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Wilmot Church, of the United Church of Canada, on Sunday observed the 131st anniversary of the establishment of the Fredericton Methodist Church, and also the 73rd anniversary of the dedication of the present church edifice which until the present year was that of the Fredericton Methodist Church. Large congregations attended services both morning and night. The preachers was Rev. Dr. George J. Trueman, president of Mt. Allison University, Sackville. Under the direction of F. W. Harrison, choir leader, special music was rendered.

The pastor of the church, Rev. F. H. Holmes, and Rev. Dr. R. W. Weddall, the latter a former pastor now retired



DR. GEORGE J. TRUEMAN.

assisted in the services. Rev. Mr. Holmes gave a brief sketch of the early history of the circuit and Dr. Weddall mentioned his own days in the pastorate.

**Historic Dates.**

Rev. Mr. Holmes in the morning service referred to the fact that on December 20, 1794 the Fredericton Methodist Circuit was established, one hundred and thirty-one years ago that very day. On December 19th, 1852 the present church edifice which replaced that destroyed in the great fire of 1849. The pastor proceeded to quote from the description of the dedicatory service published at the time in the New Brunswick Reporter. Reference was made to the leadership of the choir by the late Hon. L. A. Wilmot. Rev. Mr. Holmes also commented upon the fact that during the year the church had entered the United Church of Canada and had assumed the name Wilmot Church in honor of the late Hon. Mr. Wilmot.

**Morning Sermon.**

Rev. Dr. Trueman introductory to his morning's discourse referred to the fact that he first had seen the church thirty-five years ago when a student at the Provincial Normal School. He characterized the edifice as beautiful and as showing that the old people knew how to build most attractively. The church looked much better than the modern theatre-like structures.

The preacher divided his sermon into two parts—How God Calls Men and What God Wants Men to Do. He mentioned the possibility of a direct call being given to men as it was to Samuel, a call in the still watches of the night, in passages of the Bible, in services where all are gathered to hear the voice of God. The recent union of the churches had broadened the scope in many ways. The West African mission of the Congregational Church taken over by the United Church of Canada was that in which David Livingstone had labored.

In connection with what God wanted men to do it must be recognized that the necessity of meeting human needs was one. Selfishness caused the war. It should be avoided. The building process in connection with human progress must be continued. Instruction and education were necessary. There was too great a tendency to stress the need of fighting. He was of the opinion that in regard to Temperance too great dependence had been put on fighting. There had been too much fining and putting in goal. Education had been neglected. The facts of the evil results of liquor should be impressed. Temperance people were

returning to what it meant to teach people.

The process of building included the rock of schools and colleges for God must be learned through man and women.

**Evening Sermon.**

In the evening Dr. Trueman took as his subject, "What Ails Our Youth?" He commented upon the fact that many of the older generation particularly those over fifty took the view that young people were wrong and that some change in them should take place. His own view was that the trouble was with the world and not with youth. Young people were not much worse than youth of a preceding era. The inherent qualities of the human race did not change and the situation was not so bad. Christ had taken a little child and placed him in the midst of his hearers and told them they must become as that child. If the church was to make expenditure let it be on children. Personally he believed that if he did what he could for children who never had had the association of parents, he would be doing as well as they had done in Galilee.

Judges of municipal courts in the United States had found that young people with proper Sunday School instruction did not appear before them. The spiritual was an essential part and when it was dealt with in the manner the intellectual was at the present the problem would be near solution.

Dr. Trueman referred to the growing dependence of missions upon schools and of the valuable work done in reforming young people by special educational institutions. For the church in particular he urged the construction of gymnasiums and the carrying on of social work among the young people to give them the proper environment and instruction.

**The Capitol.**

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