IN PULPIT AND PEW

BAPTIST

Dr. F. B. Meyer has been receiving unusual honors in London. The Baptist Times says: "The annual floral festival, held at Christ church on Tuesday, was made the occasion of demonstrating once more the loyalty and devotion of Dr. Meyer's people to their beloved minister. Dr. R. F. Horton preached in the afternoon on "The Valley of Hope," and after a crowded atendance at the customary strawberry tea, an enthusiastic audience, which applauded every kindly reference to Dr. Meyer, gathered in the church. Right Honorable the Lord Mayor of London presided, and the other speakers were Miss Annie Swan, Rev. J. H. Shakespeare, M. A., Rev. J. E. Rattenbury, M.A., and the mayor of Southwark. Both the civic officials were arrayed in their robes and insignia of office, and the arrival and departure of the Lord Mayor was marked not only by a guard of honor of Boy Scouts, but was witnessed by interested crowds outside the church."

Dr. Clifford entered on his presidency of the National Brotherhood Federation at the Conference which began at Whitefield's Tabernacle, Eng., Sunday, Sept. 17th.

Missionary Charles A. Leonard writes to the Baptist World that Li Yuan Hung, the new president of China, is a Christian. Missionary Charles R. Shepherd writes to the same paper that the wife of Sen Yat Sen, the first president, is a member of the Baptist church at Macao.

In speaking of "The Lord's Prayer" Dr. James A. Francis says: "This prayer contemplates a man so wrapped up in and enamored of the great programme of Christ that it fills all the foreground of his life, and only after he has poured out his soul for that which is the master passion of his being does he turn to ask for the supply of his own needs, and these only in order that he may be equipped and sustained to do Christ's work."

The Baptist Standard gives this bit of interesting information:

We have received a copy of the minutes of a Hardshell Baptist Association in East Texas. We note at least two facts of interest which are related to each other. In the constitution of the association is this disclaimer: "This association forever disclaims all connection with any missionary society by whatsoever name it may be called. No church shall hereafter be admitted into this union until she shall have first produced satisfactory evidence of her being opposed to all missionary schemes." Now, note the table showing conditions of the churches. In the eleven churches, there was not a single baptism, nor were there any additions by letter. There was one exclusion and one death. The total contributions reported from all churches amounted to $12.

The Church of the Evangel, Narbeth, U. S., announces on the back page of the weekly calendar the five cardinal doctrines of a Baptist church: Soul liberty, the Bible, local church government, a regenerate membership and believer's baptism. While Dr. John Gordon is serving this church as acting pastor, he will hammer home these points with a vigor all his own.

Last week representatives of all the Free Churches gathered at Mansfield College, Oxford, Eng., at the invitation of the principal, Dr. Selbie, to discuss the principles and proposals for a United Free Church outlined in the presidential address of the Rev. J. H. Shakespeare. This conference was a milestone on the journey towards the ideal of religious unity, and doubtless upon the findings of the representatives depends the attitude of the churches to this great problem in the future. The principal denominations and the National Council had each appointed ten representatives, while the College of the Free Churches had twenty-two delegates. Thus there were forty members of the Conference at Oxford, and all the leaders of the Free Churches attended the meetings. It was one of the most important gatherings in the history of Christianity, and will be rendered memorable, not only on account of the standing of its members, but because of the far-reaching effect that may be anticipated from its findings.

Rev. John MacNeill, B.A., the highly esteemed pastor of Walmer Road Baptist Church, has decided to accept the pressing call of the National Y. M. C. A. to spend several months in religious work in the military camps of England and France. Walmer Road Church has very generously granted Mr. MacNeill leave of absence to fulfill this mission, which will probably begin about November 1st. Mr. MacNeill will leave Canada the middle of October. May the Master's guidance and blessing go with him and abide with him.

Rev. J. C. Hardy, who has been home on furlough in the Maritime Provinces, recently left for Vancouver, B. C., whence he is to sail with other missionaries for the East, to resume his work in India.

The Canadian Baptist, commenting on the call extended by the First Moncton Baptist Church to Rev. A. J. Vining, has this to say: "This good church sought a good man when seeking Bro. Vining. But we are pleased to learn that Mr. Vining still thinks he is called to serve the College Street Church, Toronto."

From the Maritime Baptist:—

"A late issue of the Baptist Times of London, contains a reference to the death of Lieut. Hugh Marnham, killed in action. He was the second son of Herbert Marnham, M. P., one of the foremost Baptist laymen in Great Britain. At the first Baptist World Alliance, held in London in 1905, all colonial delegates enjoyed his abounding hospitality at a banquet. He was also in attendance upon the second Alliance meeting, held in Philadelphia five years ago. He will have the deep sympathy of a host of friends and acquaintances in his present sorrow.

