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ADOPTS 4-YEAR PASTORAL TERM AT CONFERENCE

Methodist Gathering Defeats Proposal To Increase Term by One Year.

ENGAGE IN LIVELY DEBATE

Will Amalgamate Departments in Interests of Economy.

Delegates to the London Conference of the Methodist Church, in session Saturday morning, defeated a resolution to make the pastoral term five years instead of four years as at present. Discussion of this important question was most spirited, and the debate lasted for over an hour.

Those champions of a lengthened term pointed out that in many cases it was to the detriment of the individual church to transfer a pastor who is in the midst of completing plans for its betterment.

Rev. John Garbutt urged that the resolution be passed, and referred to general conference stressing the fact that many pastors were desirous of carrying out certain plans with the co-operation of their respective congregations, but were prevented from doing so by the transfer to another charge.

Rev. A. E. Moorhouse pointed out that five-year terms were better for larger churches, because the work with the rural circuit is the most difficult.

Rev. D. N. McCamus then protested against "class legislation," declaring that the resolution, if passed, should apply to all circuits regardless of their size or importance. Delegate Heil asserted that some pastors desired to remain in one church twenty years, when "if they did they would have no church."

Rev. Byron Shull stressed the fact that a referendum of the conference showed the majority in opposition to a five-year term, and questioned if the session could go on in the face of such opposition. One delegate opined that increased pastoral terms are "bad for the congregations."

Voted and Defeated. Shortly before noon adjournment the recommendation to increase the pastoral term by one year was put to a vote and defeated.

Overlapping of departments "top heavy with organization" was mentioned Saturday morning when a resolution to amalgamate the educational and religious education departments, the finance and superannuation fund departments was passed in the interest of economy.

Rev. J. Quinn of Bayfield was superannuated for one year by the conference.

In Stirring Plea. A stirring plea for better educational facilities and proper recognition of the Indian people was voiced to the conference Friday afternoon by William K. Cornelius, chief of the Oneida Indians.

One of the greatest ideas we should hold is to educate the Indian people, he began. Nothing elevates a community more than the instruction given by schools and similar institutions. On such education is founded the hope of the Indian, for who needs it more than they?

It is up to the Indian to give him the best. I do not think they have increased your possessions, but the natives of this country have ceded wide prairies and an inexhaustible store of treasures.

Once we were in the majority; now we are in the minority. You came to us and we befriended you. Now we come to you and ask recognition of friendship. Christian brotherhood you must be the equal of the Indian and on the same level with him.

Would Better Race. It is up to you intelligent men to exert your influence for the betterment of the race who have stood by you; whose young men laid down their lives with your young men, and whose fathers bled with your fathers in the past.

The chief interest in my mind is my people, continued the speaker. I want to see the day when they will take their stand in every walk of life, and I hope that many of them will become ministers of the Gospel. Distrust has often been bred among my people of the white man, but you will find that the Indian is always loyal to his friends, and never seeks to impose himself upon others in making friendships. We do not want to be robbed of our reserves, for they are small enough.

Lost confidence is the barrier that stands in the way of complete harmony between the white man and the red man. In order to draw us closer together no line of distinction should be made. Too much of that has been done.

Lead Indians Astray. I have heard it said that the white men are in danger of being led astray on the reserves. It is not so, my friends. It is the white men who are leading my people astray. Untrustworthy men are visiting the reserves instead of the highly-cultured men of noble character that we want.

Many of our girls are working as domestics among you, and some of the young white men ought to be in prison for their conduct. They disrespect our women and call them squaws. I repeat that word, for I think they ought to be called ladies.

We need the best men and the strongest the conference can supply. We do not want men that drive. We cannot be driven. The Indians were never enslaved to any nations, concluded the chief.

In moving a vote of thanks to Chief Cornelius, Rev. J. W. Hibbert of Kingsville declared that for 39 years there has been very little progress in church work among the Indians of the conference, because they were looked upon as not demanding the best thought and men the conference could produce.

