

Stationing Board Faces Big Annual Conference Issue

Methodists Convening in South London May Debate Adding Fifth Year to Pastorate.

The 28th session of the London conference of the Methodist Church opened at Askin Street Church Monday at 2 p.m., when the stationing board committee assembled, with Rev. George Jewitt of Wyoming, president of the conference, as chairman. About 25 delegates have arrived, and the main influx is expected today. At 8 p.m. Monday the stationing committee met in the schoolroom of the church, while at the same hour the statistical committee met in the board room. The former committee consists of 22 members, while the latter provides one representative from each of the eleven districts in the conference.

Resuming Sitting Today.
Both committees wrestled with preliminary Monday evening, and resumed sitting at 9 o'clock this morning. Rev. J. E. Hunter of Lambeth is conference stationing. In addition to the above committees which meet today, the religious committee, with Rev. Byron Snell of Alvinston in charge, will meet at 8 o'clock this evening.

Members of the stationing committee have a problem on their hands, in view of the fact that pastors in a few charges have been invited to remain a fifth year, a procedure which was rejected by the conference last year. The committee at Stratford last year, only to approve it at a later session. While members of the stationing committee refused Monday evening to air their troubles outside the committee room, it is understood that the same obstacles as last year have confronted them, and the question of a fifth term for pastors may be put before the whole conference to decide.

Personnel of Committee.
The stationing committee is composed as follows: London district, Rev. W. J. Ashton, Rev. B. H. Robinson; Stratford district, Rev. A. J. Langford, Rev. William Conway; Wingham district, Rev. E. G. Armstrong, Rev. R. Fulton; Irwin district, Rev. S. Anderson; Goderich district, Rev. S. Anderson; Rev. D. N. McCann; Exeter district, Rev. G. W. Rivers; Rev. H. B. Barnby; Strathroy district, Rev. A. C. Tiffin, Rev. R. A. Miller; Sarnia district, Rev. George Jewitt, Rev. H. E. Ball; Chatham district, Rev. E. M. Thomson; Rev. R. Hicks; Ridgeway district, Rev. W. L. Hiles; St. Thomas district, Rev. R. H. Barnby, Rev. S. R. McVittie; Windsor district, Rev. J. W. Hibbert, Rev. Arthur Barker.

The probations record committee met Monday afternoon, with Rev. George Jewitt presiding, to review the standing of probations and to make recommendations to the conference as to their respective standing, continuation and ability to be ordained and received. Nine probations were passed to come up for ordination at Askin Street Church Sunday morning. When Rev. S. Dwight Chown, D.D., LL.D., general superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, will preach the ordination sermon. A reception will be held for these probations will be held in the conference church Friday evening.

Probations Ordained.
The probations who will be ordained are: E. W. Jewitt, A. H. Johnston, C. E. Taylor, Duncan Gay, Duncan McTavish, E. K. May, Stanley R. Johnston, Harold F. Swann and T. Chester Wilkinson.

The following were recommended by the committee to be continued on probation: Robert B. Cummings, B.A.

Frank C. Miller, T. W. Hazelwood, W. J. Woollett, J. N. Button, Hugh C. Wilson, R. Harold Parr, Stanley Sweetman, Earl Poulter, Enos Hart, James H. Carlin, Arthur J. Love, Howard R. Robertson, Alex. J. Smale, O. Gerald Lawson, Irving P. Kaine, William Shilling, A. H. Richard S. Hosking, George F. McKelvey, Eli Riddola, Robert E. Southcott, Herbert C. Elford and George Henry Penrose.

Candidates Recommended.
The following candidates were recommended to the conference by the stationing board: Alfred Russell Stone, Robert Nelson Stewart, Samuel E. Stevenson and Clarence Heber Dickinson. Other probations whose records have not yet been considered because all information has not been received, will be dealt with later at this conference, at a special sitting of the committee.

