

GYMNASIUM AND HALL URGED FOR MAIN ST. CHURCH

Rev. M. S. Richardson Asks People to Look to Future

30TH ANNIVERSARY IS WELL OBSERVED

W. H. White Reads Interesting Historical Sketch at Reunion

An exhortation to aim at an extended program, the wiping out of the small mortgage on the present property and the erection of a gymnasium and a hall was made by Rev. M. S. Richardson, the pastor of the Main street Baptist church, at the congregational reunion held last night to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the dedication of the present church building.

W. H. White, chairman of the gathering, gave a very interesting historical sketch of the church, and there was exhibited the trowel with which the foundation stone had been laid. Mrs. R. C. Elkin, who had formally laid the foundation stone, was present last night.

ENJOYABLE AFFAIR
The reunion was a very enjoyable affair. The program opened with the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and the offering of prayer by the pastor. The church was contributed by R. G. March and Murray Thompson and were much enjoyed. At the close of the evening the Ladies' Auxiliary served delicious refreshments and there was a pleasant social hour.

Mr. Richardson in his address pointed out that while it was a good thing to have a glorious past, the church or the individual was dead or dying who only boasted of the past. He said the better plan was to think for the future.

He spoke of the needs of the church, and having pointed out the need of the young life in the congregation, he stressed the need of a gymnasium and hall, exhorting the members to strive for this goal.

HISTORICAL SKETCH.
The historical sketch given by W. H. White was as follows:
"During the ministry of Rev. W. J. Stewart and Rev. J. A. Gordon, there were frequent additions to the membership. So steadily indeed was its growth that in 1894 it became necessary to consider the question of a new building. After careful and prayerful consideration it was decided at a business meeting of the church held March 10th, 1895, to proceed with the erection of a new house of worship. The church at that time was under the leadership of the Rev. J. A. Gordon, and a building committee was appointed consisting of the following: viz., R. C. Elkin, J. E. Cowan, D. J. Purdy, G. H. Miles, E. M. Sprague, Peter McIntyre and the pastor, Rev. J. A. Gordon. The first stone was laid by Mrs. R. C. Elkin on August 26, 1895."

AT THE SERVICE.
"In addition to the pastor, those taking leading parts in the service were the Rev. J. V. Corey, who spoke on "The Relation of the Church to the Moral and Spiritual Life of the Community," the Rev. Dr. M. Kierstead, who spoke on "The Relation of the Church to the Intellectual Life of the Community," and the Rev. Dr. V. Robertson. After Mr. D. V. Robertson, treasurer to the committee, had placed the box containing a number of articles in place in the corner stone, Mr. Mott, architect, handed a handsome and engraved silver trowel to Mrs. Elkin, who tapping the stone three times said: "I consider this corner stone well and truly laid."

"This ceremony took place on the afternoon of a glorious day. A large choir furnished special music and the very interesting ceremony was witnessed by a vast concourse of people who all joined heartily into the spirit of the occasion."
"At this time it was intended that the building would not be completed for two years. However, according to the wishes of the congregation, and by an arrangement with the contractors, the work was pushed forward to completion. Thus we were able to occupy the building many months earlier than the date originally fixed upon."
"Here the members of the church have come together to worship God, here we have enjoyed many striking manifestations of the Divine Presence, and here we have seen many added to its membership. The Main street Baptist church has always been an aggressive church, and today as in the past, it is a great centre of Christian life and activity. The congregation times assemblies within its walls from Sunday to Sunday, is said to be the largest Protestant congregation in the city."

PROVE EFFICIENT.
The building committee chosen by the church proved efficient in every way; each member gave unsparingly of his time thereby keeping in close touch with the work as it progressed from week to week, until the removed structure in which we now worship was completed. Death has removed all the members of this committee excepting Rev. Dr. Gordon and Mr. J. E. Cowan, of whom Mr. Cowan is with us tonight. The recent death of Mr. R. C. Elkin, chairman of the building committee, came to us all as a great shock. Mr. Elkin was proud of the church of which he took such a prominent part in its erection.

