

a brief programme was listened to, consisting of a song by Miss Henderson reading by Miss Reed and a solo by Miss I. G. Alexander. The remainder of the evening was spent in a promenade to music around the lecture room of the church and in social intercourse. Shortly before 10 o'clock refreshments were served and the gathering dispersed. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The West Presbyterian congregation, New Westminster, B. C., held a meeting in the church lately to welcome Rev. Mr. Greig, their new pastor. The Rev. Mr. Jamieson acted as chairman. The first part of the meeting was altogether of a devotional character—members of the congregation and all the ministers present leading in prayer for a blessing upon the union formed between pastor and people. Several hymns were heartily joined in by all present, led by a strong choir. Excellent addresses were then delivered by Rev. Mr. Best, Bap., on "The Congregation's Source of Power," by Rev. Mr. Hicks, Meth., on "Why we attend Church," by Rev. Mr. Scouler, on "The Congregational Sabbath School," by Rev. Mr. Chestnut, on "Congregational Finance," and by Mr. J. C. Brown, M.P.P., on "The Church and the World." All the speakers gave a hearty welcome to Mr. Greig. The chairman then, in the name of the congregation, tendered a cordial welcome to Mr. Greig, to which he responded in a happy address. Mr. Scott, elder, asked leave to interfere with the programme, and moved a vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. G. R. Simpson, to Rev. Mr. Jamieson for his attention during the vacancy, and also on behalf of the ladies of the congregation, presented him with an expensively bound copy of Bagster's Teachers' Bible, and psalm and hymn book. A very pleasant meeting was brought to a close by singing a hymn, and the pronouncing of the benediction by Rev. Mr. Scouler.

From start to finish the Harvest Home services held at Leamington on Sunday and Monday, the 27th and 28th ult., in connection with the Presbyterian church, were crowned with success. The sermons delivered morning and evening by Rev. W. S. McTavish, B.D., of St. George's, were listened to by immense congregations with the closest attention and deepest interest, and Mr. McTavish has certainly ingratiated himself into the affections of Leamington church-goers. Rev. A. L. Russell, B. A., conducted the song service, Sunday afternoon, to the evident delight of every listener. The decorations of the church were unusually fine, and reflected great credit upon the skill and taste of the designers. In stating that the supper served on Monday evening was the finest of the kind ever served here we but re-echo the opinions heard on all hands. The entertainment after the supper was perfectly in keeping with the elegant feast. Rev. Mr. Prosser gracefully performed the duties of chairman, and brief, spicy addresses were given by Rev. Russell, Deacon and McLellan. Mr. McTavish's address on "Matters Matrimonial" was delivered in an easy pleasing style, and proved both interesting and profitable. In addition to the excellent music of the quartette choir, Mrs. W. McKay sang a beautiful solo, and Mr. H. Cowper, of Essex, an old favorite here, delighted everybody with his melodious voice. The proceeds were \$75.

Rev. W. F. Allan, of Newcastle, left Canada last week for Colorado with Mrs. Allan, whose health requires removal to a drier climate. His departure has been the cause of deep regret to his late congregation and to the community generally. During his short pastorate of three years, he has thoroughly won the affection and confidence of the people. He has been a faithful pastor and his preaching is of a high order. Mrs. Allan has also been a diligent worker, up to and beyond her strength. At the close of the weekly prayer-meeting on the 23rd ult., Mr. J. K. Allen, banker, on behalf of the congregation, presented an address to Mr. and Mrs. Allan, expressive of esteem and affection, and accompanied by a cheque for \$174; and on the following Sabbath, a further presentation of \$15 was made by the members and friends of the Lake Shore Sabbath school, which had been organized chiefly through Mr. Allan's efforts. Sabbath, 3rd inst., was Communion Sabbath. Almost every communicant on the roll was present, and the season was one of deep solemnity, and Mr. Allan being visibly overcome with emotion. In the evening the congregation was large, many from other churches having come in to show their goodwill and to hear the farewell words. The sermon, which was from Rev. 22, 20: "Even so come, Lord Jesus," was followed by a brief review of the work of the work of his pastorate and an expression of his gratitude for many old kindnesses and his regret at the severance of the pastoral tie. Mr. Allan leaves the Presbytery of Whitby with the sincere respect

of all his brethren; and the Newcastle congregation, which so recently lost the late honored and lamented Rev. A. A. Drummond, has again the sympathy of the Presbytery in their present circumstances.

