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REV. B. F. AUSTIN IS A BELIEVER IN GHOSTS!

The World's Interesting Interview With the Ex-Principal of Alma College, Who Has Views Which Deposed Him From the Methodist Body for the Sermon Which he Delivered in Toronto on January 8th, 1898.

"It has been the history from all time that a man who dared to have views and express them contra to the ordinary opinion, was persecuted." Such were the words of Rev. Benjamin Fish Austin, ex-principal of Alma College, St. Thomas, addressed to the World when seen last night at 51 O'Hara-avenue. The past two days have been fraught with momentous issues in the life of Mr. Austin. His trial for heresy at Windsor, and his deposition from the Methodist ministry have agitated the whole country. A Methodist by Generation. Mr. Austin is no average Methodist. He is the descendant of four generations of strict Methodists. His education was obtained in Alma College (Methodist) Belleville, where he obtained the degrees of B.A., B.D. He was ordained a Methodist minister in 1877 and preached on various Methodist circuits, for a time pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Ottawa. In 1881 he became principal of Alma College, St. Thomas, and retained the position till 1897. A Senator of Victoria. He is a Senator of Victoria University (Methodist), and was made a Methodist doctor of divinity in 1896. For a time he was editor of the Methodist Episcopal Pulpit, and has frequently had articles in The Methodist Christian Guardian. For years he has been looked upon as one of the leading Methodist educationists in Canada. Hence his singular that Methodism throughout the land should be thrilled by his deposition. He is a man of 50, with a clear eye and a thinking mind. Mr. Hughes Sympathized With Him. Mr. Inspector Hughes to-day, and he said he sympathized with me. I told him I needed no sympathy, said Mr. Austin. I, at the Conference in Windsor, declared I was the coolest man present." He added: "This all shows the earnest, satisfied conviction of the man. Not a Sudden Whim. Now this is where the Rev. Mr. Goring of St. James' comes into the story. He saw the report of the sermon and wrote to Dr. Austin, asking if it was correct. He was answered in the affirmative and replied that the matter would have to be taken back, or Dr. Austin would be called upon to state and defend his views. On April 1, 1898, a notice of charges was preferred to Conference. On May 15 a preliminary trial was held at Aylmer and Dr. Austin was not present, but he sent a short defence. The Charges Laid. The charges against him, laid by Rev. Mr. Goring, were: 1. He denied the doctrine of eternal punishment. 2. He denied the divinity of Christ and disparaged the doctrine of eternal punishment. 3. He preached a doctrine contra to the finality of revelation. 4. He upheld modern spiritualism. The charges were based on the sermon preached in Toronto. This committee found Dr. Austin guilty on charges 2, 3 and 4 and suspended him from the Conference. At the Conference at Windsor the matter was discussed for the better part of two days. The friends of Dr. Austin asked him to say nothing in his defence, but he desired to make a statement. He was accordingly quoted with the reasons of his advocating spiritualism. He desired to be honest. The result was Dr. Austin was found guilty of the charges and deposed from the ministry. Told His Sermon Was Guiltless. Dr. Austin told the World that he had the authority of an eminent Methodist divine, whose opinion would be that of Methodism. His description of the charges of three of the charges. Catechized By The World. The World turned catechizer and asked Dr. Austin if he denied eternal punishment. "Do you deny the divinity of Christ and disparage the atonement?" "Do you deny the doctrine of the finality of revelation?" "I never heard of the doctrine, but I certainly believe there are revelations to-day, as there were 2000 years ago." He Upholds Spiritualism? "Do you uphold modern spiritualism?" "I certainly do." The deposed minister said he had no hard feelings against the members of the Conference, yet he thought they had not been very liberal in their views. He declared that sooner or later all men would come to view matters even as he did. It was merely a question of time. Dr. Austin had little to say. At present he is under contract to a publishing firm to edit a \$2.50-a-line in every detail to the hats usually sold elsewhere for \$2.50 and \$3. And he never summer and winter are to be seen at Dineen's to-day. To-night the store remains open until 10 o'clock. Don't put away your blankets until they have been cleaned. Our process makes them as white and soft as when new and they do not shrink. Lace and all delicate fabrics repaired in way to delight you. B. Parker & Co., 737-791 Yonge St., Toronto. Phones: 3087, 3940 2148, 1044, 5088. For Ventilated Shoes-144 Yonge Street. Timely Suggestions. If undecided about the decorations for the June wedding, ring up one of Dunlop's phone numbers and have a competent decorator call and give you suggestions and estimates. No charge is made for calls of this kind. 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Rev. Dr. Austin.



SIR WILFRID: You, too, have observed, sir, that under Liberal rule, this is the Growing Time? CANADIAN WORKINGMAN: Yes, sir—a time of growing distrust of a Government that refuses to protect the Canadian workingman against the importation of cheap alien labor.

KNIGHTED BY HER MAJESTY WINNIPEG IS ON THE DOOM

Chancellor of Ontario is Now Sir John Alexander Boyd - His Career.

In the birthday honors granted by Queen Victoria Canada was not overlooked. Honor has come to Toronto and to the bar of Ontario, in the order of knighthood conferred upon the Hon. John Alexander Boyd, Chancellor of Ontario and President of the High Court of Justice for the Province of Ontario. Sir John A. Boyd was born of Scotch parents in 1837. His father was for many years principal of the Bay-street Academy in modern languages in 1860. In 1863 he was called to the bar. After practising for a time with B. B. Bond, Q.C., he joined the firm of Blake & Kerr, where he remained till appointed Master-in-Chancery. G. W. Miller has just been accorded the title of Sir John A. Boyd. In 1874 he was appointed Chancellor of Ontario and President of the High Court of Justice. In 1887, on the retirement of the late Sir Adam Wilson, he became President of the High Court of Justice. Sir John A. Boyd has done ably service for his country. He was knighted in 1888. As a student he published a "Summary of Canadian History." In politics he was never active, though his sympathies are ever Liberal. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and was for years a teacher in the Sunday school. He is a governor of McMaster University. In legal circles he is known as a man of clear judgment and firm purpose. He will clear his honors worthily.



