

FUNERAL OF REV. H. McKEOWN

The funeral of this deceased minister took place on Tuesday. On the arrival of the train at 1.45 the remains were removed and a procession formed. Preceding it were Revs. D. D. Currie, R. Duncan, Dr. Pope, J. R. Narraway, and Dr. Addy.

A funeral service was held at the Ermouth Street Church. A large number of persons attached to this and other Methodist churches in the city, had filled it to overflowing long before the arrival of the procession. The casket was carried up the central aisle and placed inside the communion rail. The pulpit was hung with black drapery, while the lid of the casket was covered with beautiful floral designs.

As we have assembled in this sanctuary, for a few moments, on our journey from the home where our deceased brother departed this life to the resting-place of the dead, let me speak a few words that are suggested by the event that has brought us together. Hezekiah McKeown was born in Nictaux, Annapolis Co., Nova Scotia. At the time of his decease he had completed his fifty-third year.

In the year 1853 he was received as a probationer for our ministry. In 1857 he was ordained. He has been stationed on the following circuits: Liverpool, one year, 1853-1854; Musquodoboit, two years, 1854 to 1856; Burton, three years, 1856 to 1859; St. Stephen, three years, 1859 to 1862; St. John, Carleton, three years, 1862 to 1865; Newport, four years, 1865 to 1869; St. Stephen, a second term, three years, 1869 to 1872; Woodstock, two years, 1872 to 1874; Fredericton, three years, 1874 to 1877; Chatham, two years, 1877 to 1879; St. John, Ermouth street, three years, 1879 to 1882; and Sussex, 1882.

He was seven times elected chairman of his district. At the Annual Conference of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, for 1879, he was elected its president. He was a delegate to the First General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, held in Toronto, 1874.

Brother McKeown took a position among us in the beginning of his ministerial career, as an effective pulpit and platform speaker, and he maintained that position among his brethren until his close.

As a preacher it was not his purpose to show his hearers the logical processes by which he reached his conclusions; but, having reached conclusions, he presented them in such ways as he deemed best suited to build up the brotherhood in Christ, to comfort the wounded, and to bring souls in penitency to the foot of the cross. He did not aim so much to paint in words, whereby he might weave pictures of surpassing beauty, as he did to awaken men's consciences and to save souls.

No sermon was, in his judgment, a good sermon that did not feed the church, or that did not tend to arouse men from the slumbers of unbelief. He loved the Sabbath School. He loved the children of his congregations. He loved the hour of prayer. He loved those services which we sometimes call "special services." He loved to preach to the masses on the camp-ground. In this work he would bring out the whole strength of his vigorous intellectual and emotional manhood. His labors in the church to promote revivals were abundant. Upon his heart was the burden of souls. He had been eminently successful in his evangelistic efforts; and he was ardently attached to the church in all its great essentials.

that brother, McKeown and myself have stood together in the ministry of our church, there has never been the slightest interruption to our love for each other. No man among the contemporaries knew him better than I; and no man loved him more. And I knew that it was in his heart to live and die for the church.

The loving husband, and the gentle father, and the faithful brother has entered into his rest. It is not he that is in that casket; it is only his remains that are there. He is gone up on high. Do not think so much of the dishonored clay as of the ransomed spirit. Do not let your thoughts linger too steadfastly around the grave. How calmly slumber our dead whom we have buried out of our sight. The loud cry of the elements, the angry winds, the tumultuous waves, the loud voice of thunder, the giant tread of the earthquake, disturb not those who sleep in the burial places of the dead. Let us, amid the shadows of earth, look not to the tomb, but upward. Let us look above the clouds that overhang us, and beyond the clouds, where the mountain tops are forever guided with glory.

May God bless the removal, from amid the scenes of earth, of our dear brother, to the good of his brethren in the ministry, and to the good of the church from which he has been called away. And may the God of the widow and the Father of the fatherless spread the wings of His love over them and throw the arms of His affection around them. And, when our work on earth is done, may we meet in glory, where we shall be forever with the Lord.

MEMORIAL NOTICES.

MRS. ALEXANDER LOCKHART, ST. JOHN, N. B.

One of the most interesting departments of our valuable organ is that devoted to religious biography, and it is sure to be read with interest by sorrowing relatives and friends. It is our painful duty to chronicle the death of another member of our church. Mary, wife of Alexander Lockhart, Esq., calmly fell asleep in Jesus, October 1, in the 63rd year of her age. Our esteemed sister experienced the converting grace of God in early life, under the ministry of the Baptist Church at St. Martins, and for that branch of the Christian family she always had the kindest feeling and loving respect. After moving to this city, eighteen years ago, she united herself with the Methodist Church. She had the highest appreciation and esteem for the church of her adoption, and took a warm interest in all that pertained to its prosperity. She steadfastly maintained her Christian fidelity, and sincere love to Jesus, and was kind and affectionate as a wife, a mother, and a true friend. Her last illness was painful, but without a murmur she peacefully passed away to her eternal rest.