"Mr. H. H. Mott was the architect; Mr. W. L. Prince received the contract for the woodwork; Robert Maxwell, the masonry, and the heating apparatus was installed by Mr. Peter Campbell. The pews, which are a delight to us all, were supplied by the Globe Furnishing Company, of Walkerville, Ontario, and placed in position by the late Mr. Worden, of this city. The cost of the church was about \$23,000."

Was Present

MRS. R. C. ELKIN.

Who formally laid the foundation stone of the new Main St. Baptist Church 30 years ago and was among those to attend the anniversary exercises last night.

Its replacement value today would be in the vicinity of \$60,000.

"When seated in the church we view with pride the handsome stained glass windows which are worthy of special mention, not only on account of the excellence of their designs, but by reason of the fine coloring and the harmony with which the tints are blended. These windows are from the works of H. Harwood & Sons, of Prescott, Ontario. Practically all the windows were gifts from members of the church and congregation, and chiefly in memory of loved ones of their respective families. The donors include Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Elkin, in memory of their children; Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Scott, in memory of their infant son, George Walter Scott; Capt. Harding, in memory of his wife, Louisa A. Harding; D. V. Roberts, in memory of his wife; Mr. and Mrs. Peter McIntyre, in memory of their infant son, Deacon John Chamberlain, as a tribute to the memory of the late Deacon John Cowan; D. J. Purdy, Mr. J. R. Plégon and wife, in memory of their children; Jas. V. Russell, in memory of Mrs. T. A. Vincent; B. VanWart and wife, in memory of Mrs. VanWart's father and mother; Joshua E. Cowan, in memory of his father. By the church in memory of Rev. W. A. Corey, at one time a beloved pastor of the church. Another of the fine windows was donated by the Men's Bible Class.

"The pulpit and other handsome furniture on the pastor's platform was the gift of Mrs. Fred S. Branscombe, at one time connected with the church, but at the time a resident of the United States."

CHURCH DEDICATED

"The church was dedicated for divine worship on Sunday, December 26, 1895, the dedication sermon being preached by the Rev. Dr. G. O. Gates, pastor of the German street Baptist church, and was listened to by an audience which completely filled every part of the church. On the platform besides Dr. G. O. Gates, and assisting in the service, were Rev. Dr. Gordon, pastor of the church; Rev. Dr. M. Kierstead, Rev. C. McCully Black and Rev. J. Hughes. Special music was furnished by a large choir.

"Rev. Dr. Gates took his text from Ezra, chapter 6, verses 14 and 16. It was a wonderful discourse and was listened to with rapt attention by the vast congregation. At this service a special offering was taken for the building fund, and the amount given and pledged was most satisfactory.

"The donors who have so faithfully served us since the opening of the church have been the Rev. J. A. Gordon, Rev. Dr. H. R. Bosch, Rev. Alexander White, Rev. Dr. David Hutchison, and at the present time, our Rev. Marshall S. Richardson."

THE AUDITORIUM

"It is generally admitted that our auditorium is considered one of the most attractive in the city, and it is said that with possibly one exception, the largest floor space in the seating capacity being about 700; 1,200 persons can be accommodated when the vestry is brought into use. With the recent erection of the new building for Sunday school purposes we have a plant that is a credit and should be looked upon with great satisfaction and pleasure by all our members."

"This history would not be quite complete without some reference to our organ. As a good many of us are aware when the church was opened for service the old organ, a one manual, was rebuilt and set in the present building, but in appearance and action it proved to be not at all suitable, and after some persuasion on the part of the then music committee, a movement was set on foot to secure a new one. At a regular business meeting of the church a committee was appointed to make a selection and to raise funds necessary for its purchase, and after about three years of faithful work the subscriptions amounted to a figure which warranted the committee to make the purchase. A contract was entered into with Messrs. Casavant Bros. and the organ was shipped from their factory on September 17, 1907, and arrived in the city September 26, and the work of installing it proceeded with one day.

1,400 THERE

"On the evening of the 17th of October, 1907, the organ was used for the first time in a recital given by the choir, assisted by the late Dr. Arnold. These brought the total number of persons in New York hospitals up to 93. Autopsies performed on 15 persons in New York City and Brooklyn are said to have shown conclusively that seven of them died from drinking liquor made from poison alcohol."

tion of this instrument was, after having been given a thorough test and pronounced satisfactory by church, a cheque for the full amount was handed to the builders. It has given the best of satisfaction ever since it was first used and we are all very proud of it.

