

The Marysville Revivals

Reporter

Feb 16, 1876

The revival in Marysville continues. Four persons—three of them by baptism—were received into the church last Sabbath evening, in the presence of the largest congregation ever seen there since the dedication four years ago. [this is the new Methodist church!]

On Monday evening, Rev. Mr. Wilson preached at Gibson, baptized one candidate, gave the right hand of fellowship to several others, and organized a church of over 20 members. The new Society is under the pastoral oversight of Rev. E. Jenkins, whose earnest and devoted efforts have largely contributed to pleasing results.

Gleaner

March 21, 1890

Revival at Marysville

Rev. Dr. McLeod is assisting Rev. Wm. Downey in the revival services at Marysville. Largely attended meetings are being held each evening except Saturday. The sermons preached and the addresses delivered are most incisive and convincing and are being blessed of the Holy Spirit to the conviction of many souls of their need of a better life. A deep and widening religious awaking is beginning to manifest itself throughout the community.

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April 7, 1890

The Marysville Revival

The religious interest still keeps up at Marysville. Dr. MacLeod preached for Rev. Mr. Downey yesterday afternoon, and after the preaching services, seven candidates were baptized by Mr. Downey. The ordinance which took place near the bridge was witnessed by a very large crowd of people. It is expected that others will be baptized today.

The Herald

April 7, 1890

Marysville Revival

The Intelligencer says the work at Marysville is progressing with much power. There is a very deep and widespread interest. A large number have declared themselves as seekers of Christ. The meetings are largely attended, the church being filled every evening; on Sabbath many could not get inside. At the close of the Sabbath afternoon service Bro. Downey baptized six converts. In the evening ten received the hand of fellowship, becoming members of the church.

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April 8, 1890

Marysville Methodist church

Rev. George Payson occupied the pulpit of the Methodist Church, Marysville, Sunday morning. The choir rendered an anthem "Behold I show you a mystery" in a very effective manner. Miss Mary Gibson sang the solo with much feeling. In the evening Dr. Sprague preached a very eloquent and impressive discourse after which the sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered.

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Nov 21, 1892

Revival Services at Marysville

The revival services at Marysville continue to draw large numbers. The Methodist church last evening was packed to the door and settees had to be placed in the aisles to accommodate the congregation. Five persons were baptized and eleven received into the church. Forty-one have now been received during the special services. Others will be taken in next Sabbath.

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March 5, 1894

Rev. McBride at Marysville

A Big Revival in Progress in the Methodist Church

A revival has struck Marysville, Rev. H. C. McBride, of the New York East Conference, and wife reached that place on Friday morning last, and held a service in the Methodist church that evening. The attendance was fair that night, and the feeling in the service was good. Sunday morning Rev. Mr. McBride occupied the pulpit in the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. W. Lodge, who lies ill with pneumonia. The service was a very impressive one, and many were moved to tears.

In the evening Rev. Mr. McBride preached from the text, "Will ye also be His disciples?" The church was crowded, every available seat being occupied. Several persons from Fredericton were noticed in the congregation. The preacher made a powerful plea, and as a result over fifty rose and went to the altar seeking salvation, while over one hundred nominal Christians, church members, reconsecrated themselves for renewed service in Christ's work.

Mrs. McBride is of great assistance to her husband, her sweet voice being very attractive, and her selection of hymns were such as to deepen the impression made by the sermon.

There will be an enquiry meeting in the vestry and a praise service in the church at 7:15 tonight, to be followed by the regular service. The meetings will be held every night this week except Saturday.

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March 8, 1894

Marysville Revival

What Shall be Done to Hold the Young Men?

To the Editor of the Gleaner:

Sir, Now that so many young men have made a profession of religion at the several services conducted with so much earnestness and spirituality by the Rev. H. C. McBride at Marysville, the question of caring for these young people naturally occurs to the careful thinker.

I have a suggestion to make and I feel in doing so that it is largely the sentiment of a number of the experienced Christian people of the community. It is this—Marysville should have a Y. M. C. A. with a gymnasium attached. In connection with it would, as a matter of course, be a Junior Y. M. C. A. for the boys, who would all be admitted to the gymnasium at a nominal charge. The bath rooms, too, in connection with such an institution have been found to be a boon to the community, wherever situated.

It would be the crowing act of his useful life, if the lumber king of New Brunswick would see the benefits to humanity around him of such an institution, and say, "I will build." . . .

The Marysville Revival

The Marysville Methodist church was again crowded last night by an interested congregation. Rev. H. C. McBride preached from the text "As many as received him, to them gave he the right to become the sons of God," John 1:2. When he had finished there were many in tears. When the invitation was given a large number came forward seeking a knowledge of sins forgiven. There were thirty-three who had never sought Christ before. In the enquiry meeting held in the vestry, about seventy-five professed

to find light, and to receive Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

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March 14, 1894

Mr. John Gibson in the River

Mr. John Gibson received quite a cold ducking yesterday morning while making his way to his schooner at the mouth of the Nashwaak. The ice broke away from under him, and down he went. He recovered solid footing, however, soon afterwards without much difficulty.

The Marysville Revival

Over One Hundred and Seventy Converts in Less than Two Weeks

The Marysville revival is still in progress. The Methodist Church is filled every night by an interested congregation, and great good has been accomplished. So far over 170 persons have gone into the inquiry room and given their names as seekers after salvation, and of this large number the great majority are those who have never before made any attempt to lead a Christian life. A few were professing Christians, who were seeking the witness of the Spirit. Of the 170 all but four or five profess to have come out into the light, and have the assurance of pardon. The influence of the meeting on the town itself is marvellous. Many of the young are being reformed, and there is an utter absence of the noisy crowds who not long ago were nightly passengers on the last train from Fredericton. The meetings are to be continued every night this week, except Saturday.

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march 17, 1894

Big Results – Sixty to be Received into the Church, Tomorrow

The interest in the Marysville revival still continues, and the Methodist church at that place is till crowded nightly. Every night this week from ten to twenty new converts have pushed their way to the altar and professed to have experienced a change of heart. As a result of the services, a noon-day prayer meeting has been started in the cotton mill. At the first service there was an attendance of three, and six days later over eighty were present. The afternoon Bible readings in the church have been well attended.

There is to be baptism and a reception of members into the church at tomorrow morning's service. It is expected that over sixty will unite with the church.

A number from Fredericton have attended the services every evening. The Canada Eastern suburban train has waited each night until the service was over. It is expected that Mr. McBride and wife will remain another week at Marysville.

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march 26, 1894

The Great Change

That has been Wrought by the Marysville Revival

On Sunday morning fifty-six persons were received into the Methodist church at Marysville as the result of the revival services being held there. This makes total of one hundred and forty-five members in three weeks, and many more have given in their names to join in a short time. The church was crowded every night last week, and many seekers were in the enquiry room. Rev. H. C. McBride and wife are still leading the services, and will continue to do so until next Friday. Rev. W. W. Lodge, the pastor, has been able to assist for the last three or four nights, but is still weak from his recent illness.

Over two hundