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Conference Sunday.

WESLEY CHURCH.

At the Morning Service the Rev. Dr. Fenwick, President of the Conference, as is the time honoured custom, preached in the Conference Church. Associated with him in the rostrum were the Rev. W. Morris, who read the Lessons, and Rev. J. Phillipson, who offered prayer. Before announcing his text the President said he desired to express his grateful thanks to Almighty God that "in 37 years back from this very day, June 27, 1883, when on steamer they entered our Narrows and he entered a Wesleyan Methodist Church on this side the Atlantic--He did not expect to be eminent or great, but he desired to be useful--His prayer was God help me to be useful to my fellow man." But God, and the Methodist Church has honoured Dr. Fenwick in his being elected the second time as President of the Conference, and Superintendent of the Missions in this Dominion. From the text "The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his Lord," and from the example of the life of Jesus Christ, Dr. Fenwick delivered a very able and practical discourse. Looking to him, asking what He would do in the Social conditions of life as found the present day to copy his example would be quite proper. Entering into scenes of sorrow, he was sympathetic, though his enemies sought to entangle him. He was patient, his loving spirit would do anything for peace. Though he was not liable and could claim exemption he submitted to pay local taxes. Many further lessons were drawn of the Divine example, some urged it was too high for us; we are not able to follow and live up to it, and sometimes we get hopeless, and abandon the struggle, but to those who "carry on" and try his works to do, he has promised the reward of a good and faithful servant "enter thou into the joy of the Lord." After the sermon, the President said, "It is my privilege to-day for a second time, to conduct the ordination of a Deacon," and Miss Rose Miller, of Birmingham, England, who has been three years serving the Centennial Church, Church Street, was called forward, and the Secretary of Conference, Rev. Wm. Morris, rose and said:

Mr. President--I present unto you Miss Miller to be set apart as Deaconess of the Methodist Church.

President--Have you reason to be-

lieve her to be fit and qualified by a godly life and by skill and training in womanly ministrations, to discharge the duties of a Deaconess?

Answer--She has given satisfactory evidence during probation, by practical service and by the prosecution of the prescribed studies, of meetness for this calling.

Then the President said to the congregation:

Dearly Beloved--In the record of the earthly life of our Divine Master we learn that He accepted and honoured the service rendered Him by loving and devout women. In the apostolic age it was the practice of the Church to give employment to the activity of all believers. Notable among their activities was the employment of godly women of suitable gifts as deaconesses or servants of the Church. St. Paul, writing to the Philippians, says, "Help those women which labored with me in the Gospel." He also commends unto the Church at Rome, Phoebe, a deaconess of the Church, which was at Cenchrea. To this honored service this person is now come to be admitted. We have good confidence that she is apt and competent thereto; nevertheless, should there be any of you who know any reason for which it is inexpedient that this person, or any of them, should be so set apart, let it be now declared.

As no impediment was alleged, the President then read, and the candidate responded:

President--The spirit of the Lord is upon me; because the Lord hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.

Revs. Morris, Howse, Bugden and Phillipson responded: Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

President--Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee an hungered, and fed Thee? or thirsty, and gave Thee drink? When saw we Thee a stranger, and took Thee in? or naked, and clothed Thee? or when saw we Thee sick, or in prison, and came unto Thee?

Response--And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto me of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.

Minister and congregation all kneeling, the President said:

Unto Thee lift we up our eyes.

Response by Ministers--O Thou that dwellest in the heavens.

President--As the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters;

Response--And as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress;

President--Even so our eyes wait upon Thee, O Lord;

Response--Until Thou have mercy upon us.

President--Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who didst call Phoebe and other devout women to be the servants of Thy Church, enabling them to minister to Thine Apostles and to many others also, we thank Thee that Thou hast called this, our sister, now being set apart to the office of Deaconess, to undertake the like ministration. We beseech Thee to look graciously upon her at this hour and bless her, anoint her with the spirit of wisdom; clothe her with the spirit of power, and enrich her with all spiritual gifts and graces. Let Thy work appear unto Thy hand-maiden and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish Thou the work of their hands upon her; yes, the work of our hands establish Thou it. Look upon all Thy servants here present in compassion and love, and grant unto them the fullness of Thy salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

The candidate then rose and the President said:

DEAR SISTER--We rejoice with you that in the providence of God an open door of usefulness has been found for you in the service of the Church of Christ. In our loving Master's wide vineyard there are manifold forms of labor, and to each disciple some fitting task is assigned. To you is accorded peculiar privileges and opportunities. Released from other cares, you give yourself without reservation, according to the will of God, to the service of the Lord and of His Church, wherever your lot may be cast. Like our blessed Master, you are to go about doing good, ministering, as He did, to the wants of a suffering, sorrowing, and sin-laden world. You are to be an angel of mercy to the poor, to visit the sick, pray for the dying, care for the orphan, seek the wandering, comfort the afflicted, save the sinning, and ever be ready to take up any other duty proper to your calling. Such a ministry confers upon you a great honor, and involves a solemn responsibility. We are persuaded that you have not entered upon it lightly. No doubt, in the sacred stillness of the sanctuary of the heart you have already consecrated yourself to this office and work. What you have done alone with God you are now to do formally and publicly, as the Church sets you apart for your special service in co-operation with your pastor.

