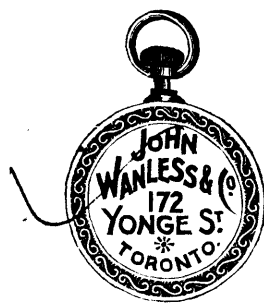


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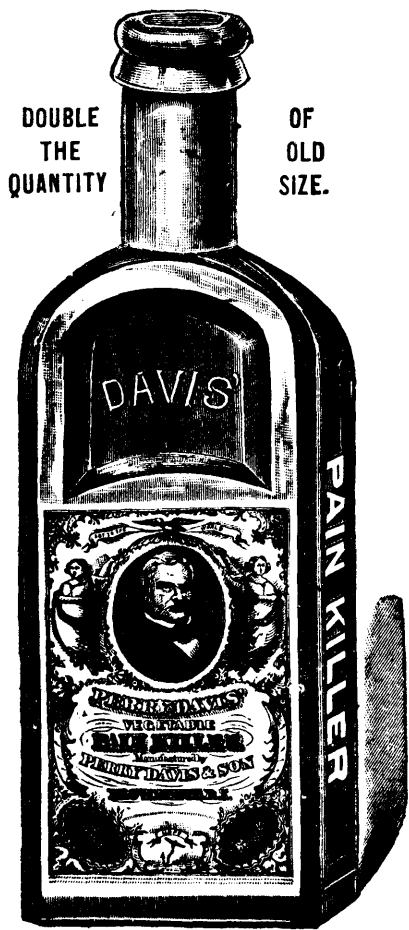


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A CORRESPONDENT of the *Pittsburgh (Pa.) Dispatch* makes this curious statement: "In Uruguay, some of the rivers are so impregnated with the roots of Sarsaparilla as to possess sanitary qualities for bathing purposes, and the people who drink their waters are said to be exempt from skin diseases arising from impurities of the blood." The Uruguayan sarsaparilla is probably the same variety of plant as that of the neighbouring state of Honduras, of which Ayer's Extract of Sarsaparilla is made, and which is richest in medicinal qualities of any sarsaparilla root known to science; hence, of course, the extraordinary curative properties of Ayer's famous blood medicine.

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. D. Y. Ross, Westport, has been called to the Presbyterian Church, Cannington.

FORTY-TWO members were added to the roll of St. Andrews Church, Windsor, on the 26th ult.

THE Rev. R. Haddow, B.A., of Knox Church, Milton, preached a very appropriate sermon to the A.O.U.W. Sabbath morning week.

THE Rev. A. H. Drumm delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture at Avonton, Wednesday evening week, on the Land and Teachings of Confucius.

THE Rev. Dr. Morrison, of Owen Sound, has gone to spend the summer months at the seaside—Church Point, New Brunswick. He was accompanied by Mrs. Morrison.

COMMUNION service was held in the Presbyterian church, West Toronto, on Sunday week, Rev. Joseph Grant, pastor. There was a large attendance, and twenty-three new members were received.

THE Rev. J. Mackie and Mrs. Mackie, Kingston, will spend the month of July at Hotel Bellevue, Riviere du Loup. Rev. Mr. Mackie will conduct the services of the Presbyterian Church at Cacouna during July.

AN ordained missionary is wanted at once for Chicoutimi, Presbytery of Quebec. To one who will teach school during the week a salary of between \$900 and \$1,000 will be given. Apply to Rev. Mr. Love, Quebec.

ON Sunday week Dr. Jackson, Knox Church, Galt, read a letter from Mr. Henry Howard, Sec. H. B. Majesty's Embassy St. Petersburg, acknowledging with thanks the receipt of the last draft remitted, in aid of the Russian famine sufferers.

THE canvass of Central Church, Galt, congregation on behalf of free pews and the doing away with seat rents was announced to be successful, so that the change will now be made. The congregation has entered very heartily into the scheme.

