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Methodist Conference

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

There is an atmosphere of the caplin school. There is another of the Indian Summer. That of a political meeting is another. The lobby of a conference, or we take it, Synod would melt the most grim ace. But when the Lord's Supper is reverently observed at a great Church gathering there is a weight of feeling that even a hardened reporter appreciates. The beautiful thing is that the transition from lobby to Lord's Supper does not appear to be noticeable. De-vout souls always exhibit this perfect mingling of the present and the idealized future.

Retiring President Bennett made a brief address. His style is the staccato crack of a gatling gun. We counted four successive sentences of four words each. The four word key of his theme was "Christ dominates his Church."

"The Conference will proceed to elect a President." The vote ran Derby, Ira Curtis, then twenty-two, but a break for Ezra Broughton, followed by a group of five for Dr. Fenwick and another "break" of twenty for Broughton. Do the members of Conference know what a break means? If they do not they have missed something.

Speaking to the Conference, Mr. Broughton expressed himself as the most unhappy man in the Conference, but he supposed it was for better or worse. He came to Newfoundland September 13, 24 years ago and had always had the comfortable assurance that he was where God wanted him to be. He hoped that "Englishmen like he would be able to muddle through." If more men were chosen for the ministry on the basis that led to the selection of Rev. Ezra Broughton there would be a sweeter perfume in all ministerial assemblies.

"For Secretary, Bugden, Coppin, Blount, E. C. French, Ira F. Curtis, Mallalieu, Jackson, Pickering. It looks like hard work to pick a Secretary. If it is a hard job. Perhaps on second vote Coppin will cop it. He has been Journal Secretary. Second ballot: They're away. It's close but Coppin against the field. Needed for a choice 20, Coppin has 33. E. C. French, Geo. Mercer and C. R. Blount become As-

stant Secretary, Statistical and Journal Secretaries.

The official report over the initials C.H.J. will appear each morning in the News and in the Telegram in the afternoon.

The first item of business was the invitation of their Excellencies, Governor and Lady Allard to a garden party on Friday. This was heartily accepted. The Synod will be their Excellencies guests at the same time. Perhaps coming events are dimly foreshadowed.

Dr. Chown, the General Superintendent, wrote hopefully of the Church Union situation, the better co-ordination of Church Departments and the Evangelistic work of the Church. The total asking of the General Conference departments for 1924-25 amounts to \$1,940,000. Vast as that sum may seem it would be easily reached if the scriptural doctrine of tithing was observed.

AFTERNOON.

The reference of memorials to committees was the first order of business for the afternoon. Sometimes even this procedure causes a stir, but on this date all went merry as a marriage bell until a resolution came from Burin District against all war. After a preliminary skirmish it was sent to the Social Service Committee. Some members of that Committee remarked that they had already enough war on their hands. There will likely be a big cannonade when the Committee reports to conference. Rev. W. B. Bugden was elected a member of the General Conference Social Service Committee. His lay colleague will be H. N. Burt. The election took place on the Macpherson Palestine Foundation on the first ballot of the ex-President, Rev. Sidney Bennett, who made a suitable acknowledgment.

EVENING.

Probably the Labrador is the best advertised mission field in the world. This is, of course, due first to the great achievement of Dr. Grenfell. It is due second, to the fact that by the opportune choice of boats, a man can leave New York and be at its most distant point in a week. Dr. Grenfell's work is in the old sense of the word philanthropic rather than Missionary. Those who know Dr. Grenfell best would be the first to testify how deep is his sympathy for the evangelistic work done by Moravians, Anglicans and Methodists.

The fact is that the Moravians began work in 1771. The Methodist work began one hundred years ago, i.e. 1824. For a few years there was a break. Then in 1833 Rev. Mr. Newman, not newly out from England, was appointed and went willingly. He is spared to preside at last night's meeting.

On the 30th of July he sailed from Rogers' wharf on the Kenmore. Dr. Peake, of England, supplied medicines. A Mr. Sparkes Green gave fifty dollars worth of tracts. The Bible Society provided Bibles. After five days' voyage they were off Labrador. The first service was held with the congregation packed on herding barrels. The Anna Leslie carried him to Gross Water Bay. It was proven at that service that Mr. Newman "beant a ranter." His always delicate and refined appearance is a sure indication of the same.

