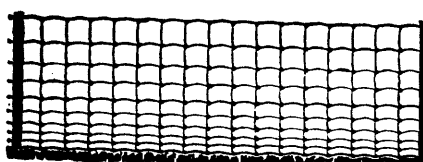
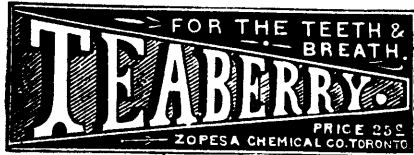


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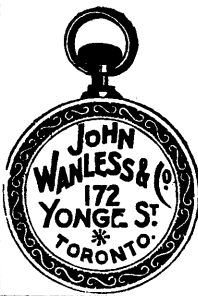
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The Rev. Robert Pettigrew, Glenmorris, is still far from well, but is thought to be improving.

It is reported that Mr. Wilson, now of Knox College, is to be called, as soon as his course is completed, by the congregations of Cambray and Oakwood, where Mr. Wilson has laboured with much acceptance for two summers.

St. James' Church, London, under the pastorate of Rev. M. P. Talling, is prospering. The session report shows that there have been 46 additions to the membership and 14 demissions, giving a net gain of 32, and making the total membership 278. The total amount raised for all purposes was \$2,519.03.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's mission of the Zion Presbyterian church, Brantford, there was a large attendance, and the chair was occupied by the Rev. Dr. Cochrane. The occasion was the anniversary of the opening of the church. Mr. J. F. McLaren read the financial statement, which showed that in addition to meeting the current running expenses of the church a sum of \$200 had been set aside to reduce the mortgage.

The annual report of Knox Church, Galt, is a voluminous affair, giving a clear idea of the Church work of this large congregation. The communicants now number 1,064. "The Session regrets that more interest is not shown in the Schemes of the Church by the members generally. There are some who give liberally, but many do not give anything to them." The total amount raised by the congregation for all church purposes was \$9,781.72.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, the congregation was found to be in a thoroughly prosperous condition, with a balance on the right side. The following were elected Managers for the current year:—W. B. Kennedy, M. D., Chairman; W. A. Clark, Treasurer; John Smith, Secretary; Thomas Jackson, Chas. Spaulding, Wm. Ross, Dr. Cowan, Adam Robertson and W. A. Knowles; and to act as ushers, the following: J. A. McLean, W. Spaulding, W. C. Nalmsmith, G. Mitchell, H. C. Cockburn, W. H. Toule, W. Kirkland and John McGregor.

The Presbyterians of Blyth were gratified at the large crowds which filled their beautiful church edifice morning and evening last Sabbath, to hear Rev. R. P. McKay preach their anniversary sermons. In the morning he took for his text St. John, chap. 1, verses 35 to 51, and in the evening he preached an eloquent missionary sermon from Matthew, chap. 25, verses 40 to 45. He is Secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee, and he showed clearly that his whole heart is taken up with the work. He also lectured on Monday evening, taking for his subject "Through Picture Galleries." Every person who heard him was well satisfied.

St. Andrew's Church, Merriton, has recently undergone a great transformation. For some time past the building has been in the hands of workmen; the old, orthodox pews were thrown out, the gallery speedily followed in their wake; and from cellar to ceiling everything remaining has been entirely renovated. These needed alterations having been effected the church was re-opened last Sabbath, when sermons suitable to the occasion were preached, in the morning by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Bryant, and in the evening by Rev. John Mahan, of Toronto Methodist Conference. The collections for the day exceeded \$220. The prospects of the Presbyterian church of Merriton were never brighter than at the present time.

The annual meeting of the congregation of Knox Church, Acton, was held on Monday evening. After devotional exercises it was by motion agreed that the Pastor occupy the chair and Mr. J. V. Kannawin be secretary. Reports were given by the various organizations connected with the church. The report of the Session showed there was a gain in membership of eight. Twenty-four had united with the church during the year; ten had received certificates and six had died. The total revenue of the church for all purposes, missions included, was nearly \$2,400; \$456.41 had been raised for missionary purposes, beside the clothing, etc., sent to the North-west. Messrs. D. Henderson, M. P., John Cameron, John Moffat, and Dr. McKeague were elected members of the Board of Management.

