

IN CITY PULPITS.

Several Visiting Clergymen Officiated Yesterday.

REV. MR. SHEARER ON WORK OF LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE.

Rev. Dr. Trotter Urges Educational Work.

A SOLDIER'S MISSIONARY ADDRESS.

There was quite an influx of visiting preachers at the various city churches yesterday, and notwithstanding the storm which was quite heavy in the evening, the attendance was large.

At St. Paul's in the morning, and at the Methodist church in the evening Rev. J. G. Shearer of Toronto, secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, spoke eloquently of the work of the alliance all over Canada in defending the sanctity of the Sabbath against the inroads of greed, selfishness, and pleasure seeking, taking as his text:

"The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath."

Rev. Thomas Trotter, D. D., the able and energetic president of Acadia University, Wolfville, N. S., was the preacher at the Baptist church at both services yesterday. The doctor is here in the interests of the second forward movement of Acadia, and his address at the morning service was devoted principally to an explanation of the financial position and needs and work being done at the Baptist institutions at Wolfville. He explained that the present forward movement was inaugurated with the object of raising \$200,000 for Acadia College, Acadia Seminary, and the Horton Collegiate Academy. He announced that Mr. John D. Rockefeller, the Standard oil king, had pledged himself to add \$1 for every dollar contributed by others until his aggregate subscriptions should total \$100,000. Rev. Dr. Trotter appeared to be very sanguine over the prospect of collecting the full amount aimed at. The people of large means, he said, would be asked to contribute \$60,000, and up to November 1st, \$50,000 of this amount had been pledged by forty-eight persons. It was proposed to collect the remaining \$40,000, from the rank and file of maritime province Baptists, and already about \$16,000 has been pledged, making a total of \$66,000. The money is to be expended in repairing the college buildings, wiping out the indebtedness against them, and in providing a permanent endowment fund.

At the evening service there was a very large congregation, and Rev. Dr. Trotter's able and scholarly discourse was listened to with the greatest interest. He spoke from Lamentations 3-37, "It is good for a man to bear the yoke in his youth," and directed his remarks principally to the young men. He drew many valuable lessons from the life of Tennyson in illustration of his text, and impressed upon his hearers the importance of maintaining high ideals. He strongly exhorted the young people to get beneath the yoke of Christ if they would accomplish a useful purpose on earth.

The pulpit of the Methodist church was occupied yesterday morning by Sergeant Major Schoof, late of the British army, who delivered an address on missions. The Sergt. Major has soldiered on two continents, and has seen more of the rough and venturesome side of life than falls to the lot of most men. He is a most interesting personality, a fluent speaker, and ranks high as an entertainer. His address was devoted principally to an account of his experiences in the wild west and South Africa, and was most interesting and helpful.

This evening the Sergt. Major will deliver a lecture in the Church Hall.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Interesting Reports Read at the Annual Business Meeting.

At the annual business meeting of the Baptist Church Friday evening, after devotional exercises conducted by the pastor the clerk of the church, Mr. Richard H. Phillips read a short report on the membership, showing that 29 members had been added in 1904, six had died and three had removed, giving a total of 549 on the roll, of whom about 250 are absentees.

From the carefully prepared report

on the Sunday School by Theodore R. McNally, the secretary, the following facts are gleaned. The total enrolment for the year was:

Cradle Roll.....	61
Primary Department.....	78
Intermediate ".....	63
Junior ".....	69
Senior ".....	44
Chinese ".....	4
Ladies' Bible Class.....	98
Spurden Class for Men.....	210
Home Department.....	85
Total.....	712

The largest attendance on any one Sunday was 341, and the average attendance for the year was 194. The members have largely increased in the last few months, especially in the Spurden Class, conducted by the pastor, in which on one Sunday in December there was 125 men. Mr. M. N. Oachard, the secretary, reported for this class.

Mr. J. W. Sparden, the excellent superintendent, gave a very interesting account of the work of the school, and also of the church choir, of which he is a very valued member. The work of the home class department, of which Mrs. Sparden is superintendent, was reported by Miss Lena Alward.

