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ANOTHER EPOCH.

Another important epoch has just been passed by Canadian Methodists. On Sunday, June 1st, the proposed union of the several Methodist churches of Canada reached its legal consummation, in accordance with the legislation of the Dominion and of that of each of the Provinces. On that day "praise waited for God in Zion." The voice of rejoicing was heard in His tabernacles. Even in these Maritime Provinces, where the Methodist Church of Canada had had the ground almost wholly to herself, the day was one of gladness, for to men of peace it is good and pleasant even to know that "brethren dwell together in unity." That the ministers and laity of the East took an important share in the union movement, and that they have awaited with some solicitude the financial development of the scheme, is well known, and that they therefore should rejoice in the oneness of the Methodism of Coughlan and Black and Barry in the East and of Tuffy and Losee in the West, after years of division and rivalry, should afford no cause for surprise.

In the light of this event hymns that our fathers sang, winged heavenward in tunes that they exchanged for the strains of the "upper choir," possessed a beautiful fitness as used on Sunday afternoon last in the largest Methodist church of this city. Most appropriately, such hymns and anthems followed the reading of that later prayer of the Redeemer for the unity of his people. Has not his teaching proved a grand incentive towards our union, and is not his joy in it to be assumed as a fact beyond possibility of dispute? "The centuries are looking down upon us," said Napoleon to his warriors in battle array under the shadow of the pyramids; "I am not dead, but looking at you," said the wounded Highland chieftain to his faltering men. Greater stimulus, in a work of peace, have Christ's followers found from the assurance of their Lord: "I am He that liveth and was dead, and, behold, I am alive for evermore."

But "praise, unmingled, does not belong to earth. It is to be heaven's 'new employ.' Prayer can never be dispensed with below. The forbidden fruit was eaten in the Garden of Paradise; Peter's fall followed the Saviour just instituted by the Master, and the Church has in all ages found that the elements of her greatest danger have been developed in her seasons of greatest prosperity. Not long since, a secular journal, in "A word to Methodists," reminded our assembled American brethren that "the tendency of all associate bodies, secular and religious, is to neglect their motive power and their aim in their anxiety to perfect their machinery." The writer of that caution attributed a large portion of our success as a church, not to our machinery, but to the spirit and conviction back of it. We are not sure that the suggestion is quite unnecessary to us as a church—it is certainly worth keeping in mind as a preventive, if not needed as a cure. The special successes of the months in which preparation for union has been going on, and the fervent prayers of last Sabbath, lead us to believe that "Methodism" in Canada has not transferred her trust from the presence and power of the Holy Spirit of God to any reliance upon prominence of position or immensity of numbers. Such being the case, the present epoch will only mark a date at which once-divided sections met around one common standard, to go forth thence to preach all the more earnestly the great doctrine that Jesus Christ "by the grace of God tasted death for every man," that "whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Our ministers in Newfoundland, as well as their brethren on the mainland, are sorry to learn that Dr. Carman will be unable to visit them at the approaching session of Conference. One of them, in a private note on the work in the colony, remarks with much reason:

Newfoundland is unfortunately far too much of a terra incognita to our friends in the West, and the peculiarities of our work, as a consequence, are likewise unknown. We have been anxious for a long time that some of the authorities from head-quarters should pay us not a mere flying visit, but a visit that would give time for a tour of inspection. This, indeed, is absolutely necessary in order to a genuine understanding of our needs as a Conference, and, (may I add?) of our importance as a Mission field, as well as to a genuine appreciation of the difficulties and isolations of Newfoundland missionaries.

We shall, doubtless, accord to all distinguished visitors a hearty Newfoundland welcome; but, being practical as well as hospitable, we are anxious that they should be regaled not only on the fatted calves of St. John's mansions, but on the tea and caplin of the fisherman's cottage in Seldom-Come-By or Button-Hole Cove. "A fallow feeling makes us wondrous kind," and it is just possible, that, upon return to the Goshens of the West, the official bowels might yearn, not certainly for the dainties of coast life on our outlying stations, but with sympathy, and the appreciation gained of knowledge, for the men who toil upon them, ill fed, ill housed, ill provided for, year by year.

The year has been one of great spiritual success in the colony. The Rev. Jas. Dove, President of the Conference, writes us: "I am glad to refer to gracious visitations of saving power on many circuits in our Conference—St. John's, Grand Bank, Fortune, Petites, Britannia Cove, Northern Bight, Bay Roberts, Brigus, Port de Grave, Cupids and other places. Many, young and old, have professed saving faith in Christ." Another minister feels "sure that when the returns are made they will be such as to make us, in a very special degree, thank God and take courage."