The Presbytery of Huron held a regular meeting in Goderich, on the 17th January. Rev. R. Henderson was appointed Moderator for the ensuing 6 months. Mr. Musgrave was empowered to moderate in a call at Egmondville when the people there are ready for it. The stipend promised is \$800 with a manse and 4 weeks vacation. After hearing delegates from Leeburn, Union Church, Goderich Town-

ship, Bayfield and Bethany, it was agreed to take no further action in the contemplated union of Leeburn with Dungannon, etc. Dr. McDonald submitted the report of the Committee on Christian Endeavour Societies; and action thereon was delayed till next meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Fletcher read the annual report of the Woman's Presbyterial Foreign Mission Society. The report showed satisfactory progress. The membership increased during the year and the contributions amounted to about \$1,200, besides clothing to the value of \$400 sent to the Indians of the North-west. The next meeting of Presbytery is to be held in Clinton, on the 11th March, at 10:30 a. m.—A. McLean, P. C.

The annual meeting of Chalmers Church, Quebec, was held in the Lecture Room on the 16th instant. The Rev. D. Tait, B.A., minister, in the chair, Mr. A. Miller acting as Secretary. There was a large attendance of the members and adherents of the congregation. The reports from the different organizations connected with the congregation were all of an encouraging character. The report of Session was presented by Mr. Robert Brodie, that of the Board of Management by Mr. Archd. Miller, that of the Sunday School by Mr. P. A. Miller, Superintendent. Mr. A. Foulds read the report of the Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Brief reports were also presented from the Y. P. S. C. E. and the Mission Band, as well as from the Missionary Society and the Poor Fund of the Congregation. The Treasurer of the Congregation, Mr. Thomas Brodie, presented his statement, from which it appeared that the Congregation had raised an ordinary revenue \$3,406. In addition to this the Congregation contributed to missionary and benevolent purposes the sum of \$1,814. Of this amount Home Missions and Augmentation received \$424. Foreign Missions \$469. French Evangelization \$434. Colleges \$125. Ladies' Protestant Home \$25. Christian Work in Belgium \$104. The Russian Famine Fund \$20. Other religious and benevolent purposes \$213. The total contributions of the Congregation to all purposes amounted to \$5,220.

The Presbytery of Whitby met in Oshawa, Jan. 17th. There was a good attendance. In the absence of the Clerk through illness Mr. J. A. McKeen was appointed clerk pro tem. Rev. Mr. McMeachan was appointed Moderator for the year. On motion of Mr. McKeen, seconded by Mr. Abraham, the following resolution was adopted by Presbytery: "That the Presbytery record its sense of the loss sustained by our Church in the death of Rev. Wm. Fraser, D. D., late of Bond Head, who has finished his course after a long and faithful pastorate and eminent service to the Church at large, especially as a Clerk of the General Assembly. We would extend our sympathy to his son who is with us and to the other members of his bereaved family, commending them to the love of God and the exceeding richness of His grace. The annual report of the Presbyterial W. F. M. S. was received and Messrs. Leslie, Abraham and Ratcliff appointed a committee to present a reply to the Society. Mr. Perrin presented the report on Temperance which was adopted with its recommendations, and ordered to be forwarded. Mr. Fraser presented the report of the committee appointed to prepare an Order for Public Worship. The report was received and adopted and recommended by the Presbytery for use in the congregations within its bounds. Mr. Eastman presented the report on Systematic Benevolence, which was received and its recommendations adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the Synod's Convener. A resolution of sympathy with Mr. Eastman in his recent bereavement was adopted by Presbytery. A committee was appointed to gather information in regard to organizations for the young within the bounds of the Presbytery and report at next meeting. Rev. Mr. Sedgwick of Talamagouche, N. S., was unanimously nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly. The next meeting of Presbytery to be held in St. Andrew's church, Whitby, on the 3rd Tuesday of April, at 10.30 a. m.

