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## LARGE ATTENDANCE ON SECOND SUNDAY

Presbyterian Church Held Capacity Congregations Last Sunday, When Rev. W. J. Burnett Was Special Preacher for the Day.

The second Sunday in the opening services in connection with the Presbyterian church here were most successful, and while, as might be expected, the crowds were not as large as at the dedication ceremony, the church auditorium was filled to capacity at both regular services.

These services were in charge of the Rev. W. J. Burnett of St. Marys, formerly pastor of Dromore and Knox, Normanby, churches, and the hold that this divine still has on his former parishioners was evidenced by the large numbers from the Egremont and Normanby congregations who turned out to hear his discourses on Sunday.

Mr. Burnett's morning sermon was a most fitting one, and, it being Mother's Day his remarks were in keeping with the day. He took his text from John ii: 1, "And the mother of Jesus was there." He introduced his sermon by a reference to the worship of the Virgin Mary. Christian men and women could not withhold admiration for one whom God had so signally honored. "Blessed art thou among women," was as far as the New Testament went. What has been added to this is the result of human weakness. The mother of Jesus was there—in the forefront. The strange thing in that day, that her influence should be felt so by all the company. It was felt, by John, by the servants. It was felt by her glorious son. Her influence was used on the behalf of others. Its effect was to transform the material into the spiritual. That is the great, strange thing motherhood is doing today; transforming the house into the home, material into spiritual.

Mary was passing from the forefront to the background. It was the occasion for her self-renunciation. The difference between the words, "They have no wine," and "Whatever he saith unto you, do it," implies the passage from authority of motherhood to motherhood's great self-renunciation. He passes out to His own great work and she must henceforth stand aside and watch. That time comes to the mother of every son, and Mary has encouraging counsel for such a one. There was no fear and no doubt in Mary's renunciation.

Mary was there in the background not only at the wedding party, but throughout the ministry of Jesus. There in the background at the Cross. There in the background with her love. The sword that pierced His side first pierced Mary's heart. So it is always with motherhood.

For his evening discourse the speaker took his text from John viii: 32, "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

The gospel is a gospel of freedom. It was into a world in slavery Jesus came with a message that made men free. It has always been the effect of the Word that it has made men free. It was so in the first century. It was so at the Reformation. It is so today.

It is a spiritual freedom. Men have sought other kinds of freedom. They have sought national freedom by arms, political freedom by legislation, intellectual freedom by education. These are all good as far as they go, but they do not go far enough. The freedom needed is that of the human spirit. This is what the gospel brings and all the other forms of freedom follow.

It is a freedom of obedience. It recognizes authority. It is freedom by the truth. As Ruskin says, "We are freed from all false gods to be bound to the true God." We are liberated from all evil passions to pay allegiance to truth and right. The pivotal truth in our Confession of Faith, and the central truth of the Reformation, is the sovereignty of God. The reformers were not worrying about the freedom of the human will. They wanted a God that was free. Paradoxical as it may seem, it was the sovereignty of God that made men free.

Let us hold this freedom in love.

The services next Sunday will be in charge of the Rev. (Major) J. C. Tolmie of Southampton.

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The amount involved. The Chronicle learns, is in reality only the one hour in dispute, as the Township Council is ready and willing to pay Robb for the nine hours' work, the amount turned in by the road foreman, and which was accepted by others who were employed at the same time as the complainant.

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JAMES FRIEL K. C.

## MANY PRESENT AT I.O.O.F. CHURCH PARADE

Grey Lodge No. 169 Attended Church in a Body Last Sunday Afternoon Many Visiting Brethren Being Present.

Upwards of seventy-five members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows attended divine service in the Presbyterian church last Sunday afternoon, where they listened to an excellent sermon by the Pastor, Rev. B. D. Armstrong. With the local brethren, Odd Fellows were present from Mount Forest and Hanover and joined with Grey Lodge in their annual church parade.

The pastor took his text from Hebrews viii: 5, "See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount."

History is a web which is woven upon the loom of time and circumstance. To unravel it is a task beyond human power, yet in dramatic situations we see clearly the pattern of the web. No record of human life is more interesting than the Bible because none is written with such insight into the eternal laws which govern it.

The Bible has in its picture gallery many portraits of the man who recognizes no authority but his own will, no law but his own ambitions, no restraint but his own interest. These form the boundaries of his own world. The speaker referred to the parable of the rich man who tore down his barns and built greater and said to his soul, "Eat, drink and be merry, thou hast much goods laid up for many years." But God said to him, "This night thy soul shall be required of thee." Herods, Pharaohs and Nebuchadnezzars have said in their hearts, "There is no God," and all have perished.

