

METHODISTIC.

St. John District and the Twentieth Century Fund.

A Business Session in Exmouth Street Church Morning and Afternoon.

A Public Meeting Tuesday Night in Queen Square Church—The Speeches and Resolutions.

The financial meeting of the St. John district of the Methodist conference was opened Tuesday morning in the school room of Exmouth street church.

The afternoon session opened with a short devotional service. Estimates of short and long term expenditures for the following year were received from Hampton, Upham, Jerusalem, Welsford, Kingston, St. Martins.

The meeting proceeded to consider the apportionment for the superannuation fund.

Whereas, the change that has been made in filling up vacancies, which now requires the missionaries to pay removal expenses out of their own pockets, and wait for the same to be repaid at the end of the year, is unfair and creates hardships for many men; therefore resolved, that we memorialize the general missionary board to go back to the former state when removals were paid by the treasury at the beginning of the year.

The meeting closed with the benediction by Dr. Pease.

The meeting held Tuesday night in Queen square Methodist church in the interest of the 20th century fund was quite well attended. After the reading of the Scriptures by Rev. George Steel, the chairman, Rev. R. W. Weddall explained that the object of the meeting was to give information concerning the fund.

Rev. G. C. P. Palmer of Sussex said that the strength and stability of a nation depended on its moral and religious forces.

VIGOROUS POLICY.

How Gen. Dashwood Would Settle the Transvaal Trouble.

Gladstone Did More Harm to His Country Than Any Man of His Generation.

The Boers from a British Soldier's Standpoint—A Canteen Psalm-Singing Crew—The Affair Will This Time Be Short, Sharp and Decisive.

(Montreal Witness.) As a soldier, Major-General Dashwood has a fine contempt for politics and politicians. Ask him his opinion of the Transvaal question in the scotte stage which it seems to have reached at present, and he will reply: "Let us have peace, if we can have peace with justice to our people, and credit to our honor; if not, I say—Smash 'em."

"That is the only thing to do—smash 'em. We have inherited all the evil effects of the Gladstone policy." "But, of course, Gladstone meant it for the best."

"Did he, indeed? That is always the way. When a man from whom you expect nothing makes a mistake or sanctions an injurious policy, you say that nothing better could have been expected from him. When your good character is responsible for evil, you say that he meant to do right. I tell you that Gladstone did more harm to the country than any other public man of his generation."

Major-General Dashwood sat in the Windsor hotel, smoking that precious pipe of his, which is his constant companion on his great hunting expeditions—a pipe of which the steersman has been fashioned by his own hands.

"I have just come out from England and I know that the people are a unit that the state of things which now exists must come to an end. The convention has been broken both in the spirit and in the letter; our people are denied all civil rights, notwithstanding the expressed agreement, which I will quote you from the government blue book; they are taxed outrageously, both directly and indirectly; and there is a manifest attempt, though this purpose has been kept secret, of ousting the British from South Africa. Well, we will not be ousted. We will remain there and be the paramount power. It is very strange that the Boers are the only people who are unwilling to live under the British flag. In all other possessions of the empire what are called foreign elements are willing to come under the British flag. The French-Canadians are loyal to British institutions, the Germans are faithful to their own colonies and wish to live in ours. Now, the reason, the chief reason, why the Boers do not like us is simply this—we put down slavery and did not give them all they wanted by way of compensation. We treat the blacks like human beings, and they treat them like dogs. They flog them at will; they flog the women—the pious ruffians—and they have produced a state of things, as far as the Uitlanders are concerned, which must be ended. The Boers are said to be good shots. Well, the game is disappearing in the Transvaal, and the shooting will not be so good in the future. We were beaten at Majuba Hill owing to a simple blunder. But that was not a battle nor a war; it was a series of skirmishes. The Boer fights well behind a stone wall, with his pony a few hundred yards behind him; put him in the open and let our cavalry at him and he is done. He is a funder where cavalry are concerned. And if we are to come to blows, the victory must be complete, for the sake of permanent peace. We must take the country, and give it a local autonomy the same as Cape Colony—England remaining the paramount power."

"Let me show you what the blue book says," continued the major general, producing the official record of the convention in 1881.

STOOD BY BIBLE.

Yankee Rector Called Down by ex Mayor of Montreal.

Sensational Scene in the Anglican Church of Ste. Agathe on Sunday.