It is time that the Indian status be placed upon a level with the other

Lost But Happy On Big Day



IT wouldn't be a school picnic unless there were some children lost! The Red Cross Society, realizing the need for looking after such cases, provided a tent on the grounds just north of the pavilion, where children who had strayed from the guardianship of their parents could be re-united.

The photograph shows Miss Blanche Rowe, superintendent; Miss A. Hound, nurse; Tillie Abraham of Knollwood Park, who had strayed from her parents; Chief Constable E. J. Dawson of Springbank Park, who locates the lost kiddies.

charges in the conference," asserted the former president.

Wants Backing. Principal S. R. McVittie of Muncie Institute then charged that the London conference has not "backed up" the institution as it should. On resolution a committee consisting of Rev. J. W. Hibbert, Charles Sustin and Principal McVittie was empowered to act as a commission to investigate the relations of the London conference and the reserves, and report at a later session.

Applications of seven ministers to transfer into London Conference were received and four were allowed, subject to the will of the stationing committee. Those considered with favor were: Rev. Joseph Wilkins of Manitoba, Harry E. Smith, James Didden, M. Calow and J. A. Sherlock. They will be admitted to London Conference at the next session.

Decision on the applications of Rev. Robert Davies a Baptist minister and Rev. George A. Beacock was postponed. Rev. J. Franklin Ryecroft objected to permitting ministers with lower academic standing than the prescribed qualifications to enter London Conference.

Resignation Received. The resignation of Rev. J. W. Hisey of Dorpeth was received and accepted. Rev. W. J. Graham, superintendent of education, and Rev. W. C. Graham of Wesleyan College, Montreal, addressed the meeting. They informed the conference that 7,000 people have been trained in Methodist colleges for religious leadership at home and foreign fields.

Rev. W. J. Graham emphasized the need of the schools personalizing education. During the afternoon impressive memorial services were conducted for those members of London Conference who have been called by death during the past year. Rev. D. N. McCamus who delivered the memorial address scored his brethren who left the church during this impressive ceremony.

Mentioning his deep feeling in performing such a solemn duty, Mr. McCamus said: "It is certainly not alleviated by the removal of so many of us at this juncture. Some day our names will stand on record at such a service."

Reading the names of the deceased brethren the speaker said, in part: "Where He is not dark and it is not alleviated by the removal of so many of us at this juncture. Some day our names will stand on record at such a service."

161 Have Passed Away. Mr. McCamus referred feelingly to the fact that 161 members of London Conference had passed away in 38 years. Rev. Heber W. Crews of Windsor was called upon for the blessing.

The obituaries read included the names of Dr. William Sparling, pastor of the First Methodist Church, London, at the time of his death, last November; Rev. C. W. Baker of Thamesford, who died May 12, 1922; Rev. Walter Risley, a former conference president, who died in London Thursday night; Rev. W. J. Ford, a superannuated pastor, who was called by death at his home in Gloucester, July 17, 1921; and Rev. William John Ashton, former pastor of Wellington Street Methodist Church, who died at St. Thomas, February 19 last.

The sterling attributes of each of the deceased members were acclaimed by the brethren, the conference uniting in mourning their deaths.

Banquet at Church. The conference, the laymen's annual banquet was held at Dundas Center Church Friday night. Approximately 500 people sat down to the meal served by the ladies in the Sunday school.

In the absence of Premier E. C. Drury, Dr. George Elliott of New York, editor of the Methodist Review, addressed the gathering. Dr. Elliott, who has been in charge of conference devotional exercises each day, delivered after-dinner speeches which scintillated with wit and kept his audience in merry uproar.

William Heaman, president of the Laymen's Association, acted as chairman at the banquet.

GIVES SIDELIGHTS ON CONFERENCE

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ated 24 years ago, but still continues to take an active part in the ministry. Amongst his last stations were Springfield, Thamesville, Bothwell and Rodney.