Possibly the busiest committee Monday was that concerned with billeting, arrangements having been completed for accommodating almost 500 clerical and lay delegates in Methodist homes. The committee is composed of A. M. Hunt, chairman, William Copp and Dr. S. K. Reynolds. They have equipped an office in the Askin Street Sunday School for the convenience of the 248 lay visitors, and 228 attending ministers, and a temporary telephone has been installed for local and long-distance conference calls.

The women of the Askin Street Methodist congregation will serve dinner and supper at the church commencing Tuesday, while delegates will receive breakfast at their billets. Meal tickets will be issued. About 35 delegates sat down to the first conference meal Monday evening.

General Session Thursday.
The general session of the conference will open on Thursday at 8:45 a.m. in the church, and the morning devotional exercises will be given by Rev. Clovis G. Chappell, pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Washington, D. C. Rev. George Dewey will have charge of the singing at the morning devotions. The same pastor will also address the ministerial session at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday, following which the report of the transfer committee will be received.

On Wednesday evening Professor Augustine Smith of Boston University School of Theology will address the ministerial session on "The Christ in Art and Music," with art reproductions through stereopticon slides. At the general session, opening Thursday morning, the agenda will include the report of the program committee, confirmation of committee appointments of business committees, Mrs. W. E. Pescott, representing the Women's Missionary Society will address this session on "The Department of the Stranger."

Missionary Committee.
At 11:30 a.m. Thursday, the first draft of stations will be reported, and all committees will meet for organization. The standing missionary committee will convene at the same hour. At 2 p.m. Thursday the report of the conference special committee, ministerial session, and lay association will be heard. At 2:30 p.m. the civic welcome will be tendered by Mayor E. S. Little, and the president's report on the work of law during the year will be filed. In addition, the report on the pastoral address will be heard, after which all committees, including co-operative and circuit, will meet.

Thursday evening is the first public session, when Rev. S. W. Dean of Toronto will speak on "Department of the Stranger."

Finance," and the Canadian Brotherhood will be later discussed. On Friday morning general business will be disposed of and reports of committees will be received in the afternoon, following which a memorial service, with an address by Rev. George Daniel, M.A., Ph.D., is scheduled.

Annual Lay Banquet.
At 5:30 p.m. the laymen's annual banquet will be held, to be followed at 8 p.m. by a public reception to young men, with an address by Rev. H. J. Tren and the president's charge on the program. General business will again be in order Saturday morning, with the latter part of the meeting devoted to the board and publishing department. Rev. W. E. Millson will speak on "Evangelism and Social Service." At 1:30 p.m. Saturday the stationing committee will hear deputations.

At 8 p.m. there will be a theological union lecture in Wesley Hall on the subject of "The Secret of Success of the Early Christian Church," by Rev. J. W. Hedley, M.A., B.D. Special services in all city Presbyterian and Methodist Churches with clerical delegates to the conference in charge, are scheduled for Sunday.

Julius Service Monday.
Monday of next week will be devoted to general business in the morning, with a jubilee service at 2 p.m., Revs. Samuel Salton, John Holmes, John Hart and J. G. Falls will celebrate the service, after which general business will once more hold sway, and the date of the next conference will be set.

At 8 p.m. Monday, a grand public mass meeting with the departments will be staged. Rev. R. P. Bowles, M.A., B.D., chancellor of Victoria College, will speak for the educational department, while Rev. J. H. Arnupp, B.A., assistant secretary of the foreign department, will represent the missionary department. The stationing committee will also meet Monday night.

Closes June 7.
The conference closes on Tuesday, June 7, when the last draft of stations will be made, chairmen will be elected, and committees appointed. Concurrent with the ministerial session on Wednesday, June 1, the lay association will conduct a program on the schoolroom. At 3:30 p.m. F. C. Work of the Brotherhood," to be followed by Capt. E. W. Edwards of Seaford, who has taken for his subject, "Work Among Men." At 8 p.m., J. M. Gunn of this city will speak on "The Conquest of the Impossible," and Police Magistrate E. W. Gundy of Essex County will give an address on "Border Problems."

