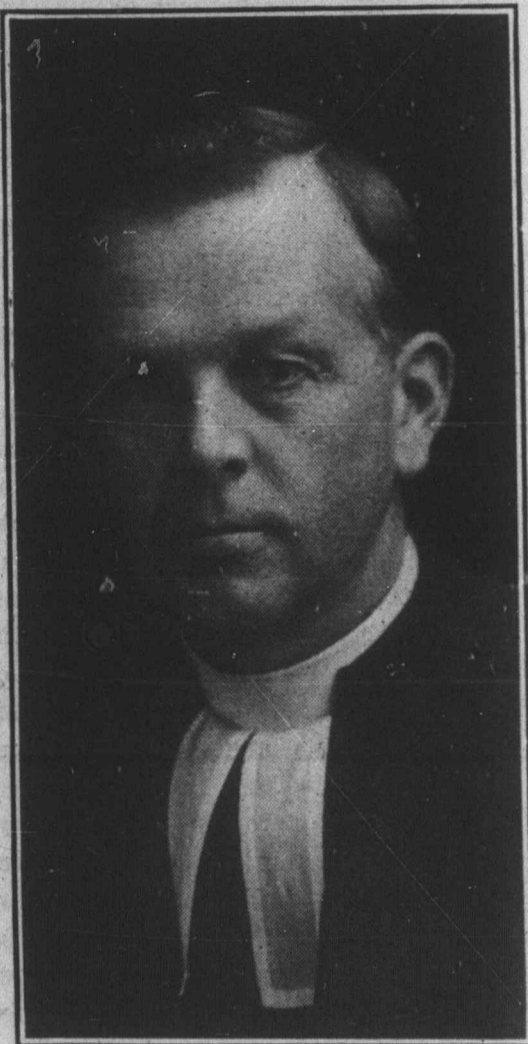


RELIGIOUS LIFE AND WORK

Nisi Dominus Frustra

B. C. MEN NOMINATED FOR COLLEGE PRINCIPALSHIP



A feeling of "How happy could we be with either were the other"—capable candidate—"away," may have been common to impartial Presbyterian folk, after they heard that some delay in appointment of a successor to Principal Mackay had been caused by the nomination of two worthy and well qualified gentlemen.

At the time of this writing we understand that Rev. James A. Sharrard is leaving Vancouver to take up the duties of Professor of Philosophy in the University of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon. Rev. W. H. Smith on the other hand has been re-nominated for the Principalship by B. C. Presbyteries in such a way that it is a reasonable inference that the Management of the Board of Westminster Hall, (a majority at a largely attended meeting of which formerly voted for him) will at least give that gentleman the option of accepting the appointment. It is no secret to say that there are those who hope that, in that event, Dr. Smith will be held from acceptance of what, under present conditions, is an exceedingly responsible and onerous post, not only so far as the Presbyterian Church is concerned, but the religious life and



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Rev. James A. Sharrard, M.A., B.D.

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Rev. W. H. Smith, M.A., B.D., Ph.D.

In keeping with this Magazine's interest in such men and matters, we specially requested that information be given us of the careers of these two nominees. Meantime that is kept on file. It goes without saying that it is also as a result of our voluntary action or request that the photographs herein reproduced have been obtained.

The outlines in our possession of the careers of each are just such as is usually obtained in such cases for submission to authorities. It is generally recognized, of course, that all such academic or educational records are supplemented by, and are indeed secondary to, the powers and expressions of personality—which no degree can guarantee.

Under present circumstances it may suffice to note that both gentlemen have had ample academic training and experience in study, teaching, preaching and expository work, supplemented by years of practical service, to fit them for membership of the staff of any university or college in Canada.

Notwithstanding the unfortunate occurrence of their being both nominated at this time for the same position, friends and well-wishers who have seen no occasion to disparage one nominee even while (it may be) preferring the other, will hope that British Columbia will ultimately have the benefit of the learning and ability of both.

Unaffectedly friendly and characteristically unassuming, Mr. Sharrard must impress most men who come in contact with him as an earnest student, an able teacher, a likeable soul—

"wearing all that weight
Of learning lightly like a flower."

Dr. Smith is also a well-trained man, equally sociable in his

attitude to his fellows, and perhaps his more extensive pastoral work has made him more popular in his appeal to the people in the mass. In the long run we hope British Columbia Educational Institutions will be big enough to retain or secure the services of both.

REV. A. H. SOVEREIGN, M.A., B.D.

WHO contributes the article on "Glorious Garibaldi," (to which we felt warranted in adding the fuller title) was educated at Woodstock, Ontario, and Toronto University, where he tied for first place in his third and fourth years. He studied theology at Wycliffe college at the same time, graduating with first-class honours.

In 1906 he became assistant to Rector C. C. Owen, Christ Church, Vancouver. For ten years he has been the first Rector of St. Mark's Church, Kitsilano, a section of Vancouver which, when he began his work there, was a wilderness of stones, stumps and trees. St. Mark's is now one of the leading churches of the Diocese of New Westminster, and has a Sunday school of 500 children, which we understand is the largest Anglican School in Western Canada.

The Rector of St. Mark's was first Professor of Dogmatics and Apologetics at Latimer Hall. His "B. D." is from the Canadian Church, but he took a year's post-graduate course at Oxford University in Theology and Philosophy under distinguished leaders.

Unable to leave for the front at the beginning of the war, Mr. Sovereign in 1918 volunteered under the Canadian Y. M. C. A. and was chosen as one of the Board of Six Speakers to speak throughout Canadian Corps on "Conditions in Canada," and "Canada's Problems."