THE MOUNT ALLISON ANNIVERSARIES.

(EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.) Seen in the darkness of a stormy night, Sackville seemed forbidding enough as on Tuesday morning about 1.30 a.m. we arrived at the station. Fortunately a carriage had come down for a passenger who did not arrive, and as we reached the hotel, only to find that not even a sofa with the necessary wrappings could be furnished to any. Accompanied by another, I moved toward the Male Academy, and so far disturbed the peace as to gain admission after having played the tramp sufficiently long to lead my brother minister to silence the disturbed Principal's apologies by an assurance that the Academy "seemed like heaven."

Later on Tuesday morning, it became evident that not only hotels but academies and colleges were crowded with visitors, and that a large number of these were former students—a very pleasing fact. These visitors had begun to arrive as early as Thursday, after which the stream grew larger. We learned that the various written examinations of the week had been quite satisfactory. Eight scholars from the Male Academy will enter college at the beginning of the next term. Three young men had been graduated from the college class—Messrs. George Glendinning, of Amherst; S. Howard, P. E. I., and F. Hall, Cape Breton. Miss Ogden, of Sackville; M. S. Sharp, of Moncton; J. Mann; and Miss Weldon, of Sackville, have received the degree of M. L. A.; Miss Fillmore, of Sackville, having also graduated in music. We learned too that the competition on Saturday morning for the John McDonald prize for elocution, had resulted in its award to J. W. Tait, a young minister from the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference. A crowded reception at the Ladies' Academy closed the proceedings of the week.

Sunday was a bright and cheery day, and congregations were large. In the morning the Rev. S. B. Dunn preached the sermon before the Theological Union. The explicit statement of Peter (Acts 13: 38-39) furnished him with a theme—the old but ever important one of justification by faith. A somewhat elaborate introduction was followed by earnest, sententious utterances about the man, the message and the mission, in Mr. Dunn's well-known style. According to general report it was a fine putting of an old doctrine. His sermon will have a useful place in the annually enlarging library for which the Theological Union will one day receive the thanks of the public. Serious illness in his family circle prevented the Rev. Robert Duncan from preaching the Baccalaureate sermon; a short sermon was therefore preached by the Rev. Dr. Stewart, whom President Inch followed with an address to the young men of the Institutions. The meeting then resolved itself into a Union commemorative meeting, presided over by the Rev. Dr. Pickard, whose address was succeeded by others from Rev.

Dr. McMurray and Pope, and Dr. Allison. A threatening sky had not prevented a fine audience from gathering on Monday morning to witness the anniversary exercises of the Male Academy. These are generally mentioned as having possessed unusual interest. The essays were generally regarded as good, and as aided by the manner in which they were read. The esteemed Principal, the Rev. C. H. Paisley, A. M., was privileged to be able to report a good attendance, general harmony in work among his efficient staff, and a success warranting hope of even better things. In the afternoon a large number of visitors viewed the new college building. The heavy rain of the evening sadly lessened the attendance at the Theological Union Lecture by the Rev. Edwin Evans, of Marysville. His very able effort bore marks of abundant work in its preparation. Only parts of it were given—the whole was too long—but sufficient to enable his hearers to discern that it will take a place among that literature which treats of the pastoral relation in the early Church, the development of the Episcopal form of government, and the origin, at a long subsequent period, of the dogma of the apostolic succession. No sketch will now be given, as it will be repeated in Halifax at the approaching Conference, and will be published under the auspices of the Theological Union. At the meeting of the Union, at the close of the lecture, the Rev. Dr. Stewart was re-elected President, and the Rev. H. Heartz vice-President, and the Rev. C. H. Paisley was again appointed Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. Stewart and Kennedy, and C. H. Paisley, A. M., were appointed the Committee. Hereafter, it was arranged, either the annual lecture or the sermon before the Union will be repeated on some evening during the session of each of the Maritime Conferences. A course of reading is also to be arranged for members of the Union, after the plan adopted in the Western Conferences. We mention the fact that the Union is in debt some forty dollars, in order to stimulate our readers to aid the members by the purchase of their publications.

