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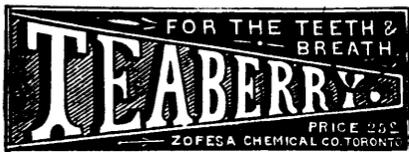
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHATHAM

We publish in this issue an engraving of the new church erected by the First Presbyterian Church, Chatham, which has been recently completed and is now occupied by the congregation.

The erection of the church is a high testimonial to the appreciation in which the popular pastor, Rev. F. H. Larkin, is held by his people, and to the success which has attended his labours during the three and a half years of his connection with the congregation. It also reflects great credit upon the enterprise of the members of the congregation.

This church in style is a combination of the Byzantine and Romanesque. It is of brick, with stone cut and terra cotta trimmings, stone foundation and slate roof. The centre portion towers up about 100 feet over four massive arches and contains a series of stained glass windows, which admits of a soft light to the auditorium. The galleries, which are on the east and west sides, are supported by iron girders, thus leaving the auditorium entirely free from columns. The building is 108 by 93 feet; the auditorium is 78 by 73 feet; with seating capacity of about 900, the ceiling of the centre portion is 52 feet in height, that of the wings is 35 feet arched. The pulpit is in the south wing with organ and choir space in the rear, under which is the Board room and vestry, each having a mantel and grate. North of the auditorium is the Sunday school, and connected with the same by a large archway which increasing the seating capacity of the church 350. The Sabbath school room contains lecture and class rooms, parlours and library, with a joint capacity of between 600 and 700. The different rooms will be separated from the lecture hall by means of rolling doors.

The interior of the entire building has been finished in selected quartered oak, with seats, pulpit and furniture to match, and lighted with a combination of gas and electricity. The handsome chandelier of the auditorium contains forty gas lights and forty incandescent lamps; the one in lecture hall similar in design, and the clusters of incandescent lamps distributed around the building, make the system of lighting superb and perfect in every respect.

The memorial windows in the east gable are beautifully executed. In the basement, under the Sabbath school, is a spacious dining room, reached by two wide stairways, and is well lighted. Conveniently located to the dining room, is a large kitchen. The balance of the basement is devoted to the heating apparatus and fuel room.

It is pleasing also to reflect that the financial condition of the congregation is in every way satisfactory, and the most perfect harmony prevails throughout the congregation.

Ministers and Churches.

At the communion service held in St. Andrew's, Peterboro, on July 16th, eighteen members were received.

Rev. W. M. Rochester, who has been on a visit to his father in Ottawa, left for Prince Albert on July 21st.

The Rev. A. MacWilliams, of Peterboro, reopened the Presbyterian church at Garden Hill, preaching to large congregations.

Rev. Peter Scott, of Cromarty, and family, have gone to Saugen for a few weeks. Mr. Scott has not been enjoying good health lately.

Rev. A. Henderson, Appin, has gone to Montreal on his holidays. Rev. James Hastie, of Cornwall, will occupy his pulpits the next two Sundays.

Rev. Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of Presbyterian N.W. Missions, preached in Division Street Church, Owen Sound, last Sunday morning and in Knox church at night.

Rev. W. S. Smith, of Middleville, preached in the Presbyterian church, Balderson, on Sabbath, the 16th ult., having exchanged pulpits with the pastor, Rev. Mr. McIlraith.

The Rev. Geo. A. Yeomans, late of Warton, has by invitation of the Session been supplying during the month of July Memorial Presbyterian Church, Detroit, Michigan.

Rev. A. T. Tully, of Mitchell, has gone to Peterboro to spend some weeks in the lake region in that vicinity. He is suffering from throat trouble, and a rest is recommended.

Rev. J. B. Edmondson, of New Jersey, a former pastor of the Brooklyn and Columbus Presbyterian congregations, preached in the church there on Sunday, the 30th ult.

The Rev. John Anderson, of St. Stephen, N.B., has been spending his vacation visiting the World's Fair and some of his old friends at Ingersoll and Ailsa Craig, Ont.

The missionary society of Manitoba College hold an open meeting in Convocation hall on Friday, August 12th, when it is expected Rev. Principal Grant will deliver an address.

The Rev. James Little, formerly of Bowmanville, now residing in Virginia, has been supplying the pulpit of Knox church in this city in the absence of the pastor, Dr. Parsons.

