

SUNLIGHT SOAP

**WILL REDUCE
YOUR
HOUSEHOLD
LABOR
ONE HALF**

sum was daily increasing. He has been completely exhausted by his long and arduous labours and at last advised had been forced to desist from his work. He has recently been cheered by the church in Victoria, authorizing him to employ three additional missionaries on their account and by the mission secretary of the Free Church of Scotland intimating that they purpose to send out an additional missionary. Four out of the five or six additional missionaries necessary to complete the work on the group are thus provided for already. He sails for Australia on the 10th of August, and there is reason to hope that before that date arrives the means to realize both his projects will be put at his disposal.

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION.

Owing to the growth of the congregations to which the Rev. James Becket, of Thamesville, Ont., has ministered for the last twenty-six years, it became necessary to re-arrange the whole field. After full consideration of the interests of all parties concerned it was decided by the Presbytery of Chatham that Mr. Becket confine his services to Thamesville and Tario, and that Botany be united with Kent Bridge and McKay's Corners to form new pastoral charge. The severance of the tie that bound pastor and people in Botany for so long a time was made with much sorrow and regret by both parties when, to an overflowing house, Mr. Becket preached his farewell sermon.

On Friday evening, July 27th, he was taken wholly by surprise when the manse was visited by nearly a hundred of his former parishioners, who, after treating him and his household, as well as themselves, to ice cream and other refreshments the following address was read during which he was presented with an elegant gold watch and chain and Mrs. Becket with a beautiful silver fruit dish.

To the Rev. James Becket.

DEAR SIR.—We, your friends of Botany and vicinity, have assembled here to show our affection and respect for you and our appreciation of the work you have done, your cheerful energy, your intelligent and devoted exertions, and your zealous and aggressive work for Christ will ever remain an example for us all; and your many kind deeds and encouraging words will never be forgotten. Since your induction among us we have learned as a congregation to love you as our pastor; and we believe that through your ministrations many have been brought to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and our prayer will always be that God's richest blessing may still follow you in your home and also in the flock over which you are the shepherd.

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In conclusion, we beg you to accept this watch as a slight token of our appreciation of your faithful discharge of duty and trust, hoping that it may help to recall the many happy seasons we have spent together. We also ask our dear friend Mrs. Becket to accept this fruit dish with many thanks for the kindly interest she has ever taken in the work of our church. May God's crowning favor rest upon yourselves and family and through the abundant grace of our Lord Jesus Christ may we at last meet in our Father's house where we shall go in to go out no more for ever.

Mr. Becket feelingly replied, thanking them for their kind regards and costly presents to himself and his partner in life and also for the many kindnesses they had often received at the hands of the Botany people. His best wishes were with them and his earnest prayer was for them that soon they would have a settled pastor over them in the Lord. Pointed and feeling addresses were given by Rev. James Jamieson, B.A., Toronto, and Messrs. D. A. Hutchinson, W. Mowbray and James Brown. After singing, "Should auld acquaintance be forgot," the proceedings were brought to a close by the doxology and benediction.

NOTES FROM HONAN.

The following extracts from letters from Honan are of interest to the church:

"Dr. Smith has been compelled to beat a retreat to the coast, which leaves the field without a medical man this summer. On April 29th Dr. Smith was prostrated with typhus fever. After a hard pull for 15 days he began to recover, and we thought he was getting on nicely, when he took pneumonia. This found him very weak after the typhus, and it was plain that he would not be able to remain in Honan this summer. So a boat was hired and 31 days after he was first confined to bed we had eight men carry him in a bed down to the boat, and he with Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm and Miss McIntosh left at daylight for the coast."

"Mrs. Malcolm's attack of smallpox was exceedingly severe, at one time it seemed as if there was almost no hope of her recovery, but she is now able to go about although quite weak."

"The seriousness of Dr. Smith's illness may be better appreciated when you know that six out of seven who take typhus in North China die. These two diseases are amongst the most contagious known, and we have much to be thankful for that the rest of us have escaped, though exposed to both whilst nursing."