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SARAH COLPITTS.

Died at Pleasant Vale, Albert Co., N. B., October 9th, Mrs. R. Colpitts, aged 73 years. Mrs. Colpitts was converted at the age of twenty under the ministry of the Rev. Arthur McNutt. For fifty-eight years she remained a member of our Church, always manifesting a deep interest in its welfare. No one received a more hearty welcome to her home than the Methodist minister. In reply to a question put to her a short time before leaving us she said "I would not give up my hope for all the world." Our loss, we believe, is her infinite gain. T. L. W.

WINNIPEG.

An Ontario paper, in speaking of the Rev. J. E. Starr, of Winnipeg, a son of the Rev. J. Herbert Starr, says that he is decidedly popular. The writer says:—

His preaching is something after Talmage's style, original and delivered with force. On the street he does not look much like a parson, but, if all accounts be true, he carries his religion other places than in the pulpit. It is said that one Sunday evening he wandered down to one of the hotels on the balcony of which a number of men were indulging in some loud talk, interspersed with no little profanity. He went in among them saying, "Hurrah, boys, let us go to the Tabernacle to-night." The Tabernacle was the old Methodist church. After some hesitation, the crowd all started off together, not one of the number being aware that it was the preacher who was with them. He had the usher show them to seats, and then he exhorted himself. To the surprise of all, he shortly afterwards appeared in the pulpit. At the close of the service he invited those who desired to converse with him to come to the vestry room. Several of the crowd whom he had induced to accompany him from the hotel immediately went in, and after thanking him for his interest in their welfare, openly announced their intention of leading better lives in the future. The preacher of Winnipeg has a field of labor wherein there is no time for useless dignity and unnecessary idleness. A growing city, a large floating population, everybody busy, all even more intent on making money and forgetting about the more settled business of the Dominion, presents a scene where the harvest is ripe, and the laborers are few.

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

SIXTEENTH DAY—SEPT. 26TH.

The following were announced as the members of the Committee on Statistics: Revs. G. H. Cornish, J. R. Laird, J. G. Williams, R. Duncan, J. A. Rogers, H. S. Matthews, and George Boyd.

The following are the members of the Union Committee as elected by the Conference:—Toronto Conference, Revs. John Shaw, Dr. Hunter, J. S. Laird, Dr. Harper, Messrs. J. MacDonald, Warring Kennedy, T. H. Wilmet, and Daniel McLean; Montreal Conference, Revs. E. A. Stafford, G. M. Ritchie, W. Hansford, Senator Fernier, Messrs. W. F. Hall, and W. H. Lambly; London Conference, Revs. W. Williams, Dr. Williams, Dr. Ryckman, and A. Langford, Judge Jones, Messrs. J. Lester, A. S. Fisher, and W. E. Sanford; Eastern Conference, Revs. W. Brown, R. Duncan, Dr. McMurray, and J. A. Rogers, Messrs. S. L. Shannon, J. J. Irvine, John Palmer, Dr. Allison.

Dr. Inch moved that where special collections had been announced the whole of the collection should be appropriated for the purpose for which it was announced.

UNION.

The report of the Committee was read. It still further recommends that should the Joint Committee agree as to the details of a basis of union, the plan of union agreed upon shall be submitted to the quarterly boards for approval or otherwise at the next February quarterly meeting. Carried.

It is further recommended that the Superintendents of the circuits be required to report immediately to the Secretary of the General Conference the vote of the quarterly meetings, and should it be found that two-thirds of the quarterly meetings voting thereon have declared in favor of the plan of union proposed by the Joint Committee, the President of the General Conference shall convene the General Conference in order to give effect to the proposed union, said meeting of the General Conference to be held subsequently to the meeting of the annual Conference. On motion of Rev. Dr. Dewart, "Annual Conferences" were inserted among the courts having to vote upon the question, the majority being in the case of annual Conferences required to be a simple majority of the Conference. The clause as amended was carried.