"The Gaston Avenue Baptist church of Dallas, Texas, which some months ago was left without a pastor by the resignation of Dr. H. Alford Porter, was evidently well pleased with its experience of 'Bluenose' preachers. At any rate it attempted to get another man from these provinces to succeed Dr. Porter. But Dr. W. W. Weeks of Springfield, Mass., who was called, declined the call, prefering to remain somewhat nearer the land of his birth. Dr. Weeks spent his holidays in the home land, and while here preached once in the Central Church, St. John, and once at Moncton where he enjoyed a successful pastorate some years ago. We have heard most enthusiastic reports in regard to the sermons preached on these occasions."

METHODIST

The last meeting of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference in Westminster, London, Eng., one of the most interesting sessions was when the secretary announced the presence of distinguished visitors from Canada, Mr. Justice Maclaren of Toronto, and the Hon. A. L. Sifton, Prime Minister of Alberta. The president welcomed the visitors, and the secretary moved that as Dr. Chown had been compelled to postpone his visit until next year, and they therefore had no address from the Canadian Conference, they should send a special communication to the Canadian Conference.

A writer to the Wesleyan thus notices the opening of the church work of Rev. H. E. Thomas at Sackville. The preacher has recently returned from active service as chaplain of the C. E. F., and is now pastor—than whom perhaps no more worthy successor to Dr. Bond could be found in any of the Conferences of our church. As a preacher, Mr. Thomas does not deal in the crude speculations of unsettled minds, but in the blessed certitude of Christianity. Could the fathers and mothers of those young men and maidens in the many Christian homes of the Maritime Provinces have listened to his discourse on that Sabbath morning from the words of the great Apostle, "I know whom I have believed and etc," a deep feeling of thankfulness and hope would have filled their hearts. As a preacher and pastor and teacher for the young Mr. Thomas seems to approximate very closely to the ideal of what a Christian minister should be.

Of Rev. Howard Sprague, D.D., who now lies sick in his home he says, "For many years he has been a tower of strength in the principal pulpits of the N. B. and P. E. Island Conference. He is in extreme weakness with little hope of his returning to the active service of the church. His preaching and teaching through the many years he has served the church as preacher and professor, has inspired those who have came under his influence with lofty ideals, and strong convictions of duty and privilege."

Dr. David Allison, formerly president of Mount Allison University is writing a history of his native province, Nova Scotia. The first volume is expected to appear shortly. He is recognized by all to be well qualified for the work. His friends are expecting an interesting and instructive history.

The attendance at Mount Allison this year is expected and likely to exceed last year, one hundred and seventy-five are already registered. Dr. Borden and an efficient staff of teachers will keep up the good work.

All the district meetings held have given special attention to the Supernumerary Fund endowment, and extra funds needed to meet the claims in full from year to year.

While We Are Waiting.

It seems weary waiting till that fair day of peace shall dawn, does it not? Winter is drawing on and with its coming the suffering and hardship of the brave men who are fighting for us, will be multiplied many fold. And still the end keeps out of sight and no one can tell us anything as to how or when it will come. Well, what can we do about it? Not much perhaps, only try to be patient, and as trustful and courageous as we may. But yes, we can do this too, we can remember that God is waiting very much as we are. He too has to let these human processes work themselves out. He would like the end, even as we cannot, and yet, speaking with all reverence, He cannot hurry it. And having done what He can to heal this great hurt of the world, we must think of Him as waiting in patience until the will and temper of men will let Him work His purpose. And if we have done and are doing what we can, we ought to be able in some measure to enter into His patience; we ought to be able in some degree to wait patiently with Him.

PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. F. C. Simpson, of Bridgetown, N. S., is supplying the pulpit of St. Andrew's church, Chatham, for a couple of Sabbaths.

Rev. H. J. Fraser, of Summerside, P. E. I., formerly of Loggieville, N. B., has been called to the pastorate of St. Andrew's church, Truro, N. S.

Rev. G. A. Sutherland, late of Kensington, P. E. I., passed through St. John on Tuesday of this week en route to Wilkie, Sask., where he has accepted a call to the pastorate. He was accompanied by his wife and family.

Rev. A. B. McLeod has resigned the pastorate of Chalmers church, Woodstock, Ont., on account of his health He was at one time minister of St. Andrew's church, Truro, N. S.

Rev. Edward Thorpe, for several years of St. George, N. B., has resigned his appointment in Wentworth and Westchester, N. S., the same to take effect after the second Sabbath of October.

Rev. Dr. A. J. W. Myers, of Toronto, educational secretary of the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, passed through St. John on Tuesday of this week, returning after several weeks spent in the maritime provinces, taking part in summer schools and conventions.

Rev. W. C. Wauchope, of Upper Musquodoboit and Rev. D. Stiles Fraser, of Lower Musquodoboit, N. S., have both resigned their pastorates. Rev. M. H. McIntosh, of Middle Musquodoboit, has been appointed interim moderator of both congregations during vacancy.

Sheet Harbor, N. S., has extended a call to Rev. D. M. McGowan, who has been slated supply there for several months.