"Everything in the field is very quiet; the people are all busy with the wheat harvest. The reports brought in by the helpers are very encouraging, indicating a gradual steady and healthy growth of the spirit of true enquiry among the people who are brought into more immediate contact with the preached Gospel."

"In all this there is cause for devout thankfulness, God has been gracious to our missionaries and to the church, in preserving their lives and in giving indications of blessing in their labours. Ought it not, however, to stimulate the church to more constant prayerfulness in behalf of our missionaries? This serious illness was in the Mission and we knew not of it until the crisis had passed. That may occur at any time, and it should cause us to bear them on our spirits to the Throne of Grace without ceasing."

"When this letter was written, which is dated 31st May, the war cloud had not appeared. These missionaries are somewhere in the troubled districts—probably in Japan. The Executive has sent a cablegram to our Agent at Tientsin asking him to give whatever warning help he can. Let the whole church commend these loved brethren to the keeping of Him who neither slumbers nor sleeps."

"R. P. MACKAY."

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

A special meeting of Paris Presbytery was held in the First Church, Brantford, July 31st, for the induction of Rev. R. M. Hamilton, and other business. Rev. E. Cockburn, M.A., presiding. The induction sermon was preached by Mr. Reid, the prescribed questions were put and the induction prayer offered by the Moderator, the charge to the pastor was given by Dr. McMullen and the address to the people by Mr. Hutt. At the close of the services a cordial welcome was given by the congregation to their new pastor. Norwich and Bookton were at their own request reunited as one pastoral charge.—W. T. McMULLEN, Clerk.

Presbytery of Maitland met at Wingham July 17th, Rev. J. Malcolm, Moderator. Mr. Hugh Mathieson was received as a student of theology. The Presbytery ask for one-third supply for all vacancies from the Probationers' Scheme. Leave was granted to moderate in calls at Whitechurch and Langside; Belgrave and Calvin. E. Wawanosh; Woxeter and Huron. Standing Committees for the year were appointed. It was agreed to leave discussion on settlement of vacancies until next meeting. Rev. Mr. Murray to introduce it. Notice of motion to revive the fund for Presbytery bearing expenses of commissioners to the General Assembly was given.—JOHN MACNAB, Clerk.

Lucknow, July 23rd, 1894.

Chatham Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, on Tuesday, 10th July, at 10 a.m., the Rev. R. I. Hunter, B.A., Moderator, in the chair. A petition from Knox Church for severance from Dresden and union with Dover, etc., was read and Dr. Battisby and Messrs. Davidson, D. Currie, Law and Stone were appointed to visit the fields, confer with the people and report at an adjourned meeting to be held on the 31st inst., in St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, at 10.30 a.m. Mr. Morrison again resigned his charge of Cavan Church and North Dawn and it was agreed that the resignation should lie on the table and the congregation be

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MARRIAGE.

On Tuesday, July 31st, at the residence of the bride's mother, George street, by the Rev. Robert McNair, of Carleton Place, brother of the bride, assisted by Rev. John Wilkie, of Indore, brother of the bridegroom, and Rev. J. Johnston, of Paisley, and Rev. James Argo, of Norval, brothers-in-law of the bridegroom, Mr. G. A. Wilkie and Miss Agnes McNair, both of this city.

DEATH.

At Niagara-on-the-Lake, on Saturday afternoon, Elizabeth McGillivray, wife of William Sturrock, 362 Markham street, Toronto.

cited to appear at the adjourned meeting already named. The supply of the pulpits of Leamington, Dresden, etc., and Botany, etc., was left in the hands of their respective sessions till the September meeting.

The regular meeting of the Presbytery of Whitby took place on Tuesday the 17th ult., in St. Paul's church, Bowmanville. The Moderator, Rev. I. Chisholm, presided. The Treasurer's book was laid on the table, audited by a committee and thanks voted that officer. The rate for next year is 7 cents per member. The vacant congregations are Pickering, Clarendon and Newcastle; the latter is to be supplied up to the opening of college by Mr. T. R. Robertson, student. Leave was given to Mr. Abraham to moderate in a call at Pickering as soon as the congregation is prepared. The Standing Committee, for the year were appointed. Mr. Albert Ormiston, of Columbus, who applied to Presbytery for certification to the Board of Examiners of Knox College, was examined by committee on whose report Presbytery certified its satisfaction with his religious character and general fitness to study for the ministry. The Presbytery appointed committees to arrange for a convention of the Young People's Societies and to prepare a programme. The meeting to be held in Whitby on Monday the 15th of October next.—J. McMECHAN, Clerk.