Kaslo's Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, B. C., will, it is said, be opened at the end of the month. Ladies and others interested are busily engaged raising the required funds.

Rev. Dr. George, of St. Louis, long pastor of the John street Presbyterian church, Belleville, is in that city, the guest of Mr. A. G. Northrup. Mr. George will remain in Belleville for several weeks.

Rev. J. Abraham, of Whitby, conducted the services in the Wingham Presbyterian church, on Sunday, July 22nd, morning and evening, and took charge of the Bible class at 2.30, in the afternoon.

The Rev. John Burton, formerly one of our ministers at Belleville, and well known throughout the Church, has his home in this city, and is open for engagements to supply any of our congregations.

The new Presbyterian church at Morris, Manitoba, of which Rev. A. Fowler, B.A., is the pastor, was opened on Sunday, July 23rd. Rev. Dr. Bryce and Rev. Dr. Duval, of that city, preached at the opening services.

Rev. R. P. McKay, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, is in receipt of information to the effect that Rev. Dr. McKay, the noted missionary to Formosa, has left on a trip to Canada, and will arrive in August.

Rev. W. D. Kerswell, B. A., of Princeton Theological Seminary, who supplied the pulpit in St. Andrew's Church, London, last summer, preached at both services on Sabbath, 30th, at King St. Presbyterian Church.

Rev. George C. H. McGregor, Aberdeen, who visited Toronto some time ago with the Keswick Brethren and was called to St. James' Square church, has declined the call, feeling it his duty to remain in his present sphere of labour.

Rev. Mr. Eadie, of Hintonburgh, is at present in charge of the Presbyterian mission at River Desert, a field he occupied about three years ago. His old congregation are pleased to welcome him back even though his stay will be short.

Rev. Thomas Corbett, for several years past pastor of the Tyne Valley Presbyterian Church has accepted the call to the pastorate of Hope Presbyterian Church, South Framingham, Mass., and entered upon his duties there on Sunday, 30th ult.

Hamilton Presbytery met on Tuesday of last week and sustained a call from Pelham and Louth to Rev. W. M. Roger, formerly of East London. It was agreed that the induction should place on Aug. 8th at 2 p.m., at Pelham, in the event of Mr. Roger accepting the call.

Rev. A. A. Scott, Carleton Place, has gone to Toronto by water from Brockville, and will go west from there. Mr. D. J. Scott, of Martintown, brother of Rev. A. H. Scott, of Perth, who preached in Zion Church on Sunday, will occupy the pulpit during the pastor's absence.

The faculty of Gale Presbyterian College, Wisconsin, recently conferred the degree of D.D. upon the Rev. M. D. Thomas, Ph.D., of Lacrosse, and the Rev. James Todd, of Escanaba, Mich. Mr. Todd was for many years in Manitoba, and is well and favourably known there.

The No. 1. St. Thomas Company of the Boys' Brigade, spent a week in camp, at Port Stanley recently. The company was under charge of Rev. J. A. Macdonald, Capt. Andrews and Lieuts. McLaws and Stewart. There are six companies of the Boys' Brigade in St. Thomas.

Rev. Dr. F. F. Hildreth, of Norwalk, Ohio, preached in Central Presbyterian church, Hamilton, on Sabbath, 23rd ult., and also the following Sabbath. Dr. Hildreth is one of the most eloquent preachers in the United States, and a rare treat is in store for those who hear him.

At a meeting of the West Presbyterian congregation, New Westminster, B. C., conducted by the Rev. Mr. Jamieson, a unanimous call was given to the Rev. George Brown Greig, of Puyallup, Wash., to become their pastor, as successor to the Rev. Mr. Mills. Mr. Greig was formerly pastor of a congregation in Paisley, Ont., and since then pastor of a church in Sydney, Australia, for a few years.

The Rev. G. C. Heine, pastor of Chalmers' Church, Montreal, who has been suffering from impaired health for some months, has gone to test the restorative powers of the Adirondacks and will be absent six weeks. His pulpit will be supplied by the Rev. Messrs. Dr. McDonald, of Dundee, Que.; Thomas Nixon, of Smith's Falls, Ont.; Mr. Mitchell, of Almonte, Ont., during the remainder of Mr. Heine's stay.

