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exhibit commendable faithfulness and devotedness in the discharge of his sacred calling. They cherish a pleasant recollection of the excellent sense and impartiality which he always brought to bear on the business of the Presbytery. Their best wishes will follow him wherever he may be called to labour in the church of Christ. Their earnest prayer is that God will be pleased to bless and prosper abundantly himself and the members of his

A formal reception of welcome was recently given Kev. David James in the Presbyterian Church, Midland, on his return from his European tour. Rev. Mr. MacIntosh presided. An address to Mr. James, on behalf of the congregation, was read by Wm. Hope. The reply was appropriate and sympathetic. In it Mr. James compared the old and new countries, and gave as his conclusion that residence in Canada is much preferable, and that residence in Canada is much preferable, and that thrift and comfort among the masses in Canada is as marked as the waste and discomfort among the masses across the Atlantic. He stated his intention of giving one or more lectures upon his tour and then it would be more opportune to give an extended address. Short speeches were made by Rev. Mr. Johnston, of Penetang, and Rev. Mr. Kendall, of Midland. A vocal solo by Mrs. Strathearn, an organ solo by Miss Henderson, recitations by C. A. Botsford, and anthems by the choir, completed the program. A lunch was served by the ladies between nine and ten o'clock, and this crowned the success of the social character of the

The jubilee services of Knox Church, Ottawa, will be held on November 18th. A committee was appointed recently to make preparations for a proper celebration of the event. The original members of the church were drawn from St. Andrew's and other local churches, and when in 1844 they decided to form a new congregation they called the Rev. Dr Wardrope, now of Guelph, to become their pastor. He filled the position for 20 years, and is still a great favorite among the mem-bers of Knox Church. When he resigned the posi-tion he was followed by Rev. Dr. McLaren, who ably filled the pulpit for three years and gave up his duties in answer to a call of the church to behis duties in answer to a call of the church to become professor of systematic theology in Knox College in Toronto. Then came the pastorate of Rev. b. W. Fatries, who so nobly served the church for about twenty years, then resigning and entering on ministerial work in the United States nearly two years ago. Under the present pastor, Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, the church bids fair to enjoy a successful growth. It is proposed to have the three

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retired pastors of the church preach on the occasion in question, when it is hoped \$15,000 will be raised to either cancel the debt on the church or build a memorial Sunday School hall.

SEMI-ANNUAL PRESBYTERIAL MEETING.

A semi-annual meeting of Peterborough Presby-terial Society was held in Keene on Sept 12th. Twenty-one delegates present from the various branches of the W.F.M.S. in Presbytery. A morn-ing session was convened for discussion of different topics bearing directly upon the work of the

The alternoon session was well attended by the ladies of Keene and surrounding country and delagates, four ladies having driven themselves

agates, four ladies having driven themselves twenty-four miles in order to be present, and at the close of the meeting drove home again.

Miss Fersyhe, in well-chosen words, welcomed the delegates and the president. Mrs. Craick, Port Hope, briefly responded. A most interesting and soul-stirring address was delivered by Miss Mc-Williams, late of Indore, C. I. Miss Williams graphically and pathetically described the dark side of the Indian woman's life. A deep and, we trust, a lasting impression was made by the words. The lady is addressing a series of meetings in the Presbytery, and very good results are expected from her visits. The evening session was also well attended, and by the general public. Rev. F. Andrews, the pastor of the church in which all the sessions were held, presided in a most happy manner, and it was considered quite a privilege by many to have a chairman who has continuously occupied the Keene Presbyterian pulpit for over forty years, and is still

very dear to the hearts of his people.

The corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. M. Graham, Lakefield, read a brief skeich of the work of the Presbyterial Society. The general condition seems to be healthy and prosperous. Brighton has been added to the list of auxiliaries, and further additions are expected before the year closes. There are at present twenty-one auxiliaries and ten mission bands, three of the latter being juvenile hands. Addresses were delivered by Revs. J. A. MacDon ald, late of Alberni, B.C., and J. McP. Scott, of St. John's Church, Toronto.

Mr. McDonald told of the work done among

the Indians at Alberni, in his characteristic, modesi way. He spoke of the great need of those people and the fruitful work to be done among them. Intensely interesting was the address which was closed by an appeal for workers from our own society. Mr. Scott's address was equally interesting and impressive, though on a different line: "Our duty to those less privileged than ourselves." The speaker dwelt briefly upon the need for workers. Others spoke exhaustively of personal duty to supply the need.

