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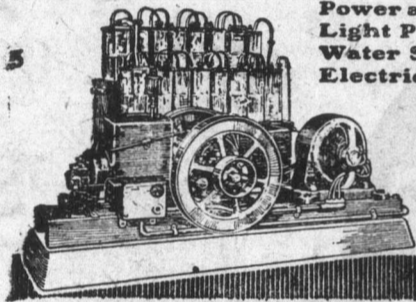
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Prof. Ballantyne New Moderator

Prof. James Ballantyne, the new moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, had followed in the footsteps of his father, the late Hon. Thomas Ballantyne, his life's vocation would have been connected with the dairy industry and not with the church. And it would have been a natural thing for him to have done, for the particular Ballantyne clan to which he belongs takes as readily to the making of butter and cheese as the Cecil family of England to politics. He might also, as a side line, have taken to provincial politics, as did his father, and like him eventually graced the Speaker's chair in the Legislature.

But if Prof. James Ballantyne had the blood of a dairyman in his veins it was the lure of the church that decided the vocation he should follow. And when that lure came upon him he set himself to the task of acquiring all the mental equipment that it was possible for him to command. He had obtained a good educational foundation at Dr. Tassie's famous school at St. Mary's. But just as Oliver Twist wanted more food he wanted more education. He accordingly entered the University of Toronto, specialized in modern languages, English and history, and in 1880, at the age of 23, graduated with first-class honors. Still unsatisfied he took a course at Leipzig, Germany.

Then he took up the more serious study of theology, in the course of which he entered in turn Knox College, the Princeton Theological Seminary, and the Edinburgh University. In 1885, five years after graduating from the University of Toronto, he was ordained into the ministry, and became pastor of Knox Church, London, where he remained nine years, leaving to accept the pastorate of Knox Church, Ottawa.

When in 1896 Knox College wanted a professor of church history, the lot fell upon Rev. James Ballantyne. Whatever it might have been to others, it was unexpected by himself.

But after due consideration he accepted. Twenty-four years have since elapsed, but he is still lecturing to Knox students on church history, church-government, and a few odd subjects.

Although Prof. Ballantyne had not prior to his appointment to the staff of Knox College in 1896 specialized particularly in church history, his education had been so broad and deep that he had become a recognized authority on the subject, hence his unexpected call to the professorate.

As to his qualification for teaching the subjects he does at Knox College, no one apparently has any doubts. He is an indefatigable worker, and as a student he is just as keen as he ever was. That naturally keeps his mind fresh and up to date. As a lecturer he never attempts flights of oratory. What he has to say, having been well thought out, is lucid, concise, logical, full of meat and such as the average student can readily grasp and digest. But while his lectures do not savor of oratory they are made interesting both by the fund of information they contain and the spice of dry humor with which they are punctuated. As one, now a minister, but once a student of his, recently remarked: "Prof. Ballantyne seems to cover completely the whole of church history during the course of his lectures."

That Prof. Ballantyne is eminently fitted to perform the duties of moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada there can be no doubt. There is nothing of the theoretic pedagogue about him. He is a plain, practical man, fortified with sound judgment, happy in tactfulness, and as a presiding officer always cool and collected.

The proof of Prof. Ballantyne's soundness of judgment and tactfulness is to be found in the fact that the Toronto Presbytery from time to time appoints him as a commissioner to bring about peace in churches in which disturbing factors exist. One of his most recent tasks in this particular was in a Toronto church in which there was an open rupture between pastor and officials which threatened to bring about a serious split in the congregation. But the professor accomplished that which he thought to be the impossible. He brought about peace and harmony, with the result that this particular church, instead of being handicapped by a split in the congregation, is to-day more united and prosperous than at any time in its history, while Prof. Ballantyne carries a watch and chain of solid gold which the congregation presented to him as a token of their appreciation. Prof. Ballantyne is a doctor of divinity, having had the degree conferred upon him by both the Manitoba and Queen's Universities.

Must Vote In Montreal.

Compulsory voting is the latest project introduced by the Montreal City Council in connection with the approaching revision of the city charter. This was introduced with a resolution at the council meeting to the effect that the charter commission be asked to insert in the new charter a clause enacting compulsory voting, with a penalty for any citizen who wilfully refrains from marking his ballot.

