

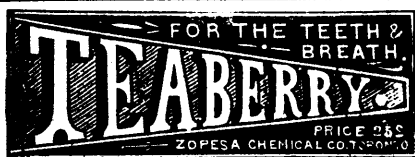
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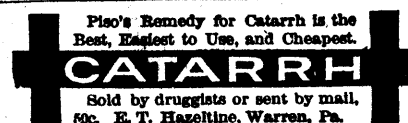
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Ministers and Churches.

Rev. Dr. Patterson of St. Andrew's exchanged pulpits with Rev. Mr. Waddell, last Sabbath.

The Donald, B. C., Presbyterians are raising a fund for the building of a manse for their minister.

Messrs. Crossley and Hunter, the well-known revivalists, have begun a series of meetings in Watford, in the Presbyterian church.

Rev. T. Sedgwick, Moderator of the General Assembly, preached in St. Andrew's church, Ottawa, on Sabbath, the 25th.

Dr. Howie is engaged to supply St. Andrew's pulpit, Liverpool, on the 27th August and following Sabbath, when en route to Palestine.

Rev. J. G. Calder, M. A., of Lancaster, occupied, on the evening of Sabbath last, the pulpit of Rev. J. G. Stewart, B. A., of St. Mark's, Toronto.

During the absence of the Rev. Dr. Moore, of Ottawa, at the General Assembly and on his holidays, the Rev. T. W. Waddell will occupy the pulpit of Bank St. Church.

The Rev. Dr. Chiquay will leave at the end of the present month for Prince Edward Island, having been invited to preach and lecture in the principal towns of that Province.

Rev. J. M. Douglas, latterly minister of the Presbyterian congregation in Moosemin, has received a call to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church in Prince Albert, with a stipend of \$1,200.

Miss Marion Oliver, M. D., one of our missionaries in Indore, India, is now home on furlough after six years spent in our Foreign Mission field. We trust Miss Oliver may be greatly benefited by the change.

There was a formal ordination and induction of elders at Knox Church on Sunday morning performed by Pastor Carmichael. The candidates elect were Messrs. Andrew Cunningham and James Balour. Mr. P. Lamont, who was a third candidate elected, declined the call.

Rev. Geo. Bruce, B. A., of St. John, N. B., occupied, last Sabbath, the pulpit of St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, morning and evening, and at the former service dispensed the Communion of the Lord's Supper. Mr. Bruce was warmly greeted by many old friends.

Many of our readers will regret to learn that Rev. John Fraser, late of Gengarry, Ont., at present resident at 44 Cathcart street, Montreal, has had a stroke of apoplexy. He had gone up west to preach, and was at Thamesford, Ont., when it occurred on June 19th. He was brought home on the following Saturday, and is at present neither better nor worse.

The Rev. Robt. Wallace preached twice and administered the Lord's Supper at West Gwillimbury on Sabbath, 25th June, where he had preached several times in 1845, when it was a small mission. He had a very pleasant time meeting with many old friends who were pleased to see and hear him, and would gladly have him remain for some days and visit them at their homes.

Rev. James Douglas, of Winnipeg, has accepted a call extended to him from the Presbyterian church of High Bluff and Prospect. This is a very important field of labour, and has been a prominent congregation for some years. The people of that congregation are to be congratulated in securing for their minister such a vigorous preacher and able expounder of God's word. Mr. Douglas will likely leave the city about the 1st of July.

Mrs. Dr. Cochrane entertained the graduates of the Young Ladies' College at her home on Saturday night. A very pleasant evening was passed, although the feeling was present that it might be the last occasion when they would all meet under her hospitable roof. Before next Sunday the members of the class will be separated by thousands of miles, but they will never forget the happy hours spent at "Vandura," and other homes in Brantford.

The congregation of Knox Church, Ayr, Rev. John Thomson, M. A., pastor, built a very fine new brick church, at a cost of \$25,000, four years ago, which was paid for at completion except \$2,500. A special voluntary collection at the church door was announced for Sabbath last, for the purpose of wiping out this debt. The managers to-day announce that the collection placed in the boxes amounted to \$2,527, thus wiping off the whole church debt. A grand record for a country congregation.

We have received, and notice with pleasure, a very full, businesslike, and exhaustive annual report of St. Andrew's Church, Vancouver, B. C., for the year ending 1892, Rev. E. D. McLaren, M. A., B. D., pastor. Every branch of the work is fully reported, and one has only to look over it to see thorough organization in every branch of the Church's work. The net increase during the year has been forty-two, and the total membership is now three hundred and forty four.

It is just two years, says the Peterboro Examiner, since the induction of Rev. Mr. MacWilliams into this congregation, and the growth in every department of the work has been phenomenal. The little handi, during this brief period, has multiplied into the present large congregation. All meetings are largely attended, and every organization is in a most active and healthy condition. It must be most gratifying to Mr. MacWilliams that his untiring labours have been so abundantly blest.

At the anniversary services held lately in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Peterboro, the Rev. J. K. Smith, D.D., of Port Hope, preached morning and evening, to large congregations. His text in the morning was taken from Heb. xii. 27:28. He drew the attention of his hearers to four things which were eternal, the Church of God, the Word of God, whatever was in our soul of the Holy Spirit's teaching; and Christ's dear love. In the evening his text was from Phil. iv. 6:7.