There is a strong contrast to be seen between the atheism of arrogant self-will and strong faith and quiet rest in God. To one person life is just a scrambling lottery. To another the only thing that counts is efficiency; it matters not whether a man be godly or godless so long as he has brains and energy to achieve success. The worst of it is that there is so much in life that seems to make this attitude appear so true. The world seems to have the best of the argument. It takes the risk and laughs. Its laugh makes our hearts falter and our ideals seem pallid. If this world is to be a place of moral discipline and education, a place in which the just are to live by their faith, it can be seen that it could not be so. You might say if it were so all men would believe, say, rather,

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## WILL CONTINUE WORK THIS COMING SUMMER

Beautification of Trinity Church Cemetery to Be Continued and Grounds Made in Better Shape.

Though considerable work has been done on the grounds at Trinity church cemetery, and many of the monuments that have gone out of perpendicular have been straightened, there is room for more improvements and if the board can at all see their way clear to do so, the work is to be continued this summer.

This was the decision arrived at last Friday evening at a meeting of the trustees held in the Kress undertaking parlors, when additional members were appointed to the work committee. These were Messrs. George Hopkins, George Whitmore, William Davis, Robert Whitmore, William Hopkins, Joseph Crutchley and John Firth.

The whole situation was discussed at Friday's meeting and while the treasury is rather low it is thought that when those who have relatives buried in this cemetery know that something is really being done, they will not be lax in supplying funds to continue in the work of beautifying the cemetery. This is especially true of those who live at a distance and who cannot, except by subscription, assist in the upkeep of this historic spot.

Locally, what is needed as much as anything, is cheap labor. So long as the work is done it matters little whether the contribution is made in money or muscle. Those who cannot spare the time, or who, by distance, are unable to attend the bees that are held, should contribute something toward the expense, and it is expected that they will send in their donations with little persuasion.

While the work at Trinity cemetery is not completed by any means, and it will require considerable energy yet to put it in first class shape, the grounds and surroundings are one hundred per cent better than two or three years ago, and if the necessary assistance is forthcoming they will improve fully as much more in the next year or two.

Members of the board of trustees have spent a great deal of time gratuitously in accomplishing what has already been done and it is only reasonable that they should expect others to take an interest in the continued beautification of the place.

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## VISITING MOTHER IN MERRIE ENGLAND

Mrs. E. K. Jackson Is at Present Spending Time in Yorkshire and May Not Return to Durham for Some Months.

We received a letter this week from Mrs. E. K. Jackson who, for the past two years has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Seymour in Teintsin, China, but is now on a visit with her mother in England.

Following the critical period in China, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour and Mrs. Jackson left the Chinese city and journeyed to Europe by way of the Suez Canal, the intention at one time being to spend a time in Durham, they expecting to arrive here about the first of April.

Mrs. Jackson, however, left the party at Marseilles, France, and went to her former home in Yorkshire, England, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour going on to the United States on a short visit before returning to China providing conditions there were favorable. In her letter to the editor of this paper, Mrs. Jackson says in part: "I came up to see my mother, leaving Christine and family at Marseilles. They went on to New York and expect to sail on the Ss. President Wilson via Panama on April 28, on their return trip to China, if war conditions are cleared up to make it safe for foreigners to live in the Chinese ports. We had a good trip and enjoyed the many ports of call. Mr. and Mrs. Seymour and family were all well, but owing to taking four months at sea, their stay was only about one month in America, and they decided not to go to Durham as the weather would still be cold so far north."

We trust that Mrs. Jackson may enjoy her visit in England and that conditions in China will soon change for the better so that Mrs. Seymour and family may return to their home at Teintsin with no fear that the numerous Chinese brigands now roaming that country and making life miserable for both foreigners and natives.

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE ELECTED OFFICERS

Held Annual Meeting Thursday of Last Week at Which Year's Business Was Reviewed and Other Business Transacted

The Durham branch of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. J. C. Nichol on Thursday of last week. As this was the annual meeting, reports and election of officers took up the greater part of the time.

The Treasurer's report showed receipts amounting to \$139.76, and expenditures \$137.71. The Sick Children's Hospital, the Children's Shelter and the Armenian Relief Association were given donations.

There was a list of 50 members, with an average attendance of 38. Seventeen papers were given, one course in hemming was enjoyed and also a short course in millinery.

