

Nfld. Methodist Conference.

Wednesday's Proceedings.

The Conference assembled at 9.30. After the usual morning devotions, the Conference went into business. The retiring President addressed the Conference upon the year of his office. In has been a wonderful year, filled with many heavy tasks and responsibilities, but the past should prepare us for the future. We have had financial difficulties, stringency has been felt, yet we have had a rich spiritual increase. The War has cast a cloud over all phases of our work, but these difficulties but fit us for the work.

One man of the Brotherhood has been taken from our ranks, Rev. W. M. Muir. The end came altogether unexpectedly, and we mourn his loss. Altogether we can report optimistically, and the President retired having conducted the work of the year with much credit.

The Conference then went into ballot on the officers for the coming year.

Rev. Charles Howse was elected as President by a vote of 60 out of a possible 63. Mr. Howse was born at Gooseberry Island, B.B. After spending several years at the elementary school, he then came on to the Methodist College of this city, at which institution he spent two years. He then went into the teaching profession, and spent 4 years at Salem Superior School, Blackhead. Mr. Howse went from this place into the Ministry. He started his work at Epworth in the Burn District. After spending a very successful term of two years there, Mr. Howse went to Petites in the same District. Then came the years of Theological College Training, in which Mr. Howse went to Sackville University. At the end of one year he went for a summer to the Moody Bible Institute at Chicago, fully intending to return to Sackville but after consideration he turned his steps to Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., instead. After receiving two years' instruction at the last named place, Mr. Howse entered into the full work of the Ministry, working at such places as Tilt Cove, Burn, Blackhead, and at Bonavista where he labors at present. Mr. Howse is a strong personality, and there is no doubt of the wisdom of the Conference in choosing such a man. The new President is an intensely spiritual man, a man of wide vision, and broad outlook. The work and destiny of the Conference in his hands in these strenuous times will not suffer, for he looks into the future with a sublime faith in the God of Righteousness.

In reply to the vote of confidence, the President spoke out of the business and humility of his soul. He said he had never sought office; he could look all calmly in the face and say, the office came unsolicited. The responsibility belonged to the Conference, they had elected him out, but he had not sought the office. He could boast of no Methodist ancestry. He was a Methodist by choice. There was one thing stood out clearly in his life—his conversion, which he never doubted. It was to him a new experience, and he was turned to the Church he now loved, and is to lead, by two considerations. First, that Methodist teaching was more in harmony with his experience. Secondly, Methodist form of service and the atmosphere of the Methodist Church life was better calculated to nurture the new usefulness, hopes and ambitions for spiritual things born out of that experience.

The Conference then proceeded to elect by ballot the Secretary of Conference. The honor fell upon Rev. Jabez R. Saint, S.T.L., one of the young and strong men of the Conference. Mr. Saint was born at Bonavista, and after spending two years at Sackville University and two years at Wesleyan College, Montreal, Mr. Saint entered the full work of the Ministry, and did faithful and successful work at Glovertown, Red Bay, Pogo, Wesleyville and Blackhead, where he labors at present. Mr. Saint was re-elected as Conference Secretary.

The re-election speaks well for the ability of the above officer as a Statistician. Mr. Whitemarsh is well known in St. John's, and there is no further need to remind the people of his qualities. The mantle of the Journal Secretary fell upon Rev. N. M. Guy, of George St. Church. Although Mr. Guy is young in the way of the Conference, he is fast coming to the front.

The afternoon was taken up with Committee work and general business routine. The Conference rose to its feet and sang the National Anthem to commemorate the birthday of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

EVENING SERVICE.

For the first time in the history of our Methodism in this country, the evening services of Conference are to be thrown open to the public for discussion. This is a very opportune departure from the ordinary routine of Conference business, seeing that the minutes and communications, the report of the spiritual state of the work in the 5 districts by the Secretaries of the respective districts.

ST. JOHN'S, read by Rev. N. M. Guy. We rejoice with the speaker. Some Churches have seen much spiritual progress, and in the Sunday Schools much good, solid work has been done.

CARBONAR, read by Rev. J. E. Saint. Reports many encouraging features despite the dark and gloomy conditions of the year. There is a large increase in membership. The old time spirit of enthusiasm has been evident.

