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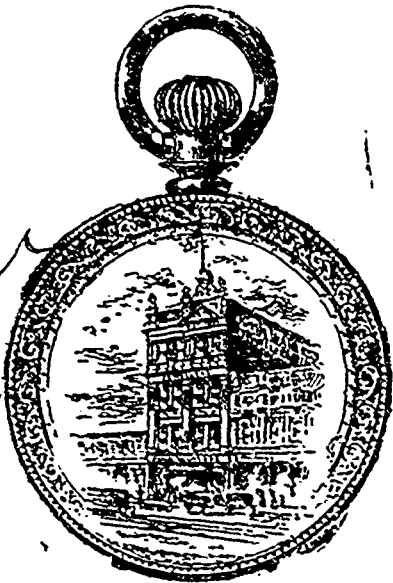
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Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. J. H. Simpson, who has been the pastor of Union Church, Brucefield, for the past five years, has been elected the president of the Sabbath School Association for the county of Huron.

Mr. J. R. McNeill, Lindsay, writes: Will you kindly allow me space to say that the Local Arrangements Committee has addressed the following questions to all the ministerial members of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston: 1. Do you purpose attending meeting of Synod to be held in Lindsay in May next? 2. Will your elder attend? If so give his name and post-office address. Ministers who from any cause have not received the circular, and elders who represent vacant congregations, are requested to send an early reply to W. H. Gross, Lindsay.

THE sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in the Presbyterian Church, Winchester, on Sabbath, March 15, when seventy-two new members were added to the roll, mostly on profession of faith, a few being by certificate. This large number was greatly owing to the union revival services that were held in this place in February last, conducted by evangelist Meikle. Such a large gathering is very encouraging to the whole congregation and especially to the new pastor, Rev. M. H. Scott, who has only been settled in this field about eighteen months.

THE anniversary services of Union Church, Brucefield, were conducted by the Rev. J. L. Murray, M.A., of Kincardine. He preached two powerful, practical and eloquent sermons to large audiences on the Sabbath, and at the Monday evening soiree gave his popular lecture, "My Trip to Italy." For nearly two hours the audience was held in great delight, as in beautiful, touching and humorous language the talented lecturer went from scene to scene and place to place. Mr. Murray is a universal favourite in this part.

THE Rev. W. I. Clark, of Park Street Church, London, gave an eloquent, practical and instructive address on "young people's work for the Master and how to perform it" for the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour of Union Presbyterian Church, Brucefield, last Thursday evening. Choice musical selections were given by the Quartette Club of the Christian Endeavour Society of Ontario Street Methodist Church, Clinton. The chair was occupied by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Simpson. The meeting was a grand success.

THE seventeenth annual Easter concert in connection with the Brantford Young Ladies' College took place in the College Hall recently. A varied and admirably selected programme was effectively rendered to the great enjoyment of the large audience assembled. In the course of the evening the Rev. Dr. Cochran, Governor of the College, alluded to the phenomenal success of the College, and remarked that while many of the colleges in larger cities were complaining they had still gone on prospering. The increase, the doctor said, comparing this year with last, was about thirty per cent, while sickness of any kind had been totally absent. The Rev. Campbell Tibb, B.D., made a few remarks, expressing his pleasure at the manner in which he found the college, after a minute inspection of every class.

THE Board of Management of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society request us to state that all members of the Society wishing to attend the annual meeting at Kingston on April 14 and 15 may obtain a railway certificate entitling them to a reduction of fares; though only delegates appointed by their Societies, and whose names have been forwarded to Miss Mowat, secretary of the Billington Committee, will receive entertainment. Special arrangements have been made with the British American, Frontenac and Windsor Hotels, Kingston, by which those not billeted will be received at moderate prices. Delegates and all others must bear in mind the necessity of securing certificates from ticket agent at starting point and also at connecting station if more than one railway is travelled. The public meeting on Tuesday evening will be addressed by the Rev. Principal Grant, Rev. A. B. Winchester, Berlin, and Rev. J. Mackie, Kingston. A collection will be taken up.

THE Presbyterian Ladies' College resumes work to-day, after a brief Easter holiday. It is gratifying to learn of the great success and the encouraging outlook of this institution. Within two years the attendance has been doubled, and the class of students has enabled the management from the first to carry out the advanced line of work aimed at, and for which there was evidently a good demand. The location could not be surpassed, being on Bloor Street, opposite the Queen's Park, in an educational centre, and in the heart of a progressive residential part of the city. In another column will be found an announcement for the summer term, showing a very strong and efficient staff, whose work must produce good results at an early date. With every available vacancy now taken, and with applications registered for the next session in September, we are not surprised to hear that Principal Macintyre is looking forward to meet the pressing demands on a scale that will be commensurate with the interests of Presbyterianism in the city.

