

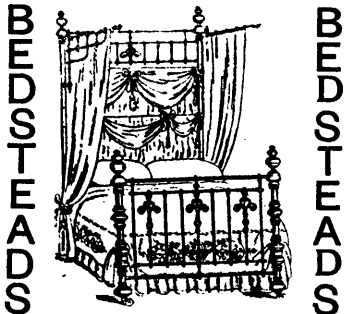
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Ministers and Churches.

Rev. Mr. Miller, who graduated from Queen's College, has been called to Norwood

Dr. Campbell, of Renfrew, it is said, will probably be appointed to the principalship of Morin College, Quebec.

Rev. Thomas Shearer, formerly of Ottawa, son of Mr. John Shearer, Catharine street, has resigned his charge in Manitoba.

The Rev. Alex. MacWilliams, B.A., of Peterborough, occupied the Millbrook Presbyterian pulpit Sunday, 16th inst, both afternoon and evening, and also addressed the Sunday school.

The anniversary services of Miami Presbyterian Church took place on Sunday 16th inst. On Monday, 17th, the annual tea-meeting held was as successful as previous ones on similar occasions.

Rev. Louis H. Jordan, B.A., pastor St. James' Square church, Toronto, occupied the pulpit of Knox Church, St. Thomas, on Sabbath 16th inst. and preached two thoughtful and instructive sermons.

The Rev. Dr. Fraser, of Hamilton, delivered his popular lecture, "Egypt, how he reached it and what he saw," in the Blackheath Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 11th, to a very appreciative audience.

Any copies of the back numbers of the annual report of the Knox College Missionary Society, especially between 1872 and 1888, will be gratefully received for the library of Knox College by Jas. Menzies, Knox College.

Large congregations, eloquent sermons and enjoyable music marked the thirteenth anniversary of Erskine Church Hamilton, on Sabbath 16th inst. Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, preached morning and evening.

Rev. Stuart Acheson, M.A., Warton, preached at the opening of the new Presbyterian Church, Shallow Lake, in the Presbytery of Owen Sound, on Sabbath, December 16th. There were large congregations at both services. The debt of the new church is about provided for.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society, of Molesworth, held their annual thanksgiving service in the church on the 30th ult. There was a very pleasant and successful meeting. Readings and musical selections were supplied by the members. Mrs. Fowlie, of Erin, was present and gave a very interesting address, dealing especially with woman's life in India, and her vivid descriptions and urgent appeal to the women of our privileged land will not soon be forgotten. The thank-offering amounted to close on \$45.

The North Presbyterian church, Winnipeg, was filled to the doors, on the evening of the 12th inst. The occasion was the fifth anniversary social and concert of the congregation. Refreshments were dispensed between 6 and 8 o'clock by the ladies in the schoolroom. Rev. John Hogg, the pastor, presided at the concert. Addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Bryce, Rev. R. G. MacBeth and Rev. H. Peddy, and after singing the National Anthem the assembly dispersed, everyone seemingly highly pleased with the night's entertainment.

At a meeting of the S. S. Association of Knox Church, Guelph, held recently a petition, signed by 28 S. School teachers and officebearers, was presented to Mr. J. A. McCrea, superintendent of the Sabbath school, in consequence of his having spoken of retiring from office after ten years service to allow himself to be re-appointed as superintendent for the incoming year. The petitioners pleaded that during the past ten years the Sabbath school had prospered and the Association worked most harmoniously under Mr. McCrea's leadership, and they felt proud of the position he occupied in the Sabbath school work of the Dominion of Canada. Mr. McCrea, in response to this request, consented to retain office for a short time longer.

Rev. Dr. Thompson, of Sarnia, delivered a capital lecture to a large audience in the Presbyterian Church, Petrolia, under the auspices of the town Young Men's Christian Association. The subject was "Three old school masters" or "Aesthetics and religion" and was intensely interesting as well as instructive from start to finish. The doctor pointed out that whatever was essential for the highest development of the race in the teaching of Rome, Athens and Jerusalem has been retained, and that to-day these three old centres of education are influencing the world along the lines of law, culture, philosophy and religion. The doctor's words are not like the blaze of burning tissue paper, but like the glow of a heated coal. They warm and endure.

