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Rev. A. Paterson has resigned the charge at Pakenham.

Rev. Dr. Sommerville has been twenty years pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Owen Sound.

Rev. J. M. Gray left last week for a trip to Manitoba to visit his sons there. He expects to be absent a month.

Rev. D. J. MacLean, M.A., of Arnprior, has been elected Moderator of the Linark and Redfrew Presbytery.

The Rev. Neil Shaw, of Edmondville, has been preaching at Tilbury to the great delight of many of his old parishioners.

The choir of the Presbyterian Church, Oshawa, was entertained at the manse, by Rev. and Mrs. Eastman last week.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Leitch, of Boisvean, who have been visiting friends in Portage la Prairie returned home last week.

The Rev. G. Colborne Heine, of Chalmers' Church, has returned from his summer vacation spent at Bic and in New Brunswick.

All ministers who wish for a hearing in the vacancy of Bobcaygeon and Dunsford are requested to write to Mr. Wm. Hickson, Bobcaygeon, Ont.

Rev. Mr. McDonald, of Glamis, has been visiting in the neighborhood of Lion's Head, where he conducted the communion services last Sabbath.

Messrs. William Millar and Peter Matheson appeared before the Presbytery of Lanark last week as candidates for the ministry and were accepted.

Rev. Dr. Isaac Campbell and family, Ottawa, who has been spending the summer at Welcome, near Peterboro, left for their home at the Capital last week.

The Rev. L. Perrin, of Georgetown, has returned from his well earned holidays. He has been spending a few days at his old home near Kincaidine.

At a recent meeting of St. John's Presbytery Mr. Archibald Macrae, son of Rev. Dr. Macrae, was granted the customary certificate to study theology at Edinburgh.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, held yesterday, Mr. C. W. Nicol, of Ingersoll, was appointed organist at a salary of \$600 per annum.

The Rev. R. G. MacBeth, of Winnipeg, has been lecturing on General Gordon in the McDougall Church in that city. The subject was treated in an interesting and eloquent manner.

Rev. W. G. Jordan, B.A., who has been attending a meeting of the General Assembly's Committee on Young People's Societies, preached twice on a recent Sabbath in St. Enoch's Church.

Rev. Prof. Hart, of Winnipeg, left a few days ago on a three weeks' trip through the West, where he will visit some of the Indian reserves upon which the Presbyterian Church has established missions.

Rev. John Young, of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, gave an admirable address at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday. His topic was "The Bible: Why is it different from other books?"

The local paper speaks in high terms of sermons preached in the Presbyterian Church, Parkhill, by Rev. Dr. Waters, well known as an able and vigorous preacher. Dr. Waters' health is considerably improved by his stay in Canada.

Evangelistic services are being conducted in the Watford Presbyterian church by the Rev. Alfred Fowler, B.A., assisted by the pastor. Mr. Fowler is a pleasing speaker, and a good singer, and the meetings are interesting and well attended.

At a meeting of Presbytery of Calgary, held in Edmonton, on Sept. 3rd, 1895, the Rev. Gavin Hamilton, Macleod, Alberta, was elected Clerk of Presbytery, in room of Rev. Charles Stephen, M.A., who has held the office during the past four years.

Rev. R. B. Smith has tendered the resignation of his pastoral charge of the congregations of Ashburn and Utica, into the hands of the Presbytery of Whitby, owing to the inability of Ashburn congregation to meet its financial responsibilities.

Mr. J. R. Fraser, student Queen's College, Kingston, who has been supplying the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, for some time past, left on Monday morning of last week for Demorestville, Prince Edward County. Mr. Fraser will spend the coming winter in Queen's College, Kingston, completing his theological studies.

The Galt Reformer says: Rev. Mr. Straith, of Inverkip and Ratho, and Rev. Dr. Jackson, pastor of Knox Church, exchanged pulpits on Sunday. Mr. Straith preached an acceptable sermon to a good congregation in the morning, and in the evening, Rev. John M. Auld, of Palmerston, officiated here, delivering a vigorous and powerful discourse.

Owing to ill health Mr. Robert Ferguson, M.P.P., was compelled to decline the honor of laying the corner stone of the new Presbyterian Church, Blenheim; but he accompanied his regrets with a cheque for \$50 towards the building fund. Building operations are being pressed; and it is expected that the work will be completed well within the allotted time.

On Sept. 1st, the Brandon, Man., congregation celebrated its first communion under the new pastor Rev. E. A. Henry, B.A. The number of those who partook was probably the largest in history of the congregation. Thirty new members were received. There is a fine spirit manifesting itself among the people, and the future is bright with promises of usefulness and power.

Rev. Dr. David Mitchell, formerly of Toronto, now of Jersey City, N. J., and his family have the hearty sympathy of a very large circle of friends in their sad bereavement, by the death of young Mr. Mitchell, his son, an architect, whose career, in a life that appeared to have begun with such bright promise of success, was suddenly closed by an accident that resulted fatally. All that sorrowing friends can do in such a case is to feel and express their sympathy with the afflicted, and in this case, that expression is heartfelt and widespread.

