

PORTLAND ST. METHODIST S. S. CELEBRATES 81ST ANNIVERSARY; R. T. HAYES, NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Portland St. Methodist Sunday School celebrated its 81st anniversary last evening in a manner fitting to the nature of the occasion and the size of the school which is the largest in the city.

It was the most notable event in the school year and was marked by a very large attendance. A platform was put up covering the entire altar space, and this accommodated a choir of over one hundred pupils of the school, who both contributed to the program and received high credit upon those who have trained them.

Miss Lizzie Miller presented the missionary report for the year, which showed that \$182.34 had been raised for missionary purposes during the year. This sum is an increase of \$68.28 over last year's amount.

Financial Statement. Mr. John Stephenson, treasurer of the school, in his report \$564.19 had been raised during the year and that \$57.88 had been disbursed, leaving a balance on hand of \$506.31.

The Sunday School now boasts a total membership of 903, divided as follows: Officers and teachers, 55; adult department, 226; senior, 79; intermediate, 105; junior, 40; elementary, 162; Total in school, 667; cradle roll, 124; home department, 112; Total membership, 903.

The average attendance in school last year was 378. Thirty-eight have united with church during the year, and 292 members of the school are members of the church.

The officers for 1909-10 have been elected as follows: Superintendents, R. T. Hayes, S. A. Kirk, Percy J. Steel. General Secretary, H. Cecil Brown. Assistant Secretary, W. Harold Hayes. Mission Secretary, Miss Lizzie Miller. Treasurer, R. C. Thomas. Sec. for Periodicals, S. McConnell. Sup. Home Department, Miss Mabel M. Craig.

Chorus—The Sunshine; primary chorus—Happy Children's Day; Scriptural reading; chorus—The Street Full of Sunshine; dialogue—The Birds' Message; four boys and four girls; Laura Fanjoy, Glen Cunningham, Geo. White, Arthur Brown, Kenneth McLaughlin, Helen Hayes, Lillian McConnell.

SMOKED HER PIPE AND GOT TROUBLES IN THE CITY CHURCHES YESTERDAY

A very quaint little old dame spent Saturday night and Sunday at the City Depot in the person of Mrs. Loueyesa Layton, who escaped from the Chatham parlorhouse on Friday morning last, although she said, the authorities had a watch on her. She had gone to Houlton, but on her arrival in that town, she had been bundled unceremoniously into a wagon, and taken to jail, where she had undergone the indignity of spending the night before she was shipped back to Chatham.

"They told me I was a New Brunswick pauper," said Mrs. Layton, "but I told them that New Brunswick was well able to take care of her own paupers, and that anyway half the citizens of Houlton were paupers themselves.

"I wasn't a bit scared or nervous when they used me that way, I told them to take me anywhere as long as they didn't kill me. I was that stubborn I wouldn't cry even if they took my right arm off.

"I was married in Houlton and lived there 25 years. We went to Derby and lived on a place there, but they took that away from us, and sold it. Then we went to the parlorhouse in Chatham. We tried to run away from there two or three times, but they caught us.

When She Gets Back. "When I got back to Derby, if I can reach there without getting caught, I'll steal a horse and get into the barn. The horses are there. I think I can open the big door, but if I can't I'll tear a board off, and I'll get in there and they'll never get me out for three weeks. After I've been there three weeks, if I take a basket or some property with me, I'll own the land good." And so the old lady rambled on.

Asked as to how she managed to get away from the parlorhouse, the old lady said she didn't know how she ever did it, so close was the watch they kept on her. "I stole out as it was breaking day," she said, "and I walked along the road with my heart in my mouth for fear they would be after me. It's all woods there too. After a while I came to a long wharf, and although I thought I might be making a mistake I went down it, and sure enough the Alexander came in and I went in her to Newcastle, and took the cars. They never charged me a cent on the boat. After I got my ticket for Houlton I had just a dollar left.

"The first time I tried to get away the time they caught me, I had an awful dream the night before. I dreamed that a great white bear came at me with a great wide mouth and I got away from him all but my finger. That was caught behind his teeth, and I thought that I would have to cut my finger off to get clear of him. The bear was the poor house.

