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SECOND SERMON
ON EVOLUTIONRev. J. S. Bonnell Discusses
Subject in St. Andrew's
Church.Many Hear Address — God's
Sovereignty Remains Unim-
paired, Speaker Says

In the second of a series of sermons on Evolution, Rev. J. S. Bonnell in St. Andrew's church last night, spoke on "Evolution of the World." The large church was taxed to accommodate the large congregation. Mr. Bonnell defined evolution in its truest sense as a description or history of how God has done His work. He gave a vivid word picture of evolution as seen through the eyes of the scientists beginning with a flaming mass of gaseous matter and passing through all the stages of life upward to man.

He said there are those who warn us that this theory is a menace to faith; that it is an attempt to dethrone God. In 1685, when Sir Isaac Newton announced the theory of gravitation, he was bitterly assailed and it was contended "That he had taken from God His power and transferred it to material mechanism, substituting gravitation for Providence."

LEFT UNANSWERED.

Mr. Bonnell said that it was well to remember that all ultimate questions are left unanswered by evolution. Who created the matter of which the universe is composed? How do we account for the soul of man? What is the goal or purpose of creation? he asked. The true scientist, he said, answers that these questions are beyond his sphere and must be answered by religion and the Bible.

Mr. Bonnell asserted that scientists were earnest seekers after truth. If a scientist today could discredit evolution he would become a super-Darwin.

THREE GAPS, HE SAYS.

Mr. Bonnell stated that there were three gaps in the theory of evolution which prevented it from being universally accepted. The first gap was the origin of life. The second gap was in the origin of the species, the third was the origin of man. The real enemy of religion, Mr. Bonnell declared, was not the reverent scientist but the materialist who sought to deny God's creative activity and all Divine purpose in the universe.

ARE THREADBARE.

St. Oliver Lodge, a great authority on physics recently stated that materialism and atheism were never so threadbare in history as they are today. Mr. Bonnell declared, and so strong was the evidence of science, for Divine creative activity, that even Robert Blatchford, a most extreme atheist in Great Britain, admitted that science was causing him to believe in the existence of the soul. Even if the theory of evolution were to be completely proven tomorrow, God's sovereignty would remain unimpaired as the ultimate questions of origin and destiny are not answered by evolution, the preacher asserted.

LAUD CARDINAL IN
CATHEDRAL PULPITBishop LeBlanc and Father
Duke Speak of Death of
Prelate in Belgium

In the Cathedral yesterday, His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc, after asking the people to pray for the repose of the soul of Cardinal Mercier of Belgium, said that next to the Pope the cardinal was the most outstanding member of the church in the world. He had been well known before the "Great War" but since that time was much more in the public mind.

His courage in the trying days of his country in the time of war was very great and his stand had won the admiration of, not only Catholics, but non-Catholics.

Bishop LeBlanc also referred to the late cardinal's efforts for union of the Catholic and Anglican churches and said that while it was not known how far the matter had progressed, no one was more fitted to make the effort than Cardinal Mercier, because of the great reverence in which he was held by both Catholics and Protestants.

At the 11:30 o'clock mass Rev. William Duke, rector, referred in touching terms to the loss sustained in the death of Cardinal Mercier.

NEW ALTAR FUND.

The collection in the Cathedral on the third Sunday in January for the new altar fund amounted to \$618.85. The fund now totals \$10,140.40.

Y. M. C. I. WIN DEBATE

Defeat St. John the Baptist Team
in Interesting
Subject

The Y. M. C. I. defeated the St. John the Baptist team in a debate last evening in the inter-society series. The debate was under the auspices of the St. John the Baptist Young Men's association. The subject under discussion was: "Resolved, that the journalist exercises more influence than the orator." The debate was a very keen one and the judges in deciding said that both teams were even in argument and presentation, but that in the construction of the resolution they had decided to limit the word "exercises" to the present tense, and that the negative had won by a slight margin.

The teams were: St. John the Baptist (affirmative), J. J. McDonald, leader, Thomas Killen; Y. M. C. I. (negative), Albani Robichaud, leader, Charles Campbell. The judges were: Rev. Father Gillen, E. J. Henneberry and J. L. Sugrue. John Ellmore presided.

BEING hard-boiled is much better than being half-baked.

Social Notes
of Interest

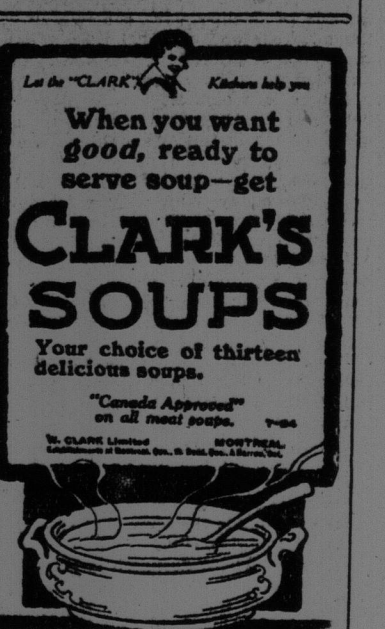
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Reynolds, gave a very enjoyable bridge on Friday evening, at the home of Mrs. Reynolds' parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Flabrooks, Mount Pleasant Avenue. Spring flowers, and potted hyacinths, decorated the drawing room, and were also effectively used in the arrangement of the dining room at supper time. The fortunate prize winners were, Mrs. Ralph Fales, Mrs. Donald Armstrong, Mr. Frank Lewis and Mr. Axel Blake. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Titus, Mr. and Mrs. John May, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Hamm, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. Palmer Kinsman, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Axel Blake, Mr. and Mrs. Polley, Mrs. Kenneth Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cross, Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson, Dr. and Mrs. P. L. Bonnell, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fales, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Estabrooks and Mr. and Mrs. William Rising.

