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ANTI-UNION MEETING WELL ATTENDED

Excellent Address Delivered by
Rev. Dr. J. Morrison on
Church Union Question

The meeting held in St. James' Hall on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church Association was largely attended. The speaker of the evening was Rev. Dr. J. A. Morrison, late of West St. John and his eloquent and interesting address, as an opponent of Union was listened to with marked attention by his large audience, which included a number from other local congregations as well as from Chatham, Nelson and Douglastown.

Mr. Walter J. Sutherland Vice-President of the local Presbyterian Church Association presided and after a short devotional service introduced Dr. Morrison. In part, Dr. Morrison stated that the world is wrong in condemning the division of Christendom into different denominations, for it does not appreciate such facts as that sometimes separation leads to peace, that truth is many sided and cannot all be reflected by one surface of the clearest crystal, that theological thunder sometimes clears the air of moderation and indifference, in these words said Dr. Morrison that great leader of Presbyterianism Dr. Hoge of Richmond, Va., defended denominationalism before the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance at their meeting in London England some years ago. Dr. Morrison also quoted the words of the late Principal Mac Vicar of Montreal delivered before a similar gathering held in the city of Philadelphia to the effect that "Far from Christian Unity demanding external uniformity true Catholicity forbids the attempt at forcible fusion of all churches into one viable mass but binds us to seek the union of all the terms revealed in the word of God. The aggregation into one great body under one system of church government of all teachers and disciples of Christ throughout the whole world has hitherto been found impracticable and all attempts to secure uniformity or outward union whether by legislation, by force of arms, etc. have only resulted in disgracing the Christian name, suppressing progress of thought and in crushing human liberty."

Dr. Morrison showed that Christ's prayer as recorded in St. John's Gospel chapter 17 verse 21 "That they all may be one" did not call for organic unity of all his disciples nor for outward uniformity but rather for spiritual unity. In this connection Dr. Morrison supported his contention by submitting evidence from many of the greatest scholars of the various Christian churches, such as

those great and honored Scholars of the Anglican church Dean Alford and John DeSoyres, Marcus Dods of the Scottish church and others. "So long as there is diversity of gifts" said Dr. Morrison, "So long will there be diversity of operations; there may be the most perfect agreement of opinion in reference to the facts which lie in the outer region of human life, but in reference to the truths which come within the sweep of the inner, that agreement is an impossibility. The peculiarities of our character, tone and limit all our spiritual perceptions and are reflected in the character of our thought. Men do not think alike nor do they see alike. In that sphere in which our conceptions of God and The Divine truth are colored by our own personality it is impossible to conceive of a unity that would not be utterly destructive of human character and identity. A manufactured unity is only a disguised dissension. This is true of Nations as it is of the church, outward uniformity cannot exist apart from inward unity. National instincts, the peculiar and subtle forces of race again and again break up the artificial attempts that are made at national community. This age has afforded vivid and unmistakable examples of the inherent spirit of different peoples demanding self-determination, nor has the justice of their claim been denied at the bar of public opinion. National life must be founded upon national instincts and sympathies, upon those spiritual feelings which no external power however mighty can create by force and in religious communities the same influences are at work. The inner spirit shatters external uniformity and proclaims that uniformity means stagnation and stagnation spells death. Differences with in the church evidence the vitality of conviction. Death is the only region that is characterized by an unquestioned uniformity. Those who lament the divisions of the church should rather grieve over the lack of charity by which they have too often been marked. They ought to remember that indifference is the terrible alternative to difference. But there cannot be uniformity there may be unity. Though oneness of doctrine, of order or of method cannot be obtained without the sacrifice of power and inspiration, there may be the unity of the spirit and the separated sections of the church may acknowledge their brotherhood in Christ.

Dr. Morrison concluded by asking the people to give all the matters involved thoughtful and sincere consideration and to decide this issue on their conscience. He declared that in his opinion the General Assembly had greatly erred in pressing this merger through at the present time and stated courteously but firmly that for himself he could not enter it. He intimated that of the recorded vote for and against thus far taken more than 109,000 communicants had voted against entering this union making at the present time a majority of the recorded vote against the merger of over 5000 communicants. Dr. Morrison is well known through the Canadian church in which during his ministry of thirty years he had held pastorates in the city of Toronto as well as in St. John. For almost seven years he was minister of the old First Presbyterian Church in the city of Chicago and was well known there as a University preacher. Dr. Morrison is a graduate of McGill University and the Presbyterian College, Montreal with two years post-graduate studies at Edinburgh, Oxford and Berlin.

