

preserved for future perusal by all who had not the privilege of hearing this high elocutionary effort, we have included within this little brochure a complete copy of the oration, and would refer our readers to its pages where they will be able to read it for themselves.

UNVEILING OF THE MURAL TABLET.

The President of the Conference then invited His Excellency the Governor to unveil the Brass Mural Tablet which had been placed on the right of the pulpit in honor of the occasion. Referring to Patriotic strains of the oration, he mentioned that, on the authority of Sir Robert Perks of London, no less than 750,000 of loyal Methodists were now serving at the front or training to go there.

His Excellency expressed himself as being warmly

in sympathy with the Centenary Celebration, but after listening to the magnificent oration just delivered was at a loss to speak lest he should detract in the least from its dignity or power. He paid a high tribute to the genius and labours of Wesley, and of the grand men who had so worthily extended his work in Newfoundland. Without being envidious he might mention John Pickavant, George Cubitt, Samuel W. Sprague and William Wilson of early days, and would add two in our day whom it had been his privilege to know, viz:—the eloquent Dr. Rogers and the honored Dr. Cowperthwaite, who happily still survived.

In closing he spoke highly of the splendid response made in Newfoundland to the call for men and money for the war. He then stepped aside and drew the curtain from over the brass tablet, and read the inscription thereon aloud as follows:—

THIS TABLET COMMEMORATES THE FOUNDING OF THE
METHODIST CHURCH IN THE CITY OF ST. JOHN'S
IN THE YEAR 1815
BY THE REV. JOHN PICKAVANT, OF LANCASHIRE, ENG.
AND HONOURS THE MEMORY OF THOSE FAITHFUL
MISSIONARIES, WHO, WITH HIM, HAVE PROFOUNDLY
INFLUENCED THE RELIGIOUS LIFE OF NEWFOUNDLAND

ERECTED IN CONNECTION WITH A CENTENARY
CELEBRATION IN THIS CHURCH
ON THE 21st DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR 1915