Outdoor congregations were the rule for a time. All too soon came winter. Then "Beaver Tails" or by no less than 66 different dog teams he travelled over 1500 miles on a coast line of 500 miles. In a number of cases he blazed the first cross-country trails, which, improved, of course, are still used. Another summer passed and the fall storm of '86 wrecked 100 vessels on this coast. Winter closed in and for eleven months he had no letters. Hon. George Shelton, Dr. Forbes and Dr. White, in successive years did notable medical work.

Sandy Hills, Paradise and Sand-wich Bay saw revivals. Despite days on the drift ice, a day when the Lady Glover was lifted clear over a reef and the most malicious slander which had sometimes gone into print, the speaker's testimony was that he rejoiced to be counted worthy to be part of such a succession of men as had manned Labrador.

Rev. Arminius Young gave the outline of the 42 men who have served Labrador since 1824. In that year, in August at the first Canada Conference held at Hallowell, now Picton, Ont. Henry Ryan was appointed to the Indian work. Rev. Thomas Hickson had already sailed from St. John's and preached his first sermon from "Repent ye for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." There was a congregation of 40 whites and 20 Indians. Richard Knight spent part of 1825, George Ellidge spent 1826-27 and gave a gloomy report as did Charles Bate in 1827-28. There is then no record (due to the fire of '92 in St. John's) till 1845.

Then followed for varying terms Charles Combsen, Thos. Fox, John Goodson, J. S. Allen, Joseph Todhunter, Thos. Allen, George Forsey, Isaac Howe, Joseph Hale, John C. Currie, George Faine, James B. Heal, John P. Bowell, Jeremiah Embree, Z. T. Newman, Matthew Stevens, A. Holmes (First church built), Jabez Moon, Selby Jefferson, Frank Hollett, J. J. Sparkes, Isaac French, Arminius Young, Ezra Broughton, J. W. Guy, Thos. S. Ally, W. H. Webber, R. F. Mercer, W. S. Mercer, Arthur Brett, A. McK. Rose, Leander, G. Giffard.

W. S. Mercer was a native of Bay Roberts. The chairman of Wesleyville District, Rev. George Mercer, a native of the same town who knew him best of any of the men in the conference, presented the minute referring to his tragic passing for adoption by the conference. Well, as the conference knew this youthful brother minister there was gladness in every heart to learn more of him from the intimate knowledge of this friend and to learn it in language so beautifully expressed.

"Ye that have faith to look with fearless eyes
Upon the tragedy of a world of strife
And know that out of dark and night
Shall come the dawn of ampler life.

Rejoice, whatever anguish fills your heart,
That God has given you a priceless dower:
To live in these great times and bear
Your part.

In Freedom's crowning hour,
Go tell your sons—high in the Heavens—
Their heritage to take,
I saw the powers of darkness put to flight,
I saw the morning break.

The President took a very few minutes. He had been told that he was not in the Apostolic succession, but he was proud he was in the Labrador succession. He was proud of his B.D. (dog driver's) degree. He had been called at the time a fool, but he was to-day happy to have been a fool for Christ's sake. Well was the seven years the late W. S. Mercer spent there called the crown of his life. Labrador was worthy any man's efforts. The way to celebrate the centenary was to keep on sending men of Seeley Mercer's type to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. It is still the power of God unto Salvation.

"Boys, push on with it," was the cry of a Newfoundlander falling in the July drive. This was his cry to the Newfoundland Conference.

The letter of Mr. Mercer's very aged parents to Dr. Fenwick was read to the Conference and made a profound impression. It was evident that Mr. Mercer's beauty of character was because that from a child he had known the Scriptures.

Dr. Curtis had a difficult task, being called to speak after so profound a stirring of feeling. But with the gift of a natural orator he began in a low key and level manner and traced it

again step by step a brother's life, until in ringing tones he described its climax not in the snow of Frost, but in the eternal presence amidst the vast cloud of witnesses.

It was a very fine service with a scandalously poor attendance. The service for this evening will include the always interesting report of the Social Service and Evangelism Committee.

