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NEW GLEBE CHURCH OPENED.

Seldom has the old doxology, Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow, been sung with such deep feeling and sincere joy as on Sunday morning at the opening of the dedicatory service of the Glebe Presbyterian church, corner First avenue and Park street. Rev. W. T. Herridge, pastor of St. Andrew's church, preached both morning and evening. His sermons were most masterly and brilliant efforts. The beautiful new edifice was filled at both services, many being turned away unable to get seats in the evening. At the morning service Rev. J. D. Milne said it was a source of unshakeable delight to get into the new building with the increased facilities. He expressed gratification and thanks that those engaged in the construction of the building had been preserved from accident and danger, and prayed that the people would have the zeal of perseverance and the strength of devotion to God and truth that the new church might become the center of a growing influence.

Before commencing his sermon Rev. Dr. Herridge offered to the congregation his congratulations on the completion of the building so long desired. It had, he said, been a privilege for St. Andrew's church to assist in the work. Ability and desire had gone together and it was a pleasure to the members and officers of St. Andrew's church to be of assistance to the Glebe congregation. Rev. Dr. Herridge said he was sure the aid so given in the building of the beautiful edifice would not induce a spirit of indifference but would have the opposite effect and stimulate to greater efforts for the material and spiritual advancement of what was destined to be one of the most influential churches in the city. Much of the result, he said, was to be attributed under God to the able, faithful and efficient work of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Milne. He had able co-workers but without his inspiring leadership they would not have succeeded.

The theme of Rev. Dr. Herridge's morning sermon was True Religion. Many men, he said, yield a conventional tribute to Christianity and stop there. Their conduct was colored with outward respect for Christianity but there was no deeper feeling. Going to church and religious observances, he said, were not of no value and it would be disastrous to individuals and the nation if the quiet Sundays should ever vanish away. It meant something to go to church even though people did not go in the best spirit. Even a faint awakening of the better side of a man's nature should make better men. But unless these actions were backed by genuine religious fervor, men would fall into hypocrisy.

Rev. Dr. Herridge declared there was no dividing line in morals between the man in the pulpit and the men who sat in the pews. There was no argument for one man being a Christian that did not apply to other men. The church and ministers were for a stimulus, but the abiding sanctuary was not in polished stones but in regenerated characters. True Christians were Christians at all times and in all places.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Rev. Mr. Milne opened the afternoon meeting with devotional exercises after which the Sunday school superintendent Mr. J. D. Denny, took charge. The children occupied a reserved space in the body of the church and led in the music. The Sunday school orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. W. H. Pierce, also did good work. Dr. Chisholm, M.P., gave an interesting address on the importance of Sunday school work for training the young. He also spoke of the importance of all denominations uniting

to meet the supiritual requirements of the west. Rev. E. A. Mitchell spoke on love, which, he said, consisted of four pillars, love to parents, love of home, love of work and love to Christ. A duet was pleasingly rendered by Mrs. W. L. Reid and Miss Ethel McAdam.

At the evening service Rev. Dr. Herridge took as his text the casting out of the evil spirits by Christ. Many men these days, he said, had evil spirits in them. A mysterious relation existed between the mind and the body and unclean thoughts and actions wrote on the human bodies. Men were tantalized by the evil spirits of greed, pride, avarice, envy and lust. Most men had at least one little devil in them. "When you attack the evils of intemperance, one of the greatest banes of the Anglo-Saxon race, there are those who by reason of selfishness or corrupt practices or the pathetic victims of the passion, cry out 'Let us alone.' When the pulpit ventures to make an attack on corrupt practices that are bringing discredit on us as a people, how many say 'Mind your own business, what has the pulpit to do with politics?' It is impossible to make an attack on any kind of evil without hearing the cry, 'Let us alone.'" The modern church, said Rev. Dr. Herridge, does not always want God's soiled children and does not do much to encourage them, to hear the message of salvation. He hoped the Glebe church would be an exception. There was, he said, plenty of room for greater friendliness on the part of the white sheep for the black sheep. One can't definitely divide people into good and bad. If circumstances had been the same there might have been little difference between the judge and the man he condemns or between the grand dame and her poor sister whom she would not as much as brush with the hem of her garment. It would be a much different world if all good people were attractive and all attractive people were good.

