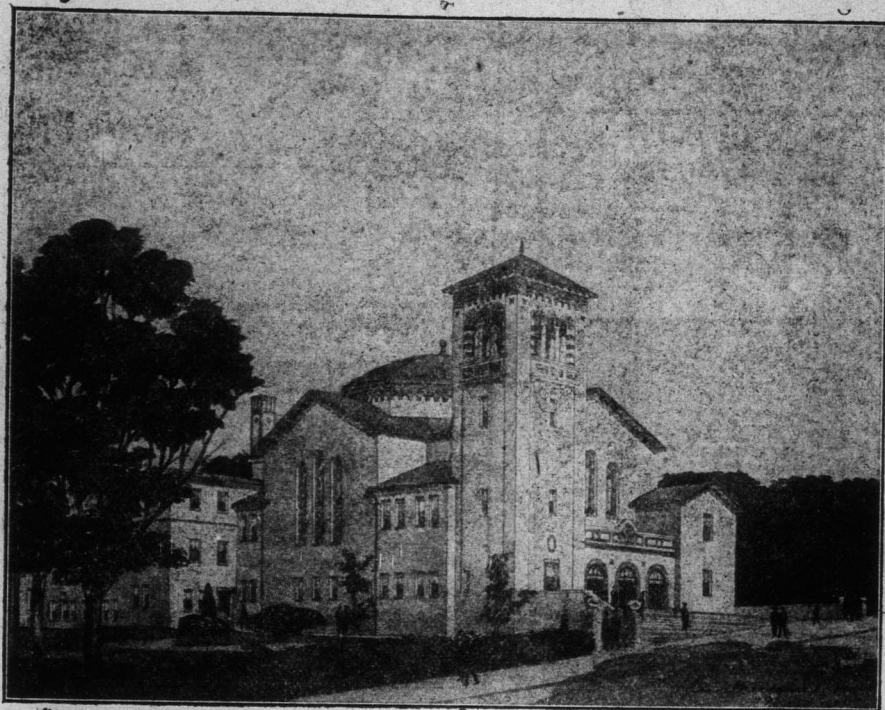


Dedication of Cochrane Street Methodist Centennial Church.



REV. C. A. WHITMARSH, M.A.
Pastor Cochrane Street Church.

After months of patient waiting for the pews which were held up owing to the heavy freight congestion, the new Cochrane Street Methodist Centennial Church was duly dedicated to the worship of Almighty God yesterday under most auspicious circumstances. The weather was ideal, and the spacious and imposing edifice was crowded to its utmost capacity, fully twelve hundred worshippers being present at each service. At the morning service a number of the Sunday School chairs had to be brought into use. The closing of Gower Street Church for the Dedication Service, so as to allow the congregation the privilege of attending with their Cochrane Street friends, showed the good feeling which exists between the officials and members of the two churches. The pulpit and Communion Table were tastefully decorated with choice flowers and plants by the ladies of the congregation.

The Dedication Service took place at the morning service, the following ministers being present: Revs. C. Howse, President of Conference; J. R. Saint, Secretary of Conference; Dr. Cowperthwaite, Dr. Fenwick, Dr. Curtis, D. Hemmeon, C. A. Whitmarsh, H. Toyle and T. W. Atkinson. The prayers and scripture lessons were taken by the above mentioned clergymen. The Trustees of the church occupied several of the front seats and in the absence, through illness, of the Hon. H. J. B. Woods, the senior trustee, Mr. A. Linney presented the Church to the President of Conference, who made the solemn

DECLARATION:

Dearly Beloved,—It is meet and right, as we learn from the Holy Scriptures, that houses erected for the public worship of God should be specially set apart and dedicated to religious uses. For such a dedication we are now assembled. With gratitude, therefore, to Almighty God, who has signally blessed His servants in their holy undertaking to erect this church, we dedicate it to His service, for the reading of the Holy Scriptures, the preaching of the Word of God, the administration of the holy sacraments, and for all other exercises of religious worship and service, according to the Discipline and usages of the Methodist Church. And, as the dedication of the temple is vain without the solemn consecration of the worshippers also, I now call upon you all to dedicate yourselves anew to the service of God. To Him let our souls be dedicated that they may be renewed after the image of Christ. To Him let our bodies be dedicated, that they may be fit temples for the indwelling of the Holy Ghost. To Him let our labors and business be dedicated, that their fruit may tend to the glory of His great name, and to the advancement of His kingdom. And that He may graciously accept this our solemn act, let us pray.

The congregation kneeling, the Minister shall offer the following prayer:

O most glorious Lord, we acknowledge that we are not worthy to offer unto Thee anything belonging to us; yet we beseech Thee, in Thy great goodness, graciously to accept the dedication of this place to Thy service, and to prosper this the work of our hands; receive the prayers and intercession of all Thy servants who shall call upon Thee in this house; and give them grace to prepare their hearts to serve Thee with reverence and godly fear; affect them with an awful apprehension of Thy divine majesty, and a deep sense of their own unworthiness; that so approaching Thy sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, and coming before Thee with pure hearts, bodies undefiled, and minds sanctified, they may always perform a service acceptable to Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts.