C. H. J.

All Cameras are reduced in prices for Earl Haig's Competition. Get yours now, and become a competitor for the prizes. —TOOTON'S, The Kodak Store. June 26, 21

American Warships

Coming

Three American warships the Halseid, Brooks, and Lawrence, are due to arrive here in a day or two. The crews will participate in the Haig celebrations.

"Burning Sands"

A BIGGER FEATURE THAN "THE SHEIK."

Mr. Ben Reddin, Tenor, Will Sing At The Majestic To-night.

By S.S. Silva to-day Mr. Ben Reddin, a vocalist well known in the American musical world, is due to arrive to commence a limited engagement at the Majestic Theatre. Mr. Reddin is a tenor highly recommended by the Keith Corporation, who booked him for the Majestic management. He will appear at 9 p.m. The feature to-day is "Burning Sands."

"Burning Sands" is an exciting desert romance written by a popular author who has spent his life among the Arabs. Produced on a magnificent scale by the man who made "The Sheik."

While in "The Sheik" the hero was the aggressor, in this love story a proud English beauty throws conventions to the winds and invades the desert in pursuit of the man she adores.

Mid the burning sands she meets amazing adventures—gay Arabian revels, dark Arabian intrigue, a suave titled villain. And finds that a pretty French dancer is her rival in love.

The picture abounds in spectacular midnight battles of wild galloping Bedouins, in passionate love scenes, in the magic atmosphere of the real Sahara.

The brilliant cast includes, besides the featured stars, Louise Dresser, Winter Hall, Albert Roscoe and other favorites.

A Spectacular and Thrilling Photoplay
PEGGY O'DAY IN RACE TRACK DRAMA AT THE NICKEL.

Realism in pictures is demanded to-day by the public. With this in mind Director Francis Ford when he was ready for the big racing scene in "They're Off," the racing picture to be seen at the Nickel to-day, took his whole company to Mexico and staged the race right on the race track with the proper background and with real jockeys and race horses, as you may see in the picture.

Little Peggy O'Day who plays the lead was selected for her part not alone for the fact that she is a great dramatic actress, but for another reason, she is a great horsewoman and can ride a horse as well as any man.

Miss O'Day rides the great "Black Diamond," a thoroughbred race horse in this great race and rides him throughout. She does not employ a double at any stage of the picture and every thrilling stunt that is seen on the screen is performed by Miss O'Day herself.

Big Dramatic Photoplay at the Crescent
"THE CHALLENGE" HAS UNUSUAL PLOT AND LOCALITY.

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Third in the list of accomplished players is Warner Richmond, who proves his versatility by playing a part unlike those usually assigned to him. Instead of a villainous trapper or a blot on the underworld, Mr. Warner is suave and sinister as a New York Banker whose heart is not as black as the awful look in his eyes.

The usual weekly Amateur Contest which takes place to-morrow night promises to provide a good night's entertainment. We expect some new talent to-morrow night so don't miss it.

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- (1) Snapshots must be (a) of Earl Haig himself, or (b) of any one of the ceremonials to take place during his visit.
- (2) All films must be purchased at Tooton's, The Kodak Store. To guarantee this, coupons will be issued to all purchasers of films after the date of the opening of the competition, one of which must accompany every entry.
- (3) All films must be developed and printed at Tooton's, The Kodak Store, and every entry will be given a fair and just finishing to ensure the very best results obtainable.
- (4) "The Veteran" Magazine reserves the right to publish any "snaps" submitted.
- (5) The judges' decision is absolutely final.
- (6) The competition closes at noon on Saturday, July 12th, all entries accompanied by their coupons must be sent to The Kodak Store before that time.

The following gentlemen have volunteered their services as judges:—

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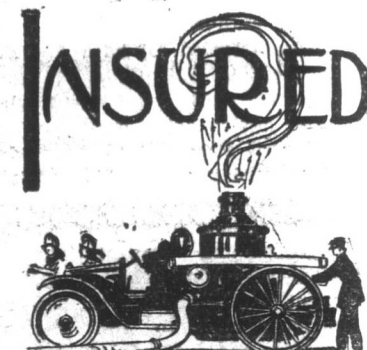
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