

REV. THOMAS JAMES GANNON.

Brother Gannon was born in Liverpool, England, in 1860. When very young his parents left him in care of his grandmother, and during the days of his boyhood he was left as a waif in the streets of Liverpool. In 1874 his mother returned to him, and brought him to Canada. He obtained work on a farm near Simcoe, and his mother returned to England, leaving him alone in a strange land. At the age of twenty, while attending special services in the Methodist Church at Corinth, Ont., he was led to accept Christ as his Saviour. He now began to study his Bible carefully and prayerfully, and as divine truth was made clear to him, I believe that he followed its teaching faithfully and earnestly, whatever the consequences might be. Fifteen months after his conversion he was baptized by immersion. Being very anxious to work for Jesus he joined the Salvation Army, and began to exhort and testify for Christ publicly. In 1885 he identified himself with the United Brethren, and giving himself to evangelistic work he became very successful, as his labors in Port Burwell, Mt. Salem and Stratfordviell abundantly show. By the careful study of the Bible he was led to see the Scriptural position of the Baptists, and in 1888 he was received into the Baptist Church at Eder, then under the pastoral care of Rev. S. Cripps. In December of that year he accepted a call to the pastorate of the Bayham and Hough'on, Glenmeyer and South Middleton Churches. Shortly after entering upon this field of labor he was ordained in the South Middleton Church. He labored for fifteen months at Langton, then he had a short pastorate at Wilkesport, and in 1892 he settled with the First Houghton and Cultus Churches. Here he labored faithfully and earnestly, with much acceptance to the people, until called to his rest and his reward on the 23rd of January, 1894. Brother Gannon was a man of deep piety, and of rare purity of life. He had been favored with no educational privileges, but he had good natural gifts and great earnestness; these with his exemplary life made him an acceptable preacher of the Gospel. His widow and three little children need, and I believe, well deserve the fullest sympathy of our people.

Report of Superannuated Board was read by Bro. John Dempsey.

On motion of Bro. John Dempsey, seconded by Bro. J. Folinsbee, the Report was adopted.

The Convention then proceeded to elect to fill vacancies on the Board. The following were elected:—

Bro. John Beardsall was elected in place of Bro. W. J. Davis.

Bro. W. H. Porter to take the place of Bro. W. K. Anderson.

Brethren W. H. Cline, Jas. Coutts, T. S. Johnson, were elected to fill the places of brethren retiring in regular order.

Reference being made in the Report to the matter of the restoration of Bro. McDonald to his former rights, a motion was presented by Bro. W. H. Porter, seconded by Bro. T. H. Rand, as follows:—

That the Board have the authority of this Convention to exercise such discretion as they may deem just and proper in again receiving Bro. McDonald to the benefits of the fund. Carried.

Some change being necessary in the charter as it relates to the Superannuation Board, the matter was referred to the new Board. (See report.)

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