Solos were rendered in the evening by Miss Hill and Mrs. W. L. Reid.

A most gracious spiritual awakening is in progress at Wolfville, Nova Scotia, in which Acadia University and the affiliated schools—Acadia Seminary and Horton Collegiate Academy—are blessedly sharing. Reports reach us from many directions of notable revivals of religion. These revivals are not confined to any one church or class or country. We ought not to forget that the evangelistic services held in Stewarton and Erskine churches in this city, under the leadership of Rev. Wm. Meikle, have been attended with very blessed results in both congregations, especially among the young people.

At the induction of Rev. H. Beverley Ketchen as pastor of MacNab Street church, Hamilton, there was a large congregation present and Rev. Dr. Fletcher, the former pastor of the church, presided. Rev. D. R. Drummond preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon. Rev. Dr. Lytle addressed the new pastor and Rev. Mr. McNamee addressed the people. The service throughout was most impressive. At its conclusion Rev. Dr. Fletcher introduced the members of the congregation to his successor.

A Council never did more than register what was already the custom of the great majority of the Churches—Rev. R. J. Campbell.

God's sympathy is not exhausted in sighs.

NOTE AND COMMENT

A great conference of Baptists from every quarter of the world, representing 5,700,000 communicants, will be held in London in July next.

A telegram from Cape Town states that distress is keen throughout most of South Africa, and the new arrivals only swell the ranks of the unemployed.

India is the oldest cotton-producing country in the world. From time immemorial the cotton plant has been grown there, and its fibre manufactured by the natives.

The College of Cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church should number sixty-seven members. There are at present three vacancies. The Italians keep the policy of the Church safely Italian. There are thirty-nine Italian cardinals. Twenty-eight can never out-vote thirty-nine. America has only one. Well, we can send it. One is enough.

In the six New England states are 12,000 members of Presbyterian churches, 517 of whom were received last year. In Boston excellent work has been done. South church, of which Rev. James Ladd, D.D., is pastor, has added twenty-four new members, and sixteen whose names had been dropped have been looked up and restored to church fellowship.

The Japanese have removed three hundred and ninety-five mines from the vicinity of Port Arthur. They were found strewn in the open sea at a distance of twenty-five miles from the port. Dozens of single mines were picked up as far as seventy-five miles from Port Arthur. The danger to neutral shipping must have been great, and the use of mines in the open sea should be taken up by the next International Congress.

The trustees of the British Museum have decided to preserve records of voices of the most famous singers and publicists of the time.—men and women whose voices will interest the coming generations. The records will be collected and stored. The Gramophone Company have offered to make imperishable records of the voices of people selected by the authorities of the British Museum and supply them free of charge. These records are intended solely for posterity.

The Bishop of Norwich, in a recent address, is reported as saying that he would oppose steadfastly every proposal to alter the use of the Athanasian Creed, because the mass of the people, if they had any accurate knowledge of the two fundamental verities of the Holy Trinity and the Incarnation, had obtained it almost entirely from that creed, and if it were not openly recited it would be no better known than the Thirty-Nine Articles, and this would be to the advantage of the Unitarian error. The withdrawal of the minatory clauses of the creed would be followed by the tacit rejection of minatory clauses of the New Testament. At a time like the present, when the fundamental truths of the Gospel were being rudely assailed and doubted or denied by some who held positions in the Church, the degradation of the creed would have disastrous results.

At the meeting of the London Presbyterian a committee was appointed to report upon the necessity of a new church in the southern portion of the city. The resignation of Rev. Mr. Steven of Dalton was accepted.