

FALLING LEAVES.

Two standard bearers, James Herald and Angus Robertson—one a father, the other a brother in the church—have but lately passed away, and we are reminded that “we all do fade as a leaf;” but thank God valiant substitutes have hurried west to bear aloft Christ’s banner.

The falling leaves of autumn bring us sad reflections; but may serve to remind some sickly, fainting soul of the healing virtues of the “plant of renown.”

Have we congregations from which the Lord has been for years looking for results—beautiful spiritual flowers, and rich abundant fruit—and has found nothing, let them solemnly recall Luke xxi. 19.

Nothing tells in our farthest west like sterling character in the missionary. Oh that of every one we could say: “His leaf also shall not wither.” The spiritual man should be “sempervirens.”

VERY IMPORTANT CLAIMS.

1. *French Evangelization.*—This means trying to rescue from superstition upwards of a million of our Canadian fellow countrymen. The Dominion Illustrated, of Sept. 27th, has a photograph of our rescue band of French Canadian missionaries. It states that there are now forty thousand French Canadian Protestants.

2. *Aged and Infirm Ministers’ Fund.*—The Revised Version says: “Remember them that had the rule over you,” i. e., the old ministers. Gray hairs and honorable service tell us with trumpet tongues that we should be generous to our aged ministers. Let there be no meanness about our spiritual pension list.

3. *Ministers’ Widows and Orphans Fund.*—The widow and orphan are especially dear to God, so should they be to his people; and especially when these are left to us as a precious charge by our pioneer missionaries and ministers.

PERSONAL.

Prof. Drummond and Lord Aberdeen gave noble Christian addresses in Winnipeg on the evening of Oct. 19th; and Lady Aberdeen addressed one thousand of the leading women of Winnipeg.

Rev. Dr. Cochraue, of Brantford, preached in Winnipeg on Nov. 2nd, and opened 1st church (Rev. D. Fraser’s), Victoria, B. C., on 9th inst.

Mr. Henry Esson Reid, B.A., of Toronto, has entered on his duties in Manitoba College as lecturer in Philosophy.

Rev. W. L. Clay, B.A., of Morris, has accepted the call to Moose Jaw, N. W. T.

Revs. W. L. H. Rowand, B.A., of Burnside, and M. C. Rumball, B.A., of High Bluff, are to be congratulated for building two churches each this year.

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