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Rev. Dr. Griffin Says That Proposals are Quite Impossible—Work of Moral Reform—Methodist Conference Proceedings.

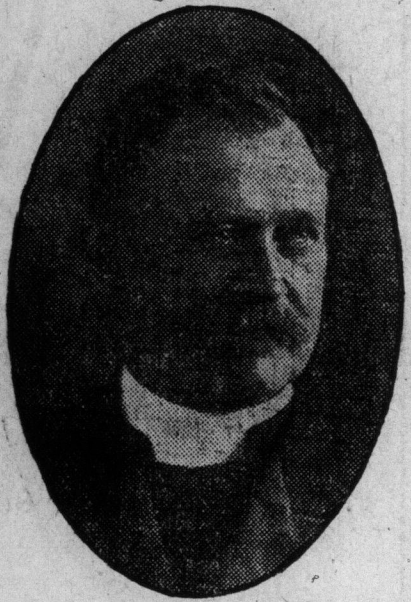
METHODISTS—WITH CUT in the number of members, the two presidents in one day was the unusual experience of the Toronto Methodist Conference yesterday.

Rev. Dr. Solomon Cleaver was elected and received the gavel from Rev. J. C. Spear, the retiring president. In the afternoon, however, he announced that his physician had advised him not to accept the office and the honor was then conferred upon Rev. T. E. Bartley.

"That this conference urge upon the government the unrighteousness of issuing any further liquor licenses in New Ontario," was the substance of a memorial presented by the New List heard conference and referred to the committee on temperance and moral reform.

Dr. J. W. Graham, educational secretary, gave some figures of the educational funds and incidentally hit hard at the Toronto district. Of sums loaned to ministers \$4808 had not been repaid. This did not reflect on Canadian ministers, because most of those failing to make the repayments had gone to the United States. Under the old system of repayment, \$10,643 had been loaned to students; under the new system, \$36,000. In all there was \$52,384 in outstanding notes payable by 325 ministers. During the past year \$228 had been refunded. Altogether last year \$19,650 had been expended, almost double the appropriation, which fact Dr. Graham used to impress upon the conference the necessity of providing work for the probationers, so that they could pay this money back.

The increase of \$28,000 in the appropriation for students had been hopelessly inadequate. They had no right to increase by 50 per cent. the number of students going to college without providing the means of footing the bills. The increase in subscriptions during the past year had been from \$284 to only \$517, when the amount asked for was \$3000. The outstanding feature in this connection was the backsliding



REV. T. E. BARTLEY
Elected President of Toronto Methodist Conference.

of Toronto district, which had sat back and made no effort to increase the giving for this purpose.

Rev. William Williamson of Hawkestone said that there were already so many special collections that a minister could not appear before his congregation to ask for any more. No minister could ask for special collections 20 out of 32 Sundays.

An Opponent of Church Union. Rev. Dr. Griffin presented the report of the superannuation fund, showing that the permanent fund stood at \$315,900, all well invested, and that a reserve fund had been established for times when the revenue from the permanent fund could not meet the demands.

Dr. Griffin observed that the ardor of the Presbyterian brethren for church union seemed to be cooling down. Instead of being unanimous, as formerly, there was now a strong minority in the assembly opposed to proceeding any further with the negotiations. If there was to be a union there would

have to be a great deal of agonizing over the superannuation fund. The basis proposed by the union committee was absolutely impossible. After he (Dr. Griffin) had expressed his views, no Methodist conference would accept it. He was not fighting union, but was fighting any schemes that would invade the rights of preachers and their widows and orphans. They should not go forward in the dark, nor should they destroy the interests and living of the men who had planted Methodism in this country.

Rev. Dr. J. J. Hare, governor and principal of Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby, reported the most successful year in the history of the college. The income had been \$2000 more than the preceding year, reaching over \$42,000.

The report of the Book and Publishing House was presented by the Rev. J. J. Redditt. In the absence of Dr. Hare, who is at present visiting the conference in the Northwest, Mr. Redditt reported the best year's earnings in the history of the house, which had been doing business since 1828. The year's profits enabled the book committee to grant \$10,000 to the superannuation fund, besides carrying a handsome surplus on the capital account. This magnificent business exceeded in earnings the best in its history by over \$1400. The Sunday school had a record of 325,000 copies for the year above all previous records.

Rev. H. S. Magee, assistant field secretary of temperance and moral reform, explained the works of that department. The best features of the year's work were the improvement in the laws relating to the sale of cigarettes, the promised action of the government in relation to the manufacture of opium in British Columbia, the law allowing municipal councils to refuse licenses to pool rooms, and the advances made in "comp" legislation throughout Canada. In regard to the cigarettes, he said the law should go much further, but who ever saw tobacco legislation proposed, the tobacco trust had a trick of making laws restricting the sale to minors.

"We need to press our influence against the track gambling," declared Mr. Magee. "You know the influence of our university of gambling and that we in Toronto spend more on the race track than we do on our high schools."

As questions in which the committee intended to interest itself, Mr. Magee mentioned the case of the feeble-minded and restriction of child labor.

Ministerial Changes. Rev. F. L. Brown was elected secretary, with Rev. J. Sparling and Rev. C. J. Dobson as assistants. Theological secretary is Rev. John J. Ferguson; the statistical secretary, Rev. G. Sherlock Patrick; the letter writers, Rev. G. Agner and G. Balfour, and the official reporter, E. R. Yonge.

The following ministers were reported transferred out of Toronto Conference: Revs. J. B. Freebury, to Alberta Conference; George W. Dewey to London; E. L. Hart to Montreal; H. T. Ferguson to London; William Nixon, Ph.B., to Hamilton; W. E. Galoway to Alberta; John W. Miller to Alberta; Thomas Pickering to Alberta.

The following were reported transferred into this conference: Revs. E. E. Scott, from Montreal Conference; I. B. Walwyn from London; H. W. Locke from London; John Nelson from London; P. P. Price from Newfoundland.

The following were transferred this year into the Toronto Conference: Revs. S. E. Boyd, D.D., from Montreal Conference; J. V. D. Lucas, D.D., from Hamilton; Thomas Mason from London and Rev. Ben. H. Spence from Manitoba.

The following officers were elected by the laymen's association of the Toronto conference: President, F. B. Justin, Brampton; first vice-president, Joseph Tait, Toronto; second vice-president, C. H. C. Funder, Toronto; secretary-treasurer, W. E. Willmott; executive committee, Alex. Mills, K.C., (ex-president), Toronto; H. L. Lovering, Colwater; H. H. Shaver, Cookville; David Graham, Ingleswood; T. H. Keough, H. H. Fudger, Toronto.

At the evening session twenty-four candidates for the ministry were received.

The New President. Rev. T. E. Bartley, the new president, has been twenty years in the Methodist ministry. During that time he has held pastorates at Westmoreland-avenue Church, Toronto; Davistown, Simpson-avenue Church, Toronto; many special collections that a minister could not appear before his congregation to ask for any more. No minister could ask for special collections 20 out of 32 Sundays.

How Emperor Meets New Triple Alliance.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 11.—It was learned here to-day from a competent source that the recent meeting between King Edward and Emperor Nicholas at Reval and the rapprochement between Great Britain, Russia and France has been made the subject of grave representations on the part of Germany, who has met the threatened birth of a new "triple alliance" with a display of the "mallet fist."

Destroyed by mistake is the conclusion of the parliamentary committee investigating the disappearance of the Stanstead, Que., election papers. The British tank steamer Carlbee, from Mantanzas for New York, foundered at sea on June 8. One sailor was drowned.

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