The roll call was answered by paying next year's fee, and the election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. W. Glass; 1st Vice-President, Miss M. McGinn; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. T. E. Brown; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. J. F. Giles; Directors: Mrs. W. Glass, Mrs. J. Graham, Mrs. J. Mather. District Director: Mrs. T. E. Brown. Auditors: Mrs. S. McArthur and Miss B. Ritchie. Programme Committee: Miss Weir, Mrs. T. Henderson, Mrs. J. C. Nichol and Mrs. C. Mortley. Organist: Miss Leah McComb.

Miss Annie Wein gave an interesting talk on "Hints on Health." She stressed the importance of "vitamin" foods and explained how in cooking the vitamins were destroyed, the absence of which would tend to disease of the body.

After some discussion on the health topic the National Anthem was sung, after which Mrs. Nichol served a bountiful lunch.

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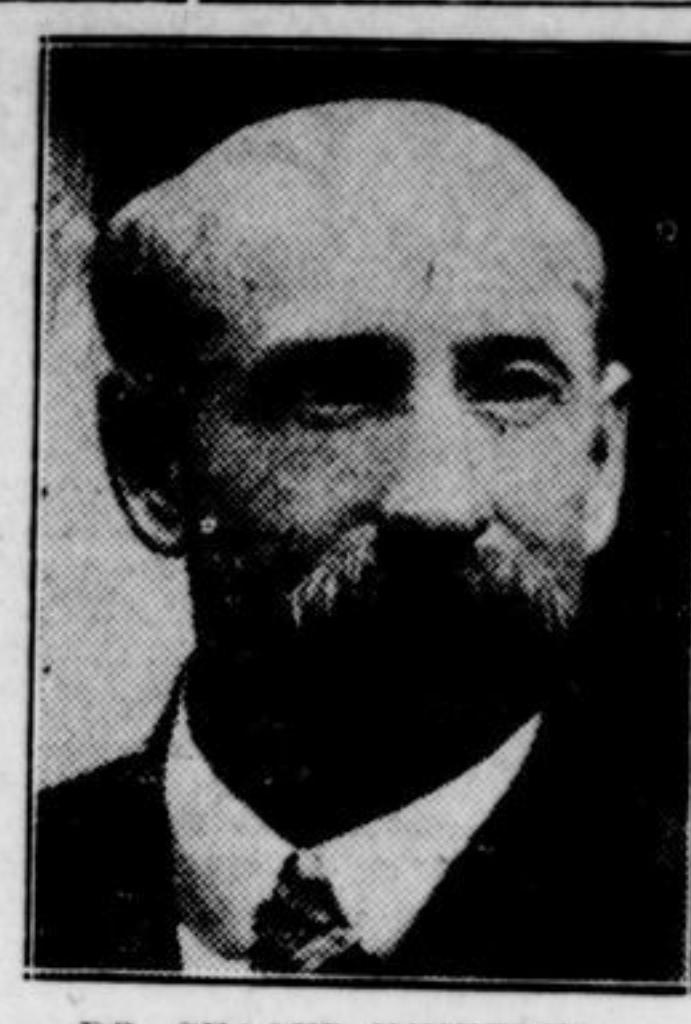
Though we printed about 75 extra copies of the May 5 issue of The Chronicle containing the account of the dedication services in the Presbyterian church, these were all gone before Friday night, so great was the demand. In order that all who care for extra copies to send to their friends or otherwise dispose of, we have printed another one hundred copies, and while there has been quite a call for these, we have about 50 left which we will dispose of to those who desire them. They cost five cents each or six for 25c.

## GAVE BRIDGE PARTY

The local Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire held a bridge for members of the order only last Tuesday night, which was very successful. The bridge was held in their rooms at the rear of the Standard Bank and there were about 30 members present. Following a pleasant evening a lunch was served, the festivities closing about midnight.

And Then  
"I say, you're not still engaged to that Smith girl, are you?"  
"No, I'm not."

"Lucky for you old man. How on earth did you get out of it?"  
"I married her!"—Passing Show.



DR. SEAGER WHEELER

Noted authority on wheat, who stated in a recent interview, that notwithstanding the recent storms and late spring, conditions were ideal for a good crop this year. He also stated that the hail belt in Saskatchewan is gradually moving north, and in time hail in this section will be almost unknown.

The officers elected at Monday night's meeting were:

President, J. N. Murdoch; Vice-President, H. A. Hunter; Secretary, Bowman Jamieson; Treasurer, Fred Murdoch; Managing Committee, Dr. D. B. Jamieson, R. L. Saunders, P. Gagnon; Manager, E. McDonald.

The Midget series takes in boys of 15 years and under and as about forty of these have been on the field practicing all spring there should be no