

University where he graduated B.A. in 1910; came to Vancouver in 1910; spent his first winter at church work at Stewart. For the remainder of his time here Mr. Eakin has been in charge of South Hill Presbyterian church, South Vancouver, the congregation of which gave him a "call" immediately he had graduated; but the church at Imperial, Saskatchewan, where he had spent six months as a student-missionary in the summer of 1909, had a prior claim upon him and he has taken up work there.

**Rein Van Munster:** Studied first in his native country, at Amsterdam and Groningen Universities; took his M.A. at Winnipeg, was assistant professor in

Winnipeg university and tutor in Westminster Hall; taught school in Victoria, has taken full theological course at Westminster Hall, is at present minister at North Lonsdale, North Vancouver.

**Thomas Wallace Mills:** Born at Corbetton, Ontario; took his high school work at Belleville and Orangeville; graduated B. A. from Toronto University in 1910, when he at once came west to begin his theological course at Westminster Hall. Mr. Mills spent his first winter doing missionary work at Princeton and during his second summer at the Hall he supplied St. Paul's church, Victoria (Rev. Dr. McRae's), for three months.

## "THE PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD"

Summary of an Address to Graduates

(By Rev. J. W. Woodside, M.A.)

My subject has been chosen from the title of a book containing the conversations and letters of good Brother Lawrence. In my mind it is a book which ought to find a place in the library of every christian minister.

Lawrence, as you know, had no claim whatever to distinction or culture until he joined the Order of The Barefoot Carmelites. It was while in the most menial service that he became so conscious of that Presence which was the inspiration of the book.

To practice the presence of God is to have an abiding sense of God. It is just the lack of such a consciousness that is responsible for many of the problems and suffering of humanity today. It does not require any peculiarly acute observation of life to note how the emphasis has shifted from men to things. Behind this lies the lack of such consciousness. You as ministers are apt to be caught in this drift. I feel sure that it will be

one of the most subtle temptations which will beset you.

Now, I make bold to suggest that you ought to know the secret of the practice of the presence of God. This implies a certain attitude on your part. You must keep at all costs a mind that is open towards God. Most of you think that you do so. Review the events of an ordinary day and you will find that seldom did it occur to you how to connect God with that common monotonous toil. Think of what the duties of an ordinary day might be if you were conscious that at any moment you might touch the

### Corner of His Mystic Robe

or if you could see your task, not as an isolated thing to be done and nothing more, but could see how God links it up to all the past and all the future and that for you it is the altar stairs of life up which you climb to God. If you can keep that attitude of mind, then the song of the angels will be