Sir John Boyd.

Summer Arrivals at Dineen's. Twenty fresh cases of the newest light-weight summer felt fedora hats, in the brightest drabs, pearls and browns, arrived from New York makers, at Dineen's last night. They are a superior class of hats to sell at the special prices of \$2 and \$2.50—equal in every detail to the hats usually sold elsewhere for \$2.50 and \$3. And he never summer and winter are to be seen at Dineen's to-day. To-night the store remains open until 10 o'clock. Don't put away your blankets until they have been cleaned. Our process makes them as white and soft as when new and they do not shrink. Lace and all delicate fabrics repaired in way to delight you. B. Parker & Co., 737-791 Yonge St., Toronto. Phones: 3087, 3940 2148, 1044, 5088. For Ventilated Shoes-144 Yonge Street. Timely Suggestions. If undecided about the decorations for the June wedding, ring up one of Dunlop's phone numbers and have a competent decorator call and give you suggestions and estimates. No charge is made for calls of this kind. Dunlop's phones are 254, 5125 and 4192. Money to Loan. Owners of central residence or business properties may obtain loans on favorable terms and at lowest current rates by making personal application to J. L. Troy, financial agent, Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company, 50 Adelaide-street east. Cook's Turkish and Russian Baths. Bath and bed \$1.00. 202 and 204 King W. Headache cured quickly without depressing the heart. Bingham's stimulating headache powders cure or money refunded. 12 for 25c. Bingham's Pharmacy, 109-110 St. Andrew St. See our Spring Suits and Overcoats, the latest fashions and bronze tints. John Watson, 51 Bay St. Fetherstonhaugh & Co., Patent Soldering and experts, Bank of Commerce Building, Toronto.

MUST HAVE HAD A COPY IN THE CAUCUS

Else How Could Mr. Tarte's Paper Have Got Hold of all the News?

WHOLE THING GIVEN AWAY!

According to La Patrie's Ottawa Mail Tupper and Foster are Not Agreed!

THEM, AS TO THE GERRYMANDER

It is Said That Toronto and the Yorks Are to Be Recast and Have Seven Members.

Montreal, June 2.—(Special).—The Parliamentary correspondence of the French dailies here offers features of more or less interest day by day. La Presse says that the Government have awakened to the fact that the Opposition mean to resist the gerrymander to the bitter end, and that the Ministry is already thinking of offering concessions to Sir Charles Tupper and his followers. They are ready, the correspondent says, to form Toronto and the Yorks into one group, electing seven members, leaving to the proposed commission of judges the task of arranging the limits of these seven divisions in an equitable manner, and as near as possible in proportion to the population. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Marc Stouffville says, counts upon this plan to accelerate the passage of the bill in question through the Commons and Senate. A Spy in the Wigwam. Hon. Mr. Tarte has had someone in the Conservative caucus, and here is the result in La Patrie of this evening: "Sir Charles Tupper and his clan come out strongly in favor of resuming the consideration of the distribution bill by making long speeches. Mr. Foster and his friends, on the other hand, squarely condemn these tactics. They said that the Opposition had not gained in public esteem by their opposition to the bill. Sir Charles Tupper, Sir Charles Bowell, who does not speak to Sir Charles Tupper, intends to allow the bill to pass the Upper House.

A Coming Wedding. The date of the marriage of Mr. Beckles Wilson to Miss Corina Dudley of Prospect Place, Colborne, has been fixed for the 28th inst. The bride and bridegroom will proceed to England after their marriage, where they will take up their residence. The new hubs and direct ball head spokes as used exclusively in all negative Gleaner bicycles are protected by the spokes fitting into the hub which is made without a flange. This simplifies the method of attachment, and materially adding to the beauty of the wheel.

Watch the Bookseller's windows for the artistic covers of "The Market Place."

To-Day's Program. Benefit performance at the Princess, 2 and 8 p.m. Concert of Christ Convention at Cecil-street Church, all day. C.M.H.L. match at Long Branch Ranges, 3 p.m. Lawn bowling match at Granite Bank, 3 p.m. Lawn bowling match at the old U.C.C. grounds at noon. Two baseball games at the old U.C.C. Baseball at the Island, 4 p.m.

Fine Weather. The weather has been fine to-day, and the Dominion, except in Manitoba, where it has been cloudy, with light local showers. The weather is likely to become unsettled and showery in Ontario by Sunday, in advance of a low area which is moving slowly towards the lake region from the Western States. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 48-64; Kamsko, 50-80; Montreal, 52-68; Edmonton, 42-72; Prince Albert, 44-69; Winnipeg, 52-68; Fort Arthur, 56-74; Fanny Bay, 48-70; Toronto, 62-70; Ottawa, 54-70; Montreal, 60-74; Quebec, 68-74; Halifax, 60-68.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay - Fair and moderately warm, with light winds; becoming showery at night or early Sunday. Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence - Light winds; fair and warm. Lake Superior - Easterly winds; showery. Manitoba - Easterly winds; unsettled, with local showers. June is the month of weddings. Oak Hill, Clutha, Toronto, are showing early signs of the season. The season is years; with trunks to match, or, if preferred, neat narrow stripes.

Armada Ceylon Tea has the flavor. Steamship Movements. From Sardinia... Glasgow... Montreal... From Sardinia... Glasgow... Montreal... From Sardinia... Glasgow... Montreal...

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