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The Presbytery of Peterborough met on the 19th ult., in Port Hope. There were 15 ministers and 7 elders present. Mr. H. Brown is the Moderator for the next six months. The resignation of the Rev. W. MacWilliams, of the Mill street church, Port Hope, was accepted. The pulpit will be declared vacant on the 1st Sabbath of October. Mr. Cleland has been appointed Moderator of Session during the vacancy. The Presbytery adopted the following minute in connection with the resignation of Mr. MacWilliams: "The Presbytery, in accepting the resignation of Mr. MacWilliams, would hereby express its great regret that impaired health has been the cause which has led to the step and would earnestly express the hope that his contemplated change of residence will prove effectual in restoring him to health and strength. The Presbytery would further express their appreciation of their brother's wide and varied scholarship—his lucid and able exposition of God's word, his high Christian character and gentlemanly deportment, and pray God that he may soon be able again to engage in the work for which his gifts and graces have so eminently qualified him." Mr. Ewing's resignation of the Lakevale branch of this charge was not accepted, on the ground that the people were not willing that the field should be divided. Mr. Ewing, in consequence tendered his resignation of the whole of his pastoral charge, to take effect at the end of the year, and the people were again ordered to be cited to appear for their interests at next meeting of Presbytery at the end of month. It was agreed to take steps to have the Haliburton and Minden fields transferred to the charge of the Lindsay Presbytery, and that in the meantime an effort be made to secure a supply for each of the stations every Lord's day. The Presbytery decided on an exchange of pulpits as the best means of conducting the canvass of the congregations on behalf of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.—Wm. Bennett, Pres. Clerk.

Ladies' Home Journal: The greatest lesson that woman has yet to learn, is to think before she speaks. In comparison with the thoughtless tongue, the pen in a woman's hand is as harmless as a dove. All too prevalent in these days, is the spirit of cruel and thoughtless criticism among women. Thoughtlessness of speech has done more to injure woman, than any single element in her life. It has laid her open to the charge of being unreliable, and often justly so. It has kept from her confidences that were hers by right; it has stood in the way of her progress; it has placed her innumerable times in false positions; it has judged her as being cold, where she was in reality, affectionate; cruel, where she was gentle. It is the one inconsistency in woman's nature that has baffled many a one anxious to believe in her.

### Ministers and Churches.

The call given to Rev. Arch. Stevenson, by St. Sylvester and Leeds village, has been declined.

The Rev. Edward Aston has been inducted into the pastoral charge of Merrickville and Jasper.

The Rev. Dr. Lamont has demitted the charge of St. Luke's, Whittton, and his resignation has been accepted.

Rev. G. Haight has accepted the call from the Adelaide and Arkona Presbyterian churches, and will be inducted soon.

Rev. J. C. Tibb, of Burns church, near Sarnia, has received a call from the congregation of the Streetsville Presbyterian church.

Rev. John Lohead, of Parkhill, has accepted the call from the North Gower Presbyterian church, Ottawa Presbytery, and will be inducted on Oct. 17th.

The young people of the Presbyterian church, Oakville, with commendable enterprise, have put in a \$1,000 pipe organ. The money has been paid or subscribed for.

The concert on Tuesday evening in basement of Knox church, under the auspices of the McGillivray Mission Band, was a fair success, the sum of \$19 being realized.

Mrs. Jamieson, widow of one of the missionaries of the Presbyterian Church of Canada to Formosa, China, addressed the W. F. M. S. of the Presbyterian church, Iroquois, in the interest of that mission last week.

A special meeting of Minnedosa Presbytery was held lately at Franklin, to consider calls extended to Rev. R. Patterson, M. A., a recent graduate of Manitoba College, by the Presbyterian congregations of Neepawa and Minnedosa. Both congregations are anxious to secure him.

The Rev. D. McLeod preached at Swinton Park last Sabbath and administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper there. Mr. Thompson, student, who laboured there during the summer months, preached for Mr. McLeod in Priceville and delivered an excellent discourse to a very large congregation.

