

IN PULPIT AND PEW

BAPTIST

Miss Ida Newcombe is a member of our staff of missionaries at work in India, and is now at home on furlough. She has been in St. John for a week, as the guest of Mrs. D. Hutchinson, and has spoken in a number of our churches.

Baptist work has had an encouraging winter in the west. At the First Church, Vancouver, Dr. J. L. Campbell has received about one hundred new converts. Rev. J. Austin Huntley, who is well-known in our province, is getting a stronghold upon his new work at the First Church, Calgary. Brandon College has a military honor roll of seventy-five. The Evangelistic Band of the college has done splendid work in many a church. Three churches in Winnipeg, one in Regina, one in Calgary and several others are now without pastors.

The Russell Street Baptist Church of Boston, is doing a work that should command the attention of every interested Christian. On the Sundays the work carried on differs from that in the average church, not in kind, but in degree. The Sunday School had an average attendance for March of 1300. The services for worship are largely attended, and the preaching is strong and practical. During the week, the parish house is alive with activity. A visitor writes, "One week day I spent twelve hours watching the relief work, visiting the classes, rejoicing with the boys in the gymnasium, doing for my life as the girls played basket ball, dining with the young women's club, looking in at the young people's meeting and speaking to 250 Women's Bible Class." The church has fourteen paid workers. Daniel S. Ford poured money and good into this church for many years, and provided for it liberally in his will. His estate of \$3,500,000, made by developing the Youth's Companion, was used and milled for unselfish and noble purposes.

Rev. J. W. Williamson, our new field secretary for Sunday School work, is already at work. He has visited Yarmouth County, N. S., attended the Board meeting at Wolfville, and is spending part of this week and Sunday, May 7 in St. John.

Rev. C. H. Shutt, of Century Church, Toronto, have recently been made chaplains in the Canadian Forces. Mr. Nobles is a New Brunswick man, being a son of Mr. T. W. Nobles, formerly of Sussex.

Rev. J. W. Brown, Ph.D., formerly secretary of the Nova Scotia Sunday School Association, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Middle Sackville, and Middle Churches.

Rev. H. T. DeWolfe, D.D., principal of the Ladies' Seminary at Wolfville, and Field Secretary Williamson, of the Sunday Board will teach classes daily at the New Brunswick and P. E. I. Training School for Sunday School workers. This school will be held at Sackville, August 17 to 24. It is hoped that our Baptist schools will be well represented by a strong staff of seven experts will be present, and conduct a splendid programme.

PRESBYTERIAN

St. John's Church, Vancouver, B. C., recently made vacant through the removal of Rev. E. Leslie Pidgeon to St. Augustine Church, Winnipeg, has extended a call to Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith of St. Paul's Church, Fredericton, N. B.

Rev. A. J. W. Myers, Ph.D., education secretary of Assembly's Board of Sabbath Schools, and Young People's Societies, will be a member of the staff of the cooperative summer school for Sunday School workers to be held at Sackville, N. B., August 27-29. Dr. Myers will give a course on the principles of teaching. The course of study being provided by this school is one which will commend itself to the churches generally. Revs. Dr. W. A. Brown of Chicago, Frank H. Langford, education secretary of the Methodist Church in Canada, J. W. Williamson, S. S. secretary of the Baptist Church for the Maritime Provinces, Mrs. C. P. Baldwin of the International S. S. Association, Rev. W. A. Ross, general secretary of the N. B. and P. E. I. Sunday School Association, and others are included on the teaching staff. In this movement, which is being initiated, the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and other churches, and the Provincial Sunday School Association are all co-operating.

Rev. R. M. Hamilton, who has been for some time secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Executive, has been extended a call to the pastorate of First Presbyterian Church, Brookville, Ont. Rev. C. W. Shelley, the late pastor, resigned a short time ago to serve as chaplain in the 59th Battalion, C. E. F.

Professor R. E. Welsh of Montreal Presbyterian College, has gone to London, England, for a few months, where he will supply the pulpit of his former congregation, whose present minister has enlisted and is serving as chaplain at the front.

The closing exercises of Montreal Presbyterian College will be held in the Convocation Hall, April 13. The graduating class numbered eleven. Several prizes and scholarships were awarded. The valedictorian of the graduating class was Kenneth McLean, and other members being Messrs. Geo. Cameron, G. H. Fletcher, Hubert Presque, Chas. S. Jones, Andrew Kay, Henri A. Lariviere, F. S. MacKenzie, W. A. MacWilliam, Robert Strange and R. J. Wilson. Acting principal D. J. Fraser, who has been nominated for the graduation exercises had been concluded, the presidency of Montreal, solemnly licensed these eleven men to preach the gospel, the address to the graduates being given by Prof. Robert Law, D.D., of Knox College.

