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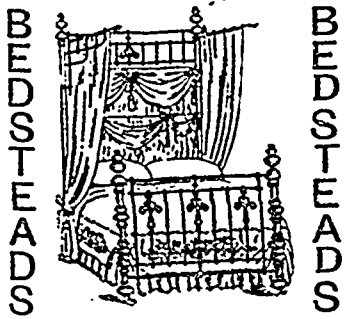


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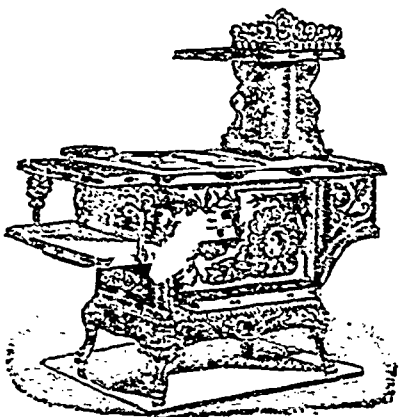
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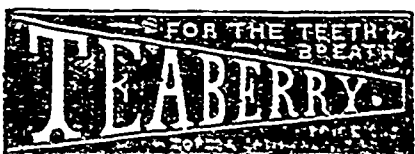


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Ministers and Churches.

The address of Rev. J. Fraser Campbell is 113 Bloor Street West, Toronto.

Rev. Dr. Somerville occupied the pulpit of Kilsyth Presbyterian church on Sunday December 2nd.

Rev. J. M. T. Gardiner, formerly of San Bernardino, is now pastor of the 3rd Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, Cal.

The Rev. G. D. Bayne, Pembroke, has been appointed by the Presbytery to visit Mattawa in the interests of Augmentation.

Prof. Hart, of Manitoba College preached in the Presbyterian church, Portage la Prairie, on Sunday morning, December 2nd.

Rev. Mr. Fortune, of Elkhorn, preached two earnest and practical sermons in the Presbyterian church, Virden, on Sunday, 2nd inst.

The Rev. Wm. Meikle has moved from his former residence, 43 Oxford street, to 44 Robert street, where he will be glad to have his correspondents address him.

It is expected that the new Presbyterian church at Bruce Mines will be opened on the 30th inst., and that there will be a tea-meeting on the following night New Year's Eve.

The Elmsdale Presbyterians have purchased a new organ for their church; and the ladies have made the interior of the church look very tasty in the new plush cushions and hangings for the pulpit.

The manse at Comber was burglarized recently. The burglar easily gained access to Rev. Mr. Colter's study and stole from one of the drawers money and stamps amounting in all to \$10 or \$13.

The Rev. George McArthur, B.A., of Cardinal has been lecturing at Lonsdale on, "Does the first chapter of Genesis contradict the statement of science that the earth is one hundred and fifty thousand years old?"

Rev. Louis H. Jordan, B.D., of St. James Square church, Toronto, preached in Knox church, St. Thomas, last Sabbath. Mr. Jordan is remembered in St. Thomas, having preached there before for his brother-in-law, the late Dr. Archibald. The Rev. J. A. Macdonald, of St. Thomas, on the same day, preached in St. James Square Church, and gave two admirable discourses.

The St. Thomas Knox Church, W. F. M. S., held their annual meeting on the 12th inst. Miss McWilliams, a Canadian missionary, recently returned from Central India, addressed the meeting. In the evening a public meeting was held, at which the pastor presided. The chief address was given by Miss McWilliams. The collection at the evening meeting was in aid of the W. F. M. S.

At a meeting of the Presbyterian Congregation of Roland, lately held there, the Rev. Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions being present, it was very heartily and unanimously decided to take steps immediately to build a church edifice. Subscriptions almost to the amount required have already been received, and an effort will be made towards its erection this fall.

The annual thank-offering meeting of the W. F. M. S., in connection with the Kilmartin Church, took place on Friday the 25th ult. The pastor, Rev. J. Carrie, took the chair and made a few excellent remarks on the good work the ladies had accomplished, after which Rev. J. A. McDonald, of St. Thomas, gave an excellent address on mission work. When the offering was made the pastor dedicated the money which amounted to \$56.

