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Rev. D. Strachan, the popular pastor of the Hespeler Presbyterian church, and Mrs. Strachan, have returned from their wedding tour to Britain and the continent of Europe. On Monday evening, 30th ult., Mr. and Mrs. Strachan were tendered a reception in the church which was filled with people to welcome home the young pastor and his wife. Rev. Mr. Nixon, who has been supplying the pulpit, occupied the chair. Mr. and Mrs. Strachan have returned much improved in health, and were heartily welcomed by many friends.

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Ministers and Churches.

The Rev. Andrew MacNab, is called to the pastorate of Whitechurch and Langside congregations.

Rev. A. J. McLeod, of the Regina Industrial school, has been spending a few days in Portage la Prairie.

Rev. A. McKay, of Lucknow, is spending a part of his holidays visiting friends in the neighborhood of Thamesford.

Rev. David Watson, D.D., pastor of St. Andrew's Church, of Beaverton, is visiting friends in Western Ontario.

Rev. H. McQuarrie preached at Tirerton on Sunday, July 29th, and declared the pulpit of the Presbyterian church vacant.

Both Mr. Kippan and Mr. McKenzie have accepted the calls addressed to them from congregations in the Presbytery of Bruce.

Rev. George Simpson, of the *Chicago Interior*, formerly of THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN, has been on a three weeks' holiday in Muskoka.

The corner stone of the beautiful new church in course of erection at Winchester will be laid by the very Rev. Prin Grant to-day, Wednesday, August 8th.

Rev. Alexander Mackay, D.D., late of Duff's church, Puslinch, preached Sunday morning and evening in the Sumach street Presbyterian Church, Toronto.

Rev. John McNeil, of Dunwich, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church, Glenora, in the absence of Rev. Mr. Ross, who was preaching in Wallacetown.

Rev. L. G. MacNeill, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, St. John, has returned to his work after a holiday season spent in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Rev. Mr. Barclay, of Lyndoch, recently occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church, Tilsonburg, at both services and preached two eloquent sermons to large congregations.

Rev. Mr. Bartley, B.A., LL.B., recently delivered an eloquent address to the Presbyterian congregation at Winchester. Mr. Bartley has been preaching with great acceptance at Morewood.

The Theological society of Manitoba College recently held an open meeting. Dr. King, the honorary president, gave a criticism of Dr. Fairbairn's work on "Christ in Modern Theology."

A full company of the Boys' Brigade has been organized by the Rev. D. G. S. Connery, at Winchester. The boys have become very proficient in their drill and look well in their bright uniforms.

Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Kennewick, has gone with his family to Metis, Quebec, where they will spend the hot season. During his absence Colin Young, of Queen's college, will have charge of his congregation.

Rev. Dr. Campbell officiated in the New Edinburgh Presbyterian Church on the evening of the 22nd ult., in exchange with Rev. Mr. McFarlane. His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Marjorie were present.

The Presbyterian Church, Ailsa Craig, is receiving a thorough overhauling, and when completed will present a very attractive appearance. The congregation is worshipping in the Methodist Church during the repairs.

At St. Andrew's church, Petrolia, Sabbath 22nd ult., Rev. W. A. Hunter, M.A., of Erskine church, Toronto, preached at the morning and evening services. His discourses were earnest and powerful, and were listened to by large congregations.

The new Knox Church will be formally opened the first Sunday in September. The organ is put in and it only remains for the finishing touches to be put on and all will be complete. It is a magnificent edifice and reflects great credit on the enterprising congregation.

For the last six weeks Chalmers Church, Woodstock, has been undergoing extensive repairs. In consequence of this the congregation has been uncomfortably crowded in the lecture room and adjoining rooms. They now rejoice in worshipping in their former house greatly beautified.

Rev. Thos. Goldsmith officiated at St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, on Sabbath, 22nd ult., and delivered two very earnest and impressive discourses with his usual vigour. Mr. Goldsmith will continue to discharge the duties of pastor of the congregation during Mr. Torrance's vacation.

Mrs. Harvie, Foreign Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and Mrs. Jeffrey, Secretary of Supplies, left this city last week on a visit to the various Indian schools, missions and reserves supported in whole or in part out of the funds of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society.