DR. LAIDLAW writes: At the meeting of the Distribution Committee on Monday, the 27th ult., reports were received from all but four of the twenty-five Presbyteries covered by the committee's operations, and supply for over two hundred Sabbaths in all was called for. How many ministers there are in the Church without charge and desiring settlement the committee is not in a position to know; but, with the exception of three who did not require appointments at the beginning of the term, all of the sixteen ministers asking for appointments for the ensuing quarter were assigned work for the whole thirteen Sabbaths. This is the most gratifying condition of things that has obtained for a long time in the work of the Distribution Committee. Would all Presbyteries report their vacancies and ask for whole or partial supply for each in accordance

with the General Assembly's regulations, then all ministers desiring settlement would be likely to come upon the committee's list and this department of the Church's work might be conducted with satisfaction to all parties.

THE cornerstone of St. Enoch's Church on Winchester Street, Toronto, was laid on the afternoon of Friday last. Principal MacMurchy presided on the occasion. The proceedings were opened in the building now in course of erection with devotional exercises, in which Rev. J. M. Cameron and Dr. T. Smith, of Kingston, took part. Mr. J. H. Thom read the historical document, which, along with current coins, the daily and denominational papers, was enclosed in the cavity of the cornerstone. The handsome silver trowel, with suitable inscription neatly engraved, was presented to the pastor, Rev. G. C. Patterson, who requested Rev. G. M. Milligan, pastor of the parent Church, St. Andrew's East, to perform the ceremony, which he did in workmanlike style. It was the desire of the pastor and Building Committee that Mr. Henry Kent, who has taken a warm and liberal interest in St. Enoch's Church, should lay the cornerstone, but on account of sickness he was unable to be present on the occasion. Adjournment was then made to the little frame church at the corner of Sackville Street, where brief, pithy and pointed addresses were delivered by Rev. G. M. Milligan, Ven. Archdeacon Boddy, Dr. Thomas, Rev. John Burton, Dr. Smith and Rev. Mr. Hamilton. Rev. Mr. Patterson in a few appropriate words spoke of the encouraging prospects of the congregation and thanked the friends who had manifested their interest in the congregation's welfare and prosperity.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGEVILLE.—This Presbytery met March 20 at Orangeville, Rev. G. Ballantyne, Moderator, in the chair. There were fourteen ministers and six elders present. Mr. Musgrave, of the Huron Presbytery, being present, was asked to correspond. Mr. Hossack submitted a minute anent the late Rev. T. J. McClelland, of Shelburne, as follows: As a Presbytery we mourn the loss of one of our number, the late Rev. T. J. McClelland, of Shelburne. We are unable to express in words our deep sense of loss at the removal from our midst of one who occupied a very prominent place in this Presbytery. He was most regular in his attendance at our meetings, most active in the performance of his duties as a Presbyter, and bore the most kindly relations to all who had the pleasure of associating with him in the Presbytery. We feel that not only has this Presbytery sustained a severe and irreparable loss, but the Presbyterian Church in Canada has suffered a great loss in the death of our lamented brother. We desire to express our sympathy with the congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Shelburne in the sad bereavement they have sustained in the loss of a loved and loving pastor. We also desire to express our heartfelt sympathy with his sorrowing partner in life who zealously shared his pastoral labours, and with the son to whom he has bequeathed the happy memory of a loving father and an honoured name. The Presbytery decided to apply supplements as follows: For St. Andrew's, Proton and Proton Station \$200, for Dundalk and Ventry \$200, for Grand Valley and South Luther \$75, for Camilla and Mono Centre \$75, for Rosemont and Mansfield, conditional on settlement, \$120. The following commissioners were appointed to the General Assembly, viz.: Messrs. Hughes, Fowle, Ballantyne and Campbell, ministers, and J. McClure, N. Sprule, D. McMurchy and J. Inkstar, elders. A committee composed of Messrs. Hughes, Ballantyne and Orr were appointed to visit Mansfield. Messrs. Vandusen and Demude of Flesherston congregation stated that, having failed to make an arrangement with the Markdale congregation by which they could have evening service in Flesherston and the pastor to reside there, they asked the Presbytery to interfere on their behalf. Mr. William Brown, of Markdale, was heard in opposition to their claim. Messrs. Fowle, McLeod, Crozier, Hughes, Shook and McLachlan were appointed a delegation to visit these congregations and consult with the people. Rev. W. A. Stewart, M.A., tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of Horning's Mills and Primrose. The Clerk was instructed to cite parties to appear for their interests at next regular meeting when said resignation would be considered. Mr. Hossack was granted leave to moderate in a call at Shelburne. The Clerk was instructed to certify Mr. Hugh A. Ferguson, of Whitfield, to Manitoba College as a student studying with a view to the ministry. At the request of Mr. John Maxwell, of Manitoba College, the Sabbath schools of this Presbytery have decided, subject to the approval of the Home Mission Committee, to support him in the mission field during the summer. The Presbytery will hold its next regular meeting at Orangeville on April 7, at 11 a.m.—H. CROZIER, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF HONAN.—A regular meeting was held in Lin Ch'ing on January 6 and 7. Dr. Smith, in the order of seniority, was appointed to fill the chair for the coming year, and a vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring Moderator, Mr. Goforth. The recent troubles at Ch'u-wang already, no doubt, published in detail, were taken up and considered, and Messrs. MacGillivray and MacVicar were instructed to proceed to Ch'u-wang to watch over the interests of the mission there. Mr. Goforth reported that in accordance with the instructions of Presbytery he had returned there before effecting a mortgage. He had stayed there twenty-six days and had found the people still inclined to be friendly. The landlord of the desired premises, who had formerly showed a disinclination for anything but mortgaging or selling, had now become willing to rent on very reasonable terms. But before any steps were taken to secure the premises word came of the looting at Ch'u-wang and Mr. Goforth accordingly withdrew. Mr. MacGillivray reported that Rev. R. M. Mateer, of the American Presbyterian mission, had sent a native helper, Mr. Chow, on trial till the Chinese New Year, who had rendered excellent service during