MISS MAGGIE SCOTT, sister of Rev. A. H. Scott, Perth, who left about a year ago to become a missionary among the Chinese, and who has been obliged to return home from ill-health, is expected to arrive shortly. Her mother left a few days ago to meet her at Vancouver.

REV. PETER WRIGHT, of Portage la Prairie, former pastor of Knox Church, Stratford, preached there Sunday morning and evening. There was a large congregation in the morning, but in the evening, owing to the threatening nature of the weather, the attendance was smaller.

THE *Guelph Mercury* gets off this pleasantry: There was a good joke overheard on the street today. A prominent citizen had the hardihood to ask an old-time resident if he was a Granger in connection with the excursion to the College. The answer was prompt and decided—No, sir, I am a Presbyterian.

The Manitou, Manitoba, *Mercury* contains an account of the death of Miss Janet Caven, a daughter of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Caven, of that place. Miss Caven was but in her twenty-fourth year, and had been a sufferer for several years. Miss Caven visited Rockwood in 1891. She was a niece of Rev. D. Strachan, and spent a few months there in the hope of receiving benefit from a change of air, but the progress of disease was not arrested.

AT the annual meeting of the Willing Workers of Knox Church, Cannington, the following officers were elected: Miss Ross, president; Miss Smith, first vice-president; Miss McDougall, second vice-president; Miss McLachlan, re-elected treasurer; N. W. Ross, secretary. Miss Smith, Miss Maud Campbell and Mr. J. Brown, Lookout Committee; Misses Ross, Smith and McDougall, Executive Committee. The treasurer's report showed a very prosperous year, the total receipts being \$206.

THE Rev. E. F. Seyer, of St. Hyacinthe, is the newly-appointed pastor of St. Marcs French Presbyterian Church, Ottawa. His induction took place on Tuesday, July 5, when the Ottawa Presbytery met for the occasion. Rev. Dr. Moore, Moderator of the Presbytery, presided, and Rev. R. E. Knowles conducted the service. The preacher was Rev. P. S. Vernier, whilst the address to the newly-inducted pastor was given by Rev. Dr. Cameron. Mr. Seyer is a native of Savoy, and his removal from St. Hyacinthe is much regretted by the members of his old congregation.

A LECTURE on the Holy Land was given last week in the lecture-room of St. James Square Presbyterian Church, Toronto, by Rev. Principal Caven. The room was well filled, and Rev. Dr. Kellogg occupied the chair. Principal Caven took his listeners with him on a pilgrimage through Palestine, depicting in his own choice, vivid style the different scenes and places visited, and illustrating each town and point with historical references. He was listened to with marked attention, and at the close received a hearty vote of thanks. The lecture was given for the benefit of the Mission Band of the Church.

THE Rev. J. W. Mitchell, of Thorold, has begun a very interesting course of study with his Bible class of the Acts of the Apostles. The course will extend over some months and bring up the most interesting and important questions connected with the origin and propagation of Christianity such as, The Ascension and Return of our Lord, The Descent of the Holy Spirit, The Founding of the Church, The Mode and Object of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, The Conversion of Paul, The Reception of the Gentiles into the Church and The Organization of the Church. This course promises to be very interesting and profitable.

AT a recent meeting of the Central Presbyterian congregation, Toronto, it was decided to make very extensive improvements in the interior of the building. It has been decided to introduce a more powerful organ, to put the pulpit back and bring the choir forward, to introduce the electric light,

to recarpet throughout, to introduce a new heating apparatus, to repaint the seats and recushion them, and to make a number of minor changes and improvements, all calculated to add to the comfort of the worshippers and to the attractiveness of the church. The probable cost will be from \$6,000 to \$7,000. The building has been closed since last Sunday, and will, it is expected, be opened again early in September.

