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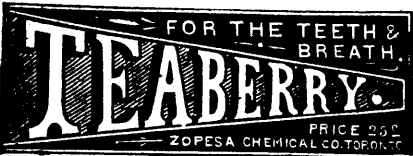
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Ministers and Churches.

The Rev. Dr. Grant, of Orillia, will occupy the pulpit of Old St. Andrew's, Jarvis Street, next Sabbath.

The Rev. Principal Grant, D. D., is announced as the preacher in the Metropolitan Methodist Church next Sunday.

The Montreal Witness of a recent date contained an interesting letter from Rev. L. H. Jordan, B.D., written from Oxford, England.

Hon. Speaker Ballantyne has consented to lay the corner-stone of the new Presbyterian church in Mitchell some time during the month of June.

Many of our readers will regret to learn that Rev. J. McMillan, the esteemed minister of Chalmers' church, Halifax, is down with a severe attack of la grippe.

Rev. Mr. McNab, who has been indisposed for some time, has been granted three months' leave of absence by the congregation of Erskine Church, Meaford.

Rev. R. Haddow, B.A., preached an able sermon to the Odd Fellows in Knox church, Milton, last Sunday evening. A considerable number of visiting brethren were present.

On Saturday afternoon the Presbyterian church in Maxwell was struck by lightning. The chimney was knocked down, most of the plaster torn from the ceiling and part of the floor ripped up.

St. Andrew's and the Balfour Street Mission Churches, Brantford, have been placed for the summer under the charge of Mr. John R. Clark, brother of Rev. W. J. Clark, the popular minister of London.

The Presbyterian congregation of Rodney and New Glasgow have extended a unanimous call to Rev. J. F. Scott, a graduate of Knox College. The stipend is \$850, with free manse and four weeks' vacation.

The Rev. W. T. Herridge, B. D., minister of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, conducted anniversary services in Westminster Church, this city, last Sabbath. The discourses, morning and evening, were listened to by large congregations.

Woodstock Sentinel-Review: Rev. G. C. Patterson, M.A., of Embro, delivered two excellent sermons in Knox church yesterday. Mr. Patterson is a strong preacher and the worthy pastor of one of the historical churches of the Presbyterian body in Ontario.

Dr. Waits is a very earnest speaker and impresses an audience with his fervency. His illustrations are used so effectively that interest in the discourse does not cease while he is speaking. The large congregation in Knox church was evidently well pleased with the sermon.—Ottawa Free Press.

Rev. R. E. Knowles, Ottawa, has been asked to preach the annual sermon of the Unity Protestant Benevolent Society on the first Sunday in June. He has consented on the condition that they should discard the use of a band in their procession, inasmuch as he objects to Sunday parades.

On Sabbath, 7th May, five new elders were ordained in St. Paul's church, Middleville. The names of the gentlemen are Archibald Pennman, Wm. Rogers, Jas. Binnie, George McIlraith and Alexander Watt. The last two will serve in St. Peter's church, Darling. The cause has prospered greatly since the advent of the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Smith, about four months ago.

Some of the staid old members of Knox church, Listowel, were somewhat startled by a solemn "Amen" intoned by the choir at the end of the benediction. They shake their heads very doubtfully over such innovations. "It was bad enough to have a kist of whussels skreding 'I' the kirk on the Lord's day, but it's waur and waur to have sich haverings as the pit upon us."

The Presbyterians of Union, B.C., have chosen a site on which to build a new church. At the close of the prayer meeting address on Thursday evening last they, along with other friends, presented the late pastor, Rev. Alex. Fraser, with a beautiful gold watch and case. The address was read by Mr. Duncan Ross, teacher, and to it Mr. Fraser made a touching reply.

St. Andrew's Church gave Miss B. L. Johnston a farewell reception and presentation of books on Monday night, 22nd inst., just before starting for Alberni, where she is to take charge of the Girls' Boarding School. Addresses were given by Dr. McTavish, R. P. MacKay and Mr. Macdonnell, refreshments served at the close. It was a very pleasant time, and all felt that Miss Johnston has a life of great usefulness before her.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered in St. Paul's church, Middleville, and St. Peter's, Darling, on Sabbath, the 14th of May, by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Smith. There was a large addition made to the membership of the Church on the occasion. Every department of the Church's work is in a healthy state. The new church at Darling, which has been named St. Peter's, is nearly completed; and will be opened on an early day.

At a very happy gathering in Parkdale Presbyterian Church, at which Rev. D. C. Hossack presided, Miss Sara Laidlaw was presented by the Mission Band with a certificate of life membership in the W. F. M. S., and by the S. S. teachers and Y. P. S. C. A. with a handsome gold watch. Addresses were made by Mr. Hamilton Cassels, Rev. W. A. Wilson, Mr. George Augustus Newmark and Rev. R. P. MacKay. On Monday night, May 22nd, Miss Laidlaw started for Portage la Prairie, to engage in the Indian Mission work there.

