

# IN PULPIT AND PEW

## BAPTIST

Twenty-one Baptist Sunday Schools of Toronto are banded together for missionary purposes, and last year gave \$3,000 to work in Bolivia. The recently organized union of Baptist young people, of British Columbia held their first annual meeting. They decided to raise \$700 for missions and reach a membership of 1,000 during 1916.

Rev. H. E. Stillwell, treasurer of our Foreign Mission Board is now in the West to attend the Union of Western Canada in Vancouver.

A Baptist Chaplain Mentioned in Dispatches.

On November 30 Sir John French, prior to laying down the Command-in-Chief, sent to the Secretary of State for War a list of men and officers whom he wished to be recommended for gallant and distinguished service in the field. We are pleased to see among them the name of a Baptist chaplain, the Rev. T. N. Tattersall, England. Three other chaplains of the United Board also mentioned in Sir John French's report.

Rev. G. A. Wasson gave an address on "How we can have a revival" in the afternoon. Rev. M. S. Richardson gave an address on "How we carry on a district-wide revival."

Rev. J. C. Wilson spoke on "The revised church."

A conference followed on "How to realize a revival" was conducted by Rev. J. B. Gannon, of St. John.

Last night, Rev. J. B. Gannon gave an address on "Pentecost and After."

Rev. H. E. Allaby preached on "What Jesus Christ paid for your soul."

Cler. Mott, of Bathurst gave a solo, and Misses Jessie and Florence Lyon, of Millerton a duet.

Next meeting, (the annual) will be held at Doaktown, next June.

Quarterly Meeting at Newcastle.

Encouraging reports yesterday, from the different churches. Since the annual meeting in June last, over 100 have been baptized in the District and received into church membership.

The most noteworthy work has been done by Rev. H. E. Allaby, in Whiteville, Lettleton and Halcomb, where since June there have been 62 baptisms. In Bathurst, a new church has been organized, self-supporting, with Rev. E. A. Kinley as pastor. Campbellton church where Rev. Wellington Camp, late of St. John, is pastor, is flourishing. There is a strong movement at Doaktown, with Rev. J. C. Wilson, late of New Glasgow, in charge. Newcastle church has had an increase of membership, has become self-supporting, and has brought a valuable site for a new parsonage.

Rev. E. A. Kinley gave a paper on "Is a Revival Normal to the Christian Church?"

## METHODIST

Lieut. E. C. Irvine, signalling officer, 117th Battalion, captain in 53rd militia for six years, professor at St. Andrew's College, Quebec. St. Andrew's loses a valued citizen and the church an enthusiastic worker, and the college a conscientious teacher of no mean ability, but the army gains one who will prove his fidelity in active service. Principal Freeman is a very capable man, fully equipped all the time in formulating and carrying out plans for the benefit of the student and the prosperity of the college. He has a faithful band of eager, consecrated teachers, who give the institution a home-like atmosphere.

Victoria University has given some one hundred and sixty graduates students to the service of our country, either under arms, or training for the front.

The Robbitt Methodist church, Halifax, held a reception for the officers and men training in or temporary residence in that city, on the way to Europe, who had been or were lately students at Mount Allison. Forty-five were invited. Mount Allison has given the largest percentage of her students to the overseas forces. Fourteen Mt. Allison boys were with the No. 7 Medical Corps, which left Halifax on New Year's Eve. Among those who left were Lieut. Col. Bon, Major Frank Day, of the 5th.

Mr. James J. Hall, of St. Paul, Minn., U. S., has given \$5,000 towards fund for erecting and completing a women's residence at Regina, Canada. It is hoped this building will be ready for occupation by the end of this month.

In Vonda district, near Saskatoon, in only two communities were the dried out, in a village near, solidly French, thevite was unanimously dry. Who's who? Who was the father of Methodism in America? Was it Philip Embury or Robert Strawbridge? A commission sits on the 26-7 of this month to settle, if possible, this vexed question between the North and the South.

Methodist churches, which even in the twentieth century. It is proposed to reduce the number of delegates to the General Conference of the M. E. Church from 350 to 300, and save \$50,000. The doubt is whether the General Conference has the courage to do anything so radical.

Four ministers have been elected as trustees of Peking University, China. This action is on the basis of the re-organization of Peking University as a union university.

Southern Methodist sentiment toward the Methodist Episcopal church is being delightfully expressed over and over again in these days. Recently Rev. Dr. E. Goddard, wrote in the bulletin of the first church, Galveston, Texas—one of the largest in that body—these words of greeting, concerning the visit of Bishop W. P.

Thirkield to that church: "It is with unusual pleasure that we welcome Bishop W. P. Thirkield to our pulpit this evening. . . . He is a Bishop of the great Methodist Episcopal church, sometimes called the Northern Methodist church. It is sincerely hoped that the time is fast coming when there shall be no North or South in Methodism, but only Methodism without prefixes or suffixes. It was a great moment in the last General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, when it adopted with such enthusiasm the proposed plan for union of American Methodism. The unfulfilled mission of Methodism cannot be realized while we are divided. The great church which he represents. The question of degrees is attracting some attention over the border. It is thought for many are conferred. Pardon me once put it thus: When every James' an L.L.D., When every Kate's a Proctor, And every Anne's a doctor. When every body's somebody, Then why is anybody?"

## PRESBYTERIAN

The congregation of Grand Falls, vacant since the removal of Rev. Roland Davidson to Tyne Valley, P.E.I., in July last, is taking steps to extend a call to a minister to succeed him.

Rev. James Horon of Lawrenceville, N. S., in the Presbytery of Halifax, has accepted a call to New Carlisle, P. Q., in the Presbytery of Miramichi, and will be inducted at an early date.