The Presbytery of Victoria met in First Presbyterian Church, Victoria, on the 4th inst. Rev. Dr. Campbell, Moderator, presided. Considerable routine business was transacted. The remits from the General Assembly were considered carefully, and, while much diversity of opinion existed, almost all were adopted simpliciter. A letter from Dr. Cochrane was read urging liberality towards the Home Mission Fund, and another from Principal King asking that a special effort be made to induce a greater liberality than formerly towards the support of the theological department of Manitoba College. Both letters were favorably received, thoroughly discussed, and

handed over to the proper committee with instruction to use all diligence to accomplish the end desired. Rev. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of missions, was nominated for the moderatorship of the next General Assembly. A call from James Bay Presbyterian Church to the Rev. P. McF. McLeod, signed by 54 members and a number of adherents, promising a salary of \$1,000 per annum, payable quarterly or half-yearly, was presented to the court. Parties were heard in its support. It was adopted and placed in Mr. McLeod's hand, who declared his acceptance of it. Arrangements were made for his induction on the 19th inst.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS.

The Assembly's Home Mission Executive has done two things recently worthy of note. 1. Owing to the floods in British Columbia, it states "very many stations are utterly unable to meet their share of the missionaries salaries, the families having lost their all." It then goes on to declare that "as far as harvests are concerned they have none." In such circumstances, the committee have no other alternative but to make up the deficiency to the missionaries, according as the funds will permit. 2. Presbyteries' Home Mission Committees were told at the October meeting that there is an "absolute necessity" for retrenchment. This is to be done "as the committees see fit." If the floods ruined stations and families supporting these stations, and the missionaries have had to retrench with a vengeance, how can such a Presbytery as Westminster, within whose bounds quite a number of these stations are situated, possibly retrench?

Rev. Paul F. Langill bade farewell recently to Vernon and is now in the East.

Rev. J. W. McMillan, of Mount Pleasant, is delivering a series of Sabbath evening lectures on social subjects.

Rev. George R. Maxwell, of First Church, Vancouver, is in the Old Country raising money for the debt on his church.

Rev. E. D. McLaren, is at Kamloops for a change. It is hoped the up country air and Italian skies will send him home as well as his best friends could wish.

Rev. P. McF. McLeod, has accepted the call to James Bay.

Rev. Mr. McCrea, of Nanaimo, has been holidaying down south.

Rev. A. McGee, of Langley, preaches five nights every week and three or four times every Sabbath. After service (from eight to half past nine), he rides home over British Columbia mud roads and trails distances varying from five to thirteen miles.

Rev. James Buchanan, of Richmond, preached in St. Andrew's the first Sabbath after the Patron Saint's day. Mr. Buchanan takes little stock in the saints. He thinks a good deal, however, of the Apostle who was a Home Missionary and who always took a back seat.

Mr. M. Swartout, Indian Missionary, at Alberni, navigates Barclay Sound and the regions round about by canoe in prosecution of his work among the Indians. He is moving his residence very shortly to better facilitate his canoe journeys.

Mr. E. B. Chesnut, of Sapperton, is very active in the West end of New Westminster, which, with Sapperton, makes an exceedingly interesting field. Port Moody also receives Mr. Chestnut's attention.

Vancouver city ministers take turns in giving the gospel to Moodyville, across the inlet.

A bazaar and sale of work will be held in old First Church Vancouver on Thursday, December 21st.

CHURCH OPENING AT SNAKE
RIVER.

Sabbath, 2nd inst., and Monday following, were memorable days at Snake River, the occasion being the opening of the new Presbyterian Church there, amid the rejoicings of an earnest and enthusiastic people.