The new mission church was opened at the Indian village near Portage la Prairie on Sunday afternoon, 2nd inst. Prof. Hart, of Manitoba College, and Mr. A. D. McKay, who, nine years ago, was the means of starting the meetings at the Teepees, both addressed the Indians. Rev. P. Wright conducted the services. Quite a number of Portagers drove out and the congregation was a large one. The Indians turning out in full force. The collection amounted to \$21.

At the annual Thanksgiving meeting of the Keady Auxiliary of the W. F. M. S. a life membership certificate was presented to Mrs. James Hamilton, wife of Rev. James Hamilton, the late pastor, as a token of the esteem in which she is held by the women of the different congregations. As she has left, her absence will be greatly felt because of her knowledge of missionaries and mission work which has been a great help and stimulus to all the societies.

The annual thank-offering meeting of Zion Church, Carleton Place, W. F. M. Society, was lately held in the church. The envelopes contained the amount of \$119.27; the Mission Band envelopes \$23.50 more; making a total of \$142.77 as the thank-offering. Mr. N. M. Riddell offered the dedicatory prayer. Rev. Mr. Scott delivered a short and pointed address, and a very successful meeting was closed by the singing of the doxology and the pronouncing of the benediction.

A Biscuiting correspondent to the Sudbury Journal writes as follows: Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Aberdeen and suite spent last Sunday at this station. In the absence of the Rev. Mr. Sanders, Church of England minister, His Excellency was good enough to conduct even-

ing service in the little church here and to deliver a very practical and liberal spirited address—most applicable to this district where there is too much bigotry on all sides. The impression left us is of a kindly, Christian-minded lady and gentleman, who helped us to pass a Sunday evening pleasantly and properly.

The death is announced in Winnipeg of Mr. Hugh Ross, a native of Pictou County, N. S. He was a member of St. Andrew's Church from its beginning and for many years an elder in that congregation. Six years ago he moved to Fort Rouge where he became a member of Augustine Church, in which he was for some years Sunday school superintendent and in which congregation he was at the time of his death an elder and the chairman of the managing board. In the Sabbath school he did an enduring work.

Dr. D. A. Beattie, medical missionary of the American Presbyterian Church, North, to Canton, China, delivered a most interesting lecture in the Presbyterian Church, Waterloo, on the evening of December 5th, on "The Social and Religious condition of South China." The lecture was suitably illustrated by relics brought lately by the speaker from that land. The audience, composed largely of the Sunday school children of the town, fully enjoyed the lecture. Should Dr. Beattie come again to Waterloo he will receive a hearty welcome.

The bazaar held lately in Ottawa under the auspices of the Kings' Daughters in the Y. W. C. A. building proved to be a decided success. The proceeds of the bazaar was to pay for the furnishing of one of the reception rooms of the new Y. W. C. A. building. In the evening vocal and instrumental music was discussed, the following ladies taking part most acceptably: Misses Parlow, Brennan, Brown, Rea, Edith Cole and Gibson. A number of Kings' Sons graciously acted in the capacity of receivers. The results showed in the treasury over \$230 whilst the expenses were so reduced as to leave over \$200 clear of expense. Thus the brightly furnished reception room at the Y. W. C. A. is now practically paid, cost about \$150, leaving a handsome balance in the treasury of the King's Daughters of over \$50.

The congregation of Chalmers' Church, Guelph, on Sabbath, Nov. 25th, contributed the handsome sum of \$156 in aid of the General Hospital. This sum will be likely supplemented, as a few heads of families were not present. Within the last fourteen days this congregation has contributed by free will offering for missionary and benevolent purposes alone the sum of \$360. Both pastor and people are to be congratulated on these evidences of liberality and prosperity, and also for the splendid example shown in the voluntary method of contribution. This substantial congregation has for many years adopted the "free-will offering" system. The members and adherents frequently enjoy tea-sociables and "At-homes," etc., but no fee or collection is taken at any of these events.

