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A NON-CONFORMIST VICTORY

The Nonconformist bodies of Great Britain have, during the past few weeks, won a victory which has escaped attention in this country—says the Toronto Saturday night. The Senate of the University of Cambridge has, by a vote of 435 to 326 decided that theological students who are not members of the Church of England may receive the degree of Doctor of Divinity; and it is expected that the University of Oxford will shortly take the same course. The history of both great founts of learning is bound up with the history of religion in England, and up to nearly forty years ago it was impossible for a student to secure admission to either University without first subscribing to the thirty-nine articles. With the growth of liberal thought in religious matters, the abolition of religious tests naturally came about—not, it is true, without a great deal of opposition from old school theologians—but up to the present time a Nonconformist, while he might study theology at Oxford and Cambridge, and attain high honors therein, was denied the privilege of having the coveted degree of "D.D." conferred on him. Honorary degrees of a non-theological character have been conferred (honoris causa) on many persons of diverse creeds—the late General Booth will serve as an instance but the supreme honor in theology was denied to all except those who, in the traditional phrase, were "clerks of the Church of England." No doubt this has been regarded as a deep grievance by Nonconformist scholars, though it is open to doubt whether the laity of such denominations have concerned themselves much in the matter. The step is, however, one which, in the English speaking province of Canada will be regarded as right and proper. In Ontario, and in the other provinces which possess state universities, religious distinctions have long since been abolished, although under the system of fed-er-grees colleges, the conferring of degrees in divinity has been left to the individual institutions rather than to the university proper. But the placing of all faiths on an equality has worked well and has been an antidote to those religious animosities which have done so much to discredit learning in past times. The University of Toronto originally founded as an Anglican institution, and owing its chief endowments to Anglican benefice, is presided over by a gentleman in Presbyterian orders; and who shall say that the whole body of educated men in this province is not the better for such a progressive condition of affairs? It is to be hoped that the broadening of the lines at Cambridge and Oxford will do much toward softening those mutual antipathies between the Church of England and the Nonconformist bodies which we in this country but faintly realize, but which make clergymen militant politicians whenever a general election is in prospect.

The latest report from Ottawa is that Mr. O. S. Crockett, M.P., and the minister of marine have buried the hatchet. The member for York is looking for a government job and finds that he cannot get it without the support of Hon. Mr. Hazen. In a letter addressed to the minister soon after his return from England, he promised to forget the past and behave himself in the future.

The grave of "General" Booth in Abney Park Cemetery, London, has already become a shrine. As many as fifty visitors to that grave alone have been counted in one day. They come from all parts of the world. One was a student just arrived in England, who said he desired to pay homage to the memory of a man who had done so much for his country.

Lethbridge Herald:—It has aptly been said that "God made the country and man made the city," but did it ever occur to you that the ideal place to live in is one which offers the natural advantages of a God-made country together with the conveniences and comforts of a man-made city?

Now that it has detected a New York hotel in the act of preparing to spend \$100,000 per year for music with its meals, the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times understands why it has to spend ten cents extra for its bread and butter when it dines on Broad way.

Mr. O. S. Crockett, M.P., is home from Ottawa. Perhaps he will explain why he was not in his place in parliament to vote on the amendments proposed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Mondou to the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC IN CHURCH TOMORROW

In some of the churches of the city the Christmas services will be held tomorrow. Special music will be rendered by choir and organ in connection with the services. In some cases elaborate programs of music have been prepared, this being so in the George Street and Brunswick Street Baptist churches, the Methodist church and St. Paul's Presbyterian church. In the Anglican churches and St. Dunstan's Roman Catholic church the special music will be rendered in connection with the services on Christmas Day. In the Methodist church there will also be service on Christmas morning.

The programs of music to be rendered tomorrow are as follows:

METHODIST CHURCH.

Morning.