At the annual laymen's banquet, Friday, June 1, the program will be given by E. Rancey, attorney-general of Ontario, will be the guest of honor.

N. Y. PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA GIVES A BRILLIANT PROGRAM
London Music Lovers Throng To Hear Perfect Ensemble of Instruments.

It requires a powerful instrument like the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, heard here last night in the "Winter Gardens," to give a proper idea of the majesty and immortality of the great souls who speak to the world through music. No composition in the whole realm of music leaves an impression of loftier grandeur or can claim closer kinship with the divine music of the spheres than a great symphony.

It is created anew by a mighty orchestra and is flung forth into space to become a part of the everlasting train of music which perpetually circles the universe. Should human mind invent an instrument sensitive enough to catch the notes which have passed beyond the sound of the human ear, one wish might well be to hear again last night's program just as it was given to a house packed to the doors. Joseph Stransky is a big conductor, and he has behind him an aggregation of instruments which has been 80 years in striving nearer to perfection, and is coming very close to it. The music is today receiving the thanks which is due it for making it possible for the citizens of London to hear such a perfect ensemble of instruments.

Slavic and Czech Music.
Stransky, a Bohemian himself, gives unusually interesting and undoubtedly true interpretations of the Slavic and Czech music. The religious fervor and almost jubilant submission to fate which characterized these kindred races were brought out vividly in the numbers on the program, which included Dvorak's Symphony in E minor, written "From the New World," Tchaikovsky's Overture-Fantasia, "Romantic and Juliet," and the Ippolitoff-Ivanoff suite "Caucasian Sketches."

The first number "From the New World," was written in America by the composer, and expresses the feelings of a homesick soul, turning back, tentatively, towards its native land. The spirit of Bohemia pervades the whole symphony, although it was written with the idea of founding a new school of musical thought in America, and largely coincides with the introduction of negro and Indian melodies into a powerful musical form. In the second movement the air introduced by the English horn is so decidedly negro in character that it might almost be taken from one of these Southern melodies. Every section of the orchestra is a perfect little instrument in itself, and perhaps nowhere were all the sections given an opportunity to display their beauty more effectively than in the fourth movement of this number.

Repeated Encores.
When it came to the Tchaikovsky's "Romantic and Juliet," the audience refused to be pacified until the conductor and all the members of the orchestra had responded again and again to the incessant applause. This number was indeed a delight, with its introduction of brief but passages, its wild clamor of percussion instruments as Montagues meet Capulets in deadly conflict, and the passionate, hopeless love theme, running bravely through it.

"In the Mountain" introduced the "Caucasian Sketches," and was followed without interruption by "In the Village," where the viola was heard for the first time in a fine solo, a conversation with the English horn, ending up with the triumphant "March of the Sardar," a glorious composition, in which could be heard the beat of the drum and accompanying percussion instruments, coming to a brilliant finale with the full orchestra in play.

The only place where the conductor permitted an encore after this number, when the orchestra was even greater laurels in the presentation of Mendelssohn's "Scherzo," from "Midsummer Night's Dream," a pretty, airy composition, quite even in color and decidedly different from the other numbers of the evening, and the "Introduction" to Wagner's "Lohengrin," played with brilliance, introducing trumpets and clashing cymbals.

A Fairy Rhapsody.
One of the most interesting moments of the whole evening came when Henry Hadley took the conductor's baton for the rendition of his own composition, "The Culprit Fay," a rhapsody, written

after the poem by the same name from the pen of Joseph Rodman Drake. The music is fantastic, giving opportunity for showy work on many of the instruments. The fairies gathering in conclave to pass judgment on the fay who had committed the terrible crime of becoming sullied in the "glance of maiden's eye," the departure of the culprit fay, astride a galloping toad, to catch the glistering drop from the springing stag's antlers, and his ascent into the sky riding on the wings of a fire-fly to catch the spark from the falling star, all give scope for marvellously beautiful work with the instruments, and the composer has seized his opportunity with a mastery result.