The President then asked:

Do you believe that you have been led by the Spirit and providence of God to engage in this work, and to assume the duties of this office?

Answer--I do.

Question--Do you, in the presence of God and this congregation, promise faithfully to perform the duties of a deaconess in the Church of God, so long as you remain in this calling?

Answer--I will endeavor so to do, the Lord being my helper.

Question--Do you accept the Bible as God's Word, and will you take it as the guide of your life and the source and authority of your spiritual instruction?

Answer--I so accept it, and will so employ it.

Question--Will you strive to walk so close to your Saviour that you may ever carry His presence and benediction to the hearts and homes of those to whom you minister?

Answer--I will endeavor so to do.

Question--Will you accept the direction of those whom the Church may set over you in the prosecution of your work?

Answer--I will cheerfully do so.

A Hymn was then sung.

She loved her Saviour, and to Him Her closest present brought;

To crown His head, or grace His name, No gift too rare she thought.

So let the Saviour be adored, And not the poor despised;

Give to the hungry from your heart, But all give all to Christ.

Go, clothe the naked, lead the blind, Give to the weary rest;

For sorrow's children comfort find, And help for all distressed.

But give to Christ alone thy heart, Thy faith, thy love supreme;

Then for His sake thine aims impart, And so give all to Him.

All present then knelt and joined in silent prayer for the candidate, and the President prayed:

Almighty God, who hast given Thy hand-maiden the will to do all these things, grant also unto her power to perform the same, so that all her work may be begun, continued, and ended in Thee, and that she may glorify Thy holy name, and finally obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Then all rising the President presented the candidate with her license, saying:

Take thou authority to discharge the duties of a deaconess in the Methodist Church.

May the Holy Spirit of the Living God descend upon you and abide with you evermore. May His holy anointing impart unto you grace for every trial, and gifts for every duty. May His presence be to you a pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by

night, all along the journey of life; and may the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you, now and evermore. AMEN.

The Doxology and Benediction closed the Morning service.

In the afternoon Wesley and George St. Schools united. Revs. Dr. Burns and Simpson gave splendid addresses, an at night Rev. Mr. Watson, M.A., B.D., delivered a very scholarly and profound exposition of proving that there can be no prayer without religion, nor religion without prayer; but we noticed your Conference Reporter present so will not attempt to supply a synopsis.

A. W. M.

Methodist Conference.

SATURDAY MORNING'S SESSION.

The session opened with hymn and prayer. After the reading of the journal various reports were presented. The report of the Sabbath Day Observance Committee provoked a very earnest discussion, and practical suggestions were offered to make the recommendations of the committee effective. The report was passed by the Conference.

The Conference adjourned in the afternoon to attend a reception given by His Excellency, Sir Charles Harris. All the members attending were delighted with the occasion.

Rev. Hugh Pedley, D.D.

At 12 o'clock the Montreal Congregational divine was in his place, and after singing and prayer, took up his theme: "The Smallness and the Greatness of the Preacher's Opportunity." One of the discouraging aspects of his direct contact with the people. He occupies one or two hours weekly in public speech and very far less than that in personal touch. One was almost tempted to ask "Was it worth while?" The speaker then proceeded to enumerate some considerations that mitigate the apparent hopelessness of the situation.

1.--The compactness and power of the truth he proclaims.

In the realm of religion the gauge is not quantity but quality. The necessary truths for constant and continual emphasis were very few. A thing may appear small, but if it be vital it is of vast importance. A little seed, a mighty tree. You may carry a great forest of trees in embryo in a bag upon your back. St. Mark's is but a small gospel, yet how mighty in its influence. He adverted to

2.--The existence of critical moments in a minister's life.

It was time when fundamental importance should be attached to the direction of a force. He gave the following quotation from Victor Hugo: "And these things took place and these things regained their thrones, and the master of Europe was put in a cage, and the old regime became the new, and the light and the shadow of the earth changed places, because on the afternoon of a certain day a peasant boy said to a Prussian in a word, 'Go this way and not that.' There were the critical situations in life as success or failure. The imminent verge of temptation and the hour of sorrow.

3.--The pervasiveness and continuity of personal influence.

The touch of a personality will often abide when the voice is silent. The speaker paid a great tribute to Norman McLeod, the favourite preacher of Queen Victoria. A biography every preacher should read. His last point was the multiplication of influence. Here he described the great Charles H. Spurgeon going to a service with nothing to say. At the last moment he turned to a gentleman on the platform and told him he was hard up for a subject. His friend gave him the multiplication table. The theme was adequate for the occasion. Spurgeon talked on the increase by addition, division, subtraction, multiplication. The two forms of christian contact were the culminating thoughts of the address: 1. The extensive, coming in contact with the multitudes; 2. The intensive, as the Master himself came in contact with his twelve disciples. The doctor diffused at times in the course of his remarks a degree of pathos that brought smiles and tears. The Congregational friends are indeed happy in having such a preacher to administer to their spiritual needs.

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