SUPERANNUATED but still an active member of Ridout street church is Rev. John Holmes, who is present at the conference, keenly interested in all the work of the organization.

Mr. Holmes was at one time in charge of the old King Street Methodist Church, which has long since, however, been closed up. His associates in the ministry speak of him as an exceptionally well read man and one of the most thorough preachers in the conference. It is nine years since Mr. Holmes was superannuated and he was engaged in the active work of the ministry for over forty years. At times he was stationed at Blythe, Bothwell, Dorchester, Blenheim and Dresden.

REV. A. L. RUSSELL of Canfield, is another of the ministers present who has an exceptionally long and fine record to his credit. Mr. Russell has been fifty-six years in the ministry, and is now superannuated. He is known to Londoners, having at one time been stationed at Wellington Street Methodist Church here. He has been in charge of circuits at Seaforth, Petrolia and Highgate.

MUCH pleasure was caused at the word was received that Sperrin Chant, son of ex-Mayor Chant of St. Thomas, led all the Toronto departmental examinations for the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Mr. Chant is a probationer for the ministry from the London Conference.

REV. Walter Millson, whose enthusiasm at the work of the conference declares that "Amen" is his only safety valve.

AN active member of the London Conference, although now living in Toronto, Rev. C. W. Barltrop, combines work of a literary nature with his ministerial work. His poetry frequently appears in Toronto papers.

DIBSDALE SOUGHT TO SLAY W. NEAR

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gan to meet his boy friends less often. A girl had entered his life. She was "Christie" Near.

That was two months ago. Friends of Gordon stated that his mother had introduced the past year, as his mother was a friend of the Near family.

Gordon had entered an agreement with his chums to take a trip to Cleveland this summer.

However, hopes of this winter three weeks ago, when on which he had painted: "For Sale. Apply 384 Oakland avenue." In explanation of his action he merely stated he was going west.

INDUCT EIGHT INTO MINISTRY

Rev. J. E. J. Millyard, President of Conference, Addresses Meeting.

Candidates Narrate Story of Decision To Enter Service of Church.

Eight young men, two of whom will complete their entrance into the Methodist ministry by ordination at Centennial Methodist Church next Sunday morning, were inducted into the service of the church at a public reception at Centennial Church Friday night. They were charged to go into the world bearing the Cross of Christ, as the cure of the world's disease today, the disease of sin, by the Rev. J. E. J. Millyard, the president of the conference.

In charging the young men President Millyard said to them: "Tonight you are called to the Methodist Church for the cure of souls. What is the disease you are trying to cure? There are many voices trying to tell what is the matter with the world. I think there is but one disease in this world, and that is sin, therefore, I charge you that you go out into the world from this platform into the ministry, determined to cure this disease of the world with the Cross of Jesus Christ. If you will only do what your ministry will be a glorious success."

Each of the candidates narrated, after being "presented into full connection with the conference" the story of his conversion and decision to enter the ministry.

The inducted young men are: John W. Burton, B.A.; Robert R. Cummings, B.A.; Thomas W. Hazelwood, B.A.; Richard R. Hoskins, B.A.; Gerald Lawson, B.A.; Arthur J. Love, Wallace Hanley Moss, B.A., and Stanley M. Sweetman.

Thomas W. Hazelwood and Arthur J. Love are the two of the number who are to be ordained at the morning service at the Centennial Church, 11 o'clock service next Sunday.

Pays Tribute to Mothers. Each of the testimonials of the candidates concerning his religious experience, paid tribute to the influence of home, mother and the church. All of them attributed to, in the major degree, his mother, the actual beginning of his spiritual path that led eventually, often through many vicissitudes, to the threshold of the ministry, upon which they stood.

Most of the young men related that they had been in the active ranks of churchworkers for some time, or in the words of the president of the conference, "tested in the field and college." They were on the threshold of a new life, he said, and in each instance, one of the factors of their entrance to the ministry had been the quarterly boards of the Methodist Church. "In the Methodist Church," the laity take upon them responsibility of recommending the men before they are accepted by the conference.

