

IN PULPIT AND PEW

BAPTIST

A party of 22 McMaster students enlisted on March 20th, joining the Fourth Divisional Signaller's Company, which is now being organized. The men comprising this party are as follows: From the department of theology, 6; seniors, 6; juniors, 2; sophomores, 5; 5 graduates returned to join the company.

The Ministers' Annular Board, of the Maritime Convention, now has an annual income of five thousand dollars. All this is paid out to annuants, and beneficiaries. Rev. G. A. Lamon has been compelled to resign as secretary and Mr. B. A. Caldwell, of Amherst, N. S., has now taken up the work.

The editor of Life says that he never heard of Russell H. Conwell! Such is fame!

For every one hundred Baptist members in these Maritime Provinces, twenty-six are living in other places. The convention of Ontario and Quebec by an active committee has reduced this proportion among themselves to thirteen in each hundred.

The Rev. D. M. Lockrow, leader of the largest men's class in New England, that of the Tremont Temple Baptist Sunday-school, was, with his wife, sent to the Baptist Anniversary in San Francisco and to the great Pan-Pacific Exposition in his class. This is an appreciation of a very tangible kind.

Reports from our Canadian Baptist missionaries in India for the last quarter of 1915 are very encouraging. Mr. Corey reports the baptism of seven: Mr. Glendinning of two; Mr. Gordon, of forty-six; and Mr. Scott, of thirty.

Mr. Everett Perry, recently invalided home from the front, is a son of Rev. A. Perry, of Steeves Mountain, N. B.

Rev. J. W. Gardner, of Upper Gagetown, and Rev. C. Wilson, Home Mission Evangelist, have recently had sons enter the army. Gormin Street Church, St. John, has seen their pastor, Rev. P. S. Porter, join the 104th Battalion, as Chaplain, and Rev. A. K. Hernal, of Dartmouth, N. S., has joined the Highland Brigade, as a private. Durin Fletcher, son of Rev. M. E. Fletcher, of St. John, was slightly wounded on March 14th, while carrying the wounded from the zone of fire, in accordance with his duties.

The United Church, at Sussex, reports congregations that tax the present buildings and largely attended prayer meetings. Rev. G. B. MacLeod is the pastor of the United congregations, and a new and larger building is being considered.

PRESBYTERIAN

The week's news of most general interest to the church at large is probably the outcome of the meeting of the committee on church union, held in Toronto, April 12 and 13. This committee has been at work under the direction of the general assembly for about twelve years, having vacancies filled from time to time, and in its personnel represents every section of the church as well as every shade of opinion. This work committed to its hands has been reported to assembly annually and the judgment of assembly given accordingly. The special duty before the committee this week was to hear and consider the result of the popular vote of the church on the church union question, and also the vote of the presbyteries, and to make recommendation to the assembly thereupon. The assembly will deal with this report and recommendation in June next.

Recommend Positive Step.

The committee after two days deliberation decided to recommend that assembly pass a resolution definitely committing the church to organic union with the Methodist and Congregational churches in Canada upon the basis approved by the assembly in 1914, leaving the date for the consummation of such union to be determined later. Congregations which have returned a majority vote against union will be given by such recommendation an opportunity within one year after the close of the war to vote again as to whether they would enter such union or not. Any congregation giving a majority vote of communion against entering the union will be allowed to remain as they are, and equitable legislation as to property will be heard accordingly.

In the meantime, the recommendation provides that presbyteries shall move along the lines of co-operation or local union churches to prevent unnecessary overlapping, interdenominational committees to be appointed for the proper adjustment of such co-operation. It is to be remembered, of course, that this is but a recommendation of a committee of assembly, but it may be taken as an indication of the direction in which the assembly will act.

Major Pringle Hope on Furlough.

Rev. John Pringle, D. D., of St. Andrew's church, Sydney, N. S., who has been chaplain with the overseas forces since October, 1914, has been given two months' leave of absence. He arrived in St. John by the Canadian on Thursday, and left for Sydney on the night train. He spoke briefly but interestingly to the soldiers at their social evening in St. David's church. In his Highland uniform, somewhat browned from his exposure on the plains of Flanders, this stalwart veteran of an adventurous life looks every inch a soldier. He has much to tell of life at the front, and any one who has heard Dr. Pringle knows that he can tell it in a fascinating way. He will spend a few weeks in Canada before returning to resume the duties of chaplain to the Canadian-Scottish Brigade at the front.

Foreign Mission Board.
The Board of Foreign Missions is

called to meet in Toronto, April 18. Principal Gaudier and Rev. G. A. Sutherland are joint conveners of the board. Revs. J. E. Forbes, J. A. McGlashan, J. A. MacKinnon and Dr. Stewart and Mr. J. D. McKay, all from the maritime provinces, are included in the membership of the board. A large share of business will be transacted by the board. Dr. R. P. MacKay, who returns from Trinidad, arriving in St. John on Tuesday next, will reach Toronto in time to give an account of his visit. Dr. John H. Mott, of the continuation committee of the Edinburgh Missionary Conference, will also address the board at one of the sessions.

