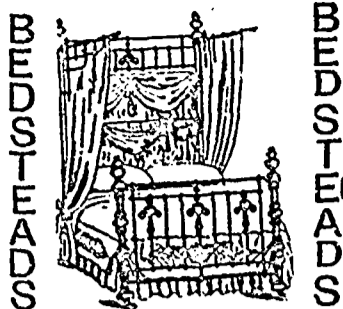


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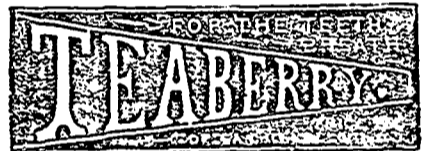
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Ministers and Churches.

The Rev. J. G. Shearer has completed his fourth year as pastor of Erskine Church, Hamilton.

The Blenheim Presbyterians have decided on a new church to cost \$7,000. The building will be erected during the summer.

The Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's Church, Amherstburg, has expended in the last five years \$1,112.38 for congregational purposes.

In St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, the collections from plate and envelopes for 1894 show an increase over the previous year of \$95.05.

The Hamilton Times says: "Rev. Dr. Grant Orillia, one of the ablest preachers in the Presbyterian Church, and the popular 'Knoxonian' of THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN has gone to Bermuda for two or three months for the benefit of his health."

The Presbyterian Church, Tilbury, is making substantial progress. Twenty-two members were added to the church roll last year. The total income was \$1,032.70 and the expenditure about the same. The Rev. J. Hodges, the pastor, is encouraged in his work.

The membership of Cooke's Church, Toronto, is now 1,333, probably the largest in Canada. The total receipts for the past year amounted to \$11,422.21. The trustees at the last annual meeting were elected: P. C. Close, James Allison, Charles Miller, James Wilson, Wm. Tafts and A. Smith.

Miss Davidson, teacher of the primary class in the St. Andrew's Sabbath School, Guelph, was recently presented by the children of her class with a beautiful oak rocking chair, upholstered in blue brocade velvet. Miss Davidson was much touched by their sweet thoughtfulness and appreciation of her labors.

Mr. G. Ferrier Burns, having retired from the eldership in Knox Church Toronto, after twenty years service, was presented by the Session with a handsomely illuminated address, expressive of their esteem and regard, and regret at "parting with one who had proved himself an active and zealous co-worker."

The programme for the meeting of the Sabbath School Union to be held in the lecture room of Knox Church on the evening of March 1st, at 8 p.m., contains an address by Rev. Principal Caven and a study of the Sunday school lesson for March 3rd by Rev. Dr. Parsons. The meeting cannot but be profitable. The annual dues are asked for by the treasurer.

On a recent Sabbath the congregation of Knox Church, Neepawa, Man., in response to a request for a special collection, placed upon the plate five hundred and sixty-three dollars and eighty cents as a freewill offering to the Lord. This congregation, which consists of about 90 families, raised for all purposes during the past year \$3,900. For a hard year this is a very good showing.

On Friday, Feb. 15, the members and adherents of the congregation of Willis Church, Jarret's Corners, met in the manse and presented their pastor, the Rev. A. F. Webster, with a handsome fur overcoat. An address was read by Mr. Jno. Clark, treasurer, which showed the high esteem in which Mr. Webster is held by his people though only just recently settled among them.

The amount raised during the past year for congregational purposes by Bank St. Church, Ottawa, was \$5,960, permitting the treasurer to wipe off the deficit of last year and leaving a small balance on hand. The Session reported that 65 new members had been added. Encouraging reports were received from other departments of the Church work. In the neighborhood of \$700 was raised for missions during the year.

The pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Amherstburg, was occupied on Sunday last by Rev. F. H. Larkin, of Chatham, who preached two very excellent sermons to large congregations. In the evening, the services in Wesley Methodist Church were cancelled by the Rev. Mr. Allin with great good neighborliness, to allow the members of that Church to attend the services on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of Rev. T. Nattress' pastorate at St. Andrew's.

At the annual meeting of the Lakeside congregation the pastor, Rev. A. C. Reeves, occupied the chair. The Session reported 175 communicants. The financial statement was considered satisfactory. The receipts were as follows: Stipend Fund, \$900.85; Building Fund, \$87.58; General Expenses, \$333.67; Missions, \$55.15; Sabbath School, \$75.32; Sunday school missionary account, \$85.50; W.F.M.S., \$69.27; Ladies' Aid, \$234.32. The pulpit was vacant for eight months.

The First Presbyterian Church, Seaforth, Rev. Dr. Macdonald, pastor, at the annual meeting, showed not only an increase of zeal, but increased contributions in every department. This, especially in view of the very depressed times, is most encouraging and must be cheering to the pastor as it is creditable to the people. The membership of the Church is larger now than at any previous period in its history. It was decided to engage a student for the summer six months to aid the pastor in his work.