BONAVISTA, read by Rev. B. Bugden. We feel encouraged by the better moral state of the people, and the desire of the people for the spiritual things. We feel that the indispensable necessity is the spiritual life of the people by the family altar and the singing of the hymns of God. Culture and education are great factors, but these are not enough unless made powerful by the spirit of God.

TWILLINGATE, read by Rev. J. W. Wilson. The spiritual results have been good. Family feuds have been settled at the mercy seat; the moral life of the people has been lifted.

BURN, read by Rev. C. Leugh. Spoke of good work, especially at Epworth, and not only there, but all along the district. Good reports have come from our Sunday Schools.

Rev. H. Scott reviewed the spiritual state of the work for the whole Conference. The Conference felt that the indispensable condition of success is our work for God is the reception of spiritual power. Culture is a great force, but let us have it fired by the union of the Holy Spirit.

The meeting was then thrown open for discussion. Several lay and clerical members added to the already received reports.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Dr. Bland, a Professor in Wesley University, Alberta, addressed the gathering. Dr. Bland is a very pleasing and effective speaker, very choice in his language, apt in illustration, and well informed as to matters. The speaker said our Conference had certainly done what he had never seen done before—the discussion on the State of the Work given such a prominent place. Dr. Bland spoke of the history of the Church. He said two things had claimed his attention: 1.—The hesitancy of the Church. 2.—The growing interest and unrest of the working classes. A feeling of irresolution has taken hold of the Church. She has not the assured hopefulness, which is necessary for the work. But the Church must be alive to her social obligations. God lays upon her heavy tasks. She must face these questions not with the

spirit of perplexity, but with confidence. God is calling to make Christ King in politics, in commerce, and upon our streets.

THIS MORNING'S SESSION.

June 24th.

Morning Session opened at 9.30 with the usual devotional exercises. The early part of the session was taken up by routine work. A pleasing break, however, was made when Rev. Dr. Morton, of Sackville, and former Pastor of George St. Church was introduced to the Conference. Dr. Morton comes to us in the interest of the Supernumerary Fund concerning which he addressed the Conference.

In reply to the disciplinary question "What Ministers or Probationers have died during the year?" the following names were read: Wm. M. Muir, James G. Boyles. Many of the ministerial members and former friends of the above testified to the moral worth and spiritual fervor of the lamented brethren. A sadness crept over the Conference as the life and activities of the late brethren were dwelt upon. They have gone to their reward.

The fier of business was then read. At 11.20 Dr. Bland addressed the Conference. He first read Fraternal Greetings from the President of Alberta Conference and Newfoundland Conference. The theme of his address was the Christianity of today. The ultimate Christianity, he said, must be the absolute pre-eminence of Lord Jesus Christ. All other doctrines must be subservient to that. The Christian Church always retained its faith in the pre-eminence of Jesus. The remedy for the problem of the present hour is Jesus. Look to Jesus. The divinity of Jesus was not upon proof, text, etc., but indicate the thought of the early church concerning Christ, but upon his unique personality. From this the Christian Church could not get away. His personality dominated them.

The learned doctor was listened to with rapt attention. We look forward with a great deal of anticipation to his future address to the Conference.

Methodist Conference.

CARBONAR DISTRICT.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Mr. Editor,—The annual sessions of the above District were held at Han's Harbor. The ministerial session opened at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15. After the devotions were gone through, the Chairman, Rev. F. R. Matthews expressed words of welcome to the brethren and then asked that the roll should be called. There were three who could not be there. Letters were received from the Revs. T. W. Atkinson and J. W. Winsor expressing their inability to be present owing to domestic affliction. The third vacancy reminded us that our ranks had been broken. The Rev. W. M. Muir having been called to the higher service. He was a brother beloved by all who knew him. To the bereaved wife and children the District accorded their deepest sympathy. Letters of sympathy were also sent to the other brethren.

In the evening the educational meeting was held, the speakers being Revs. J. R. Saint and R. S. Smith, the latter having stepped into the breach made by the absence of Bro. Winsor. The President presided and introduced the subject of education. Bro. Saint emphasized the fact that the Methodist Church stands for education. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, was a great student and author, and not his preachers being students also. The only was he a student but insisted on Rev. R. S. Smith made an excellent substitute for Bro. Winsor. He emphasized the fact that an educated ministry is essential to the success of the Church. The meeting was a good one and we believe helpful to all who were present.