The reopening services of the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, were held on Sunday, 22nd ult., the Rev. Mr. Clay, of Victoria, and the Rev. E. D. McLaren officiating at the different services. The recent additions to the church add greatly to its appearance and comfort.

D. O. McArthur, a graduate of Queen's, after receiving a unanimous call from the congregations of Melrose, Lonsdale and Shannonville, was lately ordained and inducted. The Moderator of Presbytery, Rev. John Moore, Seymour, preached the sermon; and pastor and people were united together in loving bonds. A pleasant reception was held at the manse in the evening. Mr. McEachern was made the recipient of an address and purse as a slight token of the congregations' appreciation of his services while Moderator over their session.

The pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church, London, was acceptably occupied Sunday, 29th ult., by the Rev. William Cooper, B.A., a young man whose engagement covers the four weeks of the pastor's holiday. The congregation feel that they have been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Cooper.

A copy of the programme of the Sunday School Field Workers' meeting, to be held at Chautauqua, N. Y., August 16-18, has been sent us. We regret not to be able to give it in full, but it promises the best results in the hands it is entrusted to. Low rates are given by all railways, but arrangements for board should be made by addressing Dr. W. A. Duncan, Chautauqua.

Rev. Dr. Mackay, in Chalmers church, Woodstock, on Sabbath, 29th ult., read a telegram announcing the death of Mr. Alex. Sutherland, Montreal, an old gentleman who formerly resided in Woodstock, and was a regular attendant at Chalmers church. Deceased was a father-in-law of Mr. Ross, who some years ago was turnkey at the county gaol. Mr. Ross was 90 years of age and an old resident of West Oxford.

A special meeting of the Presbytery of Kingston was held at Tamworth, recently, for the ordination and induction of Rev. J. L. T. Ballantyne, called to be minister of Camden East and Tamworth. Mr. Ballantyne's ordination trials proved satisfactory and were sustained. After the sermon Mr. Ballantyne, having satisfactorily answered all questions, was ordained with the imposition of the hands and was inducted into the charge.

The Presbyterian Church, Kingsbury, Que., which has been remodelled and painted, was reopened on Sabbath, July 1st. The services were conducted, in the morning, by the pastor Rev. K. McClung, and in the evening, by Mr. Miller, of Montreal College. Both services were well attended, and a very liberal collection given. The managers and members have been very energetic, and displayed great interest in the congregation in their efforts to improve their church, and they have succeeded in making it one of the prettiest churches in these parts. Another interesting feature of the opening was the attendance of the Foresters at the morning service, it being their annual church parade.

The First Company of Glenboro, Man., of the Boys' Brigade in Canada, organized last January in connection with the Presbyterian Church, spent last week, July 16-21, in camp on the banks of the Assiniboine River, under command of Captain Haig and Lieut. Weare. Two commodious tents were used as sleeping apartments and a vacant cottage with ample cellar did duty as store room. The camp commanded a beautiful view of the river valley, while in its vicinity everything necessary could be procured to make camp life enjoyable, and not the least attractive was the hour when the rules permitted a plunge in the river. Only sufficient work was assigned to make freedom seem more sweet and while rules were vigorously enforced yet rules were few. Twenty boys took advantage of this first opportunity to test life in a military camp and all returned loud in their praises of life under canvas in connection with the Boys' Brigade.

On Monday the 30th ult., the 55th anniversary of the birthday of Rev. Father Chiniquy, the representatives of the testimonial committee took advantage of the occasion to present to him a substantial pecuniary mark of the esteem of the Protestants for the work he has done in their behalf. Subscriptions to the testimonial are not yet closed, but as yesterday marked the beginning of another year in the life of Rev. Father Chiniquy, the committee decided to present him with the amount which had already been subscribed and which aggregated a fairly large amount. There were present: Revs. Dr. Smyth, W. D. Stevens, J. L. Morin, Dr. Warren, Messrs. W. Drysdale, C. G. Jones, L. H. Pignolet and C. E. Amaron, editor of *L'Aurore*. There were also present Messrs. C. G. Jones, Warren, J. L. Morin, Chiniquy and Miss Chiniquy. The proceedings opened with prayer, offered up by Rev. W. D. Stevens, after which an address was read by Rev. Dr. Smyth, in which allusion was made to Rev. Father Chiniquy's efforts on behalf of Protestantism. Dr. Smyth then formally presented the amount which had been subscribed up to date, and the recipient suitably acknowledged the same. Addresses followed by several of the gentlemen present, after which Rev. Father Chiniquy read one of the Psalms, and a pleasant social chat ensued before the company dispersed.

