

INDIAN PREACHER HEARD IN PULPITS

H. K. Mukerji Speaks at
Trinity and St. David's
Churches.

Among the fruits of Christian missions in India, H. K. Mukerji, a brilliant and fluent speaker, gave two addresses in city churches yesterday and spoke of Christianity as the one hope of India today. Mr. Mukerji is the son of a Brahmin, one of the first converts of Anglican missions in India. His father was disowned by his grandfather when he became a Christian and was never again reconciled with him. Mr. Mukerji was brought up as an Anglican and as a boy sang in the choir of St. Mary's church, Calcutta. He was educated in Calcutta and is a graduate of the arts course of Calcutta University. He also studied at the Union Theological Seminary in Calcutta but has not been ordained.

He spoke in St. David's church yesterday morning and in Trinity church at night, special permission having been obtained from Bishop Richardson. Mr. Mukerji has been connected with the Y. M. C. A. work in Calcutta and the National Y. M. C. A. in India, recognizing his ability and genius, sent him to take special work abroad in order to have a broader idea of Y. M. C. A. work in his own country. He was for two years at the Student Hostel in London, England, and for the last five months has been studying Y. M. C. A. work in Canada. In August he will return to Calcutta to take charge of the work among the 12,000 students of that city.

At Trinity Church. Mr. Mukerji prefaced his address in Trinity church by saying it was a unique privilege for him to speak from the pulpit of an Anglican church, the church of which he is a member. In London he had heard eminent speakers declare that Christianity had failed in the West but he could not say from his own experience that it had not failed in the beautiful country life in England nor had it failed in Canada. As for India, even the non-Christian leaders said that Christ was the only hope for the East. Ghandi, although not a Christian, on the three occasions on which Mr. Mukerji heard him speak, had had the courage to say that he was quoting from the Sermon on the Mount. His English education and his later associations in India had brought Ghandi under Christian influence and he was deeply loyal to the British Empire telling his followers that it was defects of government he opposed and not the British will to defeat the cause of the people.

The Christian movement among the students of India Mr. Mukerji touched upon, telling of the Y. M. C. A. having entered into this field of labor since the classes had grown so large that the professor's contact with his pupils was not so potent a factor in evangelism. In social relations the problem of disunion between the Mohammedans and the Hindus was the crux of the situation in India, Ghandi had declared, and the Y. M. C. A. was accomplishing much to bring Hindu and Moslem together to work as friends on a higher plane of religion. The caste problem was another great blot in India. The 60,000,000 outcasts lived in squalor to money lenders, and the Y. M. C. A. had established banks and credit systems, enabling them to attain self-respect and teaching them sanitation, giving them educational facilities also. In education also the Christian influence was being felt greatly and within the last 18 months the Y. M. C. A. had inaugurated adult educational facilities. There were only 12 to 14 missionaries to every million of people in India, but converts were being gained at the rate of 7,000 to 10,000 each month. Mr. Mukerji declared, in spite of opposition and of difficult conditions of work. In one particular Christianity had failed in India, but surely Christ had not failed. The one particular of which he spoke was the sharp distinction between the native and the white foreigner which did not permit of Indians being buried in the same part of the cemetery or of sitting in the same churches. He thought personal conversation must in the end be the solution to this problem also.

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REV. H. E. THOMAS

MAINE MINISTER IS COMING TO ST. JOHN

Rev. E. R. MacWilliams Ac-
cepts Call to Waterloo St.
Baptist Church.

The Waterloo street Baptist church has extended a unanimous call to Rev. E. R. MacWilliams, of Westfield, Me., who was the preacher at both services in the church yesterday and gave inspirational addresses. Mr. MacWilliams has accepted the call and will enter on his duties as pastor next Sunday. He is a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and came to Canada ten years ago. He received his education and theological training in Scotland and since leaving his native land has been pastor at Wickham, N. B., and Middle Sackville, and, for the last two and a half years, at Westfield, Me. His new congregation gave him a very hearty reception yesterday.

