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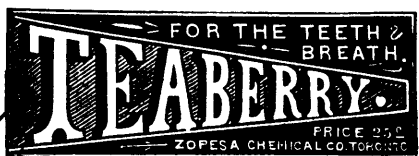
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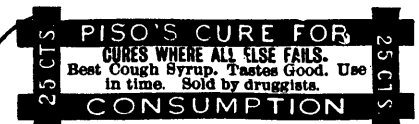
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Ministers and Churches.

Rev. Dr. Grant, of Orillia, is taking his summer vacation.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of Ottawa, has been visiting relatives in Owen Sound.

Rev. R. M. Craig, of Fergus, preached in Knox Church, Ottawa, on Aug. 6th.

Rev. E. Smith, of Mid. Stewiacke, has resigned. He has been pastor there for twenty years.

Rev. Dr. Isaac Campbell, of Ottawa, has been preaching in St. Andrew's church, Peterborough.

Rev. Dr. Bryce opened a new Presbyterian church at Clear Springs, Man., on Sunday, Aug. 6th.

Rev. J. McKinnon, B.D., who has been visiting relatives in Prince Edward Island, has returned to his work.

Rev. Dr. Wardrope, Guelph, is spending his holidays at Ottawa with his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Alexander.

Rev. J. H. Simpson and wife, of Brucefield, have returned from Buffalo, where they spent their summer vacation.

Rev. M. N. Bethune, of Beaverton, was in Orillia last week. He has a month's vacation and will go to Muskoka and Parry Sound.

The Rev. J. A. Macdonald, pastor of Knox Church, St. Thomas, will spend a portion of his holidays at Ashbury Park, New Jersey.

Rev. Robt. Johnston, B.A., and Mrs. Johnston left Peterboro' this week for a month's holidays visiting friends at Kincardine and other points.

Rev. Dr. Moment, of Brooklyn, N. Y., preached with eloquence and acceptance on Sunday, in Victoria Hall, London. Dr. Moment is the guest of Dr. Hodge.

The Waterloo Presbyterian church held a congregational meeting on Monday last and unanimously agreed to extend a call to the Rev. John McNair, of Burr, Ont.

Mr. Wm. Thomson has had a handsome stone buggy step built at the Orillia Presbyterian church for the convenience of those members driving in from the country.

The Protestant Ministerial Association of Montreal has decided to invite Rev. B. Fay Mills, the noted evangelist, to hold a series of services in Montreal during the coming winter.

Westminster Pres. Church has been supplied, during the pastor's vacation, by the Rev. James W. Rae, Acton, whose sermons show careful thought and study. The congregations are large for this season and all are delighted with the supply.

Mrs. Meikle, wife of Rev. Wm. Meikle, a well-known pastor of the Presbyterian Church, a former Moderator of the Presbytery of Toronto, and now retired from the active work of the ministry, died at her residence on Oxford street, Toronto, Sunday night, July 30th.

An event of much interest was consummated in Knox Church, Milton, July 11, when the pastor of the church, Rev. R. Haddow, was united in wedlock to Miss Caldwell, in the presence of a large company of invited guests. The congregation presented Mr. Haddow with a purse containing over \$100 in gold.

Rev. Peter Wright, B.D., of Knox Church, Portage la Prairie, has just completed his four years' pastorate of the congregation. He may feel encouraged at the progress the church has made, both spiritually and financially, and at the strong bond of union which at present exists between himself and his people.

Rev. Dr. J. S. Black, formerly of Erskine Church, Montreal, and now of the First Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, preached to Westminster congregation, Winnipeg, in Victoria, on the evening of July 30. Dr. Black is one of the most eloquent preachers of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. J. C. Wendell, of Pontypool, preached an excellent sermon on Sabbath last at Omamee, from the words "Time is short." The congregation was a large and appreciative one. Mr. Wendell and Rev. J. Ewing are among the oldest Presbyterian ministers in the Dominion, both having been preaching the Gospel for over forty years.

Rev. Mr. Gauld occupied the pulpit of MacNab St. Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, evening of July 19th. He chose the words, "In me," John xiv. 1, for his text—a short one, he said, not considering it advisable to have a lengthened service, owing to the temperature. The impressive character of Christ as a teacher was referred to in several aspects in a clear and edifying manner.

In the course of his sermon on Sunday evening, July 30th, on "Christ, the King of kings," Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, touching upon the tendency of the times to desecrate the Sabbath, referred to the Sunday street-car question in the city of Toronto, and expressed his sincere sympathy with the noble band of men and women who were standing fast against the attempt to steal the Sabbath by "grasping and unscrupulous corporations, ungodly politicians and all classes of atheists."

The Presbytery of Glengarry has made a series of recommendations with a view to the simplification of funerals. It proposes, especially, that Sunday funerals be dropped, and that the custom of putting crape on the hats of persons other than immediate relatives of the deceased be abolished. A very curious recommendation is embodied in these words, "that wakes be discontinued." If the Glengarry Presbyterians resort to wakes, their customs differ from those prevailing elsewhere in the Dominion.

Sunday, July 23rd, was a memorable day in Port Elgin. Evangelists Crossley and Hunter were there. At 10.30 a.m. the service was in the Methodist church. It was a time of spiritual power. At 1 p.m. about 500 men assembled in the rink to listen to these brethren on some special subjects, which particularly concern men. At the same hour about 400 women assembled in the Methodist church. At night about 2,000, from all parts of the country, were in and around the rink. Hundreds are professing conversion. Port Elgin never witnessed the like before.