MONTREAL, Aug. 28.—The Anglican church at Ste. Agathe, a popular summer resort in the Laurentian mountains, yesterday morning was the scene of an unusual incident. The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Gardiner, rector of Narragansett, R. I., who in the course of his sermon denied the divine inspiration of the Bible as maintained by the Church of England. He asserted that the Bible was no more divinely inspired than the writings of Shakespeare, George Elliot, or any other great writer. The story of Adam and Eve he dubbed a legend impossible to believe. The sermon created a veritable storm.

Almost before the preacher concluded his sermon, R. Wilson Smith, a former mayor of Montreal and chief contributor to the fund for the construction of this summer resort church, rose to his feet and protested in a loud and angry voice, such doctrine being accepted in any church to which he belonged. He believed the Bible from cover to cover, and did not consider any man who believed otherwise a worthy member of the church.

THE INCIDENT CAUSED A TREMENDOUS SENSATION, and the majority of the congregation left the sacred edifice in disgust, threatening never to return.

OFF TO MANILA. M. J. McGourty, Formerly of the City Cornet Band, Now En Route.

M. Higgins, the Union street tailor, has received a letter, dated Aug. 17th, from M. J. McGourty, an old member of the City Cornet band, and native of St. John, who is now en route to Manila. Mr. McGourty has been soldiering for Uncle Sam for more than a year. He says in his letter: "I was in Cuba all last summer and winter, until last May, I was member of the regimental band in the 5th Infantry. We were mustered in at Columbus, Miss., and we spent seven months in Santiago and three in Guantanamo. We were mustered out at Camp Meade, Penn., on May 1st. I enlisted in the 2nd Batt. U. S. Marine Corps in Harrisburg, Pa., in June. We were sent to Philadelphia and from there to Washington, D. C., and thence to Brooklyn Navy Yard. We took the train last week for 'Prisco, where we arrived after riding six days on the train. We had a pleasant trip out here. We were furnished with Pullman sleepers and dined at first class restaurants. We take a train to Manila, I think we are going up against it this time."

Mr. McGourty says he was a chronic malaria victim in Cuba, being in hospital eight times in as many months. He says he was in the hospital for three weeks or two each time. He adds that they lost many fine fellows from fever in Cuba.

GREAT PRIORY. (Toronto Freeman for August.) The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada holds its annual assembly in Windsor, Ont., on the 19th and 20th prox. This promises to be one of the most important gatherings of Knights Templars ever held in Canada, as matters of vital interest will be considered, discussed and acted upon. The attendance is expected to be a record breaker. During his two years in office Grand Master Macewatt has visited officially nearly every section of his extensive jurisdiction; unity, peace and concord prevailed during his administration of the affairs of the order, which has also increased numerically. It is expected that his successor, R. E. Sir Kt. John V. Pills, M. P., of St. John, N. B., will be unanimously selected. He is eminent and distinguished in other branches of Masonry, and his election as Grand Master of the Templars of Canada will be a deserved compliment to our fraters "down by the sea."

REMARKABLE SIGHT OF ANIMALS. Nature has enabled some animals to see objects behind them, as well as in front, without turning around. The horse has this power to a marked degree. It is only necessary to watch a horse driven invariably by a driver who has not a word to say for instance, those on street cars. Let the driver even attempt to take the whip in hand and if the horse is used to the work he will at once increase his pace. The giraffe, which is a timid animal, is approached with the utmost difficulty on account of its eyes being so placed that it can see as well behind as in front. When approaching the same faculty enables it with great precision the rapid storm of kicks with which it punishes the intruder. Its eyes are large, prominent and placed laterally. Its powerful neck muscles, for though this dog is while running, the hare is able to judge to a nicety the exact amount at which it will be best for it to double.

HOW FRANCE MIGHT SWEEP THE SEAS. A feature of Cowes water just now is the strength with which France is represented in a yachting scene. Englishmen have some power in a marked degree. A wonderful more ambitious and lavish. A wonderful more equally engaging is the barque-rigged show nothing like these. We can have such a race as this. It would be a grand sweep the seas—Western Daily Freeman.

HOW THE SCOTCH WOMAN GOT EVEN WITH A CONDUCTOR. (Youth's Companion.) A story circulating in reference of the Scotch regarding private affairs was told in an Edinburgh paper in Boston.

A porter put his head into a car and called out for 'Doun.' Any one for Doun? No one moved, and in a few minutes the train was moving along, not to stop again until nearly an hour. The woman had been turned to a lady sitting near her, and said: "I'm for Doun, but I'd not tell that man."

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CHILDREN CRY FOR CASTORIA.

A PECULIAR EXPLANATION.