The pulpit of the church has been vacant since the resignation in January of Rev. J. A. Swetnam, who left St. John to accept a pastorate in Bath, Me. There was special music at the evening service in the church last night, when the soloists were Mrs. James Patterson and J. W. Moff. The solos were greatly appreciated.

Speaks on Magna Charta. At Centenary church two inspiring sermons were preached yesterday by Rev. J. J. Pinkerton, of Maryville, who prefaced his evening sermon with a short address on Magna Charta, which was signed on June 15, 1215, 709 years ago. He said that the good done in one age projected itself into the generations following and it was for those of the present day to do conduct themselves that they might bring still greater advantages to those to come after them. It was not possible for the people of today to express their gratitude to those who had been responsible for the drawing up and signing of the Magna Charta and all could be loyal and show appreciation for the past by their service to future generations. A solo by Miss Hasko Koke, of Tobique, was sung with rare sweetness and clear enunciation. Messrs. William Lanyon and Robert Irving sang a duet and Mr. Irving was soloist in the morning.

Visiting Ministers. The visiting Methodist ministers who came to St. John from the Methodist conference in Sackville to occupy city pulpits yesterday were Rev. J. J. Pinkerton, who was in Centenary church; Rev. O. Peters, who was in Queen square church in the morning and in Carlton church in the evening, and Rev. J. B. Gough, who conducted the services in the Fairville church. Rev. Neil MacLachlan, of Queen square church, returned to the city on Saturday and made a pulpit exchange with Mr. Peters in the morning. Rev. J. A. MacKean, of Springdale, N. S., was the preacher in St. Matthew's church yesterday and gave helpful addresses. The text of his morning sermon was John 21: 18; "Feed My Sheep, feed My Lambs." Mr. MacKean described the disciples long talkome night of fishing, and their retreating around the fire afterwards which, he said, illustrated that the saving of the soul might often be accomplished through first nourishing the body. He urged all to look to Calvary for healing, and to use all their energies and God-given powers to spread the gospel. The freest factor in this, he said, would be love which inspired sacrifice and service. At the evening service the choir sang the anthem, "O Jesus, Savior, pilot me."

Rev. Gordon C. Kierstead, son of the late Ira B. Kierstead, of St. John, who is spending his vacation in the city, was heard by large congregations in notable addresses in two of the city churches yesterday. Mr. Kierstead is a graduate of Acadia University and completed his theological training in the United States, where he has since been taking up pastoral duties. He is now pastor of the Alexander avenue Baptist church in New York.

REV. H. E. THOMAS SAYS FAREWELL

Exmouth Street Congrega-
tion Presents Purse to
Retiring Pastor.

In the Exmouth Street Methodist church last night Rev. Dr. H. E. Thomas preached his farewell sermon speaking with appreciation of the happy relations which had existed between himself and the congregation and the various church organizations during his term as minister. The text from which he preached was Romans 1: 16; "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto Salvation."

At the close of the service Robert Kennedy, on behalf of the official board of the church and the congregation, presented an address and a purse of money to Dr. Thomas expressing regret at his departure. Arrangements have been made for pulpits until Rev. E. Styles, new pastor, enters upon his duties there. Mr. Thomas will spend a vacation at Brown's Plains. Both Dr. and Mrs. Thomas will be greatly missed in St. John where they have a wide circle of friends.

ST. JOHN BOY IS VALEDICTORIAN AT ST. JOSEPH'S

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Though we have just entered upon the junior years of manhood, we are confident that the sound, practical, Christian education and training we have received within these walls will stand us in good stead. Fortified and strengthened by these principles we may challenge the future and its darkest secrets. Our minds have been tempered by the principles of Catholic philosophy and, as steel, they will be inflexible when a question of right and justice is to be decided. The high standard of our alma mater has been upheld honorably by her sons and we must not be found wanting when we are called upon to prove her true worth.