Rev. Mr. Knowles, pastor of Stewarton Presbyterian Church, has occupied his own pulpit again, after his holiday trip. The people of this church were well pleased with the ministrations of Rev. H. C. Ross, of Erie, Pa., during Mr. Knowles' absence. He is a speaker of rare eloquence and unction. Mr. Ross returns to Erie on Wednesday. The tenders for the addition to Stewarton Presbyterian church are returnable on Thursday, and on Thursday evening the building committee will meet to award the contracts, when the work will be at once proceeded with.

The monthly meeting of the W.F.M.S. of St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, was held on the evening of Thursday the 13th of July, the members having decided to hold the meetings during the summer, in the evening instead of in the afternoon. The lecture-room was well filled with ladies. Mrs. Hodgins, of Toronto, was expected to give an address on the life of Dr. Paton, but as she failed to come, Rev. Mr. Johnston, after the routine business of the society was transacted, gave a brief address on "The Missionary Spirit." At the close of the meeting those present spent an hour together in a social way. The society has now one hundred members and continues to increase in numbers and in interest.

We regret to learn that, owing to bad health, Rev. J. A. McDonald, B. A., Indian Missionary of the Presbyterian Church at Alberni, B. C., has resigned his position, on the advice of his physician. This step has been taken much to the regret of the Church and to himself, as he was well adapted for the work, and was succeeding beyond his most sanguine expectations. Mr. McDonald was about to leave for the Adirondack Mountains, when his sister's death called him suddenly home. It is hoped and expected that a sojourn of a few weeks in the dry atmosphere of the Adirondacks will counteract the evil effects of the damp climate of Alberni and fully restore Mr. McDonald to his wonted health.

A meeting of prominent members and adherents of St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, was held lately on the occasion of the departure of John King, Esq., Q.C., with his family, to take up their residence in Toronto. A complimentary address was presented to Mr. King, accompanied with a beautiful Mexican onyx clock and handsome clock ornament, as testimonials of regard from the congregation. The address was read by Rev. Mr. Atkinson. Mr. King had been long connected with the Board of Management. Mr. King and family left for Toronto on Tuesday afternoon. A large number of their friends assembled at the railway station to wish them good bye and much happiness in their new home. Mr. King and family have always taken an active part in the work of the Church they have left, and will be a valuable accession to any church they may connect themselves with in the city.

A largely attended meeting of the Ministerial Alliance, of Brantford, was held on July 31st. The following resolution was passed: "The Ministerial Alliance of the city of Brantford, fully believing in the divine authority of the fourth commandment, and the binding obligation of all men to observe the same, also in the great physical, social and moral gain accruing to any country keeping the Sabbath day, desire to express our deep interest with

the pastors, churches and citizens of Toronto in strongly opposing and disallowing the introduction of street-cars on the Sabbath. The action of Toronto in this matter, being a great political, commercial and moral centre, looked to from all this Dominion, must tell for or against the morals of our Province and of our youth for years to come. We feel sure all the pleas put forth by the advocates of Sunday cars have no justification in the word of God, nor in the best interests of the laborers and all other classes of the community. Never may it be said that the metropolis of fair Ontario voted out the Sabbath law of our God."

A short time ago Rev. Mr. McKenzie demitted his charge of the Presbyterian congregation of Lower Stewiacke, Colchester Co., with a view to devoting himself to mission work in the foreign field. Unfortunately, from lack of funds, the Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church was not in a position at present to engage an additional missionary, albeit there were many doors opening. Under these circumstances Mr. McKenzie resolved to go out as a missionary to Corea, without any guarantee of salary, confident that the necessary funds would in some way or other be guaranteed. Some time ago he preached an impressive sermon on the missionary enterprise, in Fort Massey, and in the course of his sermon referred to the fact that the lack of funds prevented his being engaged by the Foreign Mission Board, and at present was the chief obstacle to his immediate departure. The sermon and the attendant circumstances so impressed some members of the congregation that they felt that something should be done by Fort Massey towards removing that obstacle. They determined to strike while the iron was hot, and forthwith started a subscription list with the result that in a very short time about \$120 were subscribed, and this will no doubt be largely added to.

A convention was held in the North Lunenburg Presbyterian Church, Stormont county, from June 25th to July 22nd, for the purpose of promoting spiritual life and quickening the missionary zeal among the people. The workers were Walter Russell, evangelist, and his wife, assisted by D. J. Craig, Bristol, Que.; Rev. James Robertson, Haddington, N.Y.; Rev. A. MacGregor and the pastor, Rev. A. Russell. There were three meetings held each day during the convention, which were attended with much interest and definite spiritual results. The last day, July 2nd, was principally devoted to missions, and in this respect was a decided success. At 11 a.m., Rev. Walter Russell preached the missionary sermon, in which he presented a vivid picture of the present state of the world, and the obligations and possibilities of the Christian Church. After the sermon opportunity was given to the people to pledge various sums of money for missions, to be paid during the present ecclesiastical year, and pledges were given amounting to over \$1,000. If a simple rural congregation could do this, what might the Church at large be doing for the evangelization of the world.

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