

HYMENEAL

McALISTER-ALJOE

Wedding was solemnized on Wednesday, October 27, when Lena, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Aljo, of Normanby, was united in marriage to the groom, James B. McAlister, of the farm near...

QUEEN ST. CHURCH ANNIVERSARY WAS FITTINGLY OBSERVED

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cellent address on the history of the church as gleaned from the minutes of previous Boards, dating as far back as 1863. An interesting part of his address and one that would call up memories among the older members of the congregation was a list of the ministers since the church was founded in 1851. They were, with the dates of their occupancy:

- 1851 James Baskerville
1852 - Breakenridge
1853-54 Andrew Clarke
1855 Thos. M. Jefferies and Jos. Follick
1856 Darius Bettes and John McGuire
1857 Jas. Gaddis and John Walker
1858 Jas. Gaddis and Jos. Rawson
1859 Robert Dunlop
1860-61 George Buggin
1862 John A. Wilkinson
1863-64 Joseph Fowler
1865-67 Robert Walker
1868-9 John Walker
1870 Francis G. Weaver
1871-2 Thos. M. Jefferies
1873-4 Robert Johnson

In 1874 union was effected between the Wesleyan Methodists and the New Connexion churches in the Dominion and the new church was known as the Methodist Church.

Ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Durham:

- 1852-3 Henry Reid
54 No. minister
55-56 Joseph Hill
57-58 Philip Rose
60 Peter Addison
61-2 Wm. Cross
63 Isaac Baker and Wm. H. Spurling
64 Isaac Baker and Jas. Laird (who is still living at Caledonia.)
65 Isaac Baker and Albert Van Camp
1866-8 James Anderson
69 N. S. Burwash
70 N. S. Burwash and J. R. Isaac
71 Thos. Hanna and Nathan Austin
1872 Thos. Hanna and Chas. Langford
1873 Thos. W. Glover
74 Thos. Glover and Geo. Walker

Methodist Church Ministers

- 1875 John Hodgson
76 J. Hodgson and Fred Dracas
77-79 Robert Godfrey
80-1 David Williams
81-2 J. Smiley
83 W. W. Leech
83-5 C. V. Laker
94-96 John A. Pomeroy
86-8 B. L. Hutton
89-90 J. L. Legear
91 - Charlton
91-3 A. K. Birks
97-9 Jas. Ferguson
1900-03 Wray R. Smith
04-6 Thos. Colling
07-8 W. S. Jamieson
09-11 R. Walter Wright
12-14 W. W. Prudham
15-17 E. S. Moter
18-22 C. G. F. Cole
1923 - J. E. Peters.

This information was taken from the Minute Book of the Official Board that goes back to 1863.

Early Expenses

At the August meeting of 1863 the following estimate was made in regard to the payment of the minister, Rev. Isaac Baker:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes: Allowed for table expenses, \$160.00; Horsekeep, 50; Fuel, 24; House rent, 48; Incidentals, 5; Salary for self and wife, 240; Moving expenses, 13.45; Travelling expenses, 4.10. Total: \$544.55

Apportions amounting to \$146 were made to the members of the 8 society classes and the Mission Board was asked for a grant of \$300.

At the October meeting provision was made for the salary of the second minister, Rev. W. H. Spurling who, for the 9 months that he served to receive as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes: Appropriation for salary, \$165; Board and Horsekeep, 80; Moving expenses, 1.25; Horse shoeing, 5. Total: \$191.25

Mr. Spurling received the first instalment at this meeting which amounted to \$33.50. At a meeting held in November, Mr. Spurling's successor, Rev. Jas. Laird received his first instalment on salary, viz, \$1.35.

In 1865 the amount appropriated for the salaries of the two ministers was \$820.95. The amount actually received from the classes \$278.72. The amount of the grant from the Mission Board was \$240, leaving a deficit of \$302.23 to be shared by the two ministers. In this year the name of Henry Isaac Storrey, father of Wesley and Mel. Storrey, first appears as a member of the official Board.

There was a Ladies' Aid Society in existence in 1866 that raised the noble sum, in those days, of \$50.55.

In 1867, as the amount raised for ministerial support from the members of the church only, was insufficient and it was decided that collections in aid of circuit funds be taken at each of the Sabbath appointments.

In 1868 a committee was appointed to collect money in aid of building a parsonage.