No rain fell on Tuesday morning, though mists enshrouded the marshes. A crowd filled Lingley Hall to overflowing. This hall is not nearly large enough to seat the crowds which each year flock there to witness the exercises of the Ladies' Academy. The ventilation too is terribly defective—i. e. fact there is no ventilation—and as a consequence the interest in these always pleasing scenes is somewhat lessened. The smashing of two or three pacts of mercy on Tuesday morning (the young ladies under Prof. Cranx favored us with that and all the other gatherings; and the essays so full of thought and so well delivered, could have kept an audience within the walls. Numerous prizes were presented by several ministers, and Dr. Allison, under very unfavorable conditions of atmosphere, gave some choice thoughts upon the new and better dispensation opening up to woman. Principal Kennedy, the Lady Preceptor and all the teachers, must have felt gratified by the evident appreciation shown by the public of their faithful and patient effort. The attendance at the Institution and its standing throughout the Provinces were never better than now.

"Arbor days" tax one's faith and patience when he has to stand under an umbrella and watch the process of tree planting. Faith in what these shall be, when having drawn in through root and myriad pores the juices of the earth and the life of the air, they shall throw their shade over the future students at Mount Allison, was needed on Tuesday afternoon. Representatives of the classes of the various year performed the pleasing task, so far as it could be performed. Dr. Inch and W. Y. Chapman conducted the ceremonies. In the evening a conversation was held in the new and beautiful college building. Of this building we do not attempt a description, since the already crowded columns of the paper assure us that it would inevitably be held over. It is of red sandstone, with basement and trimmings of olive freestone, and is fifty-five feet long, fifty-two wide, and two stories high above the basement, with a central tower seventy feet high. Two memorial windows have recently been placed in the chapel—one by M. P. Black, of Halifax, in memory of Rev. William Black, founder of Methodism in the Maritime Provinces, and the other by Mrs. C. F. Allison, in remembrance of Chas. F. Allison, founder of the Institutions. The designs and illustrations are very fine. The gathering in the building on Tuesday evening was an exceedingly pleasant affair, in spite of the heavy rain.

The College convocation on the following morning was commenced at 9.30. The day was beautifully clear, and the hall well filled. The Faculty and several visitors were on the platform. After devotional services by Rev. Dr. Stewart, Dean of the Faculty, and music by several ladies from the Academy, the salutatory address was given by Hugh Harrison, and orations were delivered by Messrs. Glendinning and Howard, that prepared by F. Hall, the other graduate, having been omitted on account of pressure for time, a large number of visitors and students desiring to leave by the train at noon.

The following are the degrees conferred: B. A.—G. W. F. Glendinning, Anherst; C. Frederick Hall, Sydney; C. B.; Samuel Howard, Cornwall; P. E. I. M. A.—Sydney Walker

Hunton, B. A., (Lond.) 1881; Rev. Frederic H. Wright, B. A., 1875. Ad Eundem—Sydney Walker Hunton, B. A., (Lond.); George Jackson Laird, M. A., (Victoria). The degree of D. D. was conferred upon Rev. John Lathern, of the Nova Scotia Conference, that of D. C. L. upon A. A. Stockton, LL. D., St. John, and the degree of LL. D. upon His Honor Lieut. Governor Richey, Halifax. After President Inch had given an interesting and suggestive report, which ought to be pondered by all our people, an address was given by Rev. W. H. Heartz and a very pleasing gathering brought to a close. Any further remarks must be postponed. It is sufficient to say that the closing exercises have been greatly enjoyed by the numerous visitors, lay and clerical, whose presence, we hope, may be deemed a promise of increased effort to build up an important department of our church work.

In our list of deaths yet received we have all the information yet received by us concerning the decease of the Rev. Charles Churchill, M. A. Mr. Churchill arrived in this country in 1837, in the same vessel which brought to America the Rev. F. Smallwood, now of Charlottetown, P. E. I., and soon became known as one of the most eloquent and attractive preachers in the British North American Provinces. In Montreal, Fredericton, Halifax, Yarmouth and other important circuits, he drew large audiences, and in several of his charges his ministry was attended by most important revivals. After having served for some years as Book Steward and Editor of the WESLEYAN, he returned to England about 1863. During his supernumerary life his name was often placed on the preaching plan of the London circuits. Having observed it less frequently of late we feared that his health was failing.

An American Methodist missionary writes to the Mission Rooms: The first convert among the Tharus of India came into Bareilly, North India, lately, with his wife. He was rather a rough looking specimen, but being the first convert from among this race of aborigines, was joyfully received. A marked peculiarity among this people is that the women have the precedence in almost everything. They eat before their husbands and not after them, as Hindoo women do. The story is that when the Mahomedans were attacking the rajah of Chit-ore's fort, before its seizure, his wives fled and made their way to the Serai forests, and here in the course of time took other husbands. Their female descendants have always on this account claimed their superiority over the men, and have been able to maintain their rights.