News has just been received from the missionaries of the Canadian Presbyterian Church in Honan, China, to the effect that they are all well. Dr. Malcolm is reported to be getting on so rapidly with the Chinese language that he can deliver addresses without the aid of an interpreter. He had been but nine months in the country. This will be welcome news to Dr. Malcolm's many friends in Galt, Guelph, and neighbourhood.

The new Presbyterian church, Preston, was opened and dedicated Sunday, July 16th. There was a large congregation of all denominations. In the morning Prof. MacLaren preached the dedicatory sermon from Rev. xxi, 2. He also preached in the evening from John xiv, 12. On Monday evening a social tea and platform meeting was held. The collections of Sunday and the proceeds of the tea meeting amounted to nearly \$200. The church is capable of seating 300.

Rev. P. McF. McLeod, formerly of Toronto and Stratford, and now of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Victoria, B. C., was asked to resign at a late meeting of his congregation. The vote was 51 to 22 in favour of the resolution asking him to resign. Mr. McLeod uttered a warning not to change pastors just then, and pronounced the benediction on the meeting. The gist of the resolution was to the effect that the relations between pastor and people tend to prevent spiritual advancement.

The Rev. Principal Grant, of Kingston, Ont., conducted the anniversary services of the Presbyterian church at Birtle lately. Large congregations attended both services; in the evening some could not get into the building. The sermons were listened to with the deepest interest and will long be remembered. On Saturday evening Dr. Grant delivered a lecture on "Canada, Past Present and Future," to a large audience. The lecture will do much to strengthen the feeling of patriotism, both as Canadians and members of the British empire.

Rev. Robt. Johnston, B.A., pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, entered upon the fifth year of his ministry last Sunday. He preached with great power at both services to large congregations. Mr. Johnston commenced his regular ministry four years ago with a reputation possess-

ed by few at the outset of their career. He is an untiring worker among the people, and his influence is felt and acknowledged in all classes. Every interest in connection with the congregation of St. Andrew's church has responded to its favourable conditions.

The Presbyterians of the town of Brampton are very much afraid they may lose their popular pastor, Rev. A. Gandier. They have good reason, too, for the call which the rev. gentleman received is not only a tempting one in the matter of salary, but the circumstances of the church from which the call comes are such as to appeal strongly to a minister of Mr. Gandier's temperament. We understand Mr. Gandier has left the matter of his refusing or accepting the call entirely with the Presbytery. Brampton Presbyterian session may be depended on making a strong fight for his remaining there.

On the evening of Sabbath, July 16th, and the forenoon of the 23rd, Rev. W. G. Jordan, Strathroy, preached sermons on "The Principles underlying Foreign Missionary Work." On the evening of Tuesday, July 18th, the Rev. Dr. J. G. Paton visited the town. There was a large attendance at the meeting, including ministers and people, from all the Protestant Churches. Dr. Paton gave a splendid address, and it is hoped that his visit will have the effect of deepening the interest in mission work. Mr. Jordan left on the 16th, on a visit to Guelph, Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal.

Rev. Chas. McKillop, B. A., of Lethbridge, Alberta, has been spending the past week or so visiting the old friends and scenes of his boyhood in Almonte and its neighbourhood, and is getting a warm welcome. Mr. McKillop has been pastor of the Presbyterian church at Lethbridge for seven years, and must be popular with his congregation, as they gave him three months' holidays, plus for supply while he was gone, and paid his expenses to the C. E. convention at Montreal. For the next few Sabbaths he will occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian church, Renfrew, while the pastor, Dr. Campbell, is absent on his holidays.

St. John's church, Brockville, has just undergone a thorough overhauling and has taken on quite an improved appearance. The walls and ceiling have been painted, the aisles carpeted with Brussels, the gas fixtures replaced with electric light and a pipe organ, built by Warren & Son, put in, to take the place of the old harmonium. In the basement, formerly lighted only from one side, more light and air have been admitted by cutting away the bank, and tile drains laid under the floor, removing the dampness which formerly existed. These changes have worked a great improvement in the appearance and comfort of the church.

Rev. Dr. Williamson, of Queen's University, Kingston, preached at forenoon and evening services, in St. Andrew's Church, Picton, on Sabbath, July 9th. The reverend doctor is in his 87th year and yet his intellectual force has apparently not in the least abated. Both sermons were remarkable for elegance of diction, clearness of thought and their thoroughly evangelical character. The doctor's eminently

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