

In Pulpit and Pew

PRESBYTERIAN

The following interesting paragraph appears in the statistical report of St. John's Presbyterian for the year 1916:

"During the year the number of communicants increased from 289 to 296, a gain of 7; preaching places from 137 to 142, a gain of 5; families from 4,967 to 4,174, a gain of 793; baptisms from 908 to 446, a gain of 462; new communicants from 324 to 375, a gain of 51; communicants from 6,643 to 6,794, a gain of 151."

The statement issued from the office of the church agent in Halifax shows the year 1916 to have been the best financial year in the history of the office. The total receipts for the scheme of the church were \$137,963.50 of which the Women's Missionary Society contributed \$34,287.81. The contributions from the Presbytery of St. John amounted to \$12,831.15 and from Miramichi Presbytery to \$8,844.23. The ten presbyteries of the synod contributed \$17,735.74 specially for the deficit, thus making the grand total receipts for 1916 to be \$154,794.24.

The home mission committee of St. John's Presbytery have made the following appointments to the mission fields within the bounds, still incomplete and subject to possible change:

New Maryland—C. Y. Lewis.
Grand Bay and Westfield—A. K. Rule.
Cahoon—T. C. Hatheway.
Sallina—F. H. Anderson.
Edmonton—J. D. Buchanan.
St. Francis—J. W. Bowman.
Anson—D. E. Davidson.
Ballie—C. F. McLennan.
Courtenay Bay—D. C. McLeod.
Golden Grove—John Wilkinson.
Belleville and Cady—W. F. Mellett.
Waterford—G. Sutherland.

Riverside—R. L. Logan.
Buctouche—B. D. Aiyer.
Waweg—H. E. Chandler.
Rev. Thurlow Fraser and Rev. J. C. Martin, who have been serving as chaplains overseas, arrived in St. John April 9 on the S. S. Gramplan. Mr. Fraser has been overseas for eighteen months, has resigned his commission and will resume the work of his pastorate in Division street church, Owen Sound, Ont. Mr. Martin, who has recently undergone an operation for appendicitis, is home for a short furlough and will visit his family at Montague, P. E. I.

The senate of Halifax Presbyterian College will meet at the college next Wednesday afternoon. The Principal of the college is chairman of the senate. The membership consists of the professors and twenty-one others, including Revs. G. P. Tallie, W. M. Fraser and J. H. A. Anderson from the New Brunswick presbyteries.

The Assembly of the Presbyterian Committee, E. D., will meet in the Presbyterian church offices, Halifax, on Wednesday next. The committee consists of Rev. W. H. Spencer, Waterville, N. S., convener, and eighteen others, including Revs. A. J. McNeill, J. H. A. Anderson, Hugh Miller and A. Rettie, representing the presbyteries of St. John and Miramichi.

Rev. J. A. MacKellan of St. John expects to leave on Monday for Toronto to attend the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions which opens on Tuesday evening and will continue in session for two or three days. Many important matters in connection with the administration of the whole foreign missionary work of the church will be brought before the board for consideration and decision. It is already a matter of information in inner church circles that the mission in China will need special consideration in view of the fact that a number of our missionaries are enlisting and going to the front as commanding officers in Chinese regiments whose services are being utilized in construction work at the allied front. The missionaries, possessing both a knowledge of the language and the

confidence of the people are specially fitted for serving their country in this way, and they are not shrinking from their responsibility. In the meantime it lays upon the home church a fresh task to maintain the efficiency of the missionary work with a depleted staff of workers.

The first services of Knox Presbyterian church, St. John, were held last Sabbath under most favorable auspices. Large congregations assembled morning and evening thoroughly representative of the two former congregations of St. Stephen's and St. John's Presbyterian churches. Rev. W. M. Fraser, moderator of the Presbytery of St. John, conducted morning worship, preaching upon the resurrection of Christ, and making appropriate application to the special occasion which brought them together, the Good Friday of sacrifice when two congregations gave up their former identity and followed by the Easter Sunday of resurrection to a newer and larger life. The former pastor of St. John's Presbyterian church, was the preacher in the evening. The new Sabbath school of Knox church was organized in the afternoon under the direction of Rev. J. A. MacKellan, interim moderator of session. The school was fittingly addressed by Rev. Mr. Fraser. At both services the intimation from Presbytery was read, declaring the pulpit of Knox church vacant and calling upon the congregation to proceed with all convenient speed to the securing of a minister to fill the vacancy.

Roman Catholic

The Rev. Joseph Hayes, who has been the efficient curate at St. Stephen's church, Milltown, for several years, is now the acting pastor of that parish. Fr. Hayes was formerly a resident of St. Mary's, York Co. The vacancy in the parish, caused by the lamented death of Rt. Rev. Mr. Loyd, D. P., last week, it is understood, will not be immediately filled.

Mr. R. W. Turnock, of Stockport, England, recently wrote to the Bishop of Salford, pointing out that among the 50 new magistrates appointed for Manchester and Salford, three in Manchester and four in Salford are Catholics. The Bishop of Salford, in reply, thanks Mr. Turnock for the representations which he has made on this subject on behalf of the Catholic body.

He points out that in Manchester the removal of Mr. Daniel Boyle from the city makes the net Catholic gain on the bench only two. In Salford, the bishop says, things are somewhat better, inasmuch as out of a smaller bench the Catholics obtained four Catholic appointments out of a total of 24.