Grant, O Lord, the supplication of Thy servants, and grant that whosoever shall be dedicated to Thee in this house by baptism, may be found at last in the number of Thy faithful children. Amen.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall receive in this place the blessed sac-

rament of the body and blood of Christ, may come to that holy ordinance with true repentance, faith, and charity; and being filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, may obtain remission of their sins, and all other benefits of His death. Amen.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts.

Grant, O Lord, that Thy holy Word, read and preached in this place, and by the Holy Spirit grafting it inwardly in the heart, the hearers thereof may perceive and know what things they ought to do, and may receive power to do the same. Amen.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts.

Now, therefore, arise, O Lord, and come into this place of Thy rest, Thou, and the ark of Thy strength. Let thine eyes be open toward this house day and night; and let Thine



REV. H. P. COWPERTHWAITHE, M.A., D.D.,
who delivered the Dedication Sermon yesterday.

ed through since the destruction of the former church a little over two years ago. The task was now before the members of his flock to do all they possibly could for the upkeep of the church and the uplift of their fellow man. All must respond nobly to the call of God and be willing to do the work assigned to spread the Gospel. Unique opportunities are in store for all, especially amongst the young people of the congregation, so that this church might do the work God intended it should do in this community. The singing was hearty and uplifting on the part of the congregation. The choir sustained its usual excellence in the anthems faultlessly rendered, and deserve the highest praise for their work, which must have entailed considerable time and practice. Congratulations to the organist and choir master, Mr. Arthur Mews. Solos in the anthems were nicely rendered by Miss Vincent and Mr. Alex. Mews. Miss Herder's voice was shown to splendid advantage in the rendition of the solo "O Divine Redeemer." Mrs. Alex. Mews presided at the piano. We heartily congrat-

late the Pastor, Board of Trustees and Building Committee on the successful completion of their new church home which won many encomiums from the visitors present at yesterday's services. We understand the offering was a very generous one and is to be devoted to the Building Fund.

The Teacher Question.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—The teacher at Herring Neck has written a lengthy epistle in the 'News' concerning the Profession and the Prospects of Teachers, and as he asked for the opinions of other pedagogues I feel tempted to offer him mine.

First, as regards salaries to teachers I do not think that these vary enough. In other words, whereas the beginner is often paid well, in some cases the experienced man is only half paid. No person should expect big pay when he begins a trade or profession, therefore the salaries our teachers get at the first are sufficient. But here is the contrast,—a teacher with Grade 1, gets the same stipend from the Board as a Grade 2 or 3.

Taking the High Schools out of it, a third or second grade is just as good as a first—the only difference is the bonus. This is an injustice.

These should be appointed to better schools as soon as they are ready for them.

Now, are the salaries paid to experienced graded teachers sufficient? I think not, and the man whose child is receiving a first class or college education in his own harbor should consider the sum of 25c. or 35c. fees a very low figure. Further, I predict the day not far away when teachers, especially males, will be scarce.

While favoring the teacher cause I must not neglect the State, and my suggestion is this: Pay the teachers by all means adequate salaries and then require them to undergo a written examination every five years to maintain their standard and keep abreast of the times. (The exam. to be free of course.)

My reason for making that suggestion is that some teachers never try to improve themselves. They think that because they have experience it does not matter; but it is not possible to be experienced in the wrong order.

Mr. King speaks of union for teachers; well, maybe it would be alright, but I cannot see why competition would not be as well. I do not know. (Union is self-satisfied. Competition is ever alert.)

As regards the Layreading, I fully endorse all he says. It seems that the layreader is doing the parson's work free, or conducting the services for the people free gratis. To my mind he is a much more self-sacrificing man than the parson who draws his eight hundred a year. In some few places little is paid the layreader but it only amounts to 15 or 20c. per service, just enough for collection. It is the general opinion that teachers do the church work for the love of the thing. Well, love is a poor thing to live on. What a pity we haven't more "lovers" of this kind.

Public life is getting harder in Newfoundland, I know that, and so is private life. One has as good a right to live as another. "Let justice be done though the heavens fall."

Perhaps it would not be unreasonable for every clergy to see that his layreader get not less than fifty dollars a year, to be collected somehow for his services. Of course it being understood that the layreader does not do the work for money; he gets the little pay to enable him to live, same as clergy, and besides, is it not worth something?

For myself I have done as much church work as anyone of my age. Have had as much as four and five a day on the Labrador, and I am glad to-day to be able to say so. One's conscience is comfortable after doing work like this, voluntary. I shall never give up layreading because I am not sufficiently paid, yet I know it is worth more than I get.

Compulsory Education.—Well, sir, I think we had better leave this to other and more competent hands than ours. Compulsory and Free Education no doubt would be all right, but I am inclined to think that if a child's work and play is made attractive and interesting at school it will be hard to keep him at home. Each child must be treated individually and the first and chief work of a teacher is to lead him through the best channel not the shortest. Here is work and interesting work. Not every one can teach, and the teacher that knows his work can smile at the grumbles of the outsider.

Keep on the sunny side of your pupils, Mr. King; never mind the parents. In conclusion, I hope there is nothing here detrimental to the fair-thinking person. I have said what I conscientiously think.

Many thanks for valuable space.

Yours,
T. MALCOLM SMITH.

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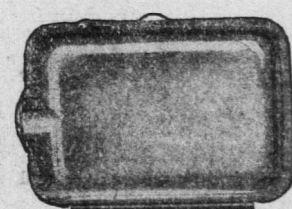
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