The church is a neat and comfortable building, beautifully finished within and without, capable of seating 250 persons. After worshipping in the school house and in private houses for about two years the people resolved to rise up and build and such energy and liberality did they put into the enterprise that in six months from the time of the first business meeting of the congregation, the church was dedicated with appropriate services. For this happy result much credit is due to the pastor, the Rev. D. J. Scott, who is a most indefatigable worker in every good cause, as well as to the enlightened liberality of the members of the congregation.

On Sabbath the opening services were conducted by the Rev. A. H. Scott, M.A., of Perth, brother of the pastor, and the Rev. G. D. Bayne, B.A., Ph.D., of Pembroke. The church was crowded at all the services, many of other denominations being present.

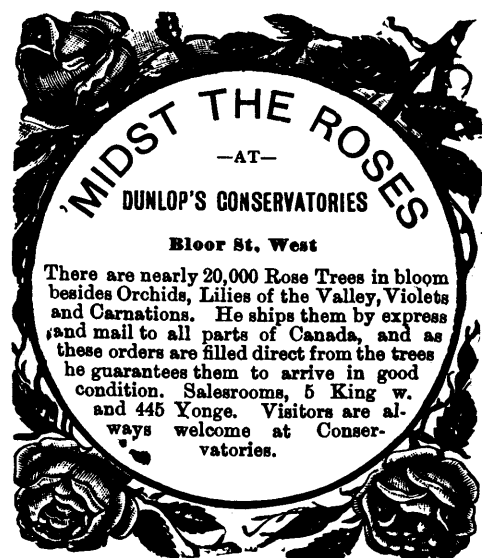
On Monday evening a social meeting was held, which was most successful in every way. Addresses were delivered by several brother ministers from the surrounding country. The only regrettable feature was that many who came from a distance were unable to gain admittance to the building on account of the crowd. Votes of thanks were given to Alex. Ralph, Esq., who kindly donated the lot on which the church is built; to the ministers and singers who assisted at the services; to the friends at Renfrew who donated two chandeliers; to the Rev. D. J.

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CHURCH OPENING AT OXBOW
ASSINIBOIA.

The opening services of the new church at Oxbow, South Eastern Assiniboia, were held on the 9th December, the Superintendent of Missions preaching in the forenoon, afternoon and evening. In the devotional part of the service, he was assisted by the Rev. T. R. Scott, the pastor of the congregation. The services were largely attended, especially in the afternoon and evening. From East, West, North and South people came, some as far as 20 miles. This is the first church built on this line of railway for 80 miles, or West of Melita. On Monday a social gathering was held, and addresses given by Rev. Messrs. Patterson, Cruik, Cameron, Scott and Robertson, and by some members of the congregation. On Sabbath and Monday an efficient choir rendered very acceptable service. The new church is a frame structure, on a stone foundation, and capable of seating 200 persons comfortably or 250 if required. The cost, exclusive of the lots, was about \$1,500, and so skilfully was the enterprise financed that the only debt will be some \$500 borrowed from the Church and Mission Board. The Rev. Mr. Scott, and his able assistants, deserve great praise for their successful effort in a year when the depression consequent on the short crop of last year is generally felt. The collections on Sabbath, and the proceeds of the Monday evening entertainment, netted over \$150. The Rev. Mr. Scott took charge of this mission in the summer of 1892, and under his care it has so prospered that it had to be divided. He ministers now to Dalesboro, Alameda and Oxbow, giving fortnightly service to the first mentioned, weekly service to the second and one service one Sabbath and two the next to Oxbow. Were a few men like Mr. Scott planted in sparsely settled districts within 50 miles of each other, much benefit would accrue to the cause of true religion.

SYNOD OF MANITOBA.

The Presbyterian Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories convened in annual session on the evening of the 12th ult., in Knox Church, Winnipeg. The opening sermon before the Synod was preached by Rev. Peter Wright, of Portage la Prairie, from Act 1.8, "Ye shall receive power," etc. At the close of the public worship the Synod was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Peter Wright. The clerk, Rev. S. C. Murray, then called the roll of the Presbyteries constituting the Synod. The Moderator, after thanking the Synod for the honor of the position he had filled during the