Wasted Energy.

Dr. Borem took Miss Gushing in to dinner. "So you write poems, doctor?" she said. "A little—a little; just to kill time," he replied. "Why?" asked the lady. "Have you no patients?"

WANT MORE MINISTERS

CANADIAN CHURCHES FACE SERIOUS PROBLEM.

Crop of Young Men Who Desire to Preach the Gospel Appears to Be on the Wane as the Salaries Are Too Low for Them to Keep Families Under Present Conditions.

CAN a minister of the gospel live as cheaply as a teamster or a window cleaner? The great inter-church Forward Movement financial drive is over. The millions of dollars have been raised. That the churches have the money has been demonstrated.

But so far, the average wage paid to the servants of the church in the different denominations is about equal to that paid to the driver of a bread wagon.

Is religion suffering a relapse that will carry the world back five hundred years to a time when ministers will perforce become penniless friars again, to wander the earth teaching the gospel and calling a barracks their home?

The Forward Movement, while amassing fifteen millions of dollars out of the churches of Canada, has not as yet brought new life into the theological colleges, nor has it stayed the resignation of young ministers who find they cannot honestly remain in the Christian ministry while harassed with poverty.

The five great theological colleges in Toronto have graduated young

men for the spring as follows:

Victoria College (Methodist) . . .	35
Knox College (Presbyterian) . . .	13
Wycliffe College (C. of E.) . . .	12
Trinity College (C. of E.) . . .	6
McMaster University (Baptist) . . .	5

Total 71

Other colleges this spring have produced young men for other professions as follows:

Osgoode Hall (Law)	176
Dental College (dentists)	115

Other colleges whose exams are not yet over have candidates as follows for graduation:

Medical College (doctors)	91
Faculty of Education (teachers)	285
Normal School (teachers)	245

The Ontario Veterinary College is just in a period of transition from a three to a four year course of study; but last year and this, 53 veterinary surgeons have been graduates.

That is, Ontario is producing eight times as many school teachers as ministers, twice as many lawyers and dentists. The care of animals is getting almost as much production of professional men as the spiritual care of humanity in the province.

Osgoode Hall has another large summer class in session to be graduated into the profession in September, probably making the production of lawyers three times as great as of ministers of all denominations.

Meanwhile, ministers are resigning. Dr. S. D. Chown, general supervisor of the Methodist Church, says that from Western Canada the resignations continue to be received.

"These," said Dr. Chown, "are mostly young Englishmen whom we have brought out from the Old Country for the missions and the ministry in the West. It is undoubtedly the pressure of the high cost of living that is forcing such resignations. Then again in some of the wide mission districts, an automobile is practically a necessity for getting around. And that, of course, is out of the question for the young ministers on their incomes. Also there is the temptation of money making, which is renewing itself in the West."

Rev. J. H. Edmiston, secretary for Home Missions in the Presbyterian Church, says: "There is no alarming condition in regard to resignations. The east is practically free of that problem. But from Western Canada, we have a certain percentage each year. The small salaries and the great increase in living costs has undoubtedly intensified the problem in the past two or three years. There are always a few young men who find they have chosen the wrong profession. But there has been no unusual number of resignations from our ministry in the past year."

The Baptist Church, which has also brought many young missionaries and ministers from the Old Country is feeling the pinch of small production of ministers from its University, and there have been the expected number of resignations from the younger missionaries.

The Church of England, with its elaborate system of government, one ordinarily expects to be free of such troubles as resignations. While its ministers are known to be as thoroughly underpaid as any of the other denominations, it is forbidden, through that very system of government, through archbishops, bishops and so on, to discuss such problems publicly as is done by the more democratic denominations. There have, however, been resignations from the ministry of the Church of England in the past year owing to the impossibility of living on the stipends allowed.

One young minister who served overseas as a padre has gone into business. He had a family of five to provide for. The bishop could only offer a living of \$1,200. That is \$23 a week. Street car conductors, brakemen, taxi drivers, gardeners, make much more than that.

The predicament of the older minister, the man too old to change his profession, is worse. No matter how harassed, how disillusioned or how bitter he may become, he has to wretch his face in Christian smiles and carry on.

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