It is further recommended that when the General Conference adjourn it adjourn to meet at the call of the chair.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Rev. W. W. Ross read the report of the Committee on the State of the Church, of which the following are the salient features. The state of the church calls for thanksgiving, but at the same time calls for serious and prayerful consideration of the following statements, especially as we are in danger of being led away by the cry "we are a great people." First the supply of ministers suited for our work does not keep pace with our demands. There has been an increase in the number of ministers during the past four years, but it has not been in keeping with that formerly. During the former four years the increase was 134 and during the past four years only 27. This assumed decrease is accounted for in part by the church exercising greater care in receiving men into the ministry, as well as a growing disinclination in young men of promise to enter the Christian ministry. The state of the membership calls for consideration. During the past four years there has been an increase, but it has been small compared with that formerly, and still smaller compared with our resources, and we will do well to inquire if the resources are being developed to the fullest extent. Whilst the increase during the former quadrennium was 20,000, during the last it has been less than 3000. Doubtless this can be accounted for in part, by emigration, but another cause is a growing indifference to the obligations and advantages of church membership. Our Sabbath schools have in every part advanced, and yet even here there has been a marked decline in the increase of teachers and scholars. The report concluded by urging the General Conference to set apart some suitable season for the fuller consideration of the interests, especially spiritual, which have come under review in the report.

DISCIPLINE.

The report of the Committee on Discipline was taken up and read by Rev. Dr. Williams. On motion of Rev. Dr. Hunter that no new district be formed by the Stationing Committee without the consent of the districts concerned. The Committee recommended no change. Carried. On motion by Rev. D. V. Lucas the marriage ceremony to be changed by placing "did" for "didat." Carried. On motion of Rev. Dr. Ryckman, the Committee recommends a provision for the annual election of a representative of the Boards of Trustees to the Quarterly Boards. Carried. On motion by the Rev. Dr. Greenland, the Committee recommends

that clause 219 be altered, so as to make it imperative that each minister be on a circuit three years before his ordination. Carried.

On motion by Rev. W. Tindall, the Committee recommends that members of the Annual Conferences, appointed to office by the General Conference, shall remain members of the Conference with which they were connected before their appointment. Carried.

MISSIONS.

The report of the Committee on Missions was read by the Rev. John Shaw. The preamble stated that the facts brought before them indicated that the missions were in a healthy and encouraging state. They recommended that the correspondence of the missionaries pass through the hands of the Missionary Secretary.

Rev. Dr. Dewart moved as an amendment that the restriction be taken off, and the missionaries be allowed to write for the Church papers. The amendment was carried.

The Committee commended the Woman's Mission Society to the people, and expressed a strong conviction in its favour. Carried.

The Committee recommended the publication of a monthly periodical not to cost more than twenty-five cents a year. Carried.

Also a monthly prayer meeting in all circuits and stations. Carried. They also recommended with certain restrictions the payment of moving expenses of supernumerary ministers. Carried.

It was also recommended that the Eastern Conference be allowed to put the names of dollar subscribers in the annual reports. Carried.

The Committee reported that they had two letters before them, each offering \$5,000 for the formation of a Mission Church Extension Fund, and a legacy from the will of Rev. E. Morrow of \$10,000 was available. The Committee recommended the formation of such a society. Carried.

The Committee recommended that the Board be increased by 6 members, and the Committee of Finance and Consultation be also increased by 6 members, half of whom shall reside within reasonable distance of Toronto. Carried.

The Hon. J. W. Sifton was called on to make a statement regarding the will of the late Rev. Edward Morrow. He said he was intimately acquainted with the deceased during the active work, and before he was located he was a man entirely devoted to the interests of the Church, and liberal to a fault. He went to the North-West, and there was successful in making more than a living. In his will he left for Sabbath Schools in the North-West for the formation of libraries, \$10,000; for the Superannuated Preachers' Fund, \$5,000; for the Church Extension Fund, to be appropriated in the North-West, \$10,000; and for the establishment of a college in Manitoba, 90 acres of land, which have realized \$12,000. He might say that the will was only made a few days before his death, and it was found to be illegal. His heirs, his brothers, W. A. Morrow and Thomas Morrow, were consulting, and they executed a deed affirming the provisions of the will.

A resolution was read expressive of the high appreciation of the generosity displayed by the heirs-at-law in waiving their rights.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland was elected General Secretary, and Mr. John Macdonald Treasurer by acclamation.

BREVITIES.

An effort made for the happiness of others lifts us above ourselves.

The ornament of a house is the friends who frequent it.

Keep trouble at arm's length. Never turn a blessing around to see whether it has a dark side to it.

What we can't hinder must not make our rule for what we ought to choose.—George Eliot.

The moment a man is satisfied with himself everybody else is dissatisfied with him.

We can no more scold any one into loving us than nature could make buds blossom by daily nipping them with frost.

"Total Depravity," was the subject of the sermon of the Rev. Mr. McDonald, of San Rafael, Cal. While he was preaching it a thief stole his lap robe from the buggy in the horse shed.

A book of 350 pages has been written to prove that sharks do not eat human beings. The author of the work has declined an offer of \$1,000 to jump into the harbor at Key West and settle the dispute.

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