The Rev. Mr. Meikle lately addressed a very large and attentive meeting in Brookfield. His subject was the "Tabernacle," and to illustrate he used coloured pictures. He drew many spiritual lessons from the Tabernacle service. It is expected that Mr. Meikle will hold a series of evangelistic services in Brookfield at an early day.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong preached lately in St. Paul's church, Ottawa, on the removing of ancient landmarks. After explaining the complete system of land tenure, by which the Israelites held their heritage, the Doctor applied his remarks to the tendency of to-day for men to profess their non-belief in the fundamental doctrines of salvation.

At the observance of the Lord's Supper in St. Andrew's church, Kingston, on Oct. 1st, the introductory address was given by the venerable Prof. Williamson, of Queen's College. In the evening the Rev. Charles Cook, who because of his efforts on behalf of the criminal class, has been called the "John Howard of the present day," occupied the pulpit.

Rev. Hugh Cameron, M. A., Morrisburg, formerly of Glencoe, occupied the Presbyterian pulpit there on Oct. 1st. His old congregation were delighted to see him. Mr. Cameron preached two eloquent and effective sermons. He filled the Tait's Corners pulpit in the afternoon. He will visit friends in and about Glencoe for a few days before returning home.

Mr. Anderson, who has occupied the Presbyterian pulpit of Alma, during the summer, preached his farewell sermon on Sabbath, Oct. 1st, before leaving on Monday for Toronto, to attend Knox college. Mr. Anderson's work during the summer has been appreciated by all. By his pleasant manner and genial disposition he has won many friends, who deeply regret his leaving.

Rev. Dr. Wardrope conducted the preparatory services on Friday evening and Saturday forenoon, and also dispensed the sacrament in Guthrie's church, Hariston, Oct. 1st. He preached in the evening to a large congregation with much acceptance. The venerable doctor is a great favourite there, and met with many old friends in that town who gave him a hearty greeting.

The Rev. W. A. Mackenzie, M. A., B. D., Brockville, preached to large congregations in Knox church, Ottawa, morning and evening, 24th ult., with more than usual acceptance, and made a very favorable impression. The subject at the evening service was taken from Acts

xxiv. 25; and those who heard it were impressed with its practicability and the manner in which it was delivered.

Rev. Dr. Grant has returned to Kingston. He has been absent since June, principally in Winnipeg, lecturing on theology during the summer session at Manitoba Presbyterian College. Speaking of the parliament of religions at Chicago, he considers it an unique affair. He went confidently to the congress, having faith in the power and truth of Jesus Christ. It would stand all tests.

At a recent meeting of the Hamilton Presbytery, Rev. R. McKnight, of Dunville, who was granted a certificate of dismissal to join the Church of England, appeared before the Presbytery and expressed regret for his action. He desired to retrace his steps and return to the Presbyterian Church again. A committee was appointed to consider the matter and report at next meeting.

Rev. M. W. Maclean, pastor of St. Andrew's church, Belleville, preached at the morning, afternoon and evening services, on the 24th ult. The children's choral service was well attended and an interesting address on Home Missions was given. The choir rendered the beautiful anthem, "Give ear unto my Prayer" at the morning service, showing marked improvement under the able leadership of Mrs. York.

At the morning service in John Street Presbyterian church, Belleville, Rev. J. W. Bell, B. D., officiated and preached an eloquent sermon from the text, Numbers xxiii. 10: "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his." At the evening service the pastor, Rev. J. L. George, occupied the pulpit, and as announced a service of praise was given, which was very much enjoyed throughout. The church was crowded and the congregation joined heartily in the singing.

Rev. Dr. Middlemiss has returned from Edinburgh, Scotland, to the members of his old charge, Chalmers church, Elora, congratulating the congregation on the settlement of Rev. R. H. Horne, and offering them some words of counsel. His health has improved during the past few weeks, and he purposes spending the winter in Scotland, returning in April or May to Canada, he hopes. He is daily reminded, however, that he cannot expect anything beyond a partial and temporary renewal of strength. He hopes to remain a member of the congregation and help on its work.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed at Vankleek Hill on Sabbath, Aug. 27th, when twelve new members were added to the roll. Since the induction of the Rev. Mr. McLeod to the pastorate last October, fifty-two additions have been made to the membership, and the pastor, by his able, earnest and energetic discourses, is fast endearing himself to the hearts of the people who attend on the ordinances every Sabbath in great numbers. Altogether, both pastor and people have every reason for gratitude to God for the highly prosperous state of the congregation, both in spiritual and temporal affairs.

