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**WANT MORE MINISTERS**

**CANADIAN CHURCHES FACE SERIOUS PROBLEM.**

**Crop of Young Men Who Desire to Preach the Gospel Appears to Be on the Wane as the Salaries Are Too Low for Them to Keep Families Under Present Conditions.**

**C**AN a minister of the gospel live as cheaply as a teamster or a window cleaner?

The great inter-church Forward Movement financial drive is over. The millions of dollars have been raised. That the churches have the money has been demonstrated.

But so far, the average wage paid to the servants of the church in the different denominations is about equal to that paid to the driver of a bread wagon.

Is religion suffering a relapse that will carry the world back five hundred years to a time when ministers will perforce become penniless friars again, to wander the earth teaching the gospel and calling a barracks their home?

The Forward Movement, while amassing fifteen millions of dollars out of the churches of Canada, has not as yet brought new life into the theological colleges, nor has it stayed the resignation of young ministers who find they cannot honestly remain in the Christian ministry while harnessed with poverty.

The five great theological colleges in Toronto have graduated young men for the ministry this spring as follows:

Victoria College (Methodist) . . .	35
Knox College (Presbyterian) . . .	13
Wycliffe College (C. of E.) . . .	12
Trinity College (C. of E.) . . .	6
McMaster University (Baptist) . . .	5

Total . . . . . 71

Other colleges this spring have produced young men for other professions as follows:

Osgoode Hall (Law) . . . . .	176
Dental College (dentists) . . . . .	116

Other colleges whose exams are not yet over have candidates as follows for graduation:

Medical College (doctors) . . . . .	91
Faculty of Education (teachers) . . . . .	285
Normal School (teachers) . . . . .	245

The Ontario Veterinary College is just in a period of transition from a three to a four year course of study; but last year and this, 53 veterinary surgeons have been graduates.

That is, Ontario is producing eight times as many school teachers as ministers, twice as many lawyers and dentists. The care of animals is getting almost as much production of professional men as the spiritual care of humanity in the province.

Osgoode Hall has another large summer class in session to be graduated into the profession in September, probably making the production of lawyers three times as great as of ministers of all denominations.

Meanwhile, ministers are resigning. Dr. S. D. Chown, general supervisor of the Methodist Church, says that from Western Canada the resignations continue to be received.

"These," said Dr. Chown, "are mostly young Englishmen whom we have brought out from the Old Country for the missions and the ministry in the West. It is undoubtedly the pressure of the high cost of living that is forcing such resignations. Then again in some of the wide mission districts, an automobile is practically a necessity for getting around. And that, of course, is out of the question for the young ministers on their incomes. Also there is the temptation of money making, which is renewing itself in the West."

Rev. J. H. Edmison, secretary for Home Missions in the Presbyterian Church, says:

"There is no alarming condition in regard to resignations. The West is practically free of that problem. But from Western Canada, we have a certain percentage each year. The small salaries and the great increase in living costs has undoubtedly intensified the problem in the past two or three years. There are always a few young men who find they have chosen the wrong profession. But there has been no unusual number of resignations from our ministry in the past year."

The Baptist Church, which has also brought many young missionaries and ministers from the Old Country is feeling the pinch of small production of ministers from its University, and there have been the expected number of resignations from the younger missionaries.

**NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that a By-Law was passed by the Corporation of the Village of Waterdown on the 22nd day of September 1920, providing for the issuing of Debentures to the amount of \$20,000 for the completion of the new Public School in the Village of Waterdown for S. S. No. 3, and that said By-Law was registered in the Registry Office for the County of Wentworth on the 23rd day of September 1920.

Any motion to quash or set aside this By-Law or any part thereof, must be made within Three months after the first publication of this notice, and cannot be made thereafter.

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One young minister who served overseas as a padre has gone into business. He has a family of five to provide for. The bishop could not give him more than \$1,200. That is \$25 a week, minus out-of-pocket expenses, or 8 months' salary. Ministers, or fathers of ministers, must be able to support their families.

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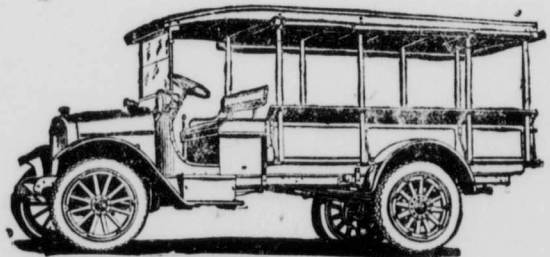
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