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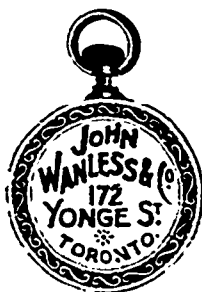
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Ministers and Churches.

THE Christian Endeavour Society of the Presbyterian church, Waterdown, have purchased a piano to be used at opening meetings and "At Homes."

THE Rev. George Pouteous has resigned the charge of the united congregations of Glenvale, Harrowsmith and Wilton, subject to the decision of the Presbytery.

ANNIVERSARY services were conducted at Canington, October 23, by the Rev. A. MacWilliams, of St. Andrews, Peterboro', who preached two very able sermons to large congregations.

"RECOLLECTIONS of the North-West Rebellion" was the title of the lecture delivered last week by Rev. R. G. Macbeth, M.A., in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, Winnipeg. The chair was taken by ex-Mayor Ryan.

THE Thorold Post says: The Rev. James Bryant preached his initial sermon of his new pastorate at St. Andrews Church on Sunday morning week, a large congregation being present. They speak in high terms of his ability and eloquence. The church is soon to be renovated and generally modernized.

A VERY pleasant entertainment was held last week in McNab Street Presbyterian Church Sunday School, Hamilton, under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. The school-room looked very pretty with its floral decorations. The following ladies and gentlemen took part in the programme: Mrs. Lauder, Misses Shaw, Schumacher, Macdonald, Nelligan, Black and Messrs. Harry Gayfer and Sidney Grant.

THE Presbytery of Barrie at its last meeting sustained a unanimous call from the congregation of Hillsdale to the Rev. W. Stewart Smith, of Centreville, in the Presbytery of Kingston. Reasons for the translation with all relative papers were ordered to be forwarded to the Clerk of Kingston Presbytery. The stipend promised is \$800 with manse. The congregation also offer to defray the expenses of Mr. Smith's removal should he accept.

THE Paris Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held their annual thanksgiving meeting on October 14, in the lecture room of the church. The attendance of ladies was large. Mrs. W. B. McMurrich, of Toronto, gave an exceedingly interesting address on the work of the Society, which was enjoyed by all. The thank-offering amounted to upwards of \$50, which will materially augment the already liberal givings of the Society.

THE Chatham Banner says: On Sunday, Dr. Howie conducted the First Presbyterian services in the opera house, both morning and evening delivering two powerful and eloquent discourses. His wonderful familiarity with Scripture was shown when he gave the lessons and texts entirely from memory. The exhibition of the picture of Dr. Howie's Eastern home, and Mrs. Howie's remarks and verses in connection with it in the Sunday school, were a happy illustration of the very lessons which the schools were studying.

At the meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E., in connection with the Parkhill Presbyterian church, on Monday evening week, the following officers were elected: President, Miss Emma Macleod; secretary, Miss Maggie Munro; recording-secretary, Miss Annie Lochhead; treasurer, Mr. George Waters; chairman of committee, Mr. J. G. Russell, Miss Gibbs, Miss Ross, Miss Tudor. Arrangements are being made by the Society for an entertainment on the evening of Thanksgiving day. Further particulars will be given.

THE Berlin Telegraph says: The Rev. A. B. Winchester, who is labouring as a missionary among the heathen Chinese in British Columbia, arrived in Berlin recently from Toronto where he has been staying for some days. He visited his old congregation of St. Andrews Church in the evening and conducted the services at the Christian Endeavour and prayer meeting before a very large audience, many being present from other congregations. He also performed the rite of baptism on two infants, children of members of the church. Mr. Winchester's many friends were glad to meet him again and to see him looking so well, after his six months' sojourn on the Pacific coast.

ON Tuesday evening week the Rev. Dr. Barclay, of St. Pauls Church, Montreal, delivered a lecture in St. Andrews Church, Almonte, under the auspices of the Mission Band, on "Robert Browning." The lecture was a most excellent one. The speaker went into a very fair criticism of the defects and excellencies of Browning's poetry, and pronounced him one of the grandest and greatest of English poets. He pointed out by numerous quotations, by analysis of certain poems, and by careful criticism, what were the leading characteristics of the poet. He claimed that no one who understood Browning could read his poetry without becoming stronger, both intellectually, morally and religiously. Rev. Mr. Grant, pastor, occupied the chair.

