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DEATH OF REV. F. W. FARRIER.

Although Knox Church, Ottawa, has been 65 years in existence, it has only had five pastors. It has given two professors to Knox College, Toronto, and until recently all five of its pastors were alive. In the death of Rev. Francis Wallace Farries, who has for sixteen years occupied the pulpit of a Presbyterian church at Goldsboro, N.C., the third occupant of the pulpit of Knox Church here passed away.

It is doubtful if any other church in Canada can equal this record. The first pastor was the Rev. Dr. Wardrobe, now of Montreal; the second, the Rev. Dr. McLaren, who later accepted a position on the staff of Knox College; the third, Rev. Mr. Farries, whose death is announced; the fourth, Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, who, after occupying the pulpit some time, went to Knox College as a professor; and the fifth, the present occupant, Rev. D. M. Ramsay, D.D., who has been here twelve years.

Ottawans who remembered Rev. Dr. Farries learned with deep regret of his death. Although it is a good many years since he left here, he is well remembered—particularly perhaps by adherents of Knox Church.

One of his daughters, Mrs. Samuel Howe, of 395 Cumberland Street, Ottawa, only returned from a visit to him a few days ago, and then he seemed to be somewhat better, but lately he took a turn for the worse and he passed away yesterday morning. He was widely known and respected in Goldsboro and vicinity, and his death there is keenly regretted. He was instrumental in having a new Protestant hospital started there lately.

The Rev. Francis Wallace Farries was born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, May 1, 1840. He came to Canada when a lad. He was educated at the Galt Institute and Toronto University, and afterwards pursued his theological studies at Knox College, Toronto, and was graduated in 1864, and was ordained in 1866 at Princeton, N.J. He was successively pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Otisville, N.Y., from 1868 to 1871. Of Dunfries St. Church, Paris, 1871-75, and of Knox Church, Ottawa, from 1875 till '93. In the latter year he was called to the First Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro, N.C. Mr. Farries served as a classical tutor in Knox College, and while in Ottawa was chaplain of the St. Andrew's Society, of the Sons of Scotland, and of one of the courts of Foresters. He was associate editor of "The Presbyterian Handbook" (1883).

Mr. Farries was the author of "The Transcendentalism of Man," and of other sermons.

Rev. Mr. Farries left three daughters, Mrs. S. Howe, of Ottawa; Mrs. Charles G. Mackay, of New York City; and Miss Dorothy Farries, of Goldsboro, N.C.; and three sons, John Farries, of Lawrence, N.Y.; Frank, of Paris, Ont.; and Harry, of Goldsboro.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. A. and Mrs. Mackenzie, of Douglas, have been visiting friends in Eganville.

Mr. Cliff, of the Montreal College, was the preacher in the Maxville Church in the absence of Rev. R. McKay on a recent Sabbath.

Pembroke was well represented at the Layman's Missionary Congress by the following:—Messrs. Johnston, Beatty, Smyth, White, Booth, Lett, and Rev. Mr. Knox.

Rev. Dr. D. N. Maclean, of Avonmore, who had been chosen for the post of superintendent of the Rescue Mission, has accepted the position. Dr. Maclean will probably remove to Ottawa and commence his duties in May.

The Communion service at Apple Hill on 4th April, conducted by the pastor, was well attended. Rev. Dr. Maclean, of Avonmore, preached the preparatory sermon.

Rev. James Cormack, of Ottawa, in the absence of Rev. Mr. Scott, took the services in Zion Church, Carleton Place, last Sunday week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mann, of Woodville, entertained the choir on Friday evening of last week. Those who were present will long remember the enjoyable hour spent together.

The recent meeting of the Y.P. Guild of St. Andrew's Church, Beaverton, was quite a success. Mrs. Best, vice president, had charge of the meeting, taking part in a quartette and giving a reading. Songs, readings, and recitations, all from Tennyson's works, made up a most interesting programme, in which the following took part:—Rev. D. W. Best, Misses Cave, Turner, Ritchie, Shank, McRae, Smith, Bessie Grant, Messrs. A. Watson and W. Riddell.