Mr. M. H. Hodder, who returned from America on Saturday last, has been telling some of his experiences to a representative of the *British Weekly*. "Mr. Hodder does not notice many changes since he was in America two years ago. He was struck with the continuous growth of Toronto where locomotion has been made much easier by the asphalted roads. Formerly the same roads were half a foot deep in sand. Presbyterianism flourishes in Toronto; one young Irish minister has a congregation of 2,500 and a membership of 1,400."

On Wednesday the 4th of this month, Rev. J. A. Sinclair, M.A., of Spencerville was married to Miss Laura McCutcheon of Seeley's Bay, at her father's residence. The interesting ceremony was performed by the Rev. Wm. Burns, M.A., of Westport, and with him were associated the Revs. J. Miller, of Norwich, J. Fitz-Patrick, and others. The bride and bridegroom immediately left for Toronto at the conclusion of the usual festivities. They will make a tour of some weeks duration in the United States, returning to their new home in Spencerville, which is being entirely re-modelled and greatly improved.

The Vancouver World says:—The many friends of the Rev. P. McF. McLeod will be glad to hear from and about him. Rev. Geo. R. Maxwell had a long letter from him the other day. He is comfortably settled in one of the beautiful suburbs of London. His wife and family arrived safely just before he wrote. It may interest Vancouverites to know that it is the intention of his people to erect a church similar to the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. McLeod was enthusiastic over this edifice while here, and was anxious to have one like it in Victoria, but now Vancouver is to be represented in the city of London in this way, which no doubt will do a great deal to advertise our city.

A meeting was lately held in the Presbyterian Church, Calgary, at which Rev. C. W. Gordon, of St. Stephen's Church, Winnipeg, gave an interesting account of a visit he made last year to Great Britain in the interests of mission work of the Church in the Canadian North west and the hearty support and encouragement he received from the churches in the old land. The result of his appeal was that forty-one different congregations have undertaken to donate £50 each per year to the support of a mission field in the Northwest. He was followed by Rev. Dr. Robertson, who gave an address on the work that was being done in the Home Mission field, and urged the necessity of earnest, united work on the part of the people here, to help along the cause of religion and the Church among the outlying and sparsely settled portions of the country. Both speakers eulogized the Calgary Church and pastor for the energy displayed in setting an example to the surrounding country. The superintendent of missions and Rev. Mr. Gordon went West to visit the mission fields of British Columbia.

OBITUARY.

MRS. R. TURNBULL.

When such an earnest, devoted Christian as the late Mrs. R. Turnbull, of St. George, is taken away by death the event deserves more than a mere passing notice, not only because of her piety and the beauty of her home life, but also because of her long, loving service as a teacher in the Sabbath school. Seventy-two years ago she was born in Devonshire, England, and at an early age, her name, Olivia Susanna Narraway, was entered on the roll of membership in the Methodist Church. Soon after giving her hand in marriage to Mr. R. Turnbull she also cast in her lot with him ecclesiastically, and became a member of the Presbyterian Church, St. George. From that time until a few months before her death she was an earnest and successful teacher in the Sabbath school. Almost every young Presbyterian girl in the neighborhood of St. George has been a member of some one of the many classes which enjoyed the privilege of her instructions. Annually she was the recipient of an address and presentation from the girls by whom she was so much beloved, and these addresses testify to her many admirable qualities as a worthy friend and talented Christian worker. Her husband, who has been an elder in the Church for over thirty years, is left to

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MR. JOSEPH REID.

Mr. Joseph Reid, of Cardinal, whose death was announced in our last issue may be placed among the pioneers of Presbyterianism in Eastern Ontario. He and his family emigrated from Belfast, Ireland, about 1840. On reaching Quebec he proceeded to Prescott on the St. Lawrence by the way of Bytown (Ottawa) and the Rideau Canal. On reaching Prescott he commenced business as a tailor and clothier. During his residence of thirty years at Prescott he was an active, prominent elder of the Presbyterian Church under the pastoral of the late Dr. Boyd and his immediate successors. He afterwards removed to St. Catharines where he resided for some years. He then removed to his late residence at Cardinal. He was a kind father, a good citizen, a sincere Christian and a staunch Presbyterian. He was a subscriber to THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN from its commencement. He was buried in Prescott cemetery, where he and his wife, who died two years ago, rest "till the day breaks and the shadows flee away."

DORNOCH—INDIA.

From Dornoch to India is a far cry, yet very lately Presbyterian Dornoch at least, was all on the qui-vive over farewell services to one of her worthy sons. Rev. A. F. Ledingham leaves very shortly for India's coral strand, in company with his young bride, who gives up her western home to share with him the responsibilities and duties of a missionary life. A large company gathered in the church. Rev. Dr. Sommerville sent regrets for unavoidable absence and to the missionary for a motto Josh. iii. 5. Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Chatsworth, addressed the congregation very appropriately and acceptably. Rev. Mr. Little, also addressing earnest words of advice and farewell. The meeting when half over was delighted to welcome Dr. Smith, missionary from China, who of course needed no introduction in his boyhood's home, and on such an occasion. He delineated, as only one who has trodden the missionary path could do, the difficulties, the discouragements and the trials that fall to the lot of the pioneer.

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