Mrs. H. B. Robinson entertained delightfully at bridge at her residence, Germain street, on Friday afternoon in honor of Miss Catherine McLeod, of Toronto. Jonquil and narcissi decorated the drawing room and also centered the tea table in the dining room. Prizes were won by Miss Edith Waite, Miss Barbara Jack and Mrs. Henry Morrissey. Those present were, Miss Catherine McLeod, Mrs. Y. D. Davidson, Mrs. Katie Jones, Mrs. Henry Morrissey, Mrs. Cecil West, Mrs. Dodge Rankine, Mrs. Laurence MacLaren, Mrs. Wallace Alward, Mrs. Campbell McKay, Miss Edith Waite, Miss Doreen McAvity, Miss Josephine Morrison, Miss Margaret Tilley, Miss Elizabeth Foster, Miss Ruth Robinson, Miss Audrey McLeod and Miss Barbara Jack.

Badminton was played at the Armouries on Saturday afternoon, after which the usual tea was enjoyed. Mrs. W. A. Fisher and Mrs. George Oland presided. Among the many present were, Colonel Commandant W. B. Anderson, C. M. G., D. S. O., Mr. and Mrs. Courtlandt Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fitz-Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. Peniston Johnstone, Mr. and Mrs. George Oland, Capt. and Mrs. Campbell, Major and Mrs. Vince, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Porter, Mrs. Sherwood Skinner, Mrs. Walter Foster, Mrs. F. Cavenhill Jones, Mrs. W. A. Ewing, Mrs. John W. McKean, Mrs. Walter Gilbert, Mrs. J. R. Miller, Mrs. Rustel Sturdes, Mrs. Daniel Mullin, Mrs. James I. McAvity, Mrs. Frank Fairweather, Miss Grace Skinner, Miss Sara Hare, Mrs. Boucher, London, Ont., The Misses Tilley, Miss Audrey McLeod, Miss Carruthers, Miss Horneuse Maher, Miss Viola McAvity, Miss Doreen McAvity, Miss Edith Skinner, Miss Helen Sidney Smith, Miss Pauline Biederman, Miss Phyllis Kenney, Miss Grace Robertson, Miss George Patton, Capt. Poston, Major Larter, Mr. Harley, Mr. Don Skinner and Major Gerald Anglin.

Mrs. W. R. Stewart, who was a hostess at a bridge on Thursday evening, gave an enjoyable ladies bridge on Friday evening, at her home, 9 Gooderick street. The prize winners were, Mrs. Ronald Stammers and Mrs. John Addy.

Mrs. Gerald Furlong's many friends are sorry to hear that she had the misfortune to fall at the Armouries on Thursday evening while playing badminton, and as a result is confined to bed.



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bed suffering from a badly sprained ankle.

lotte street, to a number of their friends. Spring flowers and potted plants decorated the drawing rooms and a silver basket of pink roses, and pink candles in silver candlesticks centred the tea table, over which Mrs. W. C. Cross and Mrs. E. L. Corbett presided. The guests were conducted to the dining room by Mrs. Palmer Kinsman and Mrs. John Earle and the delicious refreshments were served by Miss Marion Brown, Miss Lorna Davis, Miss F. Thurston and Miss Mildred Parker. Mrs. P. A. Wilson and Miss Mabel Lewis replenished. Mrs. Vanwert and Mrs. Polley entertained the ladies who assisted them, at the bridge on Saturday. The guests on this occasion also included those who as-

isted the hostesses on Friday afternoon at the tea hour.

Mrs. John W. Vanwert and her daughter, Mrs. George T. Polley, were at home, at the tea hour, on Saturday at their residence, Charles street.

Mrs. A. E. Cunningham left Saturday evening for Everett, Mass., owing to the illness of her sister, Mrs. Murdoch.

Mrs. H. W. Schofield, Rothesay, was the guest recently of her mother, Mrs. James H. McAvity, Carville Hall apartment.

Mrs. H. B. McLaughlin, of Truro, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. Angevine, Wright street.

Mrs. William Fugaley, who has been

a guest at the Admiral Beatty, left on Thursday evening for Boston for a short visit.

Mrs. James Boucher, of London, Ontario, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Leonard Tilley, Carleton House.

Miss Josephine Morrison, who has spent several weeks in the city, visiting her grandmother, Mrs. James L. Dunn, returned to Montreal on Saturday evening to continue her nursing duties.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brown, of Saint John, who have been staying with their daughter, Mrs. George Saffren, at Sussex, for a month, left last week on a trip to California where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Touse, of Fair Vale, have taken rooms at Wentworth Hall for the winter. Miss Gwen Touse is now a resident pupil at Netherwood, Rothesay.

Mrs. R. E. Puddington and Miss Puddington, of Rothesay, and Mrs. James P. Robertson expect to leave today to spend the balance of the winter in St. Augustine, Florida.

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