The Presbytery of Bruce met at Paisley on July 10th, when Rev. J. R. Craigie was appointed Moderator for the next half year, and presided. A minute of Assembly was read setting forth that Rev. J. Anderson had been allowed to retire from the active duties of the ministry. Rev. W. Mowat reported having moderated in call from Tara to Rev. A. H. Kippan. The call, which was signed by 154 members and 63 adherents and accompanied with the promise of an annual stipend of \$800 and manse, was sustained and ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Kippan. There was also submitted by Rev. J. R. Craigie, a call from Geneva church, Chesley, to Rev. G. A. McKenzie and the guarantee of a stipend of \$1,100 per annum. The call was signed by 311 members and 165 adherents. On motion the call was sustained and forwarded. Provisional arrangements were made in the event of the calls being accepted. It was agreed to meet at Tara, on Tuesday, the 31st inst., at 2 p.m., when Rev. W. Mowat will preside and address the congregation, Mr. McKenzie preach, and Mr. Tolmie address the minister. Rev. J. Anderson's resignation of the charge of Tiverton, tendered at last meeting, was taken up for consideration. Rev. A. Tolmie on behalf of the deputation reported having visited and conferred with the congregation and Mr. Anderson's retirement and submitted a resolution unanimously passed by a congregational meeting, testifying to Mr. Anderson's faithfulness in the discharge of his duty, and expressing the sympathy and good wishes of a large number of the congregation. The question of a retiring allowance had also been considered, but no promise of any could be given in their present circumstances. Commissioners were heard expressing regret that Mr. Anderson had been led to tender his resignation and acquiescing therein. Mr. Anderson was also heard pressing to be relieved at once from all duty. The resignation was accepted to take effect on the 15th inst. and Rev. H. McQuarrie was appointed to preach and declare the charge vacant on that day. Mr. Fitzpatrick was appointed Moderator of Tiverton session. The following resolution regarding Dr. James' resignation was submitted by Mr. Johnston and adopted: The Presbytery desire to express their deep regret on accepting the resignation of Rev. Dr. James, that through increasing age and failing strength, he has felt it necessary to deem the charge of Knox church, Walkerton. The Presbytery desire also to acknowledge the great goodness of the King and Head of the church to Dr. James during the many years of his active service in the ministry. It is also with much pleasure that the Presbytery is able to note the

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marked success that has attended the ministry of Dr. James and trust that in the salvation of many souls it shall at last be seen that the fruit of his labors has been abundant to the glory of God in the building up of his spiritual household. The Presbytery also feel that they are much indebted to Dr. James as a member of this court for his wise counsel in all matters connected with the business of the church, and it is with the highest appreciation also that they will ever remember his kind and genial fellowship. In accepting of his resignation the Presbytery would pray that the Lord whom Dr. James has so faithfully served in the past, may still continue to bless him in his own soul with consciousness of His presence through the remaining days of his journey here, may abundantly bless him in all his relations of life, and give him, when life's pilgrimage is ended, that crown of righteousness which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, shall give His people at that day. The following were appointed conveners of standing committees for the year. Home Missions. Mr. Tolmie; State of Religion, Mr. Craigie; Sabbath Schools, Mr. Eckford; Temperance, Mr. Johnston; Statistics and Beneficence, Mr. Gourlay; Superintendence of Students, Mr. McQuarrie; Finance, Mr. Fitzpatrick; Sabbath observance, Mr. McLennan. The clerk was instructed to notify neighboring sessions that the Presbytery has in view the organizing of mission stations at Dobbington and Gillics' Hill.—JAMES GONKLEY, Clerk.

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