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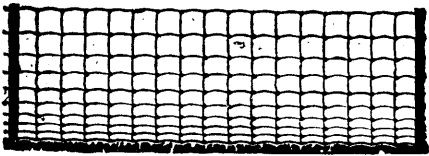
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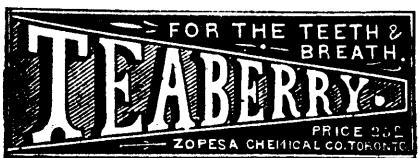
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Ministers and Churches.

The Presbyterian congregation of Elmira have organized a Sunday School in the village.

Mr. Robert Reid, London's Collector of Customs, will lay the corner stone of the new Presbyterian Church, on Park avenue on the Queen's Birthday.

The call extended to Rev. Mr. Ross, by St. Andrew's Church, Delaware, was set aside at the meeting of the London Presbytery, the minister having declined.

Rev. John Reid, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Great Falls, Mont., son of Rev. Dr. Reid, of New Westminster, has resigned owing to ill health, and will go to British Columbia to recuperate.

The Rev. W. T. Herridge, B. D., of St. Andrew's church, Hintonburg, conducted the weekly prayer meeting in the Presbyterian Mission Hall last Thursday evening. During the service he baptized nine of Hintonburg's prospective kirkgosers.

The work on the foundation of the new Park Avenue Presbyterian Church has progressed so favourably that the date for laying the corner-stone has been fixed for the morning of the Queen's Birthday. Mr. Robert Reid, Collector of Customs, will wield the silver trowel.

Rev. R. N. Grant, of Orillia, has been made a D.D. by Knox College. The new Dr. Grant is a strong, meaty preacher; the writer of the very clever "Knoxonian" papers regularly appearing in the Canada Presbyterian, and altogether a worthy son of Canada. Here's to Rev. Dr. R. N. Grant!—London Advertiser.

Rev. W. Patterson, the popular pastor of Cooke's Church, Toronto, has left for the North-West, where he will address Christian Endeavour conventions at Brandon and other places. He will probably be away for two or three weeks, and may make a visit to the World's Fair before he returns.

At a recent meeting of Knox church, Regina, congregation it was definitely decided to at once proceed with the erection of a new church on the present site, to cost between \$8,000 and \$10,000. Six thousand dollars has already been subscribed towards the building fund, and there are over sixty members whose names are not yet appended to the subscription list.

Rev. George Ballantyne, who is leaving the congregation at Camilla and Mono Centre, has been presented with addresses from his people at each place. The Camilla congregation presented Mr. and Mrs. Ballantyne with handsome easy chairs, and the Mono Centre Church contributed a fine clock. The addresses indicated that the rev. gentleman carried with him the esteem and affectionate regards of the people to whom he had been ministering.

The Halifax Witness says Rev. L. G. MacNeil, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, St. John, intends to spend his holidays this year by taking a trip to the west, going direct to the Pacific Coast, where he will spend about ten days with his brother, Chester B. McNeil, who is a member of the law firm of Davis, Marshall and MacNeil, of Vancouver. Mr. MacNeil will return via Chicago in which city he will sojourn two or three weeks and will, of course, take in the World's Fair.

At the recent meeting of the Presbytery of Sarala there was laid on the table and read a unanimous call from the congregation of Courtright and Sombra to Rev. A. Beamer, promising \$600. Rev. Mr. Beamer having signified his acceptance of the call, it was agreed to appoint the induction to take place at Courtright on the 19th inst., at 2 p.m., Rev. Mr. Nichol to preach; Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson to address the minister; Rev. J. C. Tibb to address the people, and Rev. Mr. McKee to preside. A supplement of \$200 will be asked from the Assembly Augmentation Fund.

The induction of the Rev. James Macfarlane, into the pastoral charge of the New Edinburgh Presbyterian Church, took place on the evening of the 16th inst., and notwithstanding the downpour of rain, there was a large attendance. The Rev. R. E. Knowles preached, the Rev. Dr. Campbell addressed the minister, and the Rev. Dr. Moore exhorted the people to be faithful in supporting their pastor in every way possible, spiritually and materially. Refreshments, kindly provided by the ladies of the congregation, were enjoyed by those present. Mr. Macfarlane takes the place of Rev. Mr. Clark, who had been compelled to resign through ill-health, and he enters on his work with every prospect of abundant success.

Rev. James McCaul, B. A., was inducted to the pastorate of the Church of the Covenant, Dovercourt Road, last Thursday evening.

The little church, which was nicely decorated, was well filled and the services were most interesting. The Rev. James A. Grant, Moderator of the Toronto Presbytery, conducted the proceedings. The Rev. D. C. Hossack, who preached the induction sermon, took for his subject the parable of the Prodigal Son. The Rev. John Neill detailed the circumstances that led to the calling of Mr. McCaul, who, having satisfactorily answered the usual questions, was introduced to the congregation. The Rev. D. J. Macdonnell subsequently addressed the newly inducted pastor, and Rev. John Neill gave some good advice to the congregation.

On the evening of the 9th inst., a farewell meeting was held in the lecture room of Knox church, Portage la Prairie, the occasion being the departure of Mr. R. C. Brown and family for Toronto. The chair was taken by Mr. W. W. Miller, superintendent of the Sunday school. The meeting was opened by prayer and an address by Rev. P. Wright, B.D., pastor of the congregation, who was followed by Mr. A. D. McLeod. The chairman then called upon Mrs. E. Brown to read an address on behalf of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, which was accompanied by a life membership for Mrs. R. C. Brown. Rev. Mr. Wright then read an address on behalf of the Sabbath school, which was accompanied by a handsome tea service for Mr. R. C. Brown, who made a very suitable reply, expressing the pleasure he has always experienced as secretary of the Sunday school for a number of years.