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At the General Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Miramichi Hospital, held on June 1st, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

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Vice-President, Mr. David Ritchie
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Pupils Making Average For the Month of May, 1925

D. J. Gulliver's Dept.
Grade IX—Pupils making an average of 70 per cent or over on written tests for May. Names in order of merit— Louise Allison, Mary Bell, Iva Mullin, Huntly Ferguson, Herman Murphy, Theresa Sherrard, Helen Jarvis, Reta Amos, Victor Cummings, Mary Crocker, Byron Petrie, Muriel Russell, Everett Russell, Florence Hierlby, Gertrude Maltby.

S. J. Campbell's Dept.
Grade VIII—Marion Corbett, Henrietta Ball, 2. Marjorie Ferguson, 3.
Grade VII—Margaret Boyle 1, Elsie Chapman 2, Myron Lawrence 3.

Miss Creamer's Dept.
Grade VIII—(Those making over 80 p. c.)—Ernest Anderson, Arnold Fogan, Dorothy H. Russell, Robert Reid, Irene Morrison, Mark Landry, Ernest Price.

Grade VII—(Over 80 p. c.)—M. B. Jarvis, Sydney Brown, Helen Ferguson, Joseph Keane, Jack Fenelon.

Miss Nicholson's Dept.
Grade VIII—Jack Stothart 1, Margaret Macdonald 2, Jessie Russell 3.

Grade VI—Lillian Weldon, Sadie Whitney, Jennie Shaw, Wallace Maltby, Reggie Sutherland, Willie McCormack.

Miss Sinclair's Dept.
Grade VI. Margaret Kethro 1, Annie Linkletter, Audrey Fogan 2, Cyrille D'Amour 3.

Miss Henderson's Dept.
Grade VI—Those making an average of 80 p. c. or over—David Troy, Arthur Stothart, Tom Troy, Edwin Russell, Hudson Taylor, Burton Weldon.

Grade V—Those making an average of 90 p. c. or over—(Elizabeth Tracy-Gould, Nicholas O'Neill, Nellie A'Haran, Wilfred Breaux, Morrison Maltby, Martin Ryan.

Miss Dunnett's Dept.
Grade V—Pupils who made 80 p. c. or over, in order of merit—Dorothea Ferguson, Jean Forsythe, George Belyea, Clyde Brown, Bernetta Galley, Helen McKenzie, Harold Chambers, Annie Flam, Bessie Grossman, Tom Kingston, Alard Burke, Thelma McDonald, Mildred Cassidy.

Miss McMaster's Dept.
Grade IV—(above 80 per cent)—Mary Allison, Edith Belyea, Roxanne Troy, Grace Fogan, Sadie Grossman, Arthur Doran (Olive Fogan, Jean McKay), Pat Dunn, (Weldon Arsenault, Bernard Flam) Frank Desmond, Theresa Graham, Fred Graham.

Miss Lawlor's Dept.
Grade III—(Above 90 per cent)—Ethel Brown, Flora McDonald, Edwin Hill, Edward Dalton, Edith Harris, Edith Lawrence, Fred Gallah, Bev. O'Donald.

Miss Urquhart's Dept.
Grade III—Alphonse Napke 1, Loris Russell 2, Janet Murray 3, Treva Mutch 4.

Grade IV—Over 90 per cent—Billy Morrissey; over 80 per cent, Florence Stables, Everett Park, Jack Sullivan, (Chester Whyte, Eleanor Price.)

Miss Atchison's Dept.
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Miss Craig's Dept.
Grade II—Roberta White 1, Elmer Taylor 2, Donald Whalen 3.

Grade I—Helen Delano, Willa Theriault, Ina Gelkie 1, Inez Jarvis, Jean Galloway, Lillian Green, Alfred Weldon 2, Mabel Maltby, Thomas Morris, Norman Colette 3.

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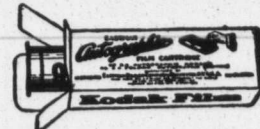
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At the Normal School the largest proportion of candidates, drawn largely from the ranks of the graduating classes of 1925 from that institution, will take their examinations.

The total number of applicants who will write is 405, of whom 26 are candidates for grammar school license, and 191 for second class. Forty-seven candidates will write the grammar school license papers altogether throughout the province. The superior 202 first class and 211 second class.

Examinations will be held at Fredericton, St. John, Moncton, Chatham and at St. Basil, Madawaska county, the latter being a new temporary station which has been added this year.

Moose Plentiful In This District

Many travellers using the Miramichi road during the past few weeks have had more or less interesting encounters with moose, of which there seem to be an unusually large number in evidence this year. One local man tells of seeing four of the monarchs of the forest one night recently on his way through from Chatham and he reports that the moose were so contemptuous of the proximity of men that they charge straight for the bright lights of the car and no doubt would have damaged it had the driver not shut off the lights. One young man had his car considerably damaged by a big moose when he kept his lights on and the big animal kept on coming.

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