THE *Ottawa Free Press* says: Bridge of Weir is a pretty little village in Renfrewshire, Scotland, not much more than a Sabbath Day's journey from Glasgow or Paisley, and it was there Rev. Mr. Herridge found a wife in the daughter of a Presbyterian minister of the Church of Scotland. Mr. Herridge has left for Scotland, and particularly that district. While there he will meet Dr. Gentles, of Paisley Abbey, a leading light of the Scotch Church. This Abbey, dated 1160, is one of the historic edifices of Europe, and it is more than probable that Mr. Herridge will occupy its pulpit while so close to its precincts. The reverend gentleman will also, after taking in London, cross the channel to the continent. He is wished bon voyage by this city.

SEVENTY members of A. O. U. W. No. 72, Brampton, went to the Presbyterian church there in a body on Sunday evening week. Had the weather been favourable Derrywest and Claude Lodges would have swelled the turnout to about 150. The pastor of the church, Rev. Alfred Gandier, preached. His sermon was a masterly effort, and will not soon be forgotten. The basis of his remarks was taken from 1 Timothy v. 8: "But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own name, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel;" and 2 Thess. iii. 10: "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not, work neither should he eat."

ON Sabbath week the Rev. Mungo Fraser, D.D., entered upon the eighth year of his pastorate at Knox Church, Hamilton, and in honour of the event Rev. Dr. James, the former pastor, preached both morning and evening. The aged clergyman has lost none of the thought and earnestness which characterized his sermons in former years, and delivered two interesting and instructive discourses. In the evening he preached from the text, "And the four living ones said Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped Him that liveth forever and ever."—Rev. v. 14. His theme was the exaltation of Christ, and the reverend gentleman, by his able exposition of the text, held the attention of a large congregation throughout its entire length.

THE *Winnipeg Free-Press* says: Word has reached the city that some very generous arrangements for the summer session of the theological department of Manitoba College, which opens next April, had been made by the General Assembly at the last meeting in Montreal. It is understood that besides the regular staff as at present constituted, Professor McLaren, of Knox College, is to deliver a course of lectures and take charge of the class in Systematic Theology, and that Professor Scrimger, of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, will have charge of Apologetics. These gentlemen stand at the head of the Church in intellectual equipment for their work. Other help will also be secured from Scotland and this country; making Manitoba College the equal of any in the Dominion.

THE choir of St. Andrews Church, London, under the leadership of Mr. Charles Wheeler, were recently entertained in the manse by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Murray, and his wife, and the elders and managers and their wives. An exceedingly pleasant time was spent in listening to selections from the phonograph, songs from various members of the choir, and pleasant social intercourse. In a few appropriate sentences, Mr. Murray took occasion to thank the members of the choir for their great proficiency, faithful attendance and good behaviour at all services, and on behalf of a few friends presented one of the number, Miss Boon, with a satchel well filled with gold coin. Miss Boon was taken completely by surprise, and on her behalf Mr. G. W. Armstrong returned thanks. Miss Boon sails in July for a holiday trip of three months in the old country.

THE Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, of the China Inland Mission, who is in Canada on sick leave, gave an interesting address in Knox Church, Toronto, last week. He took for the subject of his discourse Acts iv., and after explaining the reference it had to his discourse, he described his work in China. He alluded to the anti-Christian riots in China and their effect on the missionaries. Although most of their property had been destroyed, still, he said, the sufferings of the missionaries had greatly increased their power, for the Chinese were impressed with the Christian manner in which they bore their sufferings. He spoke of the work of the Roman Catholics in China, and the efforts they were making to get a hold there. The Roman Catholics, he said, and the other sects were much more active in their efforts to establish their different beliefs than the Protestants. He concluded by pointing out the grand results of the missionaries' work in China, and the prospects for the future.