"Children's Day" was observed in the Presbyterian church, Norwood, on Sunday, Sept. 24th. The exercise prepared by the General Assembly's S. S. Committee was adhered to in every particular and efficiently and impressively carried out, printed copies of the exercise being distributed to all present. The scholars of the Sabbath school, with the congregation, read the responses in clear and audible voice. The superintendent, Mr. Roxburgh, led the service throughout, with the exception of a short, spirited and instructive address on Home Missions, by the pastor. The large congregation, after dismissal, was loud in its praise of such an instructive and delightful service.

Rev. Dr. King has returned to Winnipeg from a second tour to the country in the interest of the building fund of Manitoba College. Among the points touched during the month were Burnside, Brandon, Elkhorn, Morsomin, Indian Head, Regina, Carman and Glenboro. Dr. King was everywhere received with great cordiality, and while the individual subscriptions were not large, they were very freely given, and without almost a single instance of refusal. As a result over \$1,600 have been added to the subscription list. Of this amount \$700 have to be credited to Brandon. There are still many members of the Church in Winnipeg who have not been called on. It is not doubted that they will respond with equal cordiality.

The Home Missions Committee of the Presbyterian Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories has completed its labours. Grants were passed for the five Presbyteries of the Synod, covering the operations for the last six months, including travelling expenses. The total

amount voted, not taking in the latter item, is \$10,500. The amount passed for augmented congregations, which is a class of home mission work, is over \$3,000. This does not include the amounts passed for the work in the Presbytery of Calgary or the Province of British Columbia. The Home Mission Committee of the Western Synod concluded their work over two weeks ago, and their grants will amount to over \$5,000 for the half year. Thirty-eight gentlemen received appointments, ten of them being ordained ministers. There are still required by the Synod twelve or fourteen students or catechists.

Rev. J. J. Cameron lately spent a week visiting the friend of his early days, the Rev. Dr. Waits, pastor of Knox church. Mr. Cameron is pastor of St. Matthew's church, Osnabruck, on the St. Lawrence, opposite Massena. He is a graduate of Dalhousie and Queen's College, Kingston. He is a man of splendid culture and a frequent contributor to current literature. He was the first editor of the Dalhousie College Gazette and wrote numerous articles for The Stewart Quarterly, published in the Maritime Provinces. At the first diet of worship on the Sabbath, Mr. Cameron took part in the services, conducting the devotional exercises, and Dr. Wait preached a very able and instructive sermon on the transfiguration of Christ. In the evening Mr. Cameron preached a sermon of great beauty and literary finish, to a large and appreciative audience.

The Presbyterian anniversary services at Ardrea, on Sunday and Monday of last week, which were looked forward to with pleasurable anticipation, quite fulfilled expectations. The morning service, on Sunday, was conducted by Mr. Smith, the student in charge. The Rev. Dr. Grant, of Orillia, preached powerful sermons in the afternoon and evening. Mr. H. Cooke, of Orillia, accompanied Dr. Grant and took a part in the services. The attendance was large at all three services. On Monday evening there was a good gathering at the anniversary tea. Dr. McLean, of Orillia, occupied the chair. The speakers of the evening were the Rev. Rural Dean Jones, Mr. Smith, W. S. Frost, E. B. Alport, and H. Cooke. The Orillia choir gave great satisfaction. A presentation of a handsome dressing-case was made to Miss Robinson, in acknowledgment of her services as organist and leader of the psalmody. A highly appreciative and complimentary address accompanied the present, and was read by Mr. Smith.

Rev. William MacWilliam of the Mill street Presbyterian church, Port Hope, took leave of his congregation on a recent Sabbath. The parting occasioned much regret, for the reverend gentleman during his residence here had endeared himself to his flock and to all who enjoyed his personal friendship. Nothing but the misfortune of ill-health would have parted the esteemed minister from his charge. At a congregational meeting of the church, the following resolution was passed unanimously: "That we, the members and adherents of the Mill street church, assembled, have been notified of the resignation of our respected pastor, the Rev. William MacWilliam on account of impaired health,

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