

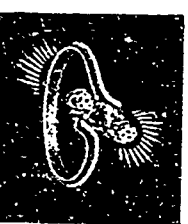
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There was a united meeting of the Presbyterian congregations of East Oxford and Blenheim held in the Blenheim church on Monday afternoon, Aug. 27th. Rev. Dr. Mackay, of Woodstock, presided. The purpose of the meeting was to choose a pastor, the congregations having been vacant since the death of their late pastor, Rev. D. M. Beattie, Ph.B. There was a large attendance and the utmost unanimity prevailed. Only one name was mentioned, that of Mr. A. C. Reeves, the young man who has been preaching there for the last four months. Mr. Reeves has also received a call from Lakefield, Ontario. His decision will not be known till the call is regularly presented to him at the next meeting of the Presbytery.

Rev. W. A. MacKenzie last Sunday in the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, preached an admirable discourse on the subject of useful lessons gleaned from the life of Hon. C. F. Fraser. At one juncture he said: "We would think of him as promoted, as advanced to a higher station and surrounded by more congenial spirits. At the centre of that personality was faith in God. Mr. Fraser was a religious man. Few have thought or felt more profoundly than he regarding those problems which are the most essential of all. He loved his God. The integrity, purity and devotion of his esteemed life were the manifestation of a sacred flame which glowed within."

Rev. Dr. G. L. MacKay, the Formosa missionary, is now on his way to Scotland. His wife and children, as well as his Chinese student, Koa Kou, will still remain here on the farm of his brother, Mr. Alex. S. MacKay, near Woodstock. Dr. MacKay's children are being educated in a private school near by and are making satisfactory progress in their studies and in acquiring a knowledge of the English language. Koa Kou is also mastering the English tongue thoroughly and readily adapting himself to all other kinds of work which he is taking up. Before he returns with Dr. MacKay to Formosa, Koa Kou will learn the art of printing, spending some time at it. It is the intention to take a printing press back to the island with them. Dr. MacKay's many friends will wish him a pleasant and safe trip to the land of the heather.

Mention was recently made of the fact that Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's, laid the foundation stone of a new church to be erected at Winchester. The proceedings were of a most interesting character. The receipts on the occasion from all sources reached the liberal sum of \$650. Mrs. (Captain) Farlinger, of Morrisburg, will contribute a handsome memorial window. The new building will be 55 x 77 and octagonal in shape. Stone and red pressed brick will be used in the walls. At the north-east corner will be a square tower with round buttresses at each corner, the tower rising to a height of 88 feet. The seats will be arranged in circular form, the seating capacity of the auditorium being in the neighborhood of 400. The basement under the school rooms will be fitted up for a library, kitchen and tea room. The ceiling and wainscoting of the church will be finished in polished ash. The style of the architecture is Romanesque, and the building is said by those who know, to be the only one

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At the residence of the bride's parents, 20 Maple Avenue, on Aug. 23rd, 1894, by the Rev. W. R. Cruikshanks, B.A., David W. Davies, of Barmouth, North Wales, to Edie, second daughter of Mr. Thomas McQuestion.

On Aug. 13, at the residence of the bride's mother, Wood Bay, Manitoba, by the Rev. Jas. Farquharson, of Pilot Mound, the Rev. J. L. Brown, of Franklin Centre, Que., to Mary E., eldest daughter of Mrs. James Campbell.

**DEATHS.**

At No. 1 Bedford Road, the residence of her brother-in-law, the Rev. W. S. Ball, in her 81st year, Jane Lyon Mackenzie, widow of George Mackenzie, of New York, and eldest sister of the late Hon. George Brown and J. Gordon Brown.

in the Dominion of the same design. The building, it is expected, will be completed about the end of the present year, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000.

The most important question the Legislature will be called upon to discuss at its next session will be that of dyking. The *Vancouver World* understands that the Government intend to secure the services not only of the best local talent, but of experts experienced in such work in England, Holland, the East Indies and on the Mississippi River, in order to thoroughly investigate the conditions in this valley, and be able thereby to prepare an intelligent, practicable report on the feasibility of making the delta, and low lands subject to overflow, flood-proof. This accomplished, and data submitted as to the probable cost, the Dominion Government will be asked to co-operate in a scheme which is fraught with immense importance to the whole Province.



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