THE school-room at St. Andrews Church, Montreal, presented a pretty appearance on the occasion of the farewell reception tendered to the Rev. Dr. Gray and Mrs. Gray, on the occasion of the former's departure from the church, whose pulpit he has filled during the last seven weeks in the absence of the Rev. J. Edgar Hill. Refreshments were served, and Dr. Gray delivered a brief address, in which he expressed his pleasure at the number present, and thanked all for the kindness extended to him and his wife. He wished the church and congregation all success, and expressed the hope that the Rev. Mr. Hill would return greatly benefited in health. Dr. Gray goes to Halifax to attend the Synod of the Church of Scotland, as Commissioner from the General Assembly of Scotland. From there they will go to New York and Niagara Falls, and return to Montreal to sail on July 16 by the *Sardinian*. Dr. Gray, says the *Star*, by his urbanity and the

breadth of his Christianity has so won the hearts of all who have met him that his departure after even a short visit has occasioned wide-spread regret.

"CHILDREN'S DAY" was observed in Knox Church, Woodstock, Sabbath week. The weather was perfect. The church was elaborately decorated with choice flowers, and the assemblage of well-dressed and admirably-conducted children in the centre rows, the congregation being packed in the side pews and gallery, made up a scene exceedingly delightful. The opening hymn was given out by D. H. Hunter, B.A., Principal of the Collegiate Institute, the superintendent of the school. The responsive readings were conducted by the deputy-superintendent, Mr. Scott, and a sermon to the children was delivered by Rev. Dr. McMullen. A printed programme of all the selections used enabled every one to take part in the singing, so efficiently led by the choir, as also in the Scripture readings. The Sabbath school, Bible class and Y. P. S. C. E. assembled in the afternoon, when an excellent address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Elliott. The day will long be remembered by the children and their friends. The flowers were sent to the Toronto hospital.

AN adjourned meeting of the Winnipeg Presbytery was held recently in Knox Church. Owing to the absence of many members in the East, there was not a large attendance; those present being Chief Justice Taylor, Rev. Joseph Hogg, Rev. Professor Hart, Rev. Dr. Duval, Rev. John Hogg, Rev. W. Beattie, of Dominion City; Rev. P. Fisher, of Boissevain, the latter sitting as a corresponding member. Mr. Beattie was appointed Moderator, and Chief Justice Taylor, Clerk *pro tem*. The only business before the meeting was the call from Keewatin in favour of Rev. Mr. Omand, late minister at Souris. Mr. D. L. Mathers was present as commissioner from the congregation. The call was in due form and the guarantee for stipend presented was found satisfactory. After assurance being given that the call was hearty and unanimous, it was sustained as a regular Gospel call and ordered to be placed in the hands of Mr. Omand for acceptance. Arrangements were made in the case of his acceptance for his induction on Wednesday, July 13th, at eight p.m.; Rev. Mr. Nairn, Moderator of the Session, will preside and address the minister, Rev. K. G. MacBeth to preach, and the Rev. Dr. Duval to address the people. The Presbytery then adjourned. It is understood that Mr. Omand will accept the call.

THE following minute was read at the closing proceedings of the Presbyterian College, Halifax, and omitted to be published at the time: Amid much that is pleasing we have to note in this report one fact affecting us with genuine sorrow and regret. It need scarcely be said that we allude to the departure for Scotland of our friend and the chairman of the Board, Dr. Burns. We miss him this evening, as he never failed to be with us and to cheer us with his genial presence, his hearty sympathy and kind and appreciative words at all our meetings. Truly we had cause to think that we could have no convocation without Dr. Burns. He has remembered us with gifts of great liberality to the funds and with noble benefactions to our library. When he came among us he at once with true public spirit became one with us and with our College, and dealt with us and for us with a large-hearted devotion. He brought our interests and requirements constantly and courageously before the wealthy and influential men of our Church, and remembered us faithfully in his public ministrations. We shall miss one without whom we should not have been in our present prosperous condition. Time and experience will alone reveal what Dr. Burns has done for this College. Our sincere wishes and earnest prayers follow him to his native country, whither he has gone, and our feelings lead us to indulge the hope that he may be restored to some measure of usefulness.

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