

# IN PULPIT AND PEW

## PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. J. C. Mortimer of Hampton preached in St. Stephen's church, St. John, last Sabbath.

Rev. Hugh Miller of St. Andrew's church, Campbellton, N. B., occupied the pulpit of Knox church, Glace Bay, N. S., his former congregation, on Sabbath, Nov. 28, the occasion being the dedication of a newly-installed handsome pipe organ.

The Presbyteries of St. John and Miramichi will each hold their quarterly meetings on Tuesday next, the former in St. Andrew's church, St. John, and the latter in St. James' hall, Newcastle. A special feature of the meeting of St. John Presbytery will be the public evening meeting to which the members of all the city congregations are invited, and which will be addressed by Rev. Frank Woodcock and Rev. Thomas Stewart, D. D., of Halifax.

Rev. Dr. Polley, of St. John's church, Dalhousie, N. B., has accepted the call to St. James' church, Parrsboro, N. S., and will be inducted to the pastoral charge at an early date. His immediate predecessor in Parrsboro was Rev. V. M. Purdy who resigned in June last to accept appointment as agent for the Maritime Home for Girls. The first minister settled in Parrsboro was Rev. James McGregor McKay whose pastorate began in 1855 and continued for five years. The ministers since his day have been Revs. Duncan McKinnon, A. W. McLeod, Alex. Ross, R. M. Dill, H. K. McLean, D. K. Grant, E. W. Florence, R. W. Anglin and V. M. Purdy. Dr. Polley has been two years in Dalhousie.

Rev. George Wood of St. Andrew's church, Chatham, N. B., who went overseas as chaplain of the 48th Battalion with the rank of Major, has been promoted to the rank of Brigadier Major, succeeding Rev. Bruce Taylor of St. Paul's church, Montreal as senior chaplain of the brigade which includes the 42nd and 48th Battalions, the Royal Canadian Regiment and the Princess Patricia's Regiment.

Rev. A. H. Campbell of St. John's church, Bridgewater, N. S., has accepted the call extended to him by the congregation of Falmouth St. church, Sydney, N. S. His ministry in Bridgewater terminates tomorrow. Rev. J. A. McLean of Mahone Bay, N. S., has been appointed interim moderator of the session of St. John's church. Rev. F. W. Thompson of Calvin church was minister in Bridgewater for several years before coming to St. John.

Rev. W. I. Green has returned to his mission field in Couva, Trinidad. He has been home on furlough for but a few months. His furlough has been marked by a great sorrow in the loss of his wife in October last from pneumonia, leaving to his care four small children. He sailed by the steamer on which Dr. Jamieson returned to Trinidad.

dad, he who met a tragic death a few days ago, soon after his arrival at the scene of his missionary labors.

Rev. George W. Miller of St. Andrew's church, Wolfville, N. S., who was recently called to his former charge in Clyde River and Barrington, N. B., will remain in his present congregation. At the meeting of Halifax Presbytery, Nov. 20, a strong plea was made by commissioners from the congregation calling for his acceptance of their call. A large delegation from the Wolfville congregation pleaded for his retention. Mr. Miller placed the matter of his decision in the hands of the Presbytery which resolved that he should remain with the people whom he has served so well for several years.

Call from St. Andrew's Church.

On Wednesday evening, according to appointment, a meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's church, St. John, was held for the purpose of moderating in a call to a minister to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. J. H. MacVicar in March last. Rev. Gordon Dickie of St. Stephen's church, St. John, interim moderator of St. Andrew's session, presided. A hearty and unanimous call was extended to Rev. F. S. Dowling, recently of Deseronto, Ont., who has supplied the pulpit acceptably for the month of November. The call will be circulated among the members and adherents of the congregation for their signature, and will be presented to the Presbytery of St. John at its meeting on Tuesday next. The stipend guaranteed is \$2,000 annually with an allowance for moving expenses. It is hoped that Mr. Dowling will accept the call.

Gene to the War.

"When the church is opened there will be nobody present but women and elderly men. You can hardly realize out in Canada what a clean sweep of young manhood the war has made in our country parishes. In this little 'clchan,' not a young man is left. We will need all the men you can send us." These are the words of Rev. E. B. Rankin of Whitekirk, Scotland, to a friend in Nova Scotia, writing of the re-opening of the "Ancient" Kirk, which is being restored after the destroying touch of the suffragettes about two years ago. Mr. Rankin was for several years minister of Falmouth St. church, Sydney, N. S. He has recently been elected moderator of the Synod of Lethbridge and Tweeddale.

Sunday School Rally.

Plans are in progress for the annual Sunday school rally of the Presbyterian Sunday schools of St. John and environs, and for the Congregational church. An energetic committee is working on a programme which promises to make this rally equal to the best of its predecessors.

Principal Denney.

Now it is Principal Denney of United Free Church College, Glasgow, who has been well known to the theological students of the past twenty years as Professor Denney, and his books have been eagerly sought after. He has been appointed principal in succession to the late Principal Lindsay, and there is every confidence that he will prove himself a worthy successor. Dr. Moffatt has been appointed to the chair of church history in Glasgow College to succeed Principal Lindsay.

## METHODIST

Prof. Des Barres of Mt. Allison has been appointed organizer for the Patriotic Fund in the Province of New Brunswick.

Rev. J. Heaney, B. A., has accepted an invitation to Cornwall, P. E. I., and for next year.

Lloyd Flemming, B. A., a graduate of Queen's University, a grandson of the late Rev. J. J. Tensdale, who had enlisted for overseas service, took sick at Winnipeg and died.

Rev. Dr. Cowperthwaite preached in Truro, N. S., last Sunday a. m., with much acceptance. Many will remember with pleasure his useful and successful ministry in this city and on P. E. I. years ago.