On Sunday afternoon a service celebrating the unification of Methodism in the Dominion was held in the Brunswick street church. A large audience was present. All the Methodist ministers in the city, with one exception took part in the service, as did also the Rev. J. S. Phinney, of Sackville. The speakers were the Revs. S. F. Huestis, F. H. W. Pickles, and J. J. Teasdale. The tone of the prayers and addresses throughout was grateful, and thoroughly appreciative of the fact that only through Divine guidance and strength had we reached our present high position, and that only through its continuance could our future record show an advance upon that of the past.

The annual meetings of the Eastern and Western Sections of the Book Committee have been held at Halifax and Toronto respectively. The *Christian Guardian* reports the business for last year at Toronto as "very encouraging." Our establishment in this city has felt to some extent the general depression in business, but under the management of the Rev. S. F. Huestis, and with an excellent staff which is constantly being renewed, the coming year should be a successful one.

Arrangements have been made with the managers of the principal lines of travel, by which ministers and lay delegates who pay full fare to the N. S. Conference, to be held 18th inst., will, upon presenting a certificate of attendance at the Conference, signed by the Secretary, either get free return tickets or tickets at largely reduced rates.

The pressure upon our columns of Conference Plans, etc., which could not be delayed, has obliged us to condense many reports and omit some interesting matter.

In another column the Rev. George Johnson embalms the memory of the late Mr. John B. Gaynor, of St. John, N. B. Mr. Johnson's description of Mr. Gaynor's conversion would prove a help to any anxious inquirer. The surviving friends of the Rev. Dr. Wood will be glad to learn from Mr. Johnson's pen that they are not forgotten by that venerable minister.

The anniversary meeting of the Wesleyan Missionary Society seems to have been of unusual interest this year. The total receipts of the year were £150,106. The *Watchman* says that "the anniversary sermons have been worthy of the occasion and the preachers. The Rev. Joseph Chown, Baptist minister of the Bloomsbury Chapel, was the distinguished preacher from another Church this year."

A word about the Camp-meeting. It will begin on Wednesday, July 1st, at 2.30 p. m. Get there if possible.

JAMAICA.

Our esteemed Jamaica correspondent writes from Mount Ward, May 16th: Our annual District meeting was commenced on Friday, the 25th of January, preceded by the usual early morning prayer-meeting, at which the presence and power of God were manifested. Bro. J. C. Richardson, late of the Bahamas, who happened to be in Kingston, on his way to his new sphere of labor, was with us for a little while. By his genial bearing and many Christian characteristics of the Jamaica brethren, and goes to Barbados accompanied by their earnest prayers, that God's blessing may abide upon him and his work.

After the roll had been called, the question, "What brethren have died since last District meeting?" caused a feeling of deep solemnity, calling up as it did the painful circumstances in connection with the death of Brother Spratt, at Duncan's. This brother had gone on the Sabbath morning to one of the churches of his pastorate, where the services he conducted were testified by the congregation—characterized by intense earnestness, free flow of utterance, and great power in prayer. Next morning, in company with several leaders, he started to attend the quarterly meeting, at Ulster Spring, further into the mountains. When about two miles from the place of starting, the horse he was riding stumbled, and he was thrown forward on the saddle with great violence, causing internal injury so severe as to cause unconsciousness. Falling to the ground he remained insensible for some time, and on regaining consciousness his first words were, "My work is done," then with his dying breath he entreated those whom intelligence of the accident brought around him, to give their hearts to Jesus and thus prepare to meet death. Mrs. Spratt was at once sent for, but ere she arrived the happy spirit had gone to be with God. After a successful ministry of twenty-seven years, spent in this and several other fields of missionary labor, Bro. Spratt was often heard him express when I was his colleague, viz., that he "might die upon the mission field, and be carried to his grave by the fruit of missionary toil." Whilst saddened by the death of our brother it afforded us pleasure to receive one of his sons into the ranks of the ministry. The young man has been trained at our York Castle High School and gives great promise of future usefulness. Since we returned from the District meeting, another of our brethren, the Rev. H. B. Foster, has exchanged the warrior's sword for the comrade's cross. Bro. Foster, after having travelled 48 years, received permission to become a supernumerary at the last Conference. After a short illness of only three days he passed away, resting peacefully upon the Saviour he had preached for so many years.

The District Missionary Anniversary services were held in the Cathedral of Jamaica, Methodism—Coke Chapel, beginning on the 27th. The three Sunday services were attended by overflowing congregations, and at the public meeting on Tuesday evening the building was too small to accommodate the "crushing crowd" which turned out to express in a practical manner its sympathy with the great missionary enterprise. The chief subject of interest in connection with the meeting was the discussion, by some of the speakers, of the contemplated new departure in West Indian Methodism, by the establishment of affiliated Conferences. The financial results of the services were materially in advance of previous years. The entire session of the District meeting, covering a period of three weeks, was marked by harmony and brotherly love, and their circuits strengthened for the year's work by their fraternal intercourse and the mutual interchange of thought.

