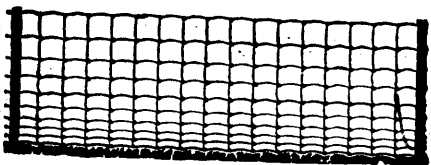


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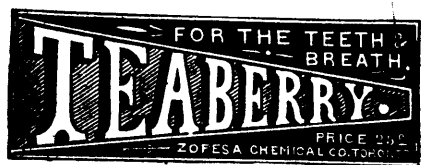
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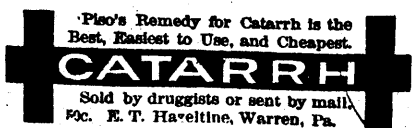
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Rev. Dr. Ure, of Goderich, accompanied by Mrs. Ure, has been the guest of Mr. John Watson, Ayr.

Rev. M. H. Scott, B. A., of Winchester has received a call to Zion Church, Hull, at a salary of \$1,000.

The Rev. J. Hardie, of Ayr, has been lecturing on temperance in the Presbyterian church, New Dundee.

Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of Toronto, has been elected President of the Theological Alumni Association of Queen's University, Kingston, Ont.

The Rev. Anderson Rogers, of Windsor, has been called to the pastorate of the United church of New Glasgow. The call is practically unanimous.

The Rev. P. McF. McLeod, of Victoria, B. C., has been occupying the pulpit of Knox church, Ottawa, vacant through the recent resignation of Rev. F. W. Farries.

Rev. Dr. Middlemiss passed through Guelph a few days ago on his way to visit Scotland. Among those at the station to see him off, were Revs. Dr. Torrance, J. C. Smith and others.

The friends in Carleton Place of Rev. Dr. McDonald, says the Herald, will be pleased to learn that he has entirely recovered from his recent illness, and is about his duties again as of yore.

Rev. W. G. Mills, of the Westside Presbyterian Church, New Westminster, has tendered his resignation to the Presbytery owing to his ill-health, and will take a trip to Australia in a sailing ship.

A curious mishap befel the Rev. R. Morton of Hamilton, who, in coming from there to Brantford to preach last Sunday for Rev. Dr. Cochrane, made an exchange of valises, losing his gown and the notes of his sermons.

The Rev. Dr. Sexton is at present in Chicago, supplying the pulpit of Englewood Presbyterian Church. He will be in Canada again in June. Meantime letters may be addressed to him, 529 Englewood Avenue, Chicago.

Rev. Dr. Laidlaw, pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Hamilton, has been presented with a life size painting of himself by the church members. Miss Rusk was the artist. Dr. Laidlaw has been fifteen years in this pastorate.

The Picton Standard speaks in the highest terms of the Rev. Robert Atkinson's farewell sermon preached two weeks ago to his former charge in that town. His settlement as pastor of the Church in Berlin takes place on the 5th inst.

After a very harmonious discussion on the subject, the congregation of Gladstone, Man., has unanimously decided to proceed at once with the erection of a brick church at a cost of \$3,500. Subscriptions to over \$4,000 have been promised. The work will go on at once.

The Rev. D. Coussirat, B. D., B. A., French professor of Theology, who has just been created D. D. by Queen's University, is a graduate of the University of Paris, France, and has been in Montreal Presbyterian College for a number of years.

Mrs. Bethune, of Gravenhurst, President of the W. F. M. S. of that place, was recently presented with a certificate of life membership in recognition of valuable services. Mrs. R. N. Grant, of Orillia, on behalf of the local auxiliary, made the presentation.

Mr. J. McL. Stevenson, of Barrie, who was in Bradford over Sunday, visited the Presbyterian Sabbath School, and had a pleasant talk with the pupils. Mr. Stevenson is an earnest Sabbath School worker, and many years ago was superintendent of the above school. His visit was much appreciated.

On the eve of his departure on his visit to Scotland, the Rev. Mr. Crombie, of Smith's Falls, was presented with the sum of \$122 in cash, contributed by the members of the Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterian body in the two counties. This very expressive acknowledgment of his faithful services was handed him by Rev. A. A. Scott, of Carleton Place.

A week past last Sabbath evening, Dr. Dickson, and the interim Session, composed of Messrs. Amos, Slater and Gibson ordained to the eldership of the Preston Congregation, Messrs. W. D. Hepburn, Thomas Hepburn, and Mr. Wood. The Preston people intend building a handsome church, and have over \$1,300 subscribed for that purpose already.

An exchange remarks: Rev. H. Ross, of Burnside, Man., has been in this country only since Christmas time, and has tied

the matrimonial knot for five happy couples in that time, an average of one every month. He is getting to be such an adept at the business that he will soon be capable of playing the even more important part of getting the knot tied for himself.

Among the recent B. A. graduates of McGill we notice the name of Miss Margaret Macadam, daughter of Rev. Professor Macadam, of Morrin College, Quebec, who has gained the high distinction of a special certificate for First Rank General Standing. Miss Macadam pursued her studies in Arts at Morrin College, and obtained the Scholarship of \$50, for the best student in the graduating class at this examination.

No church in Hamilton is making more material progress or is a greater power for good than St. John's Presbyterian Church. It is a working church in every sense of the term. The nineteenth annual report gives a very satisfactory showing. Under the Hon. and Rev. R. Moreton's devoted pastorate the membership has been greatly strengthened and now numbers three hundred and eighty-seven members. Yesterday at the anniversary services appropriate sermons were preached morning and evening by Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford. The collection amounted to \$1,028.