(Messenger and Visitor.) A peculiar explanation during the past week first in a Fredericton paper, and afterwards in a number of others, represents that a report presented to the Baptist convention at Fredericton, showed a decrease during the year in the number of Baptist churches in the maritime provinces of 74, a decrease in church membership of between two and three thousand and other figures of a correspondingly remarkable character. Of course no such report was presented. How did such statements get into print? The facts, as we understand the matter, are that Dr. E. H. Eaton of Halifax, who prepared the report on the state of the denomination, had not been able to secure full returns from the associations and was not therefore able to complete his statistical statement. This part of the report was therefore not presented to the convention. But it appears that a reporter, with more enterprise than judgment, had got hold of this unfinished report and by comparing it with last year's figures produced the pessimistic paragraph alluded to above. It is doubtless best quoted here and there, as showing that the Baptist cause in the maritime provinces is in a feeble and drying condition.

Mr. Mary Letson died at Port Medway, N. S., on Tuesday last, aged 89 years. She was the mother of W. A. Letson, proprietor of the Lunenburg Argus, and of E. E. Letson, a customs official at Port Medway.

TO GO TO CONTINENTAL SCHOOLS.

Mrs. L. R. Harrison left Tuesday for Montreal en route to England, en route to the Parisian, which leaves Montreal on Thursday. Miss May Harrison accompanies her mother, and will go to Soleure, in Switzerland, and be a pupil of Miss Heutcher at Tammis. This school is most highly recommended, and several lower province girls go there this year. Misses Haley, Blair, Parkin and others are booked. Five young ladies cross in the Parisian with Mrs. Harrison.

TOHONTO, Aug. 28.—A special cable from London says: The Scotland Yard authorities have been instructed to arrest Herbert, the absconding teller of the Ville Marie bank.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 28.—During a FREE! This beautiful little... LINEN DOYLE CO.

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HER NEW BROTHER. Yes, I've got a little brother; Never asked for him from mother; But I possess the doctor brought him. For last week the doctor brought him. Ain't it queer?

When I heard the news from Molly, Why I thought at first 'twas jolly; I just 'magine I could get him. And our dear mamma would let him. Play with him?

But when once I had looked at him I cried out: "Oh, dear, is that him?" They said: "Yes, and you may kiss him." Well, I'm sure I'd never miss him.

He's so small, it's just amazing. And you'd think that he was blazing. And his nose is like a berry. And he's bald as Uncle Jerry. On his head.

He's no kind of good whatever. And he cries as if he'd never. Never stop. Won't sit up—you can't arrange him. Oh, why don't you change him. At the shop?

Now we've got to dress and feed him. And we really didn't need him. And I can't think why father'd rather. Should have bought him when I'd rather. London Daily Mail.

THE CANADIANISM. The Feature of Mr. Jarvis's Paper that Captivated a Toronto Man. (Canadian Grocer.)

The address of Mr. Jarvis, president of the Maritime Board of Trade, should be read and digested by every Canadian. In point of ability, in extent of information, it is exceptionally rich.

But its Canadianism is one of its most striking features. The Maritime Board of Trade, as its name implies, is a sectional organization; that is, the object of its being is to promote the commercial interests of the maritime provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Had, therefore, the address dealt with nothing but that which appertained to these three provinces, it is only what might have been expected.

But, while the maritime provinces received a large share of attention, an undoubted national spirit was abroad in the address. Even in the references to some of the matters appertaining to the maritime provinces one could read between the lines much that was gratifying to national pride.

When confederation was consummated there was very little in the immediate prospect that was encouraging to the people of the maritime provinces; and this is implied in Mr. Jarvis's address. From the rest of the dominion the maritime provinces were as isolated as they well could be. But the confederationalists were walking by faith, not by sight. And the references in Mr. Jarvis's address to the development of the maritime provinces prove that they had reason for the faith that was in them.

In the western part of Canada there is a feeling, which is happily growing less and less every year, that the people of the maritime provinces are not in sympathy with them, that they have little or nothing in common nationally.

If those who are that way of thinking had been present at the convention of the Maritime Board, and listened to Mr. Jarvis's patriotic words and the enthusiasm with which they were greeted by the business men representing the three provinces of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, they would have learned how unjust they were in their views.

The people of the maritime provinces are as much concerned in the development of the dominion as the people of any other part of the dominion. And if more people from western Canada would like themselves to the summer resorts of the maritime provinces, instead of to summer resorts of foreign countries, they would have an opportunity of learning this as well as of appreciating the beauty and the majesty of the scenery in that part of the dominion.

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