Rev. J. F. McKay of Harvey and Acton, N. B., has been undergoing surgical treatment in the Victoria Hospital, Fredericton. He is recovering and will soon return to his work.

Cooke's Church, Kingston, Ont., vacant since the translation of their former minister, Rev. J. W. McIntosh, to St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert, Sask., in August last, has extended a call to Rev. E. R. Maclean, colleague of Rev. A. Macgillivray, Bonar Church, Toronto.

Rev. R. S. Laidlaw of St. Paul's Church, Brandon, Man., has been called to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Rev. F. B. Duval, D.D., from the pastorate of Knox Church, Winnipeg, after three years' ministry in this congregation of twenty-seven years.

Rev. E. L. Pidgeon, late of St. John's church, Vancouver, was inducted into the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, Jan. 14. He succeeds Rev. Dr. G. E. Wilson, who accepted a call to Deer Park Church, Toronto, in June last. Mr. Pidgeon, a native of Scotland, has been in the ministry since 1892, and has been a member of the Theological College at San Fernando, Trinidad.

Rev. R. P. McKay, D.D., secretary of Assembly of the Board of Christian Missions, was inducted into the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, Jan. 10, on a three months' visit to our mission in the Dominion.

Rev. Dr. Fulton J. Collin, who returns after a furlough to resume his work in the Theological College at San Fernando, Trinidad.

Teaching Gaelic in Pine Hill. At the last meeting of the Halifax Gaelic Board arrangements were made to secure the services of Mr. J. G. Macdonald, of Sydney, N. S., to give lectures on the Gaelic Literature to the Gaelic-speaking students in attendance and he opened his classes with the reopening of the college after the Christmas holidays. This will be of very great advantage to the students for the ministry who will be called upon to proclaim their message in Gaelic, still the mother tongue of many people in the Maritime Provinces, especially in Cape Breton. Mr. Macdonald is recognized as one of the best living authorities on the Gaelic language. He was editor for many years of "MacTalla," which was a publication a few years ago, the last Gaelic paper in the world.

Timely Expression of Good Will. On Thursday evening, January 13, a number of the members of Calvin Church, St. John, betook themselves to the home of Rev. James Ross, East of St. John, completely surprising their worthy host and hostess as they filled their hospitable rooms. The pastor, Rev. F. W. Thompson, on behalf of the session and congregation, presented Mr. and Mrs. Ross with an address and a handsome chair in token of the esteem in which they are held by the people of Calvin congregation, as well as of sympathy with them in their recent illness and gratitude for their recovery. Mr. Ross suitably replied on his own and Mrs. Ross' behalf, after which the evening was spent in social fellowship.

Word from Dr. J. H. MacVicar. In the January number of the Presbyterian Record appears a letter from the pen of Rev. J. H. MacVicar, lately of St. Andrew's Church, St. John, but now returned to the scene of his former missionary work in Honan, China. Dr. MacVicar spent some four years as a missionary in Honan in the early days of his ministry, returning with the late Mrs. MacVicar to Canada in 1892. Now he has gone back to revisit this field and probably to resume the work of the mission. He left Canada for Honan in August last and the letter above referred to was written shortly after his arrival. It deals largely with his impressions of that country which has come over the place and people during the twenty or more years of absence. "When we returned

to Canada in 1892," he writes, "China was wrapped in a deep sleep than that of Europe in the Middle Ages. She hardly gave a sign of stirring. It was therefore a novel experience to be awakened on my first morning at Chang-chow by the whistle of a cotton factory, the shunting of trains and the blare of military bugles scarcely distinguishable from those which we had been hearing in Canada ever since the outbreak of this terrible war. Van Winkle and asked, 'Can I be myself, or am I somebody else? I thought I was in China, but all this sounds very like St. John or Montreal.'"

## Change in the Mission.

"But the most noticeable change in the missionary force and in the equipment for the work . . . I can hardly believe my eyes now. I am still rubbing my eyes and asking: 'Am I myself or am I somebody else? I thought I should live to see in this region such a splendid missionary equipment and such solid results associated with it?' For not a few years I had the honor of being a member of the Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, both in the West and in the East, and I am persuaded from what I came in that capacity to know of other fields, that the Church at home has obtained more than usual value for its money in the expenditure made on buildings here. . . . I am simply amazed with the equipment it stands and as yet I have seen only two stations. I am equally amazed at the conscientious way in which the equipment has been, and is being, used by those who on behalf of the Church at home have responded to the intellectual challenges which the work in China makes to the choicest intellectual gifts, the strongest powers of heart and life, the sanest patience and persistence of personal volition and the most pronounced supernatural Christian love."

## W. C. T. U.

### "FOR GOD AND HOME AND EVERY LAND."

The weekly meeting of the St. John Women's Christian Temperance Union, was held on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 18, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was well attended, and many of our members being sick, we had one visiting member, Mrs. Nae.

The Superintendents of the different departments were appointed for the year. Mrs. Soyars being re-elected. Mrs. R. D. Christie, of the Temperance Instruction; Mrs. L. B. Osborne, of Railwaymen; Mrs. Taylor, of Parlor Meetings.

Our meeting was followed by a very helpful "prayer service," praying for our men, nations, and prohibition. Our Provincial President, Mrs. Margaret MacVicar, in a recent letter to

the local union, says: "If we would just consider the matter, there is no way we can better help our boys than to root them to rid our land of the 'accursed thing.' Never have we had such encouragement to push the fight against King Alcohol, as at the present time. Do not let us slacken our pace, but let us lose no opportunity to keep our work to the front."

"Forget the slander you have heard. Forget the hastily, unkind word. Forget the quarrel and the cause. Forget the whole affair, because forgetting is the only way. Forget the storms of yesterday. Forget the chap whose sour face forgets to smile in any place. But do not forget, I ask of you, our helpful W.C.T.U."

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