Interesting "Minutes"

At the April meeting of 1871 the minister was ordered to "see and speak to Bro. X," a local preacher, as he had been dilatory in his attendance upon the means of grace, and his license as a local preacher

was referred to the adjourned meeting. Bro. X's resignation as a local preacher was accepted. Rev. N. S. Burwash left the circuit in 1871. He evidently put in a bill to his successor for the value of the garden that he had planted, and he seems to have possessed himself of some fuel that the Board thought was their property, so they passed a resolution that he "be asked to pay back \$3, for the wood, and that he should not charge for the garden as he did not leave as much in it when he left as there was in it when he came". To the letter of the Recording Steward conveying this resolution the good brother evidently made no immediate reply for in November 1871 the Board passed a resolution that the new minister write the brother concerned to know if he had received the letter of the Recording Steward.

The belated epistle was before the Board at the February meeting of 1872, and was laid over for next meeting. In May 1872 the letter was again laid over for the next meeting, but no further consideration of the matter is on record.

A meeting of the Board held in February 1873, Thomas Legate was recommended as a "fit and proper person to enter the ministry". It is interesting to note that after many years of loyal active service Bro. Legate was given a super-annuated relationship and is now living at Greenwood, Ont.—the first young man from the Durham circuit to enter the ranks of the Methodist ministry, as far as the writer can trace past history.

The questions in regard to Union with the Eastern British American Conference, and with the New Connexion Methodist conference were submitted to the Board at the November meeting of 1873. To the former the answer was a unanimous "yes" to the latter an equally unanimous "no". Nevertheless the both Unions were effected in 1874.

We first read of a teaming in 1872 and strange as it may seem in these years it was held on Christmas Day. The minutes of March 22nd, 1875 are those of the "United Mission of Methodists, viz. Wesleyan and New Connexion." It was then decided that they keep the two missions running as they were for about a year. That the New Connexion Church property be sold and that a new parsonage be built upon a more eligible site. Also that a bazaar be held to help liquidate the church debt—the first reference to a bazaar on the records. Another modern method of raising money for circuit purposes was adopted on November 22nd, 1880 when it was decided that "there be envelopes in Durham Church for collecting the minister's salary," and that "each steward and class leader be appointed to go around amongst the members and find out what each will give."

On April 30th, 1881, a local preacher's license was cancelled for "the good and sufficient reason that he refuses to work." At this meeting Henry Caldwell was licensed as an exhorter, in May 1882 he was licensed as a local preacher, and in February 1883 he was recommended as a candidate for the ministry. Bro. Caldwell has loyally proved the wisdom of the Durham Board that saw in him one who would make a useful minister. He has graced the president's chair in the Hamilton Conference, and he is still in the active ministry of the United Church of Canada.

The Western Dream

Before he was twenty-four he is supposed to have made voyages to England and Iceland. About this time he settled for a time in Portugal, and there met Felipe Moniz de Perestrello, a lady much above him in social life. His wife is supposed to have fanned in Columbus the fire which was to burn so fiercely within him until he had made his great discovery. She told him of her brother coming one day with a strange piece of wood which had been washed ashore after a prolonged westerly gale, and with an equally strange tale of two men for. The contract was awarded to Mr. S. Scott, and the parsonage was taken over January 10th, 1893. Rev. A. K. Birks was the first minister to occupy the new building. Durham must have had a very warm place in his heart for upon his unexpected death in 1917 it was found that he had left a sum of money for Durham parsonage and for Durham and Zion churches.

Basis of Union

The Basis of Union for all the branches of Methodism in Canada was submitted to the Board in its February meeting, 1893. It was unanimously accepted with two amendments, (1) that lay delegates be granted equal privileges with ministers in all business of the Annual Conference; (2) that the Stationing Committee be composed of ministers and laymen. At the same time it was voted unanimously that if a union is consummated on the basis submitted no opposition would be offered.

May 1883 records another step in advance in matters of finance in that it was resolved to issue a printed financial statement, and November of the same year records a new arrangement in regard to salary, when one sum only enters into the count and the salary is to be \$600. At this meeting John McNally, jr. was made a trustee for Zion Church.

In May 1884 a readjustment of the circuit was made when Allan Park and Vickers were added. It was decided to get a young man as second minister and to make the circuit self sustaining. In August 1884 John Vickers and Charter Smith were made stewards for Ebenezer (Vickers). Robert Reid was class leader and Aberdeen was taken on as an extra appointment.

The following are the figures for the circuit in 1886

Table with 3 columns: Places, No. of Members, Raised for Minister. Includes: Durham (85, \$425), Zion (44, 206), Varnay (31, 169), Ebenezer (15, 145), Allan Park (17, 90), Aberdeen (8, 60).

In 1887 the trustees of Zion church were reported as unanimously in favor of building a new church, and a building committee was appointed.