St. Matthew's church, St. John, vacant on the aceptancce of the resignation of Rev. J. J. McCaskill, September 12, has extended a unanimous call to Rev. John Hardwick, who has been under appointment there since November last, during the leave of absence of the former pastor.

Prof. D. J. Fraser will be inducted to the principalship of Montreal Presbyterian College at the convocation October 3.

Knox College, Toronto, held convocation service in the college chapel on the evening of September 28. Principal Gandier delivered an address on The Challenge of the War to the Christian Church.

Rev. H. L. Stephens, D. D., with five associates, has begun a five weeks' evangelistic campaign in New Glasgow, N. S., which is being supported by all the churches of the town. A large tabernacle has been erected with accommodation for 2,500 people, and proper facilities for heating and lighting. The choir platform will seat 300. The meetings began last Sunday.

Rev. S. S. Burns, late of St. John's church, Brockville, Ont., was inducted to the pastoral charge of Verdun Presbyterian church, Montreal, September 21st.

Union negotiations are in progress between the congregations of Calvin and Westminster churches, Montreal.

Rev. Dr. R. P. MacKay, of Toronto, ex-moderator of the General Assembly, and general secretary of the foreign mission board, has been in St. John this week, and will remain in the maritime provinces until after the meeting of Synod in Truro. He addressed the W. M. Society in St. John on Wednesday evening, and remains in the city over the week-end. He preached in St. Andrew's church last evening and tomorrow will be heard in St. Stephen's and St. David's churches, in St. John Presbyterian Sabbath school and also in conference with ministers, elders and trustees of the Presbyterian congregations in St. Andrew's church in the afternoon. On Monday evening he will speak in Moncton.

Rev. W. W. Malcolm has resigned his appointment as ordained missionary in East St. John. The home mission committee to whom the matter was referred by the Presbytery, reluctantly accepted the same, to take effect at the end of September. In doing so the committee recommended the adoption by Presbytery of a minute placing on record sincere appreciation of Mr. Malcolm's faithful and efficient services during his appointment of more than two years. Negotiations are in progress between representatives of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches looking toward united effort in East St. John.

Lieut. Ralph B. Clark, report of whose death at the front came to hand this week, was one of the thirty-nine "Pine Hill" students who have enlisted for service overseas. He was completing his second year in theology when he joined the Army Medical Corps, then being formed in Halifax, and went to England over a year ago. "Killed in action," were the words that flashed to friends on this side with tragic suddenness the news of his death. A young wife, formerly Miss Georgie Ryan, of Moncton, to whom he was married in England but a few weeks ago, a mother and sister at home in St. Stephen, N. B., a stepbrother, Rev. H. M. Clark, in Honan, China, besides many other relatives and friends will sorrow for his death. He died at his post of duty, "doing his bit" with high and sacred purpose in this day of trial.

The fortieth annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society has become a bit of history. Three full sessions for each of two days, besides the meeting of the board of management on the preceding evening, with committee meetings between times, made it a busy season for the delegates in attendance from all parts of the maritime provinces. A well-arranged programme, carried out with expedition and dispatch, provided much stimulus and inspiration for those who attended. Their stay was all too short. If the visiting delegates have carried away with them pleasant memories of their convention in St. John, the homes and the churches of the city have been refreshed by the touch of a larger sisterhood and the wider vision of a common cause.

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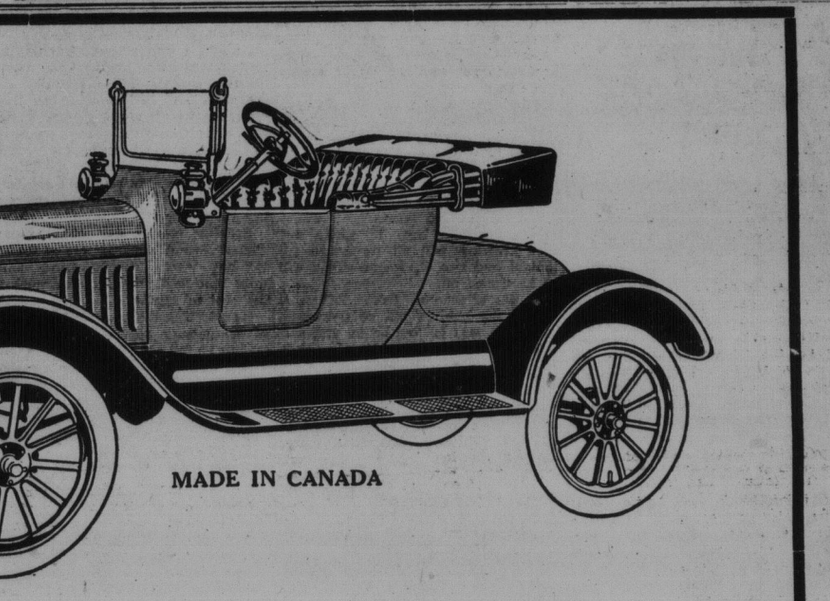

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