A recent issue of the Montreal Witness contains the following announcement: Mr. W. Drysdale, the well-known bookseller, was married yesterday afternoon to Miss Mary McIntosh, daughter of Mr. John McIntosh, of Sherbrooke, and sister of the Hon. John McIntosh, of the Quebec Government. The wedding, which was a quiet one, took place at the residence of Mr. Robert Allan, brother-in-law of the bride, and the Rev. D. W. Morrison, B. A., officiated. Our old time friend, Mr. Drysdale, and his bride, have our heartiest congratulations and good wishes on this happy event.

Sabbath, the 16th ult., was an auspicious day with the young church at Mimico. The happy relations existing between the Rev. A. MacMillan, the lately ordained pastor and the congregation, were still further strengthened by the ordination on that day of five gentlemen to the eldership. Those chosen were Messrs. Forbes, Gauld, Hendry, Hazzard and Slater. Mr. MacMillan preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon, and at the close referred in terms of gratitude to the services rendered by the Interim Session. Now that the Church is in good working order we trust it may continue to grow in numbers and in spiritual usefulness under the ministry of its earnest and energetic pastor.

The annual social in commemoration of the fourth year's pastorate of the Rev. J. C. Toimie, at the First Presbyterian church, took place on the evening of the 25th ult. Mr. Toimie was inducted on April 23rd, 1889, and since that time the membership has increased from 228 to 408, or a net gain of 180. The total number joining since that time has been 265, but many have left the city. The receipts in the same period have risen from about \$2,300 to over \$4,100, or nearly double. The celebration took place in the church and there was a large attendance, the pastor presiding. A short programme was first in order consisting of songs by Misses Carson, Salmond, Buck and Dew. Addresses were also given by Messrs. Russell, Morrice, Constable, Stevenson, Myers, McFarland, and Green. All of these gentlemen spoke in high terms of praise of Mr. Toimie and of the splendid progress which had taken place under his ministry.

The following letter was received by Dr. Robertson from Mrs. Kane, the Secretary of the Ladies Missionary Society, of Nelson, B. C. "We—the Missionary Society, think there is great need of more missionaries in this district. This is especially the case in the Slocan district. If one is sent there we will be responsible for \$100 of his salary. We may do better, but this is all we are sure of now. Hoping you can make it possible to supply this field and etc." This Society is only a few months old, has only eight or ten members; and the mission of Nelson is not yet two years old. The action of this society shows the need of this locality, and the generous spirit of these ladies. Efforts we understand, were made to get a man for this district last year, but in vain. And efforts have been equally futile this spring. Where is the missionary spirit among our young men of which we hear and read so much? Slocan should be supplied at once. Who will volunteer?

On the 13th ult., a farewell social was held in the Presbyterian Church, Grenfell, on the eve of Mr. McLeod's departure for his new field of labour at Sinaluta, when he was made the recipient of a lengthy and well-worded address, and a purse of \$42. Mr. Pollock of Manitoba College, takes charge of the field.

THE DUTIES OF OFFICERS OF AUXILIARIES AND MISSION BANDS.*

BY MISS AGNES DRUMMOND, NEWCASTLE.

In considering this subject it has been assumed that all officers have consecrated themselves and all that they have and are to God, and that they are desirous to trade with their talents and to make the most of their powers for the glory of the Master whom they serve. From this standpoint we will look first at the general duties; then at the special duties of each: remembering that in the service of such a Master, duty is a privilege, sacrifice a gain, and labour a delight.

I. The first duty of an officer is to acquaint herself with all the duties of her office, conscientiously resolving to perform them all, so far as lies in her power.

No matter how wisely a constitution may be planned, the success of the society depends largely on the efficiency of the officers. The officers cannot do everything, but let them not rest satisfied till they have done all they can. No officer has a right to be satisfied with the performance of only the simple obligations, with the least possible labour; it is her duty. There are thirty, sixty, and one hundred-fold degrees of attainment. We have no idea of the waste of power there is in our lives, but the fact that the Master is ever unfolding more and more for us to do, proves that he is working in and by us.

Each officer should feel and work as if the success of the Auxiliary or Mission Band depended on her alone, and work on cheerfully, needing no other encouragement than the approval of her Master.

II. It is the duty of each officer to derive spiritual benefit for herself and others, as well as stimulate a missionary spirit. The secret of success is to abide in Jesus Christ, and draw all grace, and strength, and power, from Him. It is well to "tarry at Jerusalem," till endued with power for the work, by being filled with the Spirit.

III. Another duty of the officers is to draw out the resources of the members of Auxiliary and Mission Bands, with a view to train them to fill their places. The undeveloped resources to be found in our society, if called into requisition, would cause a mighty revival in missionary enterprise. Mr. Moody has said, "It is better to set ten men to work, than to do ten men's work."

Mrs. Hind, a noted missionary worker, was sometimes called a "Missionary cyclone." If more of the officers of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands acted in this capacity—either individually or in combination—there would be fewer sitting at ease in Zion, while the call for help is resounding through the land.

IV. Before passing on to consider the special duties of each office, we would emphasize the necessity of all officers speaking clearly and distinctly, that there be no strain on those listening. It is better to speak five words, which can be heard and understood, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue—or one which cannot be heard without difficulty more than a few feet away. Is not the voice a talent to be traded with for the Master? Then why is it so often wrapped up in the napkin of diffidence, or indifference, when a proper use of it would bring pleasure and profit to so many others?

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