Mr. W. Ezerton Everett, secretary of the B. Y. P. U., reported briefly for that active organization, and Miss Ella B. Clark for the Women's Mission Aid Society. The regular monthly meetings of the latter are of great interest and helpfulness. Much regret was expressed on account of the enforced retirement from active work of Mrs. R. H. Phillips, who has long and well filled the office of treasurer. A valued aid to this society is the Mission Band, called the "Wright Willing Workers" (W. W. W.), which meets weekly for sewing, fancy work, and instruction, under the superintendence of Mrs. Ella Robinson. That lady read the financial statement of the Mission Aid Society, and Miss Bessie Clark reported for the Mission Band.

The account of receipts and expenditures of the Ladies' Auxiliary was read by Miss Ella Clark, and that of the Benevolent Fund was presented by Mrs. H. C. Creed.

Mr. Havelock Coy, treasurer of the Organ Fund Committee, read a detailed statement of the money received and expended in that behalf, and showed that the pledges still unpaid would nearly meet the balance of indebtedness for the new organ and its installation.

The esteemed pastor of the church, Rev. J. H. MacDonald, reported on his work during 1904 as follows:—Sermons and addresses, 1,121; prayer meetings conducted, 51; Bible classes led, 74; baptisms administered, 11; marriages, 18; funerals, 36; family visits, 1074.

Dr. Creed, who acted as secretary of the meeting, read an account of the sums contributed by members of the church for the 20th Century Fund, and also gave a summary of all the moneys raised during the year for all purposes.

RIVER ROUTE IN FAVOR.

Furnishes Easier Grades for the Grand Trunk Pacific.

An Ottawa despatch says:—While the G. T. P. surveys through New Brunswick are being pushed forward vigorously, enough, information is not yet in the hands of the commission for them to choose between the rival routes of that province. At present the St. John valley route has the preference because it has been definitely ascertained that a line can be run around the shoulder of Maine to Grand Falls, down the valley to Fredericton, and across to Moncton via Chipman, with grades that are said to be more favorable than was expected. Surveys are now being carried along the shorter but more difficult route across country from Grand Falls through Boiestown to Chipman. If grades equally favorable cannot be obtained here the river route will be adopted, as the difference in distance will be more than overcome, even in a slight lessening of grades. The commission do not expect to be able to announce a decision for about three months.

TEAMSTERS' STRIKE.

St. John Corporation Work Tied up Today.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

St. John, Jan. 23.—St. John city has a strike on hand.

The teamsters employed by the street department hauling snow struck this morning. They demanded the discharge of two teamsters with whom the Union had trouble.

The street superintendent refused to accede and fifty men with teams went out at noon.

Meantime the streets are filled with snow, eleven inches of which fell last night.

Ex-Coun. Clement McLean, of Burton, is laid up by an attack of typhoid fever.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Movements of People in Whom Our Readers are Interested.

Miss Nan Thompson has gone to Ottawa to remain three weeks.

Mr A. A. Shute spent Sunday very pleasantly with friends at Woodstock.

Mrs J. Val Magee, who has been seriously ill at her home at St. Mary's for several days, is not yet out of danger.

Mr J. A. Wineslow is very much improved in health, and is able to be out every day, much to the satisfaction of his numerous friends.

Rev. J. G. Shearer of Toronto, secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada, is among the guests at Windsor Hall.

Lieut. Crockett of the 82nd regiment P. E. I., who is taking a course of instruction at the I. C. R., was admitted to the military hospital this morning suffering from an attack of measles.

Mr G. A. Stewart of Truro, N. S., son of ex-Mayor G. W. Stewart, is among the visitors in the city today, pushing the business of the DeWitt Electrical Co. of Truro, and is a guest at Windsor Hall.

Lord's Day Alliance.

At a meeting of the Fredericton Branch of the Lord's Day Alliance at the Y. M. C. A. Hall on Saturday afternoon, officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:

President—Rev. Dr. McLeod.
Vice Presidents—The pastors of the several churches.

Secretary-Treasurer—Rev. J. J. Colter.

Directors—Presbyterian Church, W. L. McFarlane, Miss Coburn; Baptist, R. B. Wallace, Mrs. H. C. Creed; Free Baptist, Peleg Smith, Mrs. Blackmer; Methodist, C. A. Sampson, Mrs. W. B. Coulthard; Cathedral, Sheriff Sterling, Miss Beck; St. Ann's, A. D. Thomas, Miss Smith.

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