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OBITUARY.

MRS. A. K. CASWELL.

Martha F. Baird, the beloved wife of Rev. A. K. Caswell, of Meriden, Iowa, departed this life on the night of the 29th of May last.

The deceased was born in Canada, Dec. 1st, 1852. Her parents were members of the Presbyterian church. She married Mr. Caswell Dec. 25th, 1877, and soon after he entered upon his studies for the ministry. She was a source of constant stimulus in the mission field in Dakota (Presbytery of Pembina) and city mission work in Canada, the scene of her former labors. The successful work of her husband in upbuilding the membership of the church and developing spiritual life, was largely due to her piety, common sense and patience, although her family cares hindered her from appearing much in active efforts. Mrs. Caswell's death seems particularly sad, on account of her young family—eight children, the eldest of whom is but fifteen years, and the youngest a babe of three days. The best medical skill available was procured, but blood poisoning set in and all skill was unavailing. The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church, Meriden, which was filled to its utmost capacity with a sympathetic audience.

MISSIONARY CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF BELGIUM.

Toronto, June 12th, 1894.

Mr. Editor,—Several friends of mission work in Toronto became interested in the above mission in connection with the visit of Pastor Albert Brocher when he was here in connection with the Alliance of the Reformed Churches in the autumn of 1892, and have been desirous of aiding the work of that mission. Miss J. I. Inglis and Miss Caven have collected the following sums, which have been forwarded to Pastor Brocher, and they think it will be well to have the amounts acknowledged through the press. Will you kindly, therefore, insert this in the CANADA PRESBYTERIAN:

A friend, Parkdale.....	\$20 00
Mr. Mortimer Clark.....	5 00
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Mrs. Ure, Gederich.....	1 00
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J. K. Macdonald.....	25 00

Miss J. I. Inglis, of 122 Huron Street or Miss Caven will be glad to receive contributions for the above mission.

Thanking you for the insertion of the above,
Yours, &c.,

J. K. MACDONALD

WESTMINSTER MISSION FEAST.

On June 6th, the congregation of North Westminster held its sixth annual Mission Feast. The weather was fine, and a large company assembled.

After devotional exercises the following addresses were given: "Why do you object to Missions?" by the Rev. James Little, of Birr; "My Travels in Egypt and the Holy Land," by Rev. Robert Hamilton, of Motherwell; "The Moravians and their Work," by Rev. R. M. Craig, of Fergus; "Mission Work among our North-west Indians," by Rev. F. O. Nichol, of Sarnia. "Religious Feasts in India," by Dr. Marion Oliver and "Work in the Home Mission Field," by Jas. Menzies, of Knox College. Throughout the day excellent Missionary music was furnished by the choir and others.

The pastor Rev. E. H. Sawers and the people of Westminster were untiring in their efforts to make happy the large number of strangers who were present.

All thoroughly enjoyed themselves and at 4 p.m. the Mission Feast was brought to a close by a few practical remarks by the pastor, Mr. Sawers. "After the Mission Feast what?" Not a collection but he hoped rather the result would be, more prayer for Missions, more contributions to Missions, more love to Christ our Lord and Master.

CANADA TO THE FRONT.

BRITISH AND AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES DISTANCED—REMARKABLE CHANGE IN EIGHTEEN YEARS.

Life insurance has become of such universal popularity that only the most careless and non-provident hesitate to avail themselves of it in one way or another. In this year's issue of the insurance blue book, just published, entitled an "Abstract of Statements of Insurance Companies in Canada," the observer cannot fail to note the immense growth of the business of Canadian Companies as compared with British and American concerns. Take for illustration the increase of premium income. The following figures show the result:—

PREMIUM INCOME, 1875 AND 1893.			
	Canadian.	British.	American.
1875.....	\$ 707,250	\$ 623,290	\$1,551,835
1893.....	5,156,008	1,041,228	3,403,230

The amount of insurance effected is equally suggestive, as given by these figures:—

INSURANCE EFFECTED 1875 AND 1893.			
	Canadian.	British.	American.
1875.....	\$ 5,077,601	\$1,689,833	\$ 8,306,824
1893.....	27,930,196	2,967,855	14,145,555

It is, however, in the amount of insurance actually in force in 1893 that our Canadian companies are so far ahead. The figures below speak for themselves:—

TOTAL INSURANCE IN FORCE 1875 AND 1893			
	Canadian.	British.	American.
1875.....	\$ 21,957,296	\$19,455,607	\$43,596,301
1893.....	107,483,872	33,572,697	94,502,966

Therefore, in this respect, our Canadian companies now lead the British companies by 500 per cent., and the American companies by about 100 per cent., whereas eighteen years ago they were about equal with the British and only one-half as strong as the American. In the competition for business there are eighteen British and American companies, and only twelve Canadian, clearly demonstrating the fact that in life insurance we are well to the front.