The Rev. A. A. Scott, Moderator of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, was born in the township of East Zorra, in the county of Oxford, near the town of Woodstock, Ont., about 47 years ago. He received a common school education in the country and town, and passed into the Woodstock Collegiate Institute, taking a full course there, after which he taught school for a number of years, and then matriculated at Toronto University and took a full Arts course, graduating B. A. in 1874, and M. A. in 1876. He studied theology in Knox College, Toronto, and after serving for a time in various mission fields, was called to Zion Church, Carleton Place, and was ordained and inducted into this charge on Feb. 21st, 1878, by the Presbytery of Ottawa, in which charge he has since remained, labouring with more or less success. He was married on November 21st, 1878, to Miss B. C. Mills, of Toronto. There is a family of three children—two sons and one daughter.—Globe.

The St. Paul's congregation, Peterborough, on Friday evening, the 12th inst., gave a pleasant reception to their pastor, Rev. E. F. Torrance, who for many months has been an invalid, and absent from his charge. The rev. gentleman's serious illness a few months ago, and the fears which were then entertained for his recovery, drew forth the united sympathy of his large congregation, among whom he had laboured so long. Now, when he returns so much improved, his congregation gathered with gratitude and joy, gratitude that their pastor had so far recovered as to be among them again, and joy at their re-union with him. An evening of social intercourse was greatly enjoyed by those present. Short addresses were delivered by Rev. Thos. Goldsmith, (who took the pastor's place during his absence,) and Rev. A. McWilliams, of St. Andrew's Church, both of whom expressed the pleasure they felt at receiving Mr. Torrance back again in renewed health.

At a meeting of the Session of the Presbyterian Church on Friday last, the following resolution was unanimously adopted and ordered to be placed on the minutes and published in the press: "The Session of the Orillia Presbyterian Church, having learned that the Senate of Knox College, Toronto, have conferred upon our Moderator and pastor, the Rev. R. N. Grant, the title of Doctor of Divinity, desire to express gratification at the distinguished honour done, not only to our beloved pastor, but to our congregation as a whole, and while expressing gratification, would take the opportunity of saying that we believe the honour most fittingly bestowed, knowing as we do, the loyalty and zeal shown by him to the Presbyterian Church and its institutions throughout the Dominion of Canada, as well as his devotion to the work in our own congregation. As an able exponent of the doctrines of the Church, founded upon the pure Word of God, and as a pastor, ever ready to sympathize with those in trouble and encourage all by precept and example, to 'fight the good fight of faith,' our earnest prayer is, that he may be spared many years, not only to minister to the congregation, over whom Divine Providence has called him to be pastor, but to do work in the more extended field of the whole Church and to wear the honours so fittingly bestowed."

The induction of the Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, late of the Presbyterian Church, Streetsville, to be pastor of Chalmers

Church, Guelph, took place on Thursday afternoon. There was quite a large attendance, most of the members being present, and in addition many from the other denominations in town. The platform and pulpit were beautifully decorated with a choice assortment of cut flowers, pot plants and palms, kindly loaned by Mr. James Gilchrist for the occasion. The Rev. Dr. Torrance, Clerk of the Presbytery, and Moderator of the Session, presided and offered the introductory prayer. Rev. Daniel Strachan, of Hespeler, preached an able and thoughtful sermon, his text being, John, 6th and 29th—'Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom He hath sent.' The sermon was followed by an impressive induction prayer by Rev. Dr. Torrance; the Rev. Dr. Wardrope, late pastor of the congregation, addressed the minister in loving words of counsel and warning; and Rev. Dr. Dickson spoke to the congregation of their duties and responsibilities. At the close Dr. Wardrope and Mr. Glassford proceeded to the church door when their new pastor was introduced and given a hearty welcome by the members. The settlement of Mr. Glassford as pastor of the church takes place under the happiest auspices, which gives an earnest of a long and profitable ministry, and much usefulness in this city. In the evening the congregation enjoyed the hospitality of the ladies. Six tables had been nicely set out, presided over by the older ladies of the church, and warm welcomes and ample provision greeted the large number who took tea, the congregation turning out in full force as well as a good representation of friends from other Churches, who all enjoyed themselves very much prior to the more formal proceedings. At 7.30 the people gathered in the body of the church, which was filled when Rev. Dr. Torrance, who has acted as Moderator of the Session during the vacancy, took the chair. After prayer and praise congratulatory addresses followed, all breathing fervent good wishes for the abiding prosperity of Mr. Glassford and his people, and most of them bearing high tribute to the late pastor, Rev. Dr. Wardrope. Rev. Mr. Rae, of Acton, who had been a class-mate of Mr. Glassford's at Knox College, mentioned the following interesting incident: Besides themselves the class included, among others, Goforth, now a missionary in China; Macdonald, of St. Thomas; McGillivray, of Montreal. In a solemn consecration meeting at the close of their course, they had bound together, each of the sixteen to pray for the others at a certain hour each week. He had faithfully kept that agreement, and he had no doubt Mr. Glassford, whom he could cordially commend, has done so also. Mr. Williams, of the Congregational church, Mr. Beattie, of Knox church, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Smith, of St. Andrew's church, and others delivered suitable addresses; and thereafter Mr. Glassford thanked his ministerial brethren for their welcome; also the Presbytery, of which he hoped to walk worthy, and in a manner befitting, also the successor of Dr. Wardrope. He asked the prayers of his congregation.

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