal at Prince Rupert, lessens the distance between New York and Yokohama by 1,500 miles.

In Goshen, Indiana, all the saloons were closed for three days before the county option election, so that the people could judge what a dry town was like. Local Option carried.

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

Rev. J. Mackie Niven has resigned at Poplar Point.

Rev. Dr. Junor, of New York, for a time one of our missionaries in Formosa, recently visiting in this city, was asked to accept a seat in Presbytery.

During the vacation of Rev. Dr. Gordon (Ralph Connor), his pulpit will be occupied by Rev. P. M. Macdonald, pastor of Cowan Avenue Church, Toronto.

At the recent meeting of Presbytery Rev. H. J. Robertson moved the following motion, which was unanimously approved. "That the attention of the executive committee of the Lord's Day Alliance be called to the fact that no rest day is at present provided for the Winnipeg police force, and the Presbytery urges that the alliance take such action as may secure a day of rest for these men."

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The Pope has declared that he would never use the automobile presented to him by American Catholics.

The footprints of the extinct monster, the iguanodon, have been discovered at Crowborough, in England.

The Patrick congregation of the Free Church are building a new church in Crow Road to accommodate 500 worshippers.

In the library of the New college, Edinburgh, a portrait was unveiled of the late Dr. Marcus Dods, principal of the college.

Excavations conducted by the German Oriental Society have revealed the Palace of Herod on a hill south of Jericho

Plans are under way for changing the motive power of all the important state railways of Sweden from steam to electricity.

Mehemed V, the new Sultan of Turkey, has announced his intention to visit Paris and the principal courts of Europe this fall.

Mr. John R. Mott has been elected Executive Secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. He has not yet intimated his acceptance of the office.

Walter Wellman's proposed trip to the North Pole in an air ship has been again interfered with by the complete destruction of the airship shed at Spitzbergen by a severe storm.

A man in New York who had been officially declared dead on account of heat prostration was restored to life by electricity, which the physicians determined to try as an experiment.

There died at Ruthergien road, Glasgow, recently, on the eve of his golden wedding, David Cameron, aged 74 years, one of the "Thin Red Line" Crimean veterans.

The remarkable price of \$400 an ounce was paid at Christle's recently for an old English silver inkstand of the time of Charles I., one of the rare pieces which escaped the melting pot during the Clvil War."

Sir Claude Macdonell, the British ambassador to Japan, has arrived in England after a journey of thirteen days and twenty hours, by way of the Siberian railway.

The loftiest peak in the Himalayas is Mount Everest, the minimum estimate of whose height is 29,002 feet, or about twice as high as Mont Blanc. The mountain is an exceedingly inacceasible region on the border of Nepal, and very little is known about it.

The Salvation Army now owns property in the United States to the amount of \$4,800,000. Last year about 20,000,000 people attended the street meetings and half as many the indoor meetings. The National Congress of the Army was recently held in New York City.

During Rev. J. A. Wilson's absence, the pulpit of St. Andrews church, Hamilton, will be filled by Mr. David Mitchell, of Knox College.

THE MEANING OF PURITY.

By Bishop Hall, of the United States.

Marriage involves union and fellowship of the whole being. We are not
to ignore the lower, physical part of
our complex nature. Purity does not
consist in pretending that we are simple spirits, when we have a material
as well as a solvitual being. Our
bodies with all their organs and functions, as well as our spirits, are created by God. There is nothing to be
ashamed of in any part of our being,
and no part to be dishonored or played tricks with as if it could be used
for mere purposes of pleasure, altogether apart from the great objects for
which it was designed.

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Think of the dignity and sacredness of those powers by which Almighty God makes husband and wife, father and mother, fellow-workers with Himself in His creative work, by the handing on of human life! Purity consists not in ignoring the body, but in the subordination of the lower elements of our being, the bodily appendice of the properties and passions, to the higher powers of reason and conscience; in the use of all the parts of our nature in obedience to God's regulations and for His purposes. Herein are purity and modesty, in subordination and harmony. That is immodest which dwells on the lower to the ignoring of our higher nature. The higher should penetrate and so raise and spiritualize the lower.

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Then, again the need of plain speaking has been brought home to me by a two-fold discovery. I have been appalled to find widespread prevalence of the grossest imparity and immorphisms of the grossest imparity and imparity of the grossest imparity and have been expected; and then to find how in very expected, and then the word of the consequences involved; to the fact that girls from fourteen to seven-teen years of age had never received from their mothers a word of warning about dangers and temptations, nor of instruction about the sacredness of womanhood.

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The mothers, I suppose, would ascribe this silence to modesty: I call it prudishness and, worse, it is a foolish and wicked neglect of a solemn responsibility. Let mothers, to whom the duty naturally belongs, tell their girls what they ought to know about themselves—physiological facts—that show the disnity of the body and the sacredness of its functions, and not leave them to pick up knowledge through evil curiosity, or from had companions, or from bitter experience.

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Purity of heart, remember, is an inner temper and disposition, like poverty of spirit. But none can have a pure heart who does not preserve the body in temperance, soberness, and chasity. And if we would preserve the inner citadel we must guard the outposts. The senses are the avenues to the heart.

You can't tell much about a city's righteousness by counting the church steeples.

Asked what would happen if England should withdraw from India. a highly educated Indian announced, "Go into a zoological garden, open the gates and let out all the llons, tigers and hyenes, and you would see what would happen."