Where insurance is now done so much on the investment principle, and where the results of the various plans are so largely affected by the mortality and the interest-earning power of the companies, the growth of Canadian business may be in a great degree attributed to the lower rate of mortality, and to the greater interest-earning power of the companies. It would, therefore, seem to be in the interest of insurers, on business principles alone, to patronize Canadian companies.

The would-be insurer having, therefore, made up his mind to insure in a home company will naturally seek to select that company which bears the true test of solidity, viz., the net surplus over all liabilities.

The North American Life Assurance Company, Toronto, better than any other home company, stands this test. The Government abstracts already referred to shows that the ratio of assets to liabilities of this company is 121, and percentage of surplus to liabilities 21. It will also be observed that not only does the North American rank first when relatively compared with all other companies, but, that with a single exception, it has the largest net

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surplus of assets over all liabilities. Intending insurers would do well to secure particulars of the various plans of insurance offered by the North American. The head office of the company is at 22 to 28 King street west, Toronto, Ont. Wood stock, N.B., Dispatch, June 6, 1894.

PULPIT, PRESS AND PLATFORM.

T. DeWitt Talmage, D.D.: Opportunities fly in a straight line, touch us but once, and never return; but the wrongs we do others fly in a circle; they come back to the place from which they started.

James Stalker, D.D.: Religion should be to every man. Not merely a creed, but an experience; not a restraint, but an inspiration; not an insurance for the next world, but a programme for the present world.

Cumberland Presbyterian: The man who gives little or nothing to support the pastor or keep up current expenses is usually the chief fault finder. The more we pay the more likely we are to prize and speak well of the things we pay for. Chronic grumblers are usually also chronic delinquents.

Presbyterian Witness: It is our duty and privilege to realize the fact that Christ is in our midst—in our homes, churches, shops, in our streets and market places. We are responsible to Him every moment of time and in every possible place. His jurisdiction extends over all time and all space; and He is to be the Judge of all men.

Christian Work: To some of us there comes at times the feeling that we are not living the life God meant us to live—that we have failed to find our proper opportunity (at least so we put it), when perhaps nearer than we think lieth the work best adapted to us; that which will call into exercise the powers of body and mind. It needs but a fixed purpose, then quiet, determined energy, those qualities that make men great and good. "Nothing is denied to well-directed labor; nothing is to be obtained without it."

Lutheran Observer: Before Pentecost, James and John wanted to sit the one on the right hand, and the other on the left of the Master, when He came in His kingdom. The disciples disputed who should be greatest—all wanted to be first, and at the supper, none were willing to be servant of all, and wash the feet of the others. But when the Spirit was poured upon them, there was wrought a great change. No one seemed offended, even though Peter, who had so recently denied his Master, stood up and preached the great Pentecostal sermon.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tenders for Works," will be received at this Department until noon on Monday the 25th instant, for the following works:

Hydrants and cast iron pipes, London Asylum; Infirmary, Hamilton Asylum; Sewage Disposal Works, Kingston Asylum; Reservoir, Barn and Stables, Slaughter House, Piggery, Driving House, Steam and Hot Water Heating, Brockville Asylum, Extension of Main Sewer, addition to Boiler House, and Steam Boiler, Orillia Asylum; Barn and Hot Water Boiler, Brantford Institute.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the several institutions, except those for the steam heating at Brockville, which can be seen with the other plans and specifications at this Department, where forms of tender can be procured on application.

An accepted bank cheque, made payable to the undersigned, for \$100 for each of the above works, except for the Infirmary, Hamilton, and the several works at Brockville, for which an accepted bank cheque for \$500 made payable to the undersigned will be required. The cheques of unsuccessful parties tendering will be returned.

The bona fide signature and business addresses of two parties as sureties, should accompany each tender.

The Department will not be bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

WM. HARTY,

Commissioner

Department of Public Works, Ont.,
Toronto, June 11th, 1894.

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