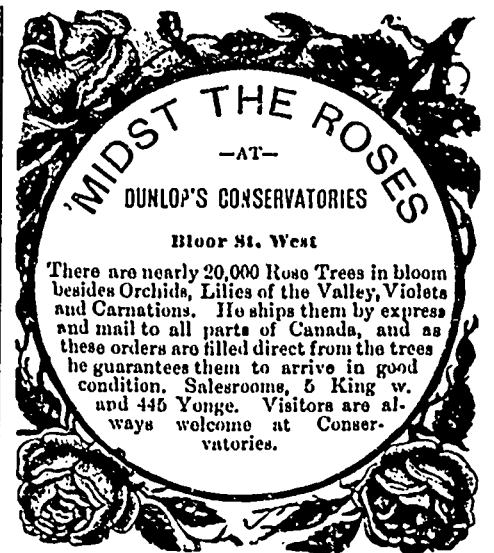
OBITUARY.

MR. J. MURRAY SMITH.

The sudden death, at his late summer residence, Beldornie, Beaurepaire, Q., is announced of Mr. J. Murray Smith, for a long time manager of the Bank of Toronto, Montreal, and well known in this city. From the *Montreal Star* we give the following particulars:

Born in Banffshire, Scotland, deceased came to Canada with his family while still a lad, completing his education in this country. He had been thirty-four years in the service of the Bank of Toronto at the time of his death. His first sixteen years of service were spent in Ontario.

Mr. Smith's death will cause a serious void in religious and philanthropic circles in Montreal. He was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church and a hard worker in the way of religious effort. His heart was much set upon the Sunday-School. He engaged in Sunday-School work as soon as he arrived in Montreal, and interest in it was maintained up to the last. In 1886 he succeeded Mr. James Croil as president of the Presbyterian Sunday School Association of Montreal, a position he held at the time of his death, thus having had the honor of being the chief executive officer of an organization which comprises in its membership 583 teachers and 5,000 scholars. This position brought Mr.



Smith in close connection with all of the Presbyterian Sunday-School workers in the city, for the position was regarded as no sinecure by him, as he paid frequent visits to all the Sunday-Schools to keep up the interest of the children and encourage the teachers in their work.

Mr. Smith was a staunch member of St. Paul's congregation, being an elder of the church. He became identified with the Young Men's Christian Association as soon as he arrived here, and has been a member of the Board for fifteen years. He also occupied the president's chair for one term.

Mr. Smith married Miss Mulholland, daughter of the late Mr. Mulholland of the firm of Mulholland and Baker, and sister of Mr. Joseph Mulholland. Mr. James Smith, of this city, is a brother of the deceased and a sister of deceased is married to Rev. Dr. Lane, of Dundas, Ont.

Mr. Smith was fifty-seven years of age at the time of his death.

At the close of the morning service following the death of Mr. Smith, the Rev. J. Edgar Hill said: Such a one as the manly Christian whom I have been describing, was a gentleman belonging to another church who passed away from the life of this city suddenly and unexpectedly last Wednesday morning. In Mr. Murray Smith's death this city is the poorer in losing one whose character and conduct were a treasure to our social life; his friends and acquaintances are the poorer that they have lost one whose calmness, fairness and true friendship were a blessing and a strength to all who knew him, and the Church has been made the poorer by the removal of one who filled a large place in her working activity and who lent a live power to her faith and charity. It is honorable and great for a man to have built up a great commercial enterprise or to have made some valuable discovery, but it is greater and more honorable still to have built up in our day a noble, consistent Christian character to help the world to believe better in the Christ, and to find solace in the Gospel of his salvation. Mr. Murray Smith did this and his memory will be blessed.

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