

The New Superintendents.

The forward policy of the General Conference in providing for the appointment of four new missionary superintendents for Ontario and the West is met with general approval by the Church, and no doubt the funds necessary to support them will be forthcoming.

Our readers will be interested in knowing something of the men who have been elected to this important work. If the programme outlined by the General Conference is carried out, the position will not be a sinecure by any means, but will involve much hard work and self-denial. The men who have undertaken these heavy responsibilities should have the prayers of the whole connexion.

Rev. James Allen, M.A., who is in charge of the missions of New Ontario, is one of the best known ministers of our Church, having occupied many important positions during the past twenty-five years. He has probably been a member of more conferences than almost any other man in Methodism. The Metropolitan and Sherbourne Street Churches, Toronto; Grace Church, Winnipeg; Centenary Church, Hamilton, besides churches in Montreal, London, Brockville and Cobourg, have enjoyed his ministrations. He is known and appreciated as a thoughtful and finished preacher, and is much esteemed by all who know him as a cultured Christian gentleman. The work to which he has been assigned will be somewhat new to him, but no doubt he will be able to adapt himself to the circumstances.

Rev. Oliver Darwin, whose headquarters are at Moose Jaw, N.W.T., is a different type of man, having had few opportunities for scholastic training. He was born in England in 1860, and joined the Church at 17 years of age. Two years later he became a local preacher, and did much useful work in the County of Durham.

In 1884 he came to Canada and settled in Winnipeg. Through the persuasion of Dr. Stafford he was induced to offer himself for the ministry, and was stationed at Wolseley. Since then he has labored at Fort Qu'Appelle, Boissevain, Baldur, Stonewall, Fort William, and Moose Jaw, and has been chairman of a district for four years.

About the only school Mr. Darwin ever had the chance to attend was the school of experience on Western mission fields. It was therefore no easy matter for him to prepare the studies required of probationers. During his pastorate in Fort Qu'Appelle services were held in a tent, and after a time it became necessary to erect a church. The lumber had to be drawn from Qu'Appelle station, an Indian trail, a distance of 20 miles. One round trip made a journey of 40 miles, and Mr. Darwin himself hauled nearly all the material. While on these long trips he improved the time by studying Greek. His plan was to write out the lesson to be learned on a piece of paper, paste this on a card-board which was attached to a piece of stick and fastened to the wagon tongue so that the driver had it constantly before him. The lesson was repeated over and over until completely mastered.

What Mr. Darwin has lost by not having a school education has been very largely made up by a strong physical constitution enabling him to work hard and keep at it, and also by his unbounded push and enthusiasm. He is an earnest and eloquent speaker, and everything he undertakes is done with his might. Mr. Darwin's territory is in the Manitoba

and North-West Conference and reaches from Fort William as far west as Battleford.

Rev. T. C. Buchanan has charge of the remaining portion of the Manitoba and North-West Conference, and resides in Calgary. He is one of the pioneer preachers of the West, where he has been faithful and efficient service. He has been chairman of the Calgary, Edmonton and Regina districts and is in thorough touch with the life and spirit of the West.



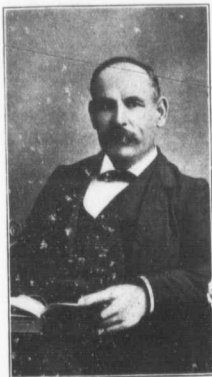
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Mr. Buchanan's elevation to the Presidency of the Manitoba and North-West Conference is an evidence of the high esteem in which he is held by his brethren.

Rev. J. H. White, the new superintendent for British Columbia, has been in that country for some years and has occupied some of the most important pastorates in the conference. His father



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was one of the first preachers in British Columbia, and is most affectionately remembered by the older settlers. Mr. White is a worthy son of a worthy sire, and is held in high esteem by all who know him. In the opinion of his brethren he possesses in a high degree the qualifications necessary for the work to which he has been appointed. His territory will include East Kootenay, West Kootenay, Kamloops and such other districts as may be designated by the B. C. Conference.

The Missionary as a Civic Factor.

Scant justice has been done to the Christian missionary as a contributor to the material progress of the peoples among whom he labors. That service has indeed been recognized by men of discernment and breadth of mind, but on the part of the general run of soldiers, civil officers and travellers to the man who is trying to lift the people as souls is accorded little praise and much scorn. Rev. F. S. Hatch, General Secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor in India, in a letter to Dr. Wayland Hoyt, of Philadelphia, says: "One thing is plain enough to a person who travels widely here and observes carefully—the missionary is doing ten times as much to settle permanently—and righteously the great problems of the race here in the East as the soldiers or the civil authorities." This is a fresh testimony, and it is as true as it is strong.

A New Trust Wanted.

A speaker in the recent Presbyterian General Assembly said that as he looked at the vast array of formidable trusts in our great and prosperous country, he could not but feel that another should be formed—a missionary trust, bent upon the conversion of the world to Christ, and with one-tenth of their income dedicated to the cause of God. What a power such a trust would be!

Short Sayings of Great Missionaries.

If I am to go on the shelf, let that shelf be Africa.—Livingstone.

If I had a thousand years to work for God, I would work for God in China.—Rev. Isaac T. Headland, D.D., of Pekin University.

Men who live near to God and are willing to suffer anything for Christ's sake without being proud of it—these are the men we want.—Judson.

Whoever goes to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ among the heathen, goes on a warfare which requires all prayer and supplication to keep his armor bright.—Dr. Moffat.

I never made a sacrifice. Of this we ought not to talk when we remember the great sacrifice which he made who left his father's throne on high to give himself for us.—Livingstone.

I am born for God only. Christ is nearer to me than my father or mother or sister—a nearer relative, a more affectionate friend; and I rejoice to follow him and to love him.—Henry Martyn.

Yes, I feel willing to be placed in that situation in which I can do the most good, though it were to carry the gospel to the distant, benighted heathen.—Mrs. Ann H. Judson, the first American woman foreign missionary.

No language can describe the value of the blessings which are conveyed to a single idolater who becomes a disciple of Christ; a thousand sources of sorrow being instantly dried up, and a thousand streams of happiness bursting forth at once to gladden him.—Baptist Noel.

To thee, O Lord, God, I offer myself, my children and all I possess. May it please thee, who did so humble thyself to the death of the cross, to condescend to accept all that I give thee that I and my wife and my children may be thy lowly servants.—Raymond Lull, first missionary to Mohammedans.