ST. ANDREWS LADIES ASSOCIATION was organized in St. Andrews congregation, Perth, last week. The ladies met in the church by invitation given from the pulpit. After Scriptural reading and prayer and statements from the pastor, it was resolved there and then to organize. The object of the Association in general terms are the cultivation of friendly intercourse among the members of the Association, the promotion of Christian friendliness among members and adherents in the congregation, the improvement of the congregation through financial aid, and the advancements of the general interests of the church by closer cooperation with pastor, and officers, and existing societies. Twenty-three ladies from all parts of the congregation were present at the preliminary meeting, and all were enrolled as members. The first officers appointed until the end of the calendar year were Mrs. H. Taylor, president; Mrs. Robert Richardson, vice-president; Miss Spalding, secretary; Miss McNece, treasurer; and Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Johnston, Miss Annie Cameron, associate officers.

THE Presbytery of Minnedosa held a *pro rata* meeting at Minnedosa on the 14th ult. The Rev. J. Patterson, Moderator *pro tem*. Mr. Murchie reported that in accordance with instructions of the Presbytery he had moderated in a call at Butte on the 4th inst., and that it had resulted unanimously in favour of Mr. Robert Frew. The call and relative documents were laid on the table. The call was signed by thirty nine members and thirty five adherents. The congregation guaranteed \$750 towards the salary. On motion of Mr. Row and the call was sustained and ordered to be placed in the hands of Mr. Frew, and that should he accept the same the induction to take place on the 14th day of November next; and that Mr. McArthur preside, Mr. Rogerson preach, Mr. Murchie address the minister and Mr. Patterson the people. Mr. Murray reported that he had moderated in a call at Gladstone and that it had resulted unanimously in favour of Mr. J. E. Munro. It was accompanied by a guarantee of a stipend of \$900, with a manse. On motion of Mr. Murchie the call was sustained and ordered to be placed in the hands of Mr. Munro.

THE Presbytery of Huron met at Auburn on the 15th ult. for the purpose of inducting the Rev. Robert Henderson into the pastoral charge of Manchester and Smith's Hill. Rev. Mr. Hamilton, of Londonborough, occupied the pulpit on the occasion. He preached a very suitable sermon. Rev. Mr. Stuart, of Clinton, addressed the minister, and clearly defined his duties. Rev. Mr. Geddes, of Whitechurch, addressed the congregation. Mr. Henderson is not a stranger here, for during the pastorate of Rev. Mr. McMillan, he occupied the pulpit here during that gentleman's visit to Scotland. He therefore enters upon his new duties under the most favourable circumstances. He is a good preacher, and an earnest, indefatigable worker, and the people of his new charge have made a most judicious selection. If they do their part their pastor will do his. The same evening a tea-meeting was held, tea being served in the temperance hall, and speaking in the church. The choir of the church rendered suitable music on the occasion. "Christian Unity" was the main theme of the occasion. A more suitable one could not have been chosen, representatives of five different churches being present on the platform. The proceeds of the meeting amounted to over \$60 clear of all expenses.

The annual thanksgiving meeting of the Bothwell Auxiliary Women's Foreign Mission Society was held in the Presbyterian church on the afternoon of October 14. There was a good attendance of the ladies of the congregation. Mrs. Laughton, president of the Society, occupied the chair, and conducted devotional exercise, assisted by Mrs. Calderwood and Mrs. Blair. After the usual business routine being carried out, a short programme was proceeded with: A duet, "Throw Out the Life Line," sang by Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Taylor, with good expression; a duet, "The Little Ones," very sweetly rendered by two little girls, the Misses Davidson; then came the thanksgiving story, "Mrs. Bartlett's Thank Offering," read by Mrs. Davidson, which touched the hearts of all present, there being few eyes not glistening with tears; during the singing of the hymn in which all joined, the thank-offering envelopes were collected and opened by the treasurer, each offering being accompanied by an appropriate text, which was read by the secretary, the result being that the treasury is enriched \$24.43 and four new names added to the membership roll. Another duet by Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Taylor closed the programme. The meeting was closed in the usual form, and all felt that an enjoyable and profitable afternoon had been spent.

THE *Whitby Chronicle* says: Rev. Kenneth McLennan has accepted a call from Point Levis, Quebec, opposite Quebec city, to take charge of a congregation there, and in the removal of the reverend gentleman and his attractive and accomplished family Whitby loses heavily. Mr. McLennan's residence of fifteen years in Whitby has enabled the members of his family and other residents of the town to form bonds of friendship and esteem which will live always. Of his ministry we may mention by way of information that Mr. McLennan originally preached ten years here, and after an interval of twelve years spent in Peterboro' and Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, returned, and has resided here constantly until now. He is a man of strong, advanced opinions, both in regard to educational and religious affairs, and is possessed of an unlimited store of learning. His chief delight and aim outside his pulpit is to mix in the advance of educational institutions, a field for which his station in the Province of Quebec will afford ample opportunity. His wise and thoughtful suggestions are ever safe and practical. His knowledge of provincial affairs in both East and West is exceeded by few men, the religious educational and political history, and even the legends and other local lore of each part, from Manitoba to the Atlantic, being all familiar to him. In Mr. McLennan the congregation of Point Levis have secured a man of strong character and unlimited ability, which intellectual and social traits are, indeed, possessed by every member of his family. The town will miss them badly after almost a lifetime association.