A good sized audience, considering the roads and weather, attended the anniversary services at Lynden Church, on Sabbath morning, 10th inst., and in the evening it was well filled. Rev. R. J. Beattie of Knox Church, Guelph, preached, and

was listened to very attentively. His sermons at both services were thoroughly enjoyed. Proceeds by voluntary contributions instead of the regular tea meeting amounted to about \$50, a very creditable and satisfactory showing considering the stormy weather which prevented very many being present.

London South congregation makes a good showing, notwithstanding the vacancy. An increase in the aggregate givings was reported. The treasurer's accounts showed the following receipts and disbursements: Receipts—Balance from 1893, \$70.32; Sabbath collections, \$2,662.90; interest earned, \$7.64; check from Mrs. Marshall to cover cost of pulpit lamp donated by her \$8. Disbursements—\$2,521.94; cash on hand at close of year, \$226.92. The amount received for schemes of the church was \$363. Mr. Alex. McQueen has been elected Session clerk in room of Mr. C. H. Elliott, resigned.

The Rev. R.G. Macbeth, of Winnipeg, recently returned from a trip to Roland and Clegg, Southern Manitoba, where he had been preaching and lecturing. He reports the field as prospering under the charge of Mr. C. T. Baylis, whose energy in the work is highly commendable. At Roland a new Presbyterian Church will be completed next summer, the full cost being nearly all provided for by subscriptions, many of which are already paid up. At Rosebank the building of a new church is also being discussed, while the people at Clegg are rapidly reducing the debt remaining on the handsome church building erected a few years ago.

The anniversary services of Strabane Presbyterian Church were held on the 17th inst., when the Rev. R. J. Beattie, of Knox Church, Guelph, preached morning and evening to large and appreciative audiences. On the Monday evening following, the annual tea-meeting was held, when the Church was again filled. The chair was occupied by Mr. Thos. Baio, M.P., a former member of the congregation. The pastor, Rev. D. G. Cameron, and Rev. J. Mooney, of Carlisle, were the speakers. Recitations by Miss Allan and Miss Klodi and music by the German choir of Morriston made up the remainder of the entertainment. The musical selections were specially appropriate and well rendered.

The Rev. P. T. Hutchinson, M.A., was inducted into the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church, Huntingdon, on the 18th by Montreal Presbytery. The day was fine, and there was a large congregation present. The Rev. Dr. Campbell, Montreal, presided. The Rev. James H. Beattie preached an excellent and appropriate sermon from Ephesians vi. 19-20. In suitable terms the Rev. Dr. McDonald addressed the minister and the Rev. Dr. Warden the people. In the evening, the ladies of the congregation tendered a reception to Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson in the Moir Hall. There was a large number present. The entertainment consisted of music, vocal and instrumental, and speeches from the Rev. Messrs. Craig, Morison, Rowat, Campbell and Hutchinson. The Rev. Hugh Niven recited his poem on snuff, which brought down the house in raptures of applause. Dr. Cameron occupied the chair, and discharged its duties with his well-known grace and tact. The Rev. Mr. Hutchinson enters upon his large and scattered field under very favorable auspices. He is the first Irishman who has been pastor in St. Andrew's Church.

DEATH OF DR. J. H. ORR.

BY REV. SAMUEL HOUSTON, M.A.

It is but meet that more than a passing notice be taken of the death of Rev. John Henry Orr, D.D., who for well nigh thirty years was clerk of the General Assembly of the Irish Presbyterian Church, and for a great deal of that time was one of the most trusted advisers of the Church in all matters of delicacy and difficulty. He was moreover one of the staunchest friends of the Colonial Churches, and of that in Canada in particular. His death was very unexpected; no one dreamed of his being taken for many years to come. His loss will be keenly felt, for he occupied a most unique place in the work of the Church and discharged his functions with rare skill and fidelity.

As a pastor he was most methodical and conscientious in the performance of his duties. Of late years his public work must have engrossed his time greatly; nevertheless, his congregational duties were attended to with as much regularity as if he had nothing else on hand. It is some forty-four years since he was ordained over the charge which he held at his death. It was then a new congregation—a handful of people with no building of any kind. In time a Church and schools were erected, and then a manse, where the writer spent two delightful days last summer. He gathered around him a good congregation, which is in the best working order. The town of Antrim, where he spent all these years, is an old-fashioned town prettily situated on the banks of Lough Neagh. Close by are the castles of two of the great magnates of the county, those of Lord Massarene and of Lord O'Neill. It was after he was some 15 years in Antrim that he was elected clerk of Assembly, and a hard tussle he had to get it, for the other candidate was one of the strongest men in the Church. He came into the succession of giants in such work, but very soon it was seen that he was no way inferior to those that preceded him. His immediate predecessor was Robert Tark, a man as venerable and as much looked up to as Dr. Reid is in our own Assembly. There had preceded Mr. Tark in the same office the Rev. Dr. James Seaton Reid, who will ever be remembered as the historian of his Church. As far as it was possible to surpass such men Dr. Orr surpassed them. He might be regarded as



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