The Presbyterian Bible Department, with headquarters in Toronto, has felt it wise to close for the present the

distributing centres east and west at New Glasgow and Winnipeg respectively. It is impossible to duplicate the large stock of slides, and urgent requests are often made that the local centres cannot meet. For some time, Rev. G. Ernest Forbes of New Glasgow, N. S., has very kindly made much sacrifice in arranging for the distribution of slides where required throughout the Maritime Provinces, but the time involved became so great as to make it an added burden that no pastor could wisely carry. It is hoped that at some future date fully stocked establishments may be opened east and west with experienced employees in charge. In the meantime all parties desiring the use of these slides will be served from Toronto, where the business of the department has increased tenfold in a very short period, the service extending to all denominations.

The overtures to the general assembly from presbyteries on the question of Church Union are many. These overtures may be classified as follows: (1) Those which in view of the large minority advise indefinite or absolute postponement of all further action looking towards union. (2) Those which look towards the coming of organic union or at least closer co-operation, though not in the immediate future, and advise some advance step. The presbytery of Hamilton, for example, recommends a conference with the Methodist and Congregational churches regarding local union churches and home mission work, theological colleges and a uniform standard for candidates for the ministry. The same presbytery recommends further that the general assembly take into consideration a revision of its doctrinal standards and its procedure in the settlement of ministers. The presbytery of Owen Sound recommends that the basis of union be approved as a working basis for local union congregations where expedient and with consent of the presbytery of the bounds. Or again, the presbytery of Kootenay overtures assembly to approve a basis of union, with necessary changes, as an authoritative statement of the constitution of the Presbyterian church in Canada, promote closer co-operation between theological colleges, joint oversight of union congregations and closer co-operation in all branches of the work of all three churches. (3) Those which recommend that in view of the majority vote, especially large in the west, the assembly proceed to the consummation of union, should the other churches desire it. The overture of the presbytery of Abernethy may be cited, recommending the consummation of union in western Canada. Or the presbytery of Winnipeg, which recommends the consummation of union over the whole church in June, 1918, application be made in the meantime for the necessary legislation on Parliament, local union or co-operation of congregations to be advanced under the oversight of a joint committee.

METHODIST

The Nova Scotia conference will regret the loss of the presence of Rev. Dr. Sparling, of Ottawa, who on account of his health is compelled to slacken his efforts for some months, at least.

Quite a large number of new members were brought into the church on Easter Sunday in many parts of N. S. Our church had upwards of forty. The year now drawing to a close seems to have been very fruitful in conversions.

The educational anniversary at Sackville was very successful. Rev. Dr. Borden took the chair, and the mayor of the town, Mr. H. M. Wood, was the first speaker, he showed what the college meant to the community. It must have been a revelation to many to find how much Mount Allison contributes to the advancement in material things to the community. The second speaker, Dr. Bigelow of the Science Department dealt with the college and the state. He showed what the college did in the way of character building. Dr. Liddy chose the College and the Church. All the addresses were of a high order, and made a deep impression upon the congregation.

The first lady missionary of the W. M. S. of Nova Scotia to Japan, Mrs. M. S. of Nova Scotia to Japan, where she labored amongst the foreigners since she returned from Japan, where she spent twenty-two years of useful and blessed service. One of the finest encounters ever passed upon a sermon was the tribute which Louis XIV. one day paid to Missions, after hearing him preach at Versailles: "Father I have heard many great orators in this chapel, I have been greatly pleased with them, but when I hear you I go away displeased with myself, for I see more of my own character." That is the kind of preaching for our day. The greatest pulpit orator is the man who gains converts to the Christ, and so helps to people heaven with sanctified spirits.

Church of England

The Easter Monday meetings are now over. The reports of the work done during the past year have all been presented. So far only one of these reports has reached us, and that is from Trinity Church of this city. Without doubt this is one of the finest reports ever got forth by that church. Apart from the three-fold summary of worship, work, and finance, all very complete, there is an excellent historical sketch with copious extracts from the letters of Bishop Inglis from 1783 to 1814. Fifteen pages are devoted to these letters and are most interesting. A short history of Trinity Church is also given, with a list of the clergy from 1783 to the present.

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Deanery Meetings.

