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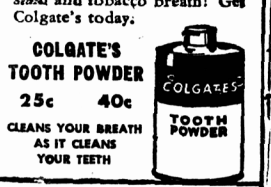


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P. E. I. Presbytery

The Prince Edward Island Presbytery of the United Church of Canada held its quarterly meeting in Hearts Memorial Hall on the 22nd. The morning session opened with Rev. George Gough in the chair. Rev. Lewis Murray was appointed secretary and Rev. I. MacDonald as reporter for the meeting.

Among the items of interest at the morning session were calls to Lockport and Lorneville in favor of Rev. Mr. Peterson and Rev. Mr. Ward. In addition, a request from Orwell-Vernon charges to the Rev. Mr. Webster, a returned missionary, as stated supply, was referred to the committee on pastoral relations, who later concurred in it.

The secretary read a letter from the Saskatchewan Conference commending to the Presbytery Rev. Dr. MacKenzie as qualified in an especial way to perform a ministry of evangelism.

Rev. Austin Jardine, in reporting for Christian Education referred to the character-value in the various camps held each summer under church auspices. Rev. Mr. Godfrey, in supporting the appeal gave incidents from the summer camps can be a most effective opportunity for evangelism.

Rev. Wilson, Editor of the Observer, in a very comprehensive manner, reminded his hearers of the unique opportunity afforded the religious press to make pronouncements without fear or favor on the vital issues of our time. The task of the religious press, in his opinion, is to reflect the life of the church in its varied moods and views and to crusade against known evil and entrenched wrong and against ideas and ideals that would tend to cause a breakdown of the moral fibre of society.

On the question of temperance Dr. Wilson gave it as his considered judgment that the popular arguments used to discount the prohibition law (such as that it makes for bootlegging and infringement of law) are without tangible evidence to support them. He spoke of the action taken by some of the western provinces to curb gambling on a grand scale. He said that American soldiers returning from various theatres of war gave as their opinion that we could do with less Sunday advertising. He said that through the influence of editorials in the Observer, public opinion passed unfavorably on the decision of the government to deprive the radio audience of the inspiration of the Sunday evening program directed by Canon Ward. The Observer also discouraged preferential treatment to certain racial groups who wished to have their own radio stations. This was done in the interests of national unity so essential at this time.

After other routine matters were dealt with, the meeting adjourned.

Afternoon Session

The committee on pastoral relations did not see fit to recommend permission to Rev. Mr. Ward to accept the call to Lorneville until June 30th next. The feeling of the Presbytery was not unanimous in this regard. The majority, however, concurred in the recommendation of the pastoral relations committee.

The committee on education and students certified to their various colleges the following candidates: Arthur Jordan, John McKay, Melbourn McDowell, Laurence Poole, N. Mar and Marie Leard.

Gratitude was expressed for the work of Rev. E. J. O. Fraser as a minister and Presbyter who is soon to return to his original field of service in Korea. Rev. Lewis Murray was named moderator of the MacKenzie Charge which will be thus left vacant.

The chairman of the committee on maintenance and missions urged: (a) the wide and systematic use of Duplex envelopes; (b) the formation in local churches of a vital and efficient committee on Maintenance and Missions.

The committee on evangelism and social service in its report would urge the Federal Government (a) to increase the tax on beer and (b) to reduce the alcoholic content of liquor; and would deplore the action of the Provincial Government were it to attempt to weaken the Prohibition law without first learning the will of the majority in this regard.

Announcements of interest included the convention to be held at Amherst Nov. 6-8 under M.R.E.C. direction; also the visit of the moderator and party on Nov. 27th (Summerside) and Nov. 28th (Charlottetown).

Rev. Mr. McLennan reported for a special committee of Presbytery appointed to nominate a successor to the former Principal of Pine Hill. Rev. Dr. Chalmers of Toronto was named as the choice of this committee.

After other routine matters were dealt with, on motion Presbytery adjourned.

Whitehall Notebook

By JAMES MCCOOK
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LONDON, Oct. 25—Labor wins by-elections in Smethwick, Ashton-under-Lyne and Edinborough East have been taken by opposition groups almost as a matter of course following the Labor sweep in the general election. These seats had been won by Labor in July and the government headed by Clement Attlee still was untried in the eyes of voters.

However, the Conservative opposition spokesmen in these by-elections indicated they had abundant ammunition to use against the Attlee regime. Sir Robert Cary, the Conservative candidate in Ashton-under-Lyne, took a position which probably will be upheld by his party entree in another five by-elections yet to be decided. He contrasted Labor Ministers' speeches, describing difficulties faced by the administration, with "the honeyed words which fell from their lips so recently in the general election." He said he was determined to maintain in Parliament and elsewhere a vigorous opposition to "any lack of positive leadership on the part of those now in authority."

In the remaining five by-elections to be held shortly, the Conservatives will fight to retain seats they won in July—Bromley, Middlesbrough, City of London, South Kensington and Bournemouth. While they had to accept increased Labor majorities in Smethwick and Ashton-under-Lyne, they have found some consolation in a decrease in the labor poll in Edinborough east.

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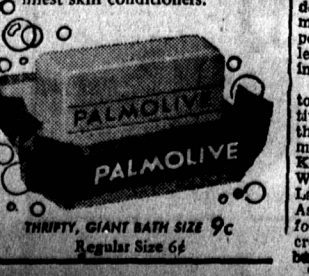
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