Bro. Vaters, a candidate for the ministry, conducted the service at 9 a.m., Wednesday morning. At 10 a.m., the general session of the District opened. The President extended a brotherly welcome to all. The year's work was gone through, the schedules of the various circuits being presented.

In the evening the Missionary Meeting was held, the President again presiding. The speakers were the Revs. E. P. Ward and A. A. Holmes. Both speakers spoke in a national strain and did justice to their great subject. The meetings of district were continued on Thursday. The morning service was conducted by Bro. Scott Milley, another candidate for the ministry. The ordinary sessions opened again at 10 a.m. After the business of the day was completed the members of the district adjourned to the school room there to be entertained by the ladies of Han's Harbour. After tea Bro. Matthews and Holmes spoke words of gratitude and encouragement to all who were present.

We were sorry not to have the President with us for the evangelistic service, but owing to the pressure of duties he had to hasten home. However, the Rev. J. R. Saint proved an excellent substitute, introducing the subject of evangelism by the story of the Blind Tamed Revival. There is nothing purifies a people so much as a genuine revival of religion. The speakers were the Revs. C. R. Blount and E. Broughton. The former gave the three great words of evangelism, i.e., Sacrifice, Surrender and Service. The latter speaker based his remarks on the words: "Your King and Your Country need you," showing that great as is the need of the Empire for men yet the need of King Jesus is still greater.

The meeting may be said to be the crowning one of all. The Chairman then read a resolution from the members of the District thanking the friends of Han's Harbour for their kind hospitality. They upheld the high standard of the Newfoundlander in this respect.

This annual district will live in the memory of all of us. The best of all is that God has been with us. There has been a deep work of grace throughout the district, hundreds of souls having been saved. On the financial side there is a decrease, but on

the Spiritual side there is a large increase of 566 members of the church and that is the best because it lays the foundation for still greater work in the future. We all go back to our work encouraged and blessed thanking God for the compensations of life. We go back to ring forth the great battle cry of Christianity more clearly, confident that He who has done such great things in the past year can do still greater. "If God be for us who can be against us."

C. G.
New Melbourne, T. B., June 19th, 1915.

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PERSONAL.—Mr. and R. G. Reid and their sons, Loyal and Robin, who have been visiting Canada and the United States, are passengers on the incoming express.

YESTERDAY'S EXCURSION.—Only forty passengers went out by yesterday afternoon's excursion train to points as far as Kelligrews. Return to the city was made at 10 p.m.

MEDICAL EXAMS.—The recruits who have recently enlisted with the Reserve Force will undergo their medical examinations at the C. L. B. Armoury to-morrow night.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.—St. George's Field, Saints vs. Collegians, 7 p.m. Admission 5c; ladies' free; Grand Stand, 5 cts. extra.—June 24, 11

DECORATING FOR CONSECRATION.—A large staff of men are now engaged decorating the I. C. Cathedral and surroundings with electric lights for the Consecration celebrations. The boughing of the three city arches will be finished this evening. To-morrow the work of erecting the electric decorations will commence.

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Cape Report.

CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind E. light, dense fog, no ships heard passing to-day; good sign of fish in trawls, caplin plentiful. Bar. 29.47; ther. 44.

DIED.

Passed peacefully away on Wednesday morning, Robert Henry Willis, aged 83 years, a native of Dittisham, Devonshire, England. Funeral Friday, at 2.30 p.m., from his late residence, Mundy Pond Road.

This morning, after a lingering illness, Ellen, daughter of the late Michael and Ellen Connors; funeral takes place on Saturday, at 2.30 p.m., from the residence of Mr. J. C. Jardine, 6 Maxse St.

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Luncheon Beef.
Ham.
Sausage, etc.

TINNED FRUIT.

Peaches.
Pears.
Apricots.
Plums.
Pineapple.
Strawberries.
Raspberries.
Fruit Salad.
Cherries.
Greenhouses, etc.

TINNED FISH.

Sardines.
Herring.
Oysters.
Lobster.
Salmon.
Bleater Paste.
Kipper Paste.
Anchovy Paste.
Sardine Paste.
Etc., Etc.

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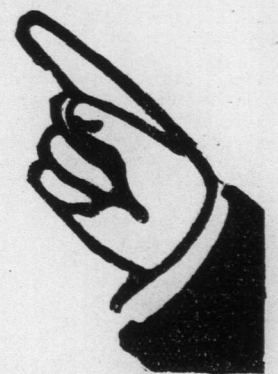
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