the troubles at Ch'u-wang, displaying great firmness and courage before the officials. The Shanghai plan of union, after prolonged consideration was rejected, and another plan, recommended by the Swatow Council of the English Presbyterian Church, was approved, as follows: 1. That the united Church to be formed shall be a native Church, entirely independent of the home churches represented by the missions in China. 2. The foreign missionaries shall retain their full connection with the Churches at home, and shall be subject in all respects to the discipline of their countries. 3. That the foreign missionaries who have been ordained to the ministry or the eldership shall have seats as assessor members in the native Church courts, having the full right of deliberating and voting; but that, while provision be made for day safeguarding the rights of the native Church, such missionaries shall not be subject to the discipline of its courts. 4. That the adoption of doctrinal standards be reserved for the mature consideration of the united Church, doctrinal unity being in the meantime secured by the harmony of the present standards of the several Churches concerned. A communication from Rev. J. W. Stevenson, director in China of the China Inland Mission, was submitted, in which the following understanding was set forth: 1. The China Inland Mission option refuges in North Honan (conducted by natives) to be continued. 2. With the exception of Fu chieh districts occupied by the Canadian Mission to be avoided by the China Inland Mission. 3. If the whole district be occupied by the Canadian Mission, the China Inland Mission to take up work elsewhere. 4. In case of the co-occupation of North Honan, that there may be "no clashing in Church order and discipline," the China Inland Mission to send only Presbyterians. Presbytery expressed satisfaction with this statement, but referred back to the China Inland Mission authorities certain matters of detail still unsettled. A special minute was prepared and engrossed as follows: The Presbytery, in view of the fact that Miss Graham, a member of this mission, has, on account of continued ill-health, found it necessary to return home, desires to record its profound regret at the loss thus sustained by the mission, and by the cause of Christ in China, through the withdrawal of one whose career amongst us gave such promise of usefulness. The Presbytery also desires to express its deep sympathy with Miss Graham and her friends in this trial and in the disappointment consequent on her removal from the work to which she had consecrated her life. The Presbytery's earnest prayer is that it may please God to speedily restore her to health, afford her opportunities of deepening the interest of the Church in the cause of missions and open up to her other avenues of service in His vineyard.—J. A. MACVICAR, Pres. Clerk.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (western section) met Tuesday morning week in St. Andrew's Church and continued in session till 10 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Cochran, Convener, occupied the chair, with Rev. Dr. Warden as clerk. There were present Revs. Dr. Campbell, Mr. Hamilton, Dr. Robertson, Mr. Farnes, Dr. Battisby, Mr. Sommerville, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Aull, Mr. Tolmie, Mr. Moodie, Mr. Farquharson, Mr. Love, Mr. McLean, Dr. Kellogg, Mr. Culbertson, Mr. Burnet, Mr. Ratcliffe, Mr. Cleland, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Abraham, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Hossack, ministers: Mr. Young, Mr. Roxborough, Mr. Kilgour and Mr. Mitchell, elders.

After the committee had been constituted the Convener referred to the absence of valued members of the Committee, Mr. Macdonnell and Dr. Laing, on account of ill-health, and Dr. Torrance, who

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