Of Local Interest.

Rev. F. W. Murray, late of Stanley, was inducted in the Presbyterian of Hemmingford in the Presbytery of Montreal, March 27. Revs. D. J. Campbell, A. S. Ross, A. G. MacKinnon and W. J. Fowler, formerly of South Richmond, N. B., took part in the induction.

Special services have been held in St. John Presbyterian church, St. John, each evening during the week. On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, the minister was assisted in the conduct of the services by Revs. W. W. Malcolm and J. Hardwick respectively.

Since the meeting of the Assembly's H. M. Board at which students were assigned to the several Presbyteries for summer work, two of those assigned to the Presbytery of St. John have enlisted for overseas service. Messrs. N. W. McKenzie and A. S. Murray. Mr. Murray had been appointed to the mission field of Riley Brook, but his enlistment cancels this appointment, and George K. Rusk will take his place.

At the preparatory service to communion in St. David's church last Friday evening, fifty-one were admitted to full communion with the church, twelve by certificate and thirty-nine on profession of faith.

By the will of the late Donald Fraser, of Fredericton, N. B., generous provision was made for the erection of a new stone Sabbath school and lecture hall in connection with St. Paul's church, that city, to take the place of their present school room, familiarly known as the "old kirk." Rev. F. W. Anderson, of Orillia, Ont., formerly of St. Andrew's church, Sydney, N. S., and later secretary in connection with the Laymen's Missionary Movement, has been appointed chaplain to the 157th Overseas Service Foresters.

The closing exercises of the Halifax Presbyterian College will be held on Wednesday, April 26. The college has already given forty-one students and two professors, one of whom is the principal, to active military service overseas. The graduating class thus much depleted, numbers only four.

The Augmentation Committee of the General Assembly (E. D.), is called to meet in the church office, Halifax, N. S., on Wednesday, April 26. The New Brunswick members of the committee include Revs. Alex. Rennie, G. A. Grant, Hugh Miller and J. H. A. Anderson.

Professor D. J. Fraser, of Montreal College, has been nominated by the board of management as principal of the college to succeed the late Principal Scrimmer in this office. The appointment rests with the general assembly. Dr. Fraser is well known in St. John, having been for several years minister of St. Stephen's church. He has been on the staff of professors of Montreal College for twelve years.

METHODIST

Rev. J. W. Bent, the junior minister on the Petite Riviere circuit, N. S., has enlisted in the 219th Battalion.

Rev. John B. Young has accepted an invitation to remain on the Stanley circuit for a third year.

Rev. P. Pollett, of Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, has accepted an invitation to the pastorate of St. Stephen's Methodist Church, Kentville, N. S., and begins his work Easter Sunday, April 23rd.

Lieut. Forrest Lund, of Yarmouth, N. S., wounded at the great battle of Ypres, has returned home on leave. His native town gives him a hearty welcome.

Rev. B. Chappell, D.D., at one time pastor of Queen Square Church, will begin a furlough this summer, but will not reach friends in the east until 1917. He is in Aoyama, Tokyo, Japan.

The Carman Methodist Church, Sydney Mines, mourns the death of Geo. Morris Jr., gunner in the 10th Battery, 3rd Brigade, C. Field Artillery, in France. He was one of our brothers who responded to the Empire's call. The eldest William has been missing since October. From this church 71 have enlisted beside four in the home defense.

Springhill—Rev. W. H. Rockham, pastor, Big Day, Big Men, Big Subjects in the Methodist Church at the second anniversary of our new church. The Rev. H. A. Goodwin, Moncton, N. B., was the preacher for the day. Mr. Goodwin is a big man and can very effectively handle big subjects. His hearers will not soon forget the force of his morning sermon. In the evening the equally large congregation was held in wrap attention during his every word. In fact he seemed to close much too soon and we believe

that all went home much impressed with the truth.

Judge Russell of Halifax gave a clear and logical address on "The Way of Peace." He reviewed the results of the war in its effects upon national life as tending towards materialism, especially in the case of Germany. He commended to the thought of his hearers the international court as proposed by some eminent men as a preventative of war.

Rev. H. A. Goodwin recently delivered his fine illustrated lecture on his trip to the Panama Exposition at Salisbury, N. B.

The Men's Union of Wesley Memorial Church, Moncton, recently presented Mr. Ernest Kinnear, who has enlisted in the 185th Highlanders, with a Bible and an appreciative address. Rev. George Steele occupied the pulpit at Shediac a Sunday or two ago, dealing with the great missionary needs of the day. The community was also visited by Rev. Thomas and Mrs. Hicks of Marysville and Rev. R. G. Fulton of Charlottetown, P.E.I.

The funeral of the late Mr. F. L. Theal was conducted by the Rev. E. C. Turner, assisted by Rev. R. G. Fulton.