Rev. Dr. Dickson, of Galt, preached the anniversary sermons in Knox church, Hamilton, last Sabbath. The attendance was not so large as might have been expected, but no doubt the warm weather had something to do with this. Dr. Dickson is an easy speaker and preached two good sermons. In the morning his text was the last clause of Ephesians iv. 16; "Unto the edifying of itself in love." From this he drew splendid lessons for congregational life and work, and showed how necessary was harmony and heartiness to the life of a congregation.

The Rev. John Rennie, of Manitowaning, Algoma District—but formerly of Carlisle and Ailsa Craig—paid his old home a short visit on his way back from Assembly. He preached on Sabbath, to large and attentive audiences, at each place. At the latter, a bouquet and card of welcome from the Mission Band was presented to him, previous to the service. His many old friends were pleased to see how well the work and climate of his northern home agrees with him. After renewing old acquaintances for a few days, he left for Manitoba on Wednesday.

The Rev. F. H. MacVicar, M. A., occupied, in the morning of last Sabbath, the pulpit of Westminster Church, Bloor St., and in the evening, of Central Church, Rev. Dr. McTavish's, and gave his audience a very vivid idea, modestly told, of the difficulties, dangers, narrow escapes and harassing annoyances to which our missionaries there have been exposed and by which their work has been hindered. At the same time he cautioned his hearers from supposing that this state of things represented the usual treatment and feeling towards our missionaries of the Chinese.

We take the following from the Brockville Recorder:—During the last six or seven weeks, the Rev. Mr. Blair, late Inspector of public schools for the county of Grenville, has been supplying the vacant pulpits of Dunbar and Colquhoun, in the county of Dundas, with divine service, and has been requested by both congregations to continue to do so until they are provided with a settled pastor, which is expected to take place after the meeting of the General Assembly, now sitting at Brantford. The only interruption to their regular supplies was on Sunday, the 4th ult., when Mr. Blair was engaged to preach for the Rev. Dr. Miller, of Ogdensburg.

Mr. James Bell, a highly esteemed member of Session, of Knox Church, Woodstock, for the past ten years, during which time he resided in Woodstock, passed away to his rest and heavenly inheritance peacefully, and in the full comfort of faith, on the 17th of June, at the age of sixty-five years. He had, previously to his coming to Woodstock, filled the office of elder in St. Andrew's Church, London, to which congregation and its pastor he continued to the last to cherish warm attachment. He was a man of sound judgment, earnest piety, comprehensive Christian experience, and deep spirituality of mind. His death makes a great blank in Knox Church, in which he was held in deservedly very high esteem.

Rev. Duncan MacEachern returned to Napanee on Friday last, fully restored to health. His arrival was a great surprise to his family and friends, as he had written that he expected to sail from England on the 20th, the steamer he had secured

a berth on, the Britannic, being delayed for repairs. However, the company put another boat on her route, hence his arrival a week earlier than he was expected. A number of friends and members of the congregation were at the depot to meet him, and a more hearty welcome could scarcely be imagined; the rev. gentleman, besides being endeared to his congregation, has made a host of friends among all denominations during his pastorate here. A grand reception was given to the rev. gentleman in the church on Monday evening, 26th June.

There was a large turn out of the congregation of Knox Church on a late evening to celebrate the eighth anniversary of Rev. Mungo Fraser's induction as pastor. Tea was served in the basement from 6 to 8 o'clock, and the tables, laden with strawberries, cream and cake, were surrounded by a large and happy gathering. Dr. Fraser was congratulated by hundreds on the success of his ministry. Afterwards an adjournment was had to the church, where Mr. W. H. McLaren acted as chairman. The programme consisted of the anthems, "I will Sing of Thy Power" (Sullivan) and "What are These?" (Stainer) by the choir, the tenor solo in the former being taken by Professor Johnston; the solos "Annie Laurie" and "Star of Bethlehem," by Mrs. McArthur; recitations by Miss Berryman, and a duet, "Love Divine," by Mrs. McArthur and Prof. Johnston.

Write thy wrongs in ashes.—Sir T. Browne.

The ignorant hath an eagle's wings and an owl's eyes.—George Herbert.

Forgiveness to the injured does belong; But they ne'er pardon who have done the wrong.—Dryden.

The only failure a man ought to fear is failure in cleaving to the purpose he sees to be best.—George Eliot.

There is in every man a certain feeling that he has been what he is from all eternity, and by no means become such in time.—Schelling.

Events are only winged shuttles which fly from one side of the loom of life to the other, bearing the many-coloured threads out of which the fabric of our character is made.—Anon.

We ought to regard books as we do sweetmeats, not wholly to aim at the pleasantest, but chiefly to consider the wholesomest; not forbidding either, but approving the latter most.—Plutarch.

I saw a delicate flower had grown up two feet high, between the horse's path and the wheel-track. An inch more to the right or left had sealed its fate, or an inch higher; and yet it lived to flourish as much as if it had a thousand acres of untrodden space around it, and never knew the danger it incurred. It did not borrow trouble, nor invite an evil fate by apprehending it.—Thoreau.

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