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CANADA OFFICE AT WASHINGTON OPENS IN FEB.

Flood of Letters Pours in From All Parts of Country

TORONTO, Dec. 28.—The Toronto Star says in its news columns today:

"The opening of the Canadian legation at Washington will probably take place some time in February. Preparations are being rushed in order to enable the new minister, Hon. Vincent Massey, to cope with the flood of communications already being received from all parts of Canada and the United States."

"The British Embassy at Washington reports a steady stream of callers seeking the Canadian minister and a flood of communications for the Canadian Legation. The external affairs department at Ottawa and Mr. Massey's private residence in Toronto are also being inundated by communications. In addition, American public bodies are sending their secretaries to Toronto to invite Mr. Massey to represent Canada at forthcoming functions, while the mails carry further requests."

TO BE BUSY OFFICE

"It is expected that the Canadian Legation will be the busiest office in Washington. It is pointed out that Canada and the United States have the largest trade of any two countries in the world. British ambassadors have stated in the past that over half the business at the embassy has been Canadian. In addition to this business being transferred to the Canadian Legation, both Canadians and Americans are displaying an unusual interest, and many matters are being submitted to the new minister, seeking his good offices."

TRADE QUESTIONS SENT

"Trade questions are being forwarded to the new minister as well as inquiries on matters of importance between the nations of both countries. Although Mr. Massey has not yet appointed his staff his own two secretaries are working steadily at the mass of correspondence which is arriving. Mr. Massey has for several days been confined to his bed, but the work has gone on just the same."

"In addition to these preliminary matters the new minister has been busily engaged in organization plans. For business there has been no time to follow, so that every step has had to be carefully thought out."

STAFF ISN'T SELECTED

"The size of the staff will be governed by the work to be done, and, until business indicates this to be of considerable volume. In addition to the clerical staff which is dependent on the clerical routine, there will be a secretariat of at least five senior officials. This personnel has not yet been selected, though there has been no lack of applicants. The senior official will probably act for the minister in his absence."

"No legation building has yet been decided upon. It is generally understood that Canada's first legation must be in keeping with the dignity of the nation, yet be established primarily for business purposes and for business efficiency. The original vote of \$80,000 is considered at Ottawa to be inadequate to provide for the necessary staff and equipment, and will probably be increased when the matter comes before the house. In this connection an important factor is the cost of living in Washington, which is said to be higher than any other capital in the world. The British government recognizes this by providing a larger appropriation for its Washington embassy than for any other."

AUSTRALIA UNREADY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—"I do not think the time is ripe for the appointment of a minister to the United States, and I believe that Australia will be well served by the diplomatic corps of Great Britain, without engaging in that expensive amusement herself."

99 PCT. OF SEIZED LIQUOR POISONOUS

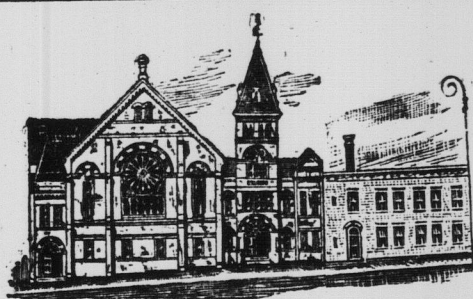
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Ninety-nine per cent. of the 26,000 samples of seized liquor analyzed during the past year by the prohibition authorities in New York were found to be poisonous, says a report of Major Chester P. Mills, prohibition director, made public tonight.

The alcohol used, the report asserts, were either "completely denatured" or wood alcohol or specially denatured types prepared by the addition of poisonous or noxious compounds.

The death list due to the drinking of Christmas liquor remained tonight at around two dozen, including two women. Four more patients were taken to the alcoholic ward at Bellevue Hospital today, said to be suffering from the effects of unpalatable liquor. These brought the total patients in New York hospitals up to 93. Autopsies performed on 15 persons in New York City and Brooklyn are said to have shown conclusively that seven of them died from drinking liquor made from poison alcohol.