Recently on the anniversary of Rev. G. C. Patterson's pastorate in Knox Church, Embro, the members of the Christian Endeavour Society, of which he is honorary president, thinking it an opportune time to express in some marked manner their appreciation of his untiring efforts to promote the best interests of the Society, and zeal for the spiritual welfare of the individual members, presented him with a handsome silver, gold-lined coffee service and tray, accompanied by a very kindly-worded address.

On Thursday evening last a deputation from Pottersburg, called at the residence of Rev. W. M. Roger and presented that gentleman with an address appreciative of his labours in instituting and maintaining mission work in that locality during the last four years and further asked his acceptance of a handsome sum of money in token of their kindly feeling and good wishes for his future happiness and welfare. The presentation was made by Mr. George Cairncross, treasurer of the mission. Mr. Roger replied in feeling terms, and after a pleasant and social hour the party dispersed.

At a cost of over \$25,000 the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, of Chatham, have built a new place of worship, centrally located on the corner of Fata and Wellington streets, opposite the city and county buildings. The architecture of the edifice is a clever combination of the old Norman with modern ideas, and the effect is both unique and artistic. The interior is calculated to seat 1,200; is most conveniently designed, being arranged to admit of throwing both auditorium and school room into one. It is plainly but elegantly appointed as to general furnishings, but the magnificent stained glass memorial windows add a beauty and richness peculiarly effective, while a superb chandelier at night floods the church with incandescent brilliancy. The dedication services were held, Sabbath 21st May, morning, afternoon and night. Rev. R. Johnston, B. A., of Lindsay, preached in the morning and evening, and Rev. J. W. Annis, M. A., officiated in the afternoon. The subjects of the former were, "The mission of the Church of Christ" and "Rest." The latter discoursed on "Faith." Large congregations were present, and the services throughout were most appropriate and impressive. The collections amounted to \$1,000, making a very substantial reduction of the comparatively small debt on the new building.

A large gathering, among whom were many clergymen, assembled at the fifty-third annual meeting of the Upper Canada Bible Society, held in St. James' school-room last Thursday night. The President, Hon. G. W. Allan, occupied the chair and after the opening devotional exercises prefaced the proceedings by a brief address. The Society has upon the whole, progressed satisfactorily during the past year, as was shown by the report of the Secretary, Mr. John Harvie. The hotel-keepers of Toronto purchased 400 Bibles at a reduction of 50 per cent., to place in their guest rooms. In boats and trains, benevolent, charitable and Government institutions also, a large number of Bibles have been placed. The Society has now in Ontario and the west 567 branches. The colporteurs have during the year distributed 6,994 Bibles and Testaments, of which 469 were given away. In all 34,683 copies of the Scriptures in 25 different languages, have been circulated by the Society in Ontario and the western provinces, making a total during the 53 years of 1,598,382. The number of copies distributed this year was 5,289 less than the previous year, a decrease which is offset by the increased income of the Society amounting to \$40,298.87 being \$1,419.37 more than the year before. Rev. Dr. Barbour, of Montreal, delivered an interesting address on the Bible. The officers, upon motion of Mr. J. K. Mac-

donald, seconded by N. W. Hoyles, Q.C., were appointed as follows: Patron, His Excellency the Earl of Derby, Governor-General; President, Hon. G. Wallace, and 26 Vice-Presidents; Treasurer, J. K. Macdonald; Hon. Secretaries, Mr. Waring Kennedy and Rev. John Burton; Minute Secretary, Mr. David Higgins; Permanent Secretary, Mr. John Harvie, together with 20 clerical and 20 lay directors.

The Rev. James Millar, formerly of Nanaimo, B.C., but for the past three years minister of St. Luke's Demerara, British Guiana, was the recipient of a number of kindly-worded addresses on his resigning the charge to bring his family to Canada. The Georgetown Argosy among other complimentary things, said: "Mr. Millar has been a true pastor in St. Luke's and well may the people regret that he is about to leave them. He has shown that a minister of the Establishment in receipt of Government stipend can work as honestly and as assiduously as if his household supplies depended upon his own special efforts to arouse the generosity of an unwilling people. In his private walk and conversation he has been an example of temperance and solidity to his people and his brethren in the Presbytery, and he has never hesitated to preach against rampant social evils, even when he must have known that his language in its absolutely naked abruptness was in startling and nerve-tugging contrast to the usual pulpit utterances on similar subjects. He is the kind of man we should like to keep in the Demerara pulpit, but his health and the health of his wife constrain him to find a home in a more temperate climate. He goes from here to Canada to rest for a while, thereafter to seek some work to do. He leaves his parish in apple-pie order, the congregation drilled into disciplinary ways, the social condition improved by the establishment of friendly guilds and by precept and example; and his successor is to be congratulated upon falling into a place that has been as it were made ready for him. We wish Mr. Millar success in his future career, with long years of useful life."

(We trust Mr. Millar may soon find congenial employment in the Canadian Church. He is sure to do excellent work wherever he may be settled.—Ed. Can. Pres.)

A number of students from the intermediate department of the College of Music, gave an excellent programme on Thursday last, in the College Hall, before a large number of their friends, who manifested great interest in the performance. Pupils of great promise were brought forward in the piano, violin, and vocal departments, and in their work they sustained the high reputation of the school. The closing concert will take place on June 22, in the Pavilion.

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