Organ Prelude, "Christmas Pastorate." (Merkel Op. 56.)
Opening Carol, "We Three Ring of Orient Are."
Invocation.
Hymn 147, "Sing All in Heaven at Jesus' Birth." (Duke Street.)
Prayer.
Invocation, choir, "O Little Town of Bethlehem."
First Lesson.
Carol, "Noel; Noel."
Second Lesson.
Hymn 146, "Brightest and Best," (Epiphany.)
Sermon.
Prayer.
Anthem, "Behold, I Bring You Glad Tidings." (Churchill.)
Hymn 145, "Angels From the Realms of Glory." (Regent Square.)
Postlude, "March." (Salome.)

Evening.

Organ Prelude, Pastoral Symphony from Messiah.
Opening Carol, "Holy Night, Peaceful Night."
Invocation.
Hymn 142, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing." (Mendelssohn.)
Prayer.
Invocation Solo, "Come to the Manger." (Mrs. Bullock.)
First Lesson.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.
Morning.
Anthem, "Holy Night." (Adams.)
Solo, by Miss Kelly.
Carol, "While All Things Were in Quiet Silence." (McFarren.)
Evening.
Christmas Hymns.
Anthem, "Blessed Be the Lord God of Israel." (Barnby.)
Male Quartette, "Glory to God on High." (Messrs. Mitchell, Edney, Redpath and Blackmer.)
Christmas Carols.

BRUNSWICK STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.
Morning.
"Holy, Holy, Holy."
Hymn, "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning."
Christmas Carol, "With Our Songs We Greet Thee."
Hymn, "O Come All Ye Faithful."
Anthem, "Arise, Shine for Thy Light is Come."
Hymn, "As With Gladness Men of Old."
Evening.
Doxology.
Hymn, "Angels From the Realms of Glory."
Carol, "Sleep, Holy Babe."
Hymn, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."
Anthem, "Awake, Put on Thy Strength, O Zion."
Anthem, "There Were Shepherds."
Hymn, "Joy to the World."
Solo parts taken by Mrs. F. A. Good and Mr. F. L. Cooper.
Organist, Miss Helen K. Mercereau.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

George Street Baptist
Morning.
Carol—Thou didst leave Thy Throne
Hymn—Hark! the Herald Angel.
Hymn—Sweeter Sounds than Music Knows.
Anthem—Behold, I bring you—Simper.
Hymn—Christians Awake!
Evening.
Hymn—O Come, all Ye Faithful.
Hymn—O Little town of Bethlehem, (to new setting by E. Cadwallader.)
Anthem—Christians Awake!—A. Redhead.
Hymn—As with Gladness.
E. Cadwallader—Organist.

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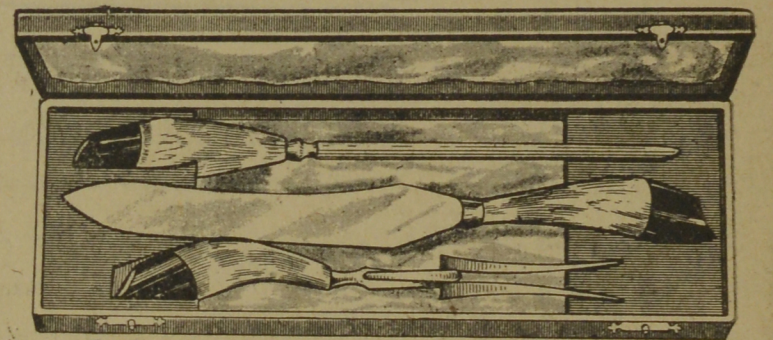
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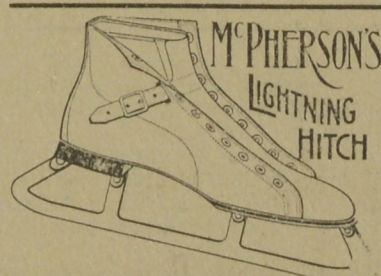
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