THE meeting held in Knox Church schoolroom, Dundas, on the afternoon of Tuesday week, in connection with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, was very well attended, there being present a number of ladies from Waterdown, Flamboro, and the sister societies of the town. At the close of the meeting a reception was given the ladies from a distance, at the residence of Mrs. J. Steele, where a pleasant half hour was spent in social converse with Mrs. Wilson. The address delivered by Mrs. Wilson was exceedingly interesting and very much enjoyed by all who heard it. Mrs. Wilson, who during her residence in Neenuch has been engaged in Zenana work attended with considerable success, gave a graphic account of her varied experiences in this line of work. Prevailing caste and the secluded life led by the women of India are among the drawbacks. The low state of morals among both sexes made the seclusion of the better class of women

almost or quite a necessity, and any attempt on the part of the missionary to gain admission to the Zenana is looked upon by the men with distrust. Seemingly, they would carefully guard their wives from all outside influences whatever. The native Christian teachers help very materially in this respect. They begin not by talking about religion but by telling of the missionaries' work, gradually getting them interested and gaining their confidence, until access is obtained. In many cases much good could be accomplished were they not so afraid of public opinion. What is very much needed is to christianize the men as well as the women; where this is achieved, perhaps the greatest obstacle in Zenana work will be overcome.

THE meeting of the W. F. M. Auxiliary, in connection with the Kirkton Presbyterian church, was held at the residence of Mrs. W. Curdy, on Tuesday afternoon, October 18. The attendance was larger than usual. Its main object was to do honour to Mrs. Dr. Irving, who in consequence of removing to St. Marys is on the eve of severing her connection with the Society she was so instrumental in starting, and in which she has always taken the deepest interest. After Mrs. Fletcher had given an interesting account of the Pan Presbyterian Council meeting in Toronto, the secretary, Miss Maggie Dawson, on behalf of the Society, read the following address, and Mrs. John Gillfillan with a few graceful remarks handed Mrs. Irving a handsome teachers Bible: "Dear Mrs. Irving,—It is with deep regret, that we, the Kirkton W. F. M. Auxiliary, have learned that you are about removing from our locality, and that in consequence your connection with this Society will be severed. You will be greatly missed by us for the great interest you have always shown in this part of the Master's work, and the regularity of your attendance at the monthly meetings has been a help to many. We feel as if we could not part from you without giving expression to our sentiments. Will you kindly accept of this Bible as a remembrance of the warm feelings we entertain towards you and yours, and at the same time we wish you God-speed. We know that wherever your lot is cast, you will be one of the willing workers, so while we feel our loss, we will strive at the same time to be unselfish in the matter. May the God of all grace keep you in His tender care when we are absent one from the other and perfect His work concerning us. Signed on behalf of the Kirkton W. F. M. Auxiliary—Maggie Dawson, Secretary. After a friendly cup of tea the meeting dismissed, each and all wishing Mrs. Irving a bright and happy future.

THE St. Catharines Star says: On the 30th June, 1867, Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, dispensed the Lord's Supper to the congregation of Knox Church, the pulpit being then vacant. Although over twenty five years have elapsed since then, he stood again yesterday morning and evening and looked into many of the faces that were before him a quarter of a century ago. It was fitting that the beginning and ending of this quarter of a century of church life should be celebrated by the same distinguished divine. On the 22nd of October following, Rev. George Burson, having been unanimously chosen, was inducted as pastor, and the services of yesterday were in commemoration of his twenty-five years of successful ministry. The pulpit platform was magnificently decorated for the occasion, being fairly buried in a mass of flowers and foliage. The choir was augmented by the addition of several popular singers from St. Georges Church, and the services throughout were of a bright and interesting character. The singing was particularly fine. In the morning the solo in the anthem was taken by Miss Maggie Spence, and in the evening Miss Carrie Chaplain sang with magnificent expression Wiegand's "Awake my Soul." Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, occupied the pulpit at both services and was listened to with marked attention, not only by his many old friends in the congregation of Knox Church but also by a large number of the adherents of other denominations in the city. Knox Church

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