The report of our work for the year presents many encouraging features, and furnishes reason for thankfulness to God for the past and increased trust for the future. The general circuit finances of the District, notwithstanding that the year was one of commercial depression, has been maintained, whilst we can joyfully report an increase in our aggregate membership, and a gratifying addition to the number of scholars in

our schools. Our York Castle and Barbican High Schools have distinguished themselves at the recent Cambridge local examinations. Six "honorary places" fell to the lot of Jamaica, York Castle (which only sent five students to the examination) took five out of the six. Three of the young ladies presented by the Barbican School have been successful, one passing in the senior, and two in the junior division.

At the earnest request of the Jamaica people at Colon, the District meeting decided to send a deputation there for the purpose of planting Methodism and providing for the spiritual needs of the hundreds who were connected with Methodism in their native land. The exodus to Colon still continues, and the sugar industry is languishing for want of labor.

The country is still in a state of political unrest. The new departure which Lord Derby announced with such a flourish of trumpets, has proved to be a delusion and a mockery. The noble Earl, as if conscious that in reply to our entreaty for bread he had offered a stone, when apprised of the popular indignation which the terms of the new departure had aroused throughout the country, expressed the willingness of the Imperial Government to reconsider the matter. Notwithstanding that his Lordship characterized the defective Legislative Council as "incomplete" and "imperfectly constituted," and "requiring to be reconstructed," so as to represent the wishes of the people, and command their confidence," and directed the Governor merely to take a vote of credit for six months, intimating that by that time the new Legislative Assembly would be fully organized, six months of suspense passed away without anything being done to fulfil the promises made to the people, when a summons by the Governor to the Legislative Council to assemble for the purpose of passing the estimates for the balance of the year, fell like a thunder-clap upon the inhabitants of the Island.

At a mass meeting held in the city, and called as soon as the "summons to Council" was published, a most emphatic protest was made against the assembling of the unconstitutional Legislative body, and resolutions condemnatory of the utter disregard of the people's rights, as well as of its own specious promises by the Colonial office, were forwarded to the Governor for transmission to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, while copies thereof were forwarded to several members of the House of Commons, who have on more than one occasion shown themselves friends of Jamaica by bringing her grievances before the house. The Council, consisting of five paid officers of the Government presided over by the Governor, met and voted away nearly half a million sterling, which the unfortunate slaves, of despotism will have wrung from them, in order that alien oppressors may live in wealth and luxury. Still we do not despair, for "while there is life there is hope." C. R.

THE CAMP MEETING. The Rev. W. Ainley, one of the vice-presidents of the Association, writes: Your note in a late issue of your paper about the Camp-meeting, must have been very reassuring to those who are interested in that important movement. The public have long waited for improvements which were thought necessary to insure the success of that institution, and to those who did not occupy a place in the inner circle of workers the delay doubtless seemed unnecessarily lengthened; still it was, as it would appear, unavoidable.

The Executive Committee of the Association may now however expect that the support which has been so long withheld, awaiting the fulfilment of the promise of improvements, will flow in with a freedom equalled only by the inducements held out and the pledges given. The Committee are working in full expectation of this, hoping that if payment is not made before that time, every shareholder will come to the camp ground at the July gathering, prepared to see, believe, and then pay at least 50 per cent. of the shares they have taken up, and that many additional shares will be disposed of.

From the improvements which are being made many advantages will accrue; comfort for those who pitch their tents upon the ground, whose numbers it is hoped will largely increase; the services will not be marred as they have unnecessarily been in the past by continued appeals for funds to sustain the institution, as it is expected that these will be raised by admission fees and the sale of shares; the Camp meeting will also be saved from any reflections which may be cast upon it on account of the improper conduct of those who gather in the vicinity. The testimonies of good already received come from far as well as near, and if it has not accomplished all some might wish, it is because many who might have not placed themselves under its influence in the proper way. If its influence has been more largely local than might be wished, the fault is not in the institution, but in those who failed to patronize it.

The people of this and adjacent Provinces desiring a week or ten days of thorough enjoyment, combined with rich spiritual blessing, at moderate cost, can find no place better adapted to the demands of a wearied body and a hungry soul, than the romantic ground so well and so favorably known as "Berwick camp ground." Let them furnish them-

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