The fifteenth anniversary of the induction of Rev. J. Ross, B.A., to the pastorate of Melville Church, Brussels, was marked by the preaching of specially, interesting sermons to the large congregations present. On Monday evening a social was held at which the pleasing duty of reading an address to the pastor devolved upon Mr. McKay. Accompanying the address was a beautiful silver tea service and a China service, as a slight token of the kindly feelings existing between pastor and people. Mr. Ross returned his most sincere thanks to the members of the congregation for their kindly expressions of approval and sympathy, as well as for their tangible expression of their good-felling. Short addresses were given by several of the elders of the church and some choice selections of music filled up a most enjoyable programme.

OBITUARY.

A correspondent writing to the Woodstock Sentinel Review says of the late Rev. John McKay B.A., successor of Rev. R. P. Mackay as pastor of the Scarborough congregation. The character of Mr. McKay was one of the noblest the writer has ever known. Of unaffected, fervent piety, candor, modesty, honest pride, laudable ambition to excel in his chosen high vocation, and a spotless record, these were his characteristics. His sermons were models of chaste diction, delivered with unostentatious yet correct elocution. Even in this small detail he was wont never to overlook or neglect whatever would tend to impress most forcibly upon men the message of truth with which he felt himself charged. The writer has never listened to his preaching but with pleasure and profit. No better evidence of the esteem in which he was held by those who knew him most intimately could be adduced than the large concourse of sympathizing friends who followed his remains to the tomb, filling over a hundred vehicles, comprising the minister, four elders and many laymen from his old Scarborough charge, his own former pastor from Harrington, ministers from Stratford, East Zorra, Harrington and Kintore, all impressed that a great man had gone from among them. "He rests from his labors and his works do follow him."

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

The regular monthly meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto was held in St. Andrew's Church, on Tuesday the 4th of December, the Rev. W. C. Wallace, Moderator. The Rev. Fraser Campbell was present and delivered a most interesting and stirring address on the work in India. A committee was appointed to draft a suitable minute in respect to the late Rev. John McKay, a former member of this Presbytery, Rev. W. W. Percival tendered his resignation of the charge of Richmond Hill and Thornhill. The resignation was tabled and the congregations are to be cited to appear at

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The January meeting. The Draft Book of Praise was considered in Committee of the whole, and practically adopted, some few changes being suggested. The consideration of the Psalms was deferred till the January meeting of Presbytery. St. Paul's congregation were given permission to secure a more suitable site, within certain limits specified by Presbytery. Mr. Martin, minister of St. Paul's congregation declined the call addressed to him by the congregation of Knox Church, South London. A petition from certain members of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, and others, was received. The petitioners ask permission to organize another congregation to meet the needs of Presbyterians in South and East Parkdale, the Dunn Avenue Church being overcrowded. A committee was appointed to meet with the petitioners and with the Session and Managers of Dunn Avenue congregation, and report at next meeting of Presbytery. An Overture, asking that the General Assembly shall amend the regulations defining the respective duties of Session and Board of Management was read and received, and ordered to be printed in minutes. It will be considered at a later meeting of Presbytery.—R. C. TIBB, Clerk.

Hamilton Presbytery met in Hamilton on December 20th. A call from St. John's Church, Hamilton, to Rev. W. J. Clark, of London, was set aside; that gentlemen desired to risk procedure as he could leave his present charge. The treasurer reported that the augmentation deficit have almost been received. Rev. H. S. Beavis presented certificate and transference from Presbytery of Pueblo, Col., U.S. The Presbytery received the certificate, and unanimously resolved to apply to next General Assembly for leave to receive him as a minister. Mr. Beavis has been assisting Dr. Laidlaw in St. Paul's Church with much acceptance. A successful conference on statistics and finance and systematic beneficence had been held, and it was resolved: (1) to visit immediately all congregations not reported as having anything for the General Schemes; (2) to prepare a form for congregational reports. Mr. McDonald addressed the Presbytery in the interests of the Augmentation Committee. It was resolved to apply for a grant of \$5 per Sunday, until settlement, for International Bridge, etc. Mr.

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