The crowding of the Winter Garden to its doors and the filling of the gallery testified to the popularity of the concert last night, and the enthusiasm of the audience emphasized its appreciation and delight.

JOHN C. BELCHER DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

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Big Sale Events For Wednesday Morning

The first June Wednesday half holiday sales are of much greater importance than any so far this season, involving a greater amount of merchandise and likewise greater savings on the purchase price. We would direct your attention particularly to the sale of Ladies' Jersey Suits at \$13.95, Wilton, Tapestry and Brussels Rugs at One-Third off; Dress Voiles at 59c and 79c yard; Summer Knitting Floss at 17c for 1-ounce balls, and the Millinery sales. Such reductions are of more than ordinary significance.



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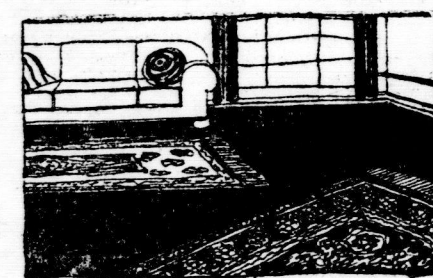
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Portraying a widely divergent role from his characterization in "The Branding Iron" and other productions of merit, Russell Simpson as Hugh Garth has lost none of his remarkable ability, but rather intensified his vast power of versatility. Hurled unconsciously by cruel circumstance into the splendor and silent mystery of the north, upsetting the monotonous routine of the Garth household, Pauline Stark, as Sylvia of the hauntingly vaudeville troupe, betters if anything her previous interpretations.

As Peter Garth, the young brother, Cullen Landis is valuable support to the story. Landis has already been recognized by theatregoers as an actor well above the average, and will be remembered by his admirable work in Rex Beach's "Girl From Outside." Mary Allen, as Bella, the faithful nurse and housekeeper, must share in the commendation of this powerful film.

A Chester Outing picture, depicting "A Trip to the Island of Madelon," the National Pictorial of Canadian events of recent date, and Harry ("Snub") Pollard, the people's favored comedian, in "No Children" completes the bill. As an added feature, the management is providing special music of exceptional merit, in addition to the famous Allen organ.

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BIRD NOTES

(Contributed by McIlwraith Ornithological Club.)

The only new bird to chronicle today is the Common Tern. This was seen on Friday, the 26th, at the pond, but was not included in the day's notes, as its identity was not certain. The terns are amongst our most beautiful and most graceful water birds, and the particular variety under review may frequently be seen at Port Hope. Terns can be distinguished from gulls by their flying, even at some distance, by the characteristic down-pointing head and bill. They do not often come far inland, and this one, after flying up and down the pond, departed in a southerly direction (probably bound for Lake Erie), its white plumage gleaming in the sunlight.

It so happened that this bird, although not identifiable at the time, was afterwards determined with the aid of text-books, but so often it happens that a fleeting glimpse or a hurried song give but an imperfect picture to the mind which no amount of looking-up can satisfactorily settle. This was the case on the morning of the 22nd at Delaware, when a duck surprised us as much as, or probably more, than we surprised him, and got away before we could tell what it was. Wood Ducks bred there a year or two ago, and it is possible they have returned to nest again this spring, for by this time all ducks which breed in the north have passed on, and those which are found in our swamps and ponds may pretty safely be put down as breeding birds.—E.M. S. DALE.

ON AN OLD ROAD.

[Charles Edwin Markham.]
A host of poppies in the flowers
A flurry of rain, and a wind that follows
Shepherds the leaves in the sheltered hollows,
For the forest is shaken and thinned.
Over my head are the firs for rafters;
The crows blow south and my heart goes after;
I kick my hands to the world with laughter—
Is it Aiden or Mystical Ind?

Oh, the whirl of the fields in the windy weather
How the barley breaks and blows together!
Oh, glad is the free bird aloft on the heather—
Oh, the whole world is glad of the wind!

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