Lieut. Governor Wood stirred very deeply the patriotic spirit of the people of Fredericton when he made plain to them that two hundred graduates and undergraduates of Mount Allison are in khaki. The governor was unveiling the honor roll of sixty or more boys from the Fredericton congregation.

ORDINATION OF REV. E. A. KINLEY AT BATHURST TUESDAY

On Tuesday afternoon, April 11, Mr. E. A. Kinley, who for the past year has had charge of the Baptist cause in Bathurst, was ordained to the ministry of that body.

The services, which were of a most interesting and impressive character, were held in the Orange Hall, Bathurst, where the church is meeting pending the erection of a more suitable building.

At the afternoon session the candidate was publicly examined as to his conversion and call to the ministry and doctrinal views. The Rev. Wellington Camp, of Campbellton, acted throughout as moderator, and other members of the council present were Revs. J. E. Wilson of Fredericton, M. S. Richardson of Newcastle, H. R. Boyer, St. John; R. B. Kinley, father of the candidate; J. L. Love, Bathurst and Messrs. Angus McLean and P. S. Andrews, Bathurst.

Mr. Kinley's statement as to his conversion was unanimously accepted as most satisfactory, and the council proceeded to examine the candidate as to his doctrinal position. The frankness and sincerity of Mr. Kinley's responses greatly impressed his examiners, and once or twice when some knotty problem was presented by a divine



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deeply versed in theological lore, the young aspirant for ministerial honors was frank enough to confess that as yet he had been unable to define definitely his views on that particular point. In the fundamentals of the Christian faith, however, as these are set forth in Holy Writ, Mr. Kinley spoke with certainty and conviction, more than satisfying the council. On the motion of Rev. H. R. Boyer, seconded by Rev. M. S. Richardson, the statement was accepted as highly satisfactory.

The following resolution was also unanimously agreed to:

"That having heard the statements made by brother E. A. Kinley in regard to his conversion, call to the ministry, and his views on Christian doctrine, we, as a council, recommend that the United Baptist Church of Bathurst, N. B., do proceed with his ordination."

The public ordination service was largely attended and Moderator Rev. Wellington Camp presided and delivered the ordination sermon from the text, "Whereof O King Arippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision."

Giving the charge to the pastor, the Rev. M. S. Richardson urged the dignity and high honor of the pulpit, and delivering the charge to the church, the Rev. J. E. Wilson spoke of the part the man in the pew must play if any ministry is to be successful. The father reminded the son of an occasion several years ago when he was received into the fellowship of the Christian Church, and the speaker declared that a greater honor and pleasure were his today in receiving his son into the fold of all earthly fellowships, that of the Christian ministry.

Representing the Methodist community, Rev. F. T. Wightman gave his word of welcome and God speed, remarking that since Mr. Kinley's advent to Bathurst Baptists had been rather scarce at his own place of worship.

Although the Baptist cause at Bathurst is less than a year old, it numbers over thirty members, and such is their enthusiastic devotion that the little church has been able to meet all its financial calls without waiting on the Mission Board for support.

EXPRESS COMPANIES AFFECTED BY PARCELS POST COMPETITION

Ottawa, April 13—The annual blue books of express and telephone statistics were brought down by Hon. Dr. Beld in the house this afternoon. No change is shown in the canalization of express companies, but the statement of cost is increased by \$94,406. Gross earnings declined from \$12,646,452 in 1914 to \$11,511,797 in 1915, presumably through the competitive operation of the parcel post system.

Operating expenses were reduced. Deducting the operating expenses and express privileges (payments to railways, etc.) from the gross earnings left a balance of \$68,640 as compared with \$383,456 in 1914 and \$759,514 in 1915.

The telephone statistics show extensions in nearly all provinces, though it is stated in the report that, "In all the provinces there is a growing tendency toward consolidation, which has the effect of reducing the number of representatives without lessening the availability of the telephone service."

Telephone capitalization increased \$5,985,197, bringing the total up to \$74,284,291. Gross earnings were \$17,601,572, an increase of \$304,403, while net earnings totalled \$4,764,357, an increase of \$350,001, there being a slight reduction in the cost of operation. The number of telephones increased from 521,144 to 533,090, giving an average of one telephone to every 15.1 persons.

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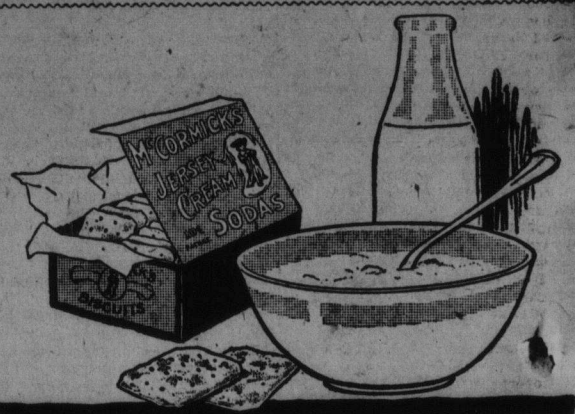


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