Words of Farewell. Farewell, Father Superior. Under your guidance our minds have been

carefully moulded to follow the straight and narrow path. Should any one of us fall by the roadside, only to rise again and follow the wider and easier path, no blame may be laid upon your shoulders. Our formation, spiritual, intellectual, moral and physical, has even been your foremost consideration. The noblest of intentions were yours. Your kind interest in our welfare has never lagged, and we may rest assured that whatever may be our success or failures in the world, your solicitude will ever be enlisted in our behalf. Today we are leaving your immediate care, but as long as God spares you to labor in His vineyard here on earth, we are always sure of finding in you a true friend and father.

Reverend Fathers and Brothers, farewell. Your interest in our welfare has always been of the noblest type. What we have gained and what success we may wrest from the world will be due, not so much to our own efforts, but in a large measure to your indefatigable zeal in your chosen calling. You have transmitted to us, by means of your excellent and efficient instructions, the fruits of your many years of study and investigation. Father Superior entrusted to you our immediate care and instruction. Honorably and nobly has that trust been fulfilled. He is proud of you and well might he feel a just pride in such assistants.

My classmates, farewell. That day has arrived when we must part company with fondest remembrances. Our joys and sorrows have been common. Our paths have been blended into one. Now these friendships knitted together through our years of college life must be put to the test. We are sure that the "esprit de corps" will stand the strain. Now that we have arrived at the time to bid one another farewell words are wanting, and, indeed, they would be inadequate to convey our feelings. So, my dear classmates, wishing you the greatest of happiness and success, I will add a fond farewell. To the successors of the class of '24 we wish the greatest success. Remember that your ideal today was ours only a short time ago. From experience we know the trend of your feelings on Commencement Day. We have attained a goal that you have not yet reached, but you are spared the feelings of regret that this day brings home to us. Persevere in your efforts, and when you receive your diplomas may you prove true sons of St. Joseph's.

Sunday's Programme

The exercises opened on Sunday evening in the Memorial Hall with the president, Rev. Dr. Louis Guertin, C. S. C., presiding.

Among the visitors were: Hon. P. J. Veniot, Premier of New Brunswick, and Mrs. Veniot, Bathurst; His Honor Mr. Justice A. T. LeBlanc and Mrs. LeBlanc, Campbellton; Hon. John Hall Kelly, New Carlisle, Que.; Dr. A. R. Landry, Moncton; Dr. L. A. Violette, M. P. P., Dr. C. Gaudette, St. Joseph's; R. A. Franchet, Placid Gaudet, Ottawa; A. E. Tremblay, Moncton; John W. Murphy, Miss Helen Murphy, St.

John; the Misses Doucette, Richibucto; Dr. A. Sarmony, Shediac; James MacQueen, Dr. A. R. Myers, P. A. Belliveau, Moncton, and others.

Speak on Philosopher.

Following the opening number by the college orchestra, James P. Murphy, son of John W. Murphy, of the customs staff, St. John, delivered a striking oration on the life and work of St. Thomas Aquinas. Mr. Murphy spoke in English and in French, as did also Felix Morneau, of Madawaska, who treated of St. Thomas Aquinas as the "Angelic Doctor." Both addresses were well received.

The bi-lingual debate between Alex. Poirier and Antonin Gaudet proved very interesting, both speakers showing great ability in both languages. The subject debated was "The Abolition of the Senate." The judges gave their decision in favor of Mr. Gaudet. The judges were His Honor Mr. Justice LeBlanc, Hon. John Hall Kelly and Dr. A. R. Landry. Mr. Kelly and Judge LeBlanc delivered short addresses. J. Arthur Burns and Noe Bourgeois sang solos.

Premier Veniot, who is making his first visit to St. Joseph's since he became Premier, was introduced by Rev. Dr. Guertin.

Premier Veniot made two stirring addresses, the one in English and the

PROHIBITION PARTY NOMINATES CANDIDATE



The Prohibition party convention met in Columbus, O., to nominate its presidential and vice presidential candidates. Here is the first picture of the convention in session.

other in French. Premier Veniot was exceptionally well received and round after round of applause greeted the conclusion of his addresses.

The theme of his talk was the great educational work St. Joseph's College was accomplishing in the province. He particularly stressed the value of the

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