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MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH



Dedicated thirty years ago. To one side is seen the two-storey Sunday school building erected a few years ago.

Give Wine To Hens To Boost Egg Yield

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Wine as a stimulant to the egg-laying capacity of hens, is recommended by M. Joubert, professor of Agriculture at Fontainebleau, who has carried out experiments over a period of six months.

M. Joubert found that six hens whose daily food was augmented by a small amount of wine produced 169 more eggs in the six months period than did six other hens of the same breed and age who lived on a strictly prohibition fare.

HESTER: What d'ya mean, my guardian ought to start a hospital? **Hector:** Well, he's got an alcoholic ward to begin with.—Judge.

FARMERS AND ANGLICANS TOP ONTARIO HOUSE

By Religion and Occupation, These Are Most Numerous

TORONTO, Dec. 29.—A survey of the successful candidates in the Ontario general elections of Dec. 1 shows a new Legislature representative of many various interests, organizations and activities of the province. Of 112 members composing the new Legislature the largest group, numbering 32, are farmers by occupation, while the legal profession is represented by 16 members.

In point of religious denomination, the score of the number of Anglicans, no fewer than 38 being elected to Queen's Park. United Church adherents make the second largest denominational group with 25 members. Presbyterians number 17 and there will be eight Roman Catholics, two Baptists and two Lutherans. In a number of cases, the religious persuasion of members is not declared.

The religious classification would be incomplete without mentioning there will be two clergymen in the new Legislature, Rev. W. G. Martin, United Church, returned by the electors of Brantford, and Rev. A. C. Calder, Anglican, elected in West Kent. Both are supporters of the Ferguson government control policy.

FROM 23 TO 72.
The youngest member of the 11th Legislature will be Paraghar R. Oliver, U. F. O., elected in South Grey. Mr. Oliver, who is a nephew of Premier Oliver of British Columbia, is 22 years of age. His immediate senior is A. V. Waters, of Cochrane North, who is 30. The oldest member will be John Leithbridge, Progressive, Middlesex West, who has just passed three score and ten and is looking forward to his 72nd birthday.

There are many other categories that arise in such an analysis. For instance, of the full strength of the House, 76 members were born and educated in the province for the welfare of which they are now about to legislate. One in Bains River, is American-born, but of course a naturalized British subject. Seven of those returned first saw the light of day in the British Isles.

On the score of education 27 of the members have the advantage of university training, most of them being graduates of Toronto University. A great number were educated in the public schools of their native ridings. Apart from farmers or lawyers, business life in general is represented by 48 of the newly elected legislators.

Many of these are merchants, there being three wholesalers, four qualified to address the House on insurance, one druggist, one contractor and one butcher. There are also seven physicians, one engineer, one veterinarian surgeon, two journalists and one artist. The Legislature will boast a major general in the person of D. M. Hogarth, of Port Arthur, and there will be five others sworn in when the Legislature meets who saw service overseas.

THE honeymoon is over when hubby polishes his shoes on the guest towel.

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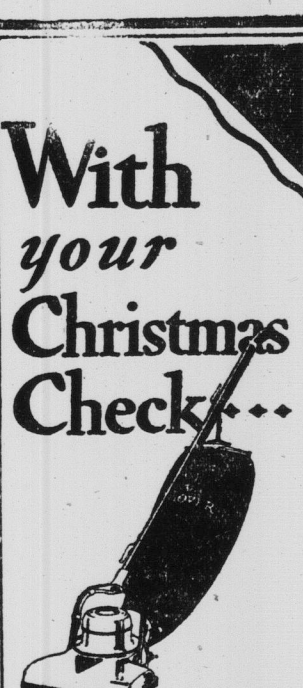


A New Hat For The New Fur Coat

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(Millinery Salon—Second Floor.)



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Wednesday, December 29

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For Evening Wear

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Skirts to match.

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Children's Knitted Suits, in pretty colors. Sizes 2 to 5 yrs. Prices. \$2.75 to \$8.25

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(Children's Dept.—Second Floor.)

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