The Guelph Presbytery held its regular meeting for the year in Knox Church, Guelph, on Jan. 17, the Rev. Dr. Jackson, of Galt, acting as moderator, in the absence, through illness, of Mr. Hamilton. Payments were called for to the Synod and Presbytery funds the clerk reported the amount he had received for the Synod and Assembly expense funds, and also those congregations who had not yet sent in their contribution. A deputation was appointed to visit the only aid-receiving congregation to learn if more liberality could not be displayed in contributing to the salary of the pastor. A programme was submitted of the conferences on the state of religion, systematic benevolence, Sabbath observance and Sabbath schools, to be held in Knox Church, Elora, beginning on Monday evening, March 20. Dr. Torrance reported in re Chalmers' Church, Elora, as to arrangements with the Rev. D. Middlemiss as to the occupancy of the manse, and a retiring allowance should his

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resignation be accepted. The manse is to be for the use of the incoming minister, and \$1,000 has been subscribed as a retiring grant, payable in three years, in varying annual installments, beginning with June next. The Presbytery accepted the settlement proposed. Mr. Beattie reported that he had moderated in a call at Hespeler in favor of Mr. D. Strachan, B.A. The call was accompanied with a guarantee of stipend at a rate of \$800 a year, with free use of the manse and glebe, and was sustained, and Mr. Strachan had accepted it. Arrangements were made for his ordination and induction on Feb. 9 next. Dr. Jackson reported that he had moderated in a call at Berlin in favor of Mr. A. B. Winchester, who could not accept, and leave was granted to moderate in another call. Similar permission was granted to the congregation of Chalmers' Church, Guelph.

The Presbytery proceeded to consider the resignation of Mr. D. B. Marsh, First Church, Eramosa, which was accepted, to take effect on Feb. 12, on which day Mr. Smith of Guelph, is to preach and declare the pulpit vacant. The resignation of Dr. Middlemiss, of Chalmers' Church, Elora, was accepted, to take effect from the end of February next, and Mr. Craig was appointed to preach to the people on March 5 and declare the charge vacant. Mr. McInnis, of Knox Church, was appointed interim moderator of the session. On application, made by the congregation at Alma, sanction of a church site which they had chosen was granted. It was agreed to approve of the proposal of the late General Assembly to enlarge the powers of district synods. A circular on the formation of Young People's Home Missionary Societies was read, when it was agreed to approve of the object and to recommend sessions to bring it before their young people in the way they judged best. At the request of the congregation of Eden Mills, Mr. Strachan's services were retained for another year.

The Presbytery of Hamilton met on January 17th. The commission appointed at last meeting reported that Mr. McLachlan, ordained missionary, had accepted the call from Bolton and would soon be inducted there. The committee appointed to visit Kilbride congregation gave in a satisfactory report assuring the Presbytery that their engagements for 1892 would be honourably fulfilled. The committee appointed to visit Dunnville reported recommending that the pastor should tender his resignation, and the Presbytery approved of the action of the committee. A call to Rev. W. M. Roger from Port Dalhousie was set aside as not being signed by a majority of the communicants. Mr. Mitchell reported that the unpleasantness at Louth had been removed and Mr. Moffat had withdrawn his resignation of the eldership; and that the two congregations had come to an agreement that Pelham shall pay two thirds and Louth one third of the pastor's salary. Action was taken towards securing a plan for systematic and consecutive reading of the Scriptures, also for issuing a circular regarding Systematic Benevolence; and for the formation of Home Mission Societies of the young people or the affiliation of existing societies. The name of Rev. D. P. Niven was appended to the Roll of Presbytery. Arrangements were made for visiting and re-

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