George Daniel, M.A., Ph.D., delivered the sermon at the reception. Mr. Daniel is leaving the ministry after 51 years of active service in the Christian Church, work which was, he declared, the consuming passion of his life.

In his message to the eight young men he stressed the belief in the divine call to the ministry. A call is specific to an individual, a calling was merely a profession. If it were true that man could make the greatest successes in his profession, whether it be doctor, lawyer, or anything else, if he loved so much more was true that the greatest success was achieved in the Christian ministry by love of the work, therefore, he urged the eight to bend to their tasks with all their might.

Says Work Hard. "A mere love for preaching, a wide intellectual reach is only a golden

France To Be At Hague If Russia Cancels Note

PARIS, June 3. — Premier Poincare in a memorandum forwarded yesterday to all the powers which have received invitations to attend the Hague conference on Russian affairs, demands that the soviet government withdraw its memorandum, presented at the Geneva conference on May 11, as a condition for French participation at the Hague meeting with the Russians.

ring, a golden setting for the true minister," he said.

St. Paul had said when he was called to the Lord's work: "I heard a voice, I saw a light." Especially at the present time, in this age of materialism, when all the elements being reduced by skeptics and scientists to material values, was it necessary to believe in the divine call.

They should all be able to say with St. Paul "I saw a voice, I heard a call," and, "If the young man can't say that," declared Rev. Daniel, "I can't vote for him, though he have the mind of Demosthenes and his eloquence."

Finally, he called upon the young men not to be disheartened, though the work was hard. They would meet differences that would have to be smoothed over, and have many burdens, because the work was of the hardest kind in the world.

It was announced at the reception that the proposed picnic of the conference to Springbank Saturday afternoon had been changed to a 25-mile auto drive, of all who wished, at 2:30 Saturday, around the city.

Saturday morning a devotional exercise will be held at 8:45, after which Dr. George Elliott of New York will speak. A special service will be held Sunday morning at the Centennial Methodist, under the direction of J. E. Ford, and Sunday night at the same church the Rev. Mr. Elliott will speak again.

SOILED AND MUSSY DRESSES GO HOME

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find that he had cheated himself at least three hours of fun.

Donald made haste to return on the very next car, brimming with happiness that his mistake had not proved fatal.

ONE of the daintiest little figures at the picnic was tiny Rose Walters of Tecumseh Avenue School, whose ivory skin and raven hair show her to be a pretty little Japanese girl, but whose smart, simple little frock and winsome manner show her to be a very typical little Canadian school girl. And with her little Canadian playmates, Rose was having the merriest sort of a time.

STRETCHED out under a tree, lazily partaking of supper, were two happy urchins who had run the gamut of the day's pleasure from the races, through the excitement of the roller coaster and ferris wheel, to the more satisfying joys of supper. "Music while you eat," remarked Stanley Barton of 432 Eglinton street, a pupil at Boyle Memorial School, who, with his companion, Earl Ingram of 67 Duchess avenue, was munching away while listening to the roar of the Springbank flyer.

SOMETHING more tangible than memories was carried away from the picnic by Edwin Leeson of 70 Becher street, a pupil at Riverview, who, at true to his sport, was the proud possessor of three keepies, five brooches, and innumerable whistles and ticklers. Harry Jones of 62 Beaconsfield, was also gleefully exhibiting the day's winnings, that is with the exception of 40 cents, which he had won but which had gone the

way of all savings so recklessly spent on the great day of all days.

A HAPPY trio were Gordon Gregory of 182 Langarth street, and his brothers, Fred and Tom, who, with Dennis Chapman of 199 Langarth street, all pupils at Wortley Road School, were finishing the last remnants of supper, confident that supper by no means ended the day.

TWO joyous wanderers, who had spent nearly all their money, but who still trusted in fate that more sport would be theirs, were Clarence Robinson of 455 Dundas street and Sing Shin of 469 Dundas street, both pupils at Alexandra.