Rev. J. Matheson, of Summerstown, has been confined to his room for several weeks by an attack of grippe. He was able to resume work last Sabbath.

Rev. Donald Stewart, B.A., of Alexandria, has been spending Easteride with relatives at Finch.

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

A pro re nata meeting of the Presbytery of Rock Lake was held at Killarney on the evening of March 31st. The first business was the call from Deloraine to Mr. McGillivray, of Chatham, on account of a letter, one call was set aside. Then the resignation of Rev. M. P. Floyd of Killarney, was regretfully accepted. After Presbytery adjourned a farewell was given Mr. Floyd by his congregation. Mr. D. J. Hartley, principal of the High School, occupied the chair. Addresses were made by Mr. Lawrence, M.P.P., Revs. Johnston, Sawby and Hartley, Mayor Buck, Messrs. Baldwin, Moir, McNaughton, Harrie and many others.

Presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd as follows:—Box of silverware, by W. F. M. S. and Ladies' Aid; gold chain and locket, by S. S.; book of praise by choir. Y. P. S. gave a music cabinet and rocking chair. The congregation an illuminated address signed by all the societies of the church and a check for \$550; and the managers presented Mr. Floyd also with a six months' check in advance. A good programme was presented by the choir and the ladies served lunch in the basement. Mr. Floyd has been 11 years in Killarney and the town will miss him in many ways.

CANADA'S MISSIONARY POLICY.

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most as large an area as the Continent of Europe, with its 400,000,000. It has 33 per cent. of the total area of the British Empire, with its population of over 400,000,000. From Sydney, on the Atlantic, to Vancouver, on the Pacific, is by rail 3500 miles; and from the international boundary north to Herschel Island—the most northerly mission station of any of our Canadian churches—is 1,400 miles. You say area is relatively unimportant; Canada lies so near the North Pole that but a small proportion of the total area is reasonably habitable by man. This view for many years largely prevailed in Europe; in a measure in the United States, and even to some extent in our own country. Exploration and investigation are rapidly dispelling this erroneous conception.

What is our situation and what the habitable area? It is an interesting fact that probably 25 per cent. of the total area of the United States proper lies north of the city of Toronto, as a simple examination of the map of North America will show. Edinburgh is 800 miles north of Toronto; St. Petersburg 1,100 miles north of Toronto. But you say the warm currents of the Atlantic so moderate the climate on the west coast of Europe that these figures have no application. The warm currents of the Atlantic find their counterpart in the warm currents of the Pacific, and the climate on the west coast of America is largely similar to that in the west coast of Europe. Dawson City, the most northerly city in Canada, is 1,400 miles north of Toronto. Dawson City is as far north of Toronto as Mexico City is south. Dawson City is as far north of the international boundary as Los Angeles is south. It is undoubtedly true that very large areas in the northern part of Canada, so far as we know at present, are not reasonably habitable, yet Canada probably has an area almost as large as the United States, which is reasonably habitable so far as climate is concerned.

After making all due allowances, there still remains an area at least half as large as the continent of Europe, which, so far as we know at present, should be the home of men. We have great varieties of climate, but nowhere is the climate so warm as to be enervating, and everywhere it should breed a strong, aggressive, and a conquering race. It is not possible at present to form an accurate estimate of the extent or richness of our great material resources. It is not possible to foretell, or even hazard a judicious guess, as to the limits of the future development of our agricultural, our mineral, and our manufacturing industries. That they will surpass the expectations of even the most sanguine goes without saying. Certain it is that the extent of territory open for settlement, and the richness and variety of the resources ensure that in the very near future these territories must be the home of many millions of people. Lord Strathcona has said: "At the end of the twentieth century Canada will have a population twice as large as the British Isles."

We have wondered at the volume of immigration to the United States, and have felt, perhaps, not without cause, that they have not been able entirely to assimilate and evangelize the immense numbers they have received. But great as has been their immigration, it has never in any decade during the past hundred years exceeded an average of one per cent. per annum of their