

THEY ARE ALL POPULAR.

HALIFAX IS HAPPY IN ITS MINISTERS.

Perhaps the Eleven Leading Preachers are in the List Below, But Different Congregations Have Different Opinions—Why They are Liked.

HALIFAX, Jan. 25.—This is a city of churches and religious organizations and though it is not particularly noted for its church-going population, yet Halifax can present as good a showing in this respect as any other city of its size. In a recent survey one of the 1,200 or 1,500 imperial troops in this garrison are compelled to attend divine service once every Sunday, at some church or other, unless they are on duty. Though there are many pew-holders who are seldom seen within the church doors, and though there are far many more young men and others who never hear a preacher's voice, still fairly large congregations assemble twice each Sunday in the thirty-eight churches of Halifax. As a rule there is not seen "the beggarly array of empty pews."

Here, as in other cities, the preacher who is correct, faithful and eloquent, is sure to become popular. His merits are soon discovered and his church is filled. No city has a company of harder working ministers than Halifax, and as a rule they are a talented lot of men. It is safe to say that the ministers who rise above their fellows in this city, in popularity, are eleven in number. The man will not be far astray who says that the eleven most popular clergymen in Halifax are:

- 1. Rev. A. Gandier, presbyterian.
2. Rev. Dyson Hague, episcopal.
3. Rev. F. W. Wright, methodist.
4. Rev. Canon Partridge, episcopal.
5. Rev. D. M. Gordon, presbyterian.
6. Rev. E. P. Crawford, episcopal.
7. Rev. Allan Simpson, presbyterian.
8. Rev. A. C. Chute, baptist.
9. Rev. John McMillan, presbyterian.
10. Rev. J. A. Rogers, methodist.
11. This number is left blank, for the pulpit of St. Andrew's is vacant, and the congregation are so determined to get "a good man," that it is not a risky matter to leave a place for him among the eleven most popular ministers.

The prebyterian pulpit of Halifax lost one of its most polished orators when Rev. D. M. Gordon was appointed to a professorship in Pine Hill College. Mr. Gordon voluntarily took his present position at a financial loss to himself equivalent to about \$1,000 per year. He has already begun grand record in the school of the prophets, and the theological students cannot express all the admiration they feel for him. Rev. E. P. Crawford, of St. Luke's, is the "highest" churchman in the city. He came here from Hamilton, where he had a profound knowledge of the ritualistic views, and it seems the people won in that struggle. All is perfectly harmonious in St. Luke's, however, and there is no danger of Rev. Mr. Crawford's going too far to suit the tastes of the people of that parish.

Rev. Allan Simpson is a man who has the reputation of preaching more good sermons than any other minister in Halifax. If his discourses are not what would be called "brilliant" they certainly never are poor. Day in and day out Mr. Simpson's pulpit efforts are good to say the least.

Rev. John McMillan is the hard-working and enthusiastic minister of Chalmers church. There is no better bible leader in Halifax than Mr. McMillan, and his people would not exchange him in any capacity for any other minister in the city. Rev. J. A. Rogers is the solid, scholarly pulpit orator of Halifax methodism, and as pastor of Grafton street church he occupies an influential position.

Such then are the four popular preachers of Halifax, and also the ten men who stand in the front rank of the ministers of this city. Probably they can safely bear comparison with any ten in the other cities of Canada. The only pity is that the people who hear them preach do not profit more from their labors, a regret which, no doubt the people themselves heartily share.

Why He was Restrained. It was the first night of a new play, and the latter was a disastrous failure. With the exception of one man, everybody was hooting, hissing, or doing something or other to express their entire disapproval. The solitary exception was accented by a gentleman sitting close to him. "Man, man, why on earth don't you hiss this terrible piece?"

The gentleman replied that he had come in with a free pass, and so could not very well complain. "But," he headed, "if this piece keeps on for another two minutes, hang me if I don't go out and buy a ticket and join you."

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"Personally, I am in favor of holding an exhibition this year—heartily, enthusiastically in favor of it. I am a firm believer in the policy of advertising our resources, our products and our wares, and in keeping our city and the enterprise of our citizens prominently before the Canadian people. The city of St. John not only can compete, but does compete, with any market in Canada, in the extent and variety of goods manufactured or held in stock, and in quality and prices, for the general trade of the Dominion as well as the maritime provinces. But it is not enough that we should make this claim—we must substantiate it; we must not only tell the facts, we must demonstrate them. And the best means, by far, is an exhibition.

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