Husband is Dead. "My husband died on March 7th. They spent \$50 on his funeral and they buried him in great pomp and splendor to cover up their tracks. I wouldn't look out the window at the coffin, but I knew what was going on. Mrs. Layton made a special request that the reporter would say in the paper that she had in all the time she had been in the world, never encountered a class of people worthy of so much respect as the people at the do not here. Most persons made it a point to shake strangers.

The old lady stayed while here in Washington.

N. B. A. P. E. I. MEET IN WOODSTOCK CONFERENCE OPENS IN WOODSTOCK WEDNESDAY--STATION SHEET

1-N B and P E I Ch The 33rd annual meeting of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Methodist Conference will convene at Woodstock on the 16th inst., with the Rev. Samuel Howard, B. D., in the chair. The ministerial members of the assembly will be the following with the districts to which they belong:

St. John. Hedley D. Marr, George M. Campbell, Charles R. Flanders, Samuel Howard, Nell McLaughlin, Jacob Heenan, Henry J. Clark, F. W. Pickles, Charles W. Squires, James Crisp, Robert Wilson, Josiah B. Champion, Jabez A. Rogers, I. N. Parker, Artemus E. Bell, D. B. Bayley, George A. Ross, James A. Duke, Edwin Evans, Levi J. Leard, H. Stanley Gering, Edward C. Hennigar, Fredericton.

J. W. McConnell, G. B. Payson, J. J. Toole, J. J. Colter, J. C. Berrie, W. W. Brewer, W. E. Shanley, Thomas Stebbings, Edmund Ramsay, C. K. Hudson, J. K. King, W. E. Pepper, J. Spricer Gregg, Woodstock. Robert G. Fulton, Alfred E. Lepage, Edwin C. Turner, Harry Harrison, George Ayer, Thomas Pierce, John A. Ives, Chatham. George F. Dawson, H. C. Price, John B. Goring, Richard Opie, Chas. H. Manaton, Alonso E. McCully, W. B. Thomas, Walter J. Dean, Sackville. J. L. Dawson, Charles Stewart, Thomas Marshall, Howard Sprague, W. B. Watson, Thomas Hicks, Douglas Chapman, A. Eugene Chapman, Ernest E. Westmoreland, James Strothard, Stephen T. Toed, John J. Pinkerton, Stephen H. Rice, Wm. Penna, Isaac Howie, B. O. Hartman, Wm. J. Kirby, Chas. H. Manaton, William Lawson, Charles Flemington, Joseph Pascoe, Thomas Allen, Chas. W. Hamilton, Matthew R. Knight, St. Stephen. George M. Goring, George Harrison, Robert S. Crisp, Wilson W. Lodge, Joseph Parkins, John F. Estey, William Nae, Charlotte. Herbert E. Thomas, Elias Shackford, William Harrison, Hugh Miller, Edward Bell, Jabez M. Rice, D. R. Chown, George A. Sellar, George A. Johnson, Leonard J. Wason, Hammondside. Hammond Johnson, George Steel, William A. Thomson, John B. Gough, Ernest S. Weeks, Ernest Westmoreland, Alexander D. McLeod.

A ministerial session will be held the previous day, the business of which will be substantially the same as what is done on the opening day of the District, only on a larger scale, for while that deal with one District, this will deal with eight, and while the work of the former consisted of reviews and recommendations, these will be finally disposed of by the latter.

The Laymen. The Laymen authorized to attend number 105 and are distributed thus throughout the Conference: St. John 24; Fredericton, 14; Woodstock 7; Chatham 8; Sackville 25; St. Stephen 8; Charlotte 11; Summerside 8.

When the conference was composed of ministers only, much complaint was made that the laity had so little to do with the government of the church, and it was supposed when the doors were thrown open, the laymen would gladly avail themselves of the opportunity to be present. That, however, has not been verified by the facts in the case, for taking Moncton, a place so centrally situated and so easy of access, the number in attendance at the last conference only numbered 82.

Important Work. Around no committee of the conference does such interest gather, or whose proceedings are so closely followed as the one which stations the ministers for the ensuing year. But the work of that committee is not done by which ends, she filed her black clay pipe and forgot her sorrows.

Personal. Mr. Arthur Wakeham of the local immigration staff of the United States, left on Saturday for New York and will return on Sunday.

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