The Quarterly Board of the First Methodist church, Charlottetown, waited on Prof. I. T. Thompson, who has resigned his position as organist to go to the front, and presented him with an appreciative address and a substantial bank draft.

Enlistment from the University of Mt. A. continues. George T. Wetherall, president of the junior class, has been attached to the ambulance corps of the 105th Battalion. W. R. Seeley, president of the Y. M. C. A., and R. Smart, one of last year's debating team, are awaiting appointments to the Y. M. C. A. work in active service. Christmas boxes are being sent by the students to all the Mt. A. men at the front. Old Mt. A. has about 170 representatives now in active service in varied capacities.

Dr. Borden and Dr. Campbell have been visiting Halifax in the interests of Mount A. It appears that Auburn Theological Seminary has 1,000 ministers and missionaries now representing that institution in sixteen different countries and in practically every state in the union.

Three hundred and seventy are in New York State a number in Tenn., Ohio, New Jersey and Illinois. Forty-five in Japan and China. Some in the war zone have not been heard from for some time. Four are in Constantinople.

Thirty-five universities and colleges have sent students who are ministerial candidates. Yale, Hamilton College, Fordham, Colgate and Treadwell. The present student body has come together from eighteen states and six countries.

## BAPTIST

Rev. W. S. Tedford, M. A., B. D., and Miss Lucy M. Jones are booked to sail from Vancouver for India New Year's Day. Mr. Tedford and family will follow next autumn. Miss Gausson is hoped to be able to join them, but the

doctor has forbidden her leaving Canada this year.

Rev. Geo. F. Bolster of Halifax was in the city on Tuesday and attended the Boy Scout concert held in Waterloo street United Baptist church.

"Ministers and Money"

At the last meeting of the Ministers' Conference, Boston, the order of the day was a discussion on "Ministers and Money," opened by Hon. George W. Coleman. Among other things Mr. Coleman said that the attitude of many laymen toward the minister's salary is often unconsciously hypocritical. This is true not only in relation to the majority of ministers, but in relation to the minister who commands a large salary which they frequently criticize. This important question for the minister in regard to many is whether the matter is an incidental or major one in his life. The majority of ministers exhibit the most amazing business qualities, more so than any other class of men. An extravagance in giving is often a fault among ministers. Ministers are the most glib class in the community when it comes to getting something out of nothing in investments. Usually wild-cat investments are little short of a crime when pursued by ordinary ministers. The best investment is generally life insurance. The accession of large wealth is likely to expose a minister to such moral and spiritual temptations as may make him indecent and entirely change his character. Look out for the "money-bug!" No one is immune. In the discussion that followed Drs. E. W. Hunt and C. H. Watson participated. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Coleman, with the recommendation that Mr. Coleman give his lecture before the theological seminaries of the country.

Rev. E. Bosworth, the capable secretary of Grand-Ligne Mission, completed twenty-five years of service in that capacity, on November 9th.

## W. C. T. U.

For God and Home and Every Land.

The weekly meeting of the St. John Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held on Tuesday afternoon with a good number of the members present. The devotional service was followed by the reading of correspondence and minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. It was thought that more of our ladies should take the White Ribbon Bulletin. Any lady may receive this paper for the small sum of twelve cents a year. It is a monthly paper and has all the temperance news of all our unions in Canada. Mrs. C. F. Woodman will receive subscriptions for next year's paper. Final arrangements were made for the annual meeting of our county convention to be held in the Orange Hall, Germain street, on Tuesday, December 14th. We are looking for a large number of members from the different unions to take care of officers will be one of the most important items of business, while there are many other matters to be discussed at that meeting. Refreshments will be served and a social time will close one year and start us on another which, we hope, will be a very successful one. The delegates to the meeting of the Alliance at Fredericton report a very representative meeting, a large number being present.

Death Rate Affected.

An insurance union whose membership is made up of thirty-seven per cent. women and sixty-three per cent. men, shows by its statistics that the women furnish seven deaths to the thousand, and the men ten deaths to the thousand. This higher death rate among the men is attributed almost entirely to the so-called respectable social drinking habits of the land.

The Way of Safety.

A message to young men from John D. Long, a former secretary of the United States navy, expresses strong convictions as to abstinence from the use of intoxicating liquors. Writing in The Temperance Cause, Mr. Long says: "You may think that you have self-control enough to take care of yourself. But the chances are that your self-control will be no more than pasteboard against a Gatling gun if you tamper with temptation and once begin the indulgence. If you want a clear head if you want a sound heart; if you want a healthy body; if you want money in your pocket and credit to your name, put your foot right down and say that you are going to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors, and keep the faith."

HOW THEY "DO THEIR BIT."

Many men in England who are too old to go to the front are aiding the nation in other ways, according to a letter received by an English commercial man in St. John. From 5,000 to 7,000 London business men are assisting to make ammunition at the Woolwich arsenal on Saturdays and Sundays. The writer of the letter said that his sixteen-year-old son was one of those on the watch for Zeppelins. One night two Zeppelins appeared at different times and each time the boy rode many miles on a bicycle to notify the district constables. The boy had \$25 in a savings bank which he turned into the war loan fund.

Asks for Leaflet.

The secretary of the Commercial Club of Hall, New York, writes the Board of Trade as follows: "A club, of which I am secretary, has been recently organized for the purpose of boosting our town. I saw one of your leaflets, 'St. John is a Good Place to do Business In,' and would appreciate having one of the copies to place before our club."

Pup from Santa Claus.

One of the pleasant tasks that the Secretary of the Board of Trade was called to perform yesterday was to endeavor to secure a puppy as a Christmas present for a little North Shore lad. The secretary got in touch with the pup all right and he hopes with the aid of Santa Claus to bring the boy and the dog together later on.

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