Lord Northcliffe has aroused some Irish-Canadian criticism by the statement he made in the House of Commons that the Irish Club on St. Patrick's Day for the application to Ireland for that type of industrialism which is bringing prosperity to the Anglo-Celtic population of Newfoundland. "Pure and unalloyed materialism, without even a speck of the informing spirit of national life," says Mr. Burke, the esteemed major chaplain of the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

Let the new agency for Ireland have ample regard for the national aspirations of Ireland by all means, but it must fall unless it brings Ireland within reach of a new industrialism to match her new agriculture. Mr. Ford is founding a motor-car industry at Cork, and a correspondent of the Montreal Standard tells us that whereas the workmen at the Ford factories at Detroit get a minimum wage of \$5 per day, an offer of \$1.92 per day is considered sufficient for Cork.

"What wonder that there is discontent?" Cardinal O'Connell of Boston has issued a statement calling upon the nation to get up from its knees, banded during Holy Week, and "hasten now to act."

"There is but one sentiment permissible today—that sentiment is absolute unity," he said. "Our country is at war, our nation therefore needs us all, every man, woman and child of us to strengthen her, to hearten her, and to stand faithfully by her until her hour of trial is passed and her glorious triumph shall arrive."

"All up from our knees. Our soldiers shall be gathered and gain strength of sacrifice from the sight of Calvary. God and our nation, let us lift up that cry to heaven. Neither hate nor sulen anger may dim the glory of our flag. But let the love of true freedom, blessed, God-given freedom, which our country has cherished and defended, let that be the thrilling power that will quicken our pulse into a love of greater love of America than we have ever known till now."

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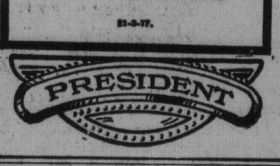
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William Rensley Hayden, son of Mayor Hayden, of Digby, N. S., was killed in action in France on March 28th. An impressive memorial service was held for him in the Methodist church, Digby.

Rev. Dr. Hearty is spending a short time in Yarmouth, supplying a couple of Sundays in Wesley church in the absence of the pastor, and assisting in evangelistic services.

Carmarthen street church, St. John, had an Easter collection of \$200.00, the Sunday school contributing of that amount \$70.00.

Fairville had a grand day on Easter Sunday. The Rev. George Steel, D.D., preached in the evening to a full and appreciative congregation. The pastor asked his people for \$200.00 for the day and received \$252.00, the Easter Egg Banks yielding \$50.45.

The Rev. Samuel Howard, B. D., is rejoicing in advanced interest in his church work, Woodstock, Carleton county. The debt of the church is being reduced by a \$1,000 given on Easter Sunday.

The president of N. B. and P. E. I. conference left on Friday evening for Toronto to attend the Transfer Committee and transact such other business as his office calls upon him to do.

At the close of the morning session of the S. S. at the Hopewell Hill, Albert county, the superintendent, John Wesley Newcomb, was presented with a handsome Oxford Bible by the members of the school in recognition of his faithful services in their behalf, and also as a memento of his birthday.

At Summerside, P. E. I., the annual meeting of the Provincial Temperance Alliance was held in Epworth Hall. The retiring president, Rev. John Stirling, in the chair. Resolutions were passed commending the officials for vigor with which they are now enforcing the Prohibition Law.

Rev. George Morris was elected president and Mr. David Schurman re-elected secretary.

At Chatham the men of St. Luke's entertained the ladies of the congregation on Tuesday evening. The social was one of the most successful ever held by the congregation. A fine programme was rendered and refreshments were served by the men.

From all parts of the maritime provinces we are getting encouraging accounts of the progress of our church work. The spiritual life is deepening, the membership is increasing and the financial interests are advancing all along the line.



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What U. S. A. Will Do To Help Beat Germany

The die is cast. The American people take up the gage of battle which has been forced upon them by the German Government, and will go into the war "up to the hilt" to protect their rights on land and sea, and the fundamental principles of democracy.

It will be no purely defensive war upon which America embarks, for President Wilson in his message to Congress called upon the country "to exert all its power and all its resources to bring the Government of the German Empire to terms and end the war" because "the world must be made safe for democracy."

In THE LITERARY DIGEST for April 14, public opinion as to the practical steps which should be taken is shown. The submarine peril is one of the first, and perhaps the most important, problems to be overcome. On this subject, press writers in London and Washington tell of plans already made for cooperation between the American and Allied navies. The various view-points upon universal military service, the dispatch of troops to Europe, an agreement with Great Britain, France, Russia, and Japan, for no separate peace, three steps advocated by the Chicago Tribune, are advanced, and arguments for and against them are presented, in addition to other plans.

Other significant phases of the world's news are also shown under these headings:

When the Voice of the American People Called For War

President Wilson's Vibrant Words and How He Was Answered by the Nation's Representatives in Congress.

German-American Opinion on War with Germany

The Prospects of U-Boat Success
The Voice of Democracy in Germany
The Metric "Myth"
Railway Signals in the Streets
How the Birds Sing
The Passing Era of the Pen
Boston's Melting-Pot
Child-Crime in Warring Germany

How Europe Welcomes United States Into the War

Is the Moon a Disused Target?
The Sheep and the Goats
Team-Work in Germ-Land
Authors and Artists as "Vigilantes"
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The Churches and War
Vice-Traps in London
Mevico's Inhospitality to Missions

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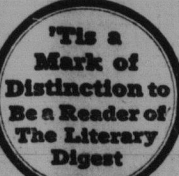
A World-Tour In An Observation-Car

Those of us who have traveled to any extent are familiar with that luxury of the tourist, the observation car. It enables the voyager to obtain a clear view of all parts of the landscape through which he is passing. Its windows open impartially upon every side. It affords a panorama of the country to right and left, of the pass ahead and of the trail winding out behind. It shows you mountain and plain, river and sea, green fields and smoky towns, and you are free to decide which of all these you prefer. There

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