

THE WORLD AMONG THE CHURCHES.

The Yorkville Methodist Church on Yonge Street.

As a change from the more heterogeneous developments of the Christian church, your reporter resolved yesterday morning to visit one of the more simple and orthodox forms of worship, and selected for this purpose a Methodist church, not the gorgeous cathedral of Wesleyanism which perpetuates the memory of Punshon's presence in Toronto, but a quiet little church on the Yorkville portion of Yonge street. The Church is not a pretty specimen of gothic architecture, though the cool breeze and subdued light from the open door and windows were pleasant after toiling up the Yorkville heights. The choir consisted of six young ladies and four men. As usual in Methodist churches it occupied an eminence behind the pulpit. "Ain't what a difference Methodism has made," said John Wesley's preachers denouncing wearing of artificial flowers, ribbons and feathers. Of the six fair ones in the choir every one was over-the-garden-wall and every one was a Methodist wearer, except one who had a cold-colored feather just now, except for anything. The singing was fair. Wesley's collection of hymns was used, which certainly contain some of the best hymns in English, which also contain many Biblical. The hymns selected were not remarkable for poetry. The minister who officiated, as is usual in Methodist churches, wore no uniform. He read a long chapter of the Old Testament, and being exceptionally good reader, gave much force and animation to the plain and beautiful music. He describes David's duel with the Philistine giant. How noble are those grand words, which have not yet lost their significance. "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he sheweth himself a scion of the living?" The sermon was on the character and history of David. It was read from a manuscript, and was well written and well delivered, but was too long—forty minutes! Your reporter thought it too much of a panegyric on David, the uncircumcised. Your reporter's sympathies were with David, the proselyte and orthodox sultan of Jerusalem to his victim perishing in the fore-front of the battle by the sword of the children of Ammon, and his broken-hearted husband, who followed weeping when David was being dragged away by the minstrel of the psalm-singing king of his master's harem. Also we have read in the Israel of Ewald, the greatest authority on Hebrew literature, that only fifteen of the hundred psalms still remain as addressed to David. Still these could be passages which reach a height of genuine poetic fervor, equalled by no other religious poetry. How noble the line:

De profundis ad te clamans, Domine!

Rev. Mr. Johnson, the new minister of this church, was absent. The gentleman who officiated was Mr. Hamilton, a retired Presbyterian clergyman residing at Yorkville.

UNIVERSITY NOTES.

The Abolition of Scholarships—Dr. Wilson—Convocation News.

In connection with the suggestion to abolish those scholarships which are paid out of the general income fund it should be borne in mind that some time ago the students of University College to the number of upwards of 200 signed a memorial to the senate asking that the money spent on scholarships might be spent in making the college more efficient as a teaching institution.

Owing to the want of funds it is doubtful whether the proposal to relieve Dr. Wilson of the teaching of history by the creation of a new class of history and constitutional history will be carried into effect. The financial year of the university ended on June 30 last. All contributions to the board of management in connection with the bursar ought to be in a position at an early day to present their annual report on the finances of the institution.

At the last meeting of convocation a large committee was appointed to consider the best mode of improving the financial position of the university and University college. Mr. Mulock, vice-chancellor of the university, as the convenor, should bring the thinking of a suitable time for taking the matter in deliberation. Nothing can now be done formally till after the delivery of something like a report. In the way of information, confabulation, at all events, the date of the first meeting of the committee should be fixed.

The fellowship scheme still hangs fire, nothing having been done in the matter except to consider the report of the committee who drew up the report.

The university examiners are very insufficiently paid for the work they have to do. The scale of payment has not been changed for many years and it is obvious that what was a reasonable fee for examining is not so now when the number of candidates has increased to so great an extent. If something is not done good men will be harder each year to get.

THE CITY IN BRIEF.

Six persons were sent yesterday. Sergeant Duncan of No. 1 division is on his holidays.

Go to John Kilwey's Mansion and get a "foghorn."

Archbishop Lynch is expected home before Thursday.

Vital statistics for last week: Births, 46; marriages, 5; deaths, 51.

Eliza Bowes, colored, was arrested on Saturday for assaulting Lillie Dovens.

Alex. More is in the hands of the police for assaulting Lubbie Carter on Centre street.

Sam Sheppard was arrested on Saturday on a warrant charged with feloniously wounding his husband, Dr. R. A. F. Sheppard.

Dr. Ormiston of New York preached yesterday in St. James' church, Presbyterian church, which has large congregations. The new gentleman continues to speak in his accustomed vigorous style.

A boy 12 years of age named George Leggar got on board the steamer Empress of India on Saturday night at Oakville and came to the city. As his parents have not yet heard of him they are much distressed and are looking for him in all quarters of the city.

The Wiman Bath.

Nearly all of the gentlemen who visit the Wiman bath are members of the Bathing Society. Get one at 30 King Street West.

The Local Elections.

It is now reported that the local elections will not be held till next June, and that even or eight by-elections will come off almost immediately.

The Rectorship of St. James.

Rev. Canon Dumoulin of Montreal has written to the bishop of Toronto, accepting

the offer of the rectorship of St. James' cathedral, stipulating, however, for the full title and all the privileges attached to the office.

A Good Article.

Lemayson & Son's tobacco are still in great demand among Torontonians. Shields & Co. are their agents and can fill all orders in town. A large consignment will reach Toronto this week. Visitors in the city will do well to call at any tobacco store and try it.

Mr. Allan's Funeral.

The remains of the late G. L. Allan were interred on Sunday afternoon at St. James' cemetery. The duty was taken charge of by J. R. Robertson and N. F. Lyon, pending the arrival of Mr. Allan's son from Ottawa, by whom all expenses were defrayed.

Provincial Appointments.

His honor the administrator of the government has been pleased to make the following appointments, viz:

W. H. McFadden of Brampton, barrister-at-law, to be county crown attorney and clerk of the peace for Peel.

T. Little of Iroquois, to be clerk of the sixth division court of Stormont, Dundas and Glengary.

The Union Station.

Yester evening Sun of Wednesday.

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