REV. DR. LAIDLAW GREET'S HIS FLOCK AFTER SIX MONTHS' ABSENCE.

A large congregation greeted Rev. Dr. Laidlaw at St. Paul's church, Hamilton, on his return to his pulpit after six months' absence. He did not need to tell his congregation that his health was restored. His face told it, and his preaching with all his former vigour and ability confirmed it. He took for his text the last words of the first verse of the first chapter of the epistle of James: "Greeting," and traced the meaning of the word from the first greeting mentioned in the Bible, that of Adam to Eve, on through the many forms of scriptural salutation. Speaking of Jacob's greeting of Richard at the well of Padan Aram, he said: "This morning, here, I find the daughter of Zion, and the sheep of our Elder Brother, the Good Shepherd, gathered by the well, and as I come to you with a glad heart to roll the stone from the well's mouth and water the flock, I bid each of you accept my gladdest salutation; and I hope that, like Rachel, you will carry the greeting to those at home. How are you all? And how do you do individually? In the language of Gehazi to the Shunamite, 'Is it well with thee?' If this question had reference only to bodily health, it would be a very important one. Health is a great blessing. When it has been impaired, and God blesses the kind ministries of friends and the physician's skill to the restoring of it. He lays us under an eternal debt of gratitude. All we can do is to consecrate ourselves anew to His service and say, 'I will extol Thee, my God, O King, and I will bless Thy name for ever and ever.'"

"How are you? If this question has reference to your mental as well as bodily comfort, it is still more important. Grief and trouble are ill to bear. Business losses and other crosses to try man's spirit. Happy are they who are free from such trials; but happier still are they who are not, but have grace given in the midst of them equal to all their need. How are you? I hope you are well. I do not mean I hope you have no trials, but I hope you have grace supplied to make all your trials a blessing to you. How do you do in the midst of life's changes? Have you learned from them to be ready when God shall call you? 'How old art thou?' was Pharaoh's greeting to the venerable Jacob. How old art thou? Have you lived five, ten, twenty, thirty, fifty years and yet not given your heart to God? How old art thou, fellow-Christian, in the family of God? How long is it since you were born into the kingdom? How many years have you served Christ? 'Beloved, I pray that in all things thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.' I pray that your temporal prosperity may be only equal to your spiritual prosperity, and your physical health not greater than your health of soul, but that both may be of the best." To all of you who have been doing my work in my absence, I say in the language of Boaz to his reapers, "The Lord be with you," and it cheers me to think that the reply of each of you is in the language of the reapers to Boaz, "The Lord bless thee."

In the evening Dr. Laidlaw preached another sermon equally appropriate to the occasion from Job x, 12: "Thou hast granted me life and favour, and Thy visitation hath preserved my spirit."

Hon. W. E. Gladstone: If asked what is the remedy for the deepest sorrows of the human heart—what a man should chiefly look to in his progress through life as a power that is to sustain him under trials and enable him manfully to confront his afflictions—I must point him to something which in a well-known hymn is called "the old, old story," told of in an old, old book, and taught with an old, old teaching, which is the greatest and best gift ever given to mankind.

