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Acknowledgement.

Allow me to make mention of the kindness of the people of Caledonia who met at the home of Deacon B. L. Telfer on the evening of Feb. 23 for the purpose of making us a donation. The evening was not very favorable but a goodly number gathered and all seemed to spend a pleasant evening. After refreshments had been served the treasurer, Bro. Ed. Telfer presented us with \$23.00, about all being in cash. We have found the people here most kind and appreciative and trust that God may richly bless them for all their kindness. G. C. CRABBE.

Ian Maclaren, the author of "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush," who is now lecturing in this country, has engaged to write a series of articles for The Ladies Home Journal, and the first will appear in the May issue of that magazine. The general topic upon which he has agreed to write is of the pastor and the congregation. He will emphasize the relation that should exist between a minister and his congregation, how one can aid the other, and other similar phases of church work.

The Nova Scotia legislature will be prorogued on Thursday or Friday. Some 258 bills have been introduced during the season.

News Summary.

All the magazines of the month may be found at the Colonial Book store, T. H. Hall, corner Germain and King street.

Paris is suffering from the scourge of influenza. The deaths during the past seven days have been 238 above the average.

Sir James Winter of Newfoundland will retain the premiership until the end of the year, which will permit him to conclude his work as a member of the British-American-Canadian commission. He will then take the chief justiceship, Mr. Morine, formerly minister of finance, succeeding him as premier. Mr. Morine will now re-enter the cabinet.

In a recent magazine article the English explorer, Miss Kingsley, tells how she was once the recipient in Africa of an uncomfortable present. It consisted of a consignment of 300 husbands, the gift of a savage chief. To refuse such a delicate attention without giving offence was one of the most embarrassing problems Miss Kingsley has ever been called upon to solve.

At Musquodoboit, N. S., James Dean and William Moore, have been arrested on the serious charge of robbing David Lawson, of Sheet Harbor road, of \$2,000 in cash and papers representing cash. The constable succeeded in securing \$400 in cash, which he found hidden in the barns of the two men accused. They had burned the papers, which had consisted of bonds and rates.

A despatch to the New York Herald from Washington says: Reports received at the war department from the medical officers serving with the troops in the Philippines show that Aguinaldo's army is using brass-tipped bullets. Several American soldiers have been wounded by these poisonous projectiles, and in consequence the wounds are more difficult to heal than those caused by the ordinary bullet.

The announcement is made in Montreal that an important excursion party of French and Belgian savants and capitalists intend coming to Canada in August and September to exploit the country, particularly the province of Quebec, with a view to future investment. Several prominent French public men will accompany the party, which will number about 150. The Tourist Association of Montreal is making arrangements to provide facilities for the party to thoroughly inspect that section of the province.

In the N. B. Legislature Premier Emmerman has introduced a bill to provide for the development of the oil and natural gas industry. It provides that persons undertaking to search in the oil region, which is said to be in the vicinity of Memramcook, must spend at least \$100,000 in prospecting if that amount is necessary, and if oil is discovered the owners will be compelled to operate it continuously. They will be given a monopoly in their area and will have to pay the government a five per cent. royalty. It is understood this bill will be followed by a bill to incorporate an American syndicate, who will undertake to spend the required money and to work the mills if the oil is found. Mr. Hazen has introduced a bill to amend the election law of the Province, giving a secret ballot very similar to that now used in connection with the Dominion elections. He has also moved for a committee of investigation into matters connected with the building of certain bridges in the Province.

Personal.

Dr. Keirstead of Acadia, delivered the first in the series of University-sermons for the present year at Mt. Allison, on March 19th. On the following evening, Dr. Keirstead lectured in Amherst.

Rev. Ira Smith, of London, Ont., has accepted the call of the Leinster Street church, St. John, and will enter upon the duties of the pastorate May 21st. All we know and have heard of Mr. Smith leads to the belief that the service which he will give to the church will be of a highly valuable character.

The friends of our Baptist Nestor, Rev. J. C. Morse, D. D., of Digby Neck, met in large numbers on Thursday last to assist in celebrating the eightieth anniversary of his birth. At 2.30 p. m., one of Dr. Morse's most valued friends, Rev. J. H. Saunders of Ohio, Yarmouth, preached to a congregation which crowded the Sandy Cove house of worship, a sermon appropriate to the occasion. There were also addresses by Pastors Howe, of Freeport, Pines, of Westport and Thomas, of Digby. In the evening there was a birth-day supper at the residence of Dr. Morse, with post-prandial speeches and much social enjoyment. A purse of \$118 was presented to Dr. Morse, also a silver cup and saucer from his son and daughter, and two beautiful arm chairs, as souvenirs of the happy occasion. We are sure that the whole body of Baptists in these Provinces would desire to extend with us their most hearty congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Morse.

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