OVER on the teeter-totters, shouting in frolicsome abandon, there was a jolly bunch—Jean Petrie, 421 Simcoe street, of Alexandra School; Iva Crowell, 371 Glebe street, and Shirley Jackson of 844 Elias street, who were balancing one end, and on the other end, riding the royal bumps, were Margaret Darrach, 216 Dundas street; Jean Campbell, 413 Salisbury street, and Mary Wilson, 434 Salisbury street.

A MOST exciting incident, although not mentioned on the day's official list of sports, was a baseball game over on a grassy stretch by the swings, with a middy-clad girl, wearing a jaunty cap of the yellow and gold Tecumseh school colors, just up to bat.

The eager players were Leonard Watts, of 113 Bruce street, and Lloyd Griffith, of 111 Bruce street, who were aiding to uphold the honors of Victoria School; George Slater, of 25 Front street, of Tecumseh School, and his sister Ivy, Violet Andrews, a very excited fan from Riverview School, whose home is at 12 Alexander street, and her brother Bernard, the capable captain, Adele Roach of 17 Clarke street and David Monteith, of 111 Wharfedale road, who was alone in his glory to defend the prestige of Empress Avenue School.

A LITTLE further on was a group of girls sporting the black, red and yellow of Aberdeen School, who were contenting themselves with a game of catch, meanwhile, lustily singing praises of Aberdeen School's record in the day's sports. They were May Bartlett and her sister Irene of 521 Philip street; Jean Topping of 152 Adelaide street, and Mary Gnatuk of 70 William street.

STRETCHED out upon the grass, watching the numerous crowds enjoying supper, were George Gash of 13 Kensington street and John Daniels of 18 Wilson avenue, who confessed that the afternoon's continued feast of ice cream and orangeade had been too much for them, and the more substantial sandwiches and cake of tea-time were joys which they were forced to deny themselves.

ONE group from Wortley Road School were very eager to place themselves on record as having had the finest time of their young lives and "never missed a thing all day," one young one shouted, and was away in an instant to join a ball game.

"Oh, it's grand, if it doesn't rain," another young pessimist was heard to say.

LITTLE Lorraine Glead, of 5 Dean street, gathered a group of youngsters and said: "Let's put all our names in the paper and say that we say it couldn't have been better and we've got loads to eat, and it isn't going to rain, and every single thing is just right about this picnic." Eagerly agreeing with her were Leon Hamilton of 149 Tecumseh avenue, and Glen Tomlinson of 132 Tecumseh avenue, and Marie Graham of 162 Tecumseh avenue, and a host of other youngsters who agreed just as enthusiastically, but showed an early adversity to newspaper publicity as decided as that of any great celebrity who ever became an expert at dodging reporters.

WANT UNIFORM ANTHEM. Vancouver, B. C. June 3.—At yesterday's session of the convention of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire a unanimous resolution was passed, urging a uniform version of "O Canada."

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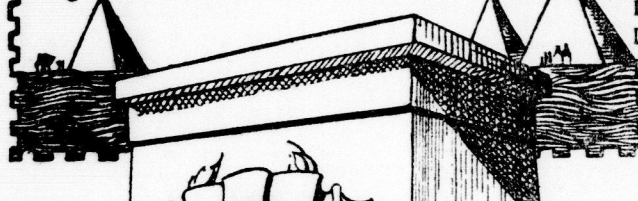
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The chamber of commerce has established a reputation for securing good speakers, and the citizens realize what they present is worth while. It is their intention to have a dinner once a month commencing in the fall, a vote of thanks to Mr. McEavey, moved by Mr. W. B. Scraton, and seconded by Mr. Mewin Hay, carried unanimously.

ADVISES INDICATE REVIVAL. Winnipeg, June 3.—(By the Canadian Press) "Improvement in business conditions still maintained," "steady to fair," "gradually improving," all these figure in advices received this week by the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association, and are quoted in its weekly trade reports.