August 5th, 1889 Dr. Wolfe's name first appears a member of the Board. February 8, 1892, Misses Banks, Orchard (Mrs. Arthur McClocklin), Carson, Main and Matthews, were appointed the Missionary collectors. At a subsequent meeting of the same year a vote of thanks was ordered to be publicly presented to these ladies by the pastor and from the pulpit.

In September 1892 it was decided to sell the old parsonage and build a new one. Tenders were called

SAILING FOR INDIA TRIPPED ON AMERICA

Americans honor the memory of Columbus every year on October 12, under the delusion, probably that he discovered the United States. It was America that he discovered, or rather the three Americas—North, Central and South, and there is no reason why Canadians should not celebrate his exploit as much as other dwellers upon this continent. It is true that though he made four voyages to this side of the Atlantic he died in ignorance that he had set foot upon a great continent. He did not know that India lay half a world away. But he did know that he had found land whose existence had previously been just a dream. It is true that he was disappointed that he had not found the western passage to India for which he had set forth. But other disappointments crowded into his declining years, for after having tasted of fame and glory he was permitted to sink into poverty and obscurity, and at the end was tormented by visions of hell fire. It was no seemingly end for one of the greatest voyagers in history.

"A Talent for Deceit"

It is eloquent of the untidy habits of the fifteenth century that we know so little about Columbus. It is true that some minute details have been preserved, while some extremely vital matters have gone unrecorded. For instance, it is an open question where he was born. The difference is not between neighboring villages which might easily arise, but between Italy and Spain. It is generally supposed that he was born near Genoa, though Spaniards have held in support of an opposite belief. His father was a wool combler, and we even know the pretty maiden name of his mother—Suzanna Fontenarossa. He went to school and probably had a rough time on account of the poverty of his parents. There is a legend that at the age of fourteen he commanded an expedition off Tunis. It was said that the men under him were a rough lot and that he "was obliged to deceive and cajole them rather than bully them. Someone is supposed to have set it down that in those early days he "had a talent for deceit." However the Tunis legend has some of the earmarks of a story ascribed to a man long after his death. The truth is that there are several considerable periods in the life of Columbus of which we know nothing.

Destiny Laden Moments

We think we are not mistaken in saying that the first voyage across the Atlantic, which occurred, as some of our readers are aware in 1492 was by no means the longest. It was on August 3 that Columbus set sail and it was on October 12 that America was discovered, the land first touched being San Salvador, Haiti and Cuba. There were hardships enough on that voyage, and moments that since have touched the imagination of mankind, the mutterings of the crew, and perhaps against fears in his own heart continued to sail westward, risking his life and the lives of his companions on the chance that he would come to land. He made three other voyages, all of them beset with peril and hardship. His crews were the very outcasts of Spain's jails, who took chances under Columbus only to escape a still more dreadful fate at home. When Queen Isabella died Columbus lost his best friend. She was a woman whose memory ought to be honored by all Americans, North, South and Central, hardly less than his. Without the Queen he could never have set out. Thereafter neglect and poverty attended Columbus, and we can imagine that once his superstitious fears were assuaged he did not greatly shrink from the final voyage that was to give him rest.

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cast up in all respects different from Christians. Then her mother unlocked an old box, formerly the property of her husband, which contained charts and maps and some vague hints to the west. But this too may be fiction to cover absence of real knowledge as to when and why Columbus became seized of the idea that there was a new land far to the west. He had no doubt whatever what land this was, nor any of his contemporary dreamers. Without a doubt it was India. It was Columbus who was to strike an unmediated blow at the theory then gaining currency, that its a small world after all.

The Two Sons

After the death of his wife, Beatrice Enriquez, another woman of superior station, and though they never married the bond between them was very close. Here again we have the date of the birth of Fernando, their illegitimate son, though we do not know the birthplace of his more distinguished father. By his wife Columbus also had a son, Diego, and he appears to have made no distinction between them because of the different circumstances of their birth. It is true that his will left the bulk of his property to Diego and his male heirs, but since there was very little property to devise, despite the elaborate testamentary declarations, the distinction was trifling. It was the illegitimate son Fernando, called "the scholar," who wrote the biography of his father, and it is to him that we owe most of what we know about the great navigator. He rests obscurely in the Seville cathedral not far from the noble tomb of his father. We at least know where Fernando was buried, but three cities claim possession of the dust of Christopher and of Diego, his eldest son, who was always called "The Admiral" it being a provision in the will of Columbus that the head of the house should always sign himself thus.

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