Two young ladies sang very sweetly, "I am listening," while the offering was being collected. The best attention was given throughout the day and the commodious and handsome church was beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion.

All the arrangements were well carried out, and the kindness of the Keene people will long be a pleasant memory to the delegates.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

The Presbytery of Brandon met in Alexander on the 10th ult., Mr. G. Lockhart Moderator. Mr. Urquhart placed his resignation of the pastoral charge of Brandon now in the hands of Presbytery and the congregation was ordered to be cited. Mr. Lockhart's resignation of Alexander presented at last meeting was considered. Representatives from the congregation were heard. They testified to the good work done by Mr. Lockhart, the spirit of harmony existing between pastor and people and the universal regret at their pastor's proposed re-moval. The resignation was accepted and Mr Hodges appointed to preach in Alexander on October 21st, and declare the pulpit vacant. At-October 21st, and declare the pulpit vacant. Arrangements were made for the supply of mission fields during the winter as follows: Douglas and Creefor, Mr. D. Campbell; Breadalhane, Mr. Forster; Torbolton, Mr. Laing; Saskatchewan, Mr. T. R. Peacock; Griswold, T. Beveridge B.A. An adjourned meeting of Presbytery will be held in Brandon on Tuesday. October 2nd, at 10 2.m. —T. R. SHAW. Clerk. R. SHAW, Clerk.

The Presbytery of Orangeville met Sent. 4th, at Orangeville. A petition was presented from sixtyfour members and forty-seven adherents of Camilla congregation, supported by Messrs. Anderson. Canning and Marshall, and Messrs. Glover and Turn-bull from Mono Centre, asking that Mr. I. A. Ellison, student, be allowed to remain with them the ensuing year as they were not yet prepared to call. This was agreed to. A deputation, composed of Messrs. Fowlie, McRobbic, Orr, Farquharson and McKenzie, ministers, and R. Allen and Smith, elders, was appointed to visit the three stations of Rosemount, Mansfield and Everett and effect, if pos-sible, a union, with power to issue the case Representatives from Ballinafad and Melville congrega-tions requested that Mr. D. L. Campbell, the stud-ent now in the field, he permitted to give them Sabbath services during winter, while attending college. The Home Mission Committee were instructed to ask the Senate of Knox College to allow Mr. Campbell to preach in those congregations as often as possible during winter. Mr. A. E. Hannahson was examined by the Presbytery and licensed to preach the gospel. An extract minute of the Presbytery of Saugeen was read proposing union between the congregations of Esplin and St Andrew's, Proton. A committee composed of Messrs. McLeod, Harrison and Wells was appointed to their St. Andrew's, Proton and Person an to visit St. Andrew's, Proton, and Proton station, and the clerk was instructed to obtain more definite information from the Presbytery of Saugeen .- H. CROZIER, Clerk.

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mittee of his Presbytery, and in many ways has rendered good service, having great power in organizing and interesting young people in Christian

Dr. Thornton is an earnest and impressive preacher. He is a graphic and instructive lecturer, and has taken an active part in charitable work

It is gratifying that after an absence of twenty years from Canada, the Senate of Knox College should, unsolicited, show its appreciation of his many qualifications for his sacred office.

RRV. JOHN SOMERVILLE, D.D.

Dr. Somerville, like many of the foremost men of Canada, is a son of the farm. His early education was received in the public school of the district where his parents resided, and on the farm, where, whenever needed, he had to take his turn of work. Alter attending the Brampton High School for some time he entered Toronto University in 1865. There, during his course, he took honours in classics, mathematics and French and graduated in 1869. As was frequently done at that time, he combined the study of Theology with Arts in the last years of his university course. After graduating he spent four years and a half as Head Master of the High Schools of St. Thomas and Weston, where he made for himself a reputation as a teacher that would have secured for him a prominent place as an educationist had he continued in that department of work. In 1873 he returned to Knox College from which he graduated with honors in 1874. In 1875 he was called to Owen Sound, where, as pastor of Division Street congregation, he has ever since laboured most devotedly and successfully to advance the cause of religion in connec-tion with the Presbyterian Church, and to promote the best interests of the town in every way.

His eminent ability as an expositor of scripture, both in the pulpit and classroom, has attracted large numbers of the people of the town to his congrega-tion. With the students of the Collegiate Institute he is most popular and his Bible-class includes a larger proportion of them than any in the town.