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At the residence of the bride's parents, in Chatham township, on the 5th inst., by the Rev. J. W. McIntock, Rev. John A. Morrison, of Rutherford, to Christina McIsaac, daughter of Mr. John McIsaac.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

The Presbytery of Quebec met at Sherbrooke on the 29th and 30th August. Rev. James M. Whitelaw, B.D., was elected Moderator for the ensuing year. Revs. J. R. MacLeod and A. T. Love, commissioners to the General Assembly, reported their diligence, and received the thanks of the Presbytery. Messrs. Geo. Woodside, N. A. MacLeod, B.A., K. J. Macdonald, J. Lindsay, J. G. Polley, James Wheeler, E. F. Guinan, E. H. Brandt and W. E. Ashe, students, labouring within the bounds, were certified to their respective colleges. Rev. John U. Tanner, B. A., was appointed as ordained missionary to Sawyerville and a stationed stations for two years. Home Mission and French Mission reports were given, and provision for supplying various fields was made. The Presbytery gratefully acknowledged the receipt of a donation of \$80 from Murray Bay summer church for the "Ministers' Holiday Fund," and disposed of the same. It was resolved to submit a claim of \$70 against Mr. Wm. Edwards, to arbitration. Claims of arrears due to the ministers, late of Marlow, Metis and Longwick, were referred to the Moderators of the respective sessions.—J. R. MacLeod, Pres. Clerk.

The Presbytery of Toronto met on Tuesday, September 5th inst. Rev. W. A. Hunter, M.A., was chosen Moderator for the ensuing six months. There was a very full attendance of ministers, but the elders were not so fully represented. A communication was read from the Convener of the Home Mission Committee, stating that the sums of \$8,750 for Home Missions, and \$5,000 for Augmentation, were expected from this Presbytery during the current year. Mr. McKie wrote in acknowledgment of the resolution of sympathy passed by the Presbytery in reference to his recent bereavement. The resignation of Mr. J. M. Cameron was presented, and as the congregation had been cited, commissioners were heard. The Presbytery, in order that the facts might be fully known, agreed to lay the resignation on the table, and appointed Drs. Gregg and MacLaren, Messrs. Frizzel and Gibson, Fotheringham and Meldrum, a committee, to meet and confer with Mr. Cameron, his Session and congregation, and report at next meeting from Fort Massey congregation, Halifax, was supported by Principal Forrest from the Presbytery of Halifax, and by Messrs. McIntosh and Stair, from the Fort Massey congregation. Dr. Moore, and Messrs. John Kirkwood and W. McClure, appeared from the congregation of Brampton. Mr. Gandier stated that he could not decide as to the line of duty, and asked for the decision of the Presbytery. It was decided to grant the translation, severing the pastoral tie on and after the 30th inst. The Presbytery parts with Mr. Gandier with sincere regret, and it was only because duty prevailed over sentiment that the translation was granted. Mr. Edward Aston, on whose behalf circular letters were issued in July, in accordance with the instruction of General Assembly, was formally received as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Mount Albert and Ballantrae were granted permission to unite in a call to a minister. Mr. J. D. Campbell applied to be recommended to the Senate of Knox College as a student in the first year preparatory course, and Mr. Alex. Mullen applied to be recommended as an entrant on theological study. Both applications were granted. Dovecourt asks permission to purchase a lot and build, and a committee was appointed to make enquiries and report as to the advisability of granting permission to locate where it is proposed to purchase.

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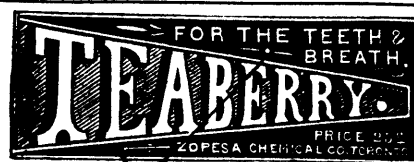
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General Swift: Addressing the Young Men's Union of Boston, on the wage question, said that \$37,000,000 were spent in Massachusetts last year for intoxicating drinks. The greater part of this enormous sum came from the industrial classes. He also said, that the saloon can give only as it does live--on the wages of the community: that the saloon is opposed to everything for which we organize government. His conclusion, like that of all thinking men, was that when labour wakes up to the real facts, it will find the saloon to be its greatest enemy, and will declare that the saloon must go. If wage earners were truly wise, their first fight would be against the saloon. In fact, one great labour organization makes it impossible for a liquor dealer to join it. All the rest would do well to follow this example.