Tuesday, May 2nd, was a day of church meetings. It began with the regular meeting of the Deanery of St. John. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 9.30 a. m. in Trinity Church, after which the members met in the school room. The principal events were the reading of Romans 10 in Greek, and the reading of an excellent paper upon the chapter by the Rev. Canon Hoyt. The subject of discussion for the day was "Congregational Worship," which was introduced by the Rev. Canon Armstrong. It was generally felt that there was not the heartiness amongst the congregations that there should be, and that too much of the singing was left to the various choirs. At this meeting the Rev. G. F. Scovell resigned as the Dean.

ery Governor of King's College, and Rev. H. A. Oddy was elected in his stead. The members of the Deanery were the guests at luncheon of Canon and Mrs. Armstrong.

Sunday School Teachers' Meeting.

In the evening of May 5th, the regular teachers' meeting was held in St. Luke's church. There was a good attendance, and the two papers read were most excellent. The Rev. R. P. McKim gave the opening address, after which a paper was read which had been written by Miss George Hayward on "The Sunday School Teachers' Library." This brought on a most interesting and helpful discussion. Miss Ethel Jarvis then read an excellent paper on "The Use and Abuse of Lesson Helps." In closing Miss Jarvis paid a deserving tribute to the late Canon Powell in the following words: "I feel that any matter written about Lesson Helps is most inadequate without referring to the tremendous loss our Teachers' Assistant has met with in the death of his late beloved father, Dr. Powell. It has been my privilege to have met him for several years, and to have been associated with him for a time in his work, and I would like to raise my voice in tribute to what he has done for our Church of England Sunday School in Canada. As a teacher he was unexcelled, and though he was ever open to new methods in Sunday school work, he never forgot that the business of the Sunday school was to make staunch and loyal churchmen, who would cling to and love the faith of their fathers, as well as to make good and useful citizens. I think that I am right in saying that to Dr. Rexford and Dr. Howell we Canadian church Sunday schools owe our modern graded system of lessons and splendid illustrations. Personally his spirituality was wonderful. Reverently and truly may it be said of him that he walked and talked with God, and as Sunday school teachers, and members of the Church of England in Canada, we have one and all lost a friend. Let us close by quoting from one of his own editorials: 'Teachers, realizing the existence of the Sunday school, will endeavor to be true to God, to the Church, and to the home, fostering always with the tenderest care the spiritual nature of each child. Some day, and sooner than perhaps

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of St. James' Church gave a concert in the school room on behalf of their Bugle Band. Mr. A. C. Skelton was chairman, and the boys gave an excellent exhibition in Tenderfoot work, physical drill, first aid, boxing, the compass, signalling, etc. There was also vocal and instrumental music, and original readings. The band also gave several selections.

The Rev. W. B. Armstrong's many friends welcome him home after his absence of three months in Barbados. Mr. Armstrong is much improved in health after his sojourn on the sunny island.

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V. W. P. A.

The ushering in to orchestra floor the Imperial Theatre is to be undertaken by members of the Young Women's Patriotic Association who will give their salaries to War Relief work. This is a decided novelty in St. John, but the employment of girls being forced upon managers of large concerns by the lack of men. Imperatively patriotic work for this association, as it is distinctly understood that the positions are only being held in the absence of the Imperial's employees who have enlisted. Fifteen of Mr. Golding's men have joined the colors, and their places are being taken on their return. There are many demands for girls to give their services in various places and there is no lack of employment in St. John. Filling a man's place is called emergency work, and has had to be done in Great Britain long ago where there are women porters, train conductors, munition workers and farm laborers. St. John is just falling into line with other places in this respect. The change will take place Monday.

The Ladies' Aid of Carmichael's Methodist church are holding a bazaar sale in the Dufferin sample room. Mrs. Joseph Seymour is the president of this association and among the ladies helping are Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Nathan. The proceeds are to be devoted to the work of the church. Many delicious home cooked dainties will be for sale.

Winnipeg Chapter, I. O. O. F., entertainment which was such a success last Tuesday was repeated last evening. A large audience last evening, the pleasure and settings of the various acts showed much labor and thought, and this entertainment will long be remembered. Mrs. A. C. Wilther and daughter and thus has added another to the long list of her successes. Miss Fenton's beautiful singing in the Gibeys' oratorio was a feature of the evening. Mrs. Allingham as the secretary of "The Old Maid's Convention" scored a hit. Mr. Robertson took the part of the Bachelor, who had that delightful vision, and Mrs. Robertson acted as accompanist.

Awards to British Hospital Women. A medal of honor awarded by the New York Federation of Women's Clubs (says Reuter's New York correspondent) awaits Lady Paget for her bravery in remaining with the Serbian Red Cross contingent when Montenegro was abandoned by the Allies. The gold medal is awarded annually to a woman who has performed some exceptional service "beyond the lines of duty." The presentation of the Croix de Guerre to Lord French's sister, Mrs. Harley, by General Sarrajl took place.

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