4 As a trustee of the Collegiate Institute, he has done much to secure for it the prominent place it occupies among the educational institutions of Ontario. As clerk of Presbytery, since coming to Owen Sound and as convener of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery for nearly as long, he has rendered invaluable service to the cause of Presbyterianism. As a member of the Senate of Knox College and of the Board of Examiners, he has for many years been recognized as well qualified to assist in the training of the ministry of the church. As one of the leading ministers of the church, he was some years ago elected Moderator of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, over which he presided with dignity and ability. This year his name was on the list of nominees as Moder-ator of the General Assembly.

Knox College, always wise in the distribution of academic honours, has honoured itself as well as Mr. Somerville, in conferring on him a title of which he is in every way so well worthy.

THE REV. GEORGE BRUCE, D.D.

Mr. George Bruce matriculated in the University of Toronto in the autumn of 1864 with honors in classics, mathematics, English and history, graduating in 1868 with the silver medal in mental and moral science, and in due time also at Knox College In the early part of his career Mr. Bruce was widely known for his enthusiastic and self-sacrificing devotion and his success in the Home Mis-sion work of the church in some of its newest and roughest fields, and he has always taken a deep interest and active part in this important work. His first summer in mission work was in London and Sarnia Presbyteries. A rervice, projected and opened by him, was the beginning of the church now at Port Carling. By such labors either new congregations were begun by him or feeble ones saved and built up. During his Muskoka experiences he often walked through trackless forests and dense underturn, making his way over more and dense underbrush, making his way over morass and lakes, and often sleeping in his wet clothes. In all of these hardships he appeared to enjoy his work and the experiences thus gained he regarded as an important part of his training. During his first summer in mission work, as the result of his labors in the mission field, he was struck with the great loss of money and energy caused by the winter vacancies of mission fields and the continual and unnecessary change of students even in summer. He brought this matter before a number of ministers and urged a change in the interests of the work. and urged a change in the interests of the work. His plan was to get students to give, at least, two years after graduating, to it in some difficult field. Accordingly, the Toronto Presbytery, Dr. King being the convener of the Home Mission Committee, agreed to his recommendation, and asked him to fulfil his own proposal first, and Mr. Bruce it once agreed and went to work with vigor on three mis-

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sion stations, Newmarket, Aurora and Queensville. The congregation at Newmarket was at that time almost dead by this intermittent service. He worked in this field for four years, declining requests to preach in vacant congregations, on the ground that he had to complete what he had set out to do in these mission stations. As a result of his four years of mission work he succeeded in building churches in Newmarket, Aurora and Queensville. After putting in the full promised time of missionary work, he accepted a call to the American Church in St. Cathannes in 1875. He was there for seven years, during which time the large and com-modious church now occupied by that congregation was built. He was called to St. John, N.B. in 1883 where he still remains as an active and influen-

THE REV. EDWARD FRASER TORRANCE, D.D.

The Rev. Edward Fraser Torrance was born in Montreal and received his preparation for college in the High School of that city. He graduated in McGill University with honor in 1871, receiving the degree of B.A., and then prosecuted his studies in theology for one year in the Free Church College, Edinburgh. Returning to Montreal he received the degree of M.A. from his university in 1874, and the same year graduated with distinc-tion in the Presbyterian College of Montreal. For some months he engaged in evangelistic work in connection with Mr. Moody's first meetings in Scotland, and thus with Prof. Drummond at that in Scotland, and thus with Prof. Drummond at that time had large observation and experience in that method of Christian work. In July, 1876, he was called to the charge of St. Paul's Church, Peterboro. Here has been his lifework for the past eighteen years. The membership has nearly doubled in numbers, under his faithful labors. His people are greatly attached to him, and the congregation is increasing in number and influence under his wise administration. His and influence under his wise adminstration. His daily studies in Hebrew and Greek, with wide modern philosophy, without neclecting parochial duties, are made subscribent to his pulpit preparation. Among the names, selected by the Senate of Knox College for the distinction of D.D. on account of his sacred learning, no one is more worthy than Edward Fraser Torrance.

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MARRIAGES.

At the residence of the bride's father, Lander, Man., by the Rev. S. Polson, Gertrude, second daughter of Juel Beaman, Eig., to Malcolm C. McLellan, student of Knox College, Toronto.

At Rugby, on September 12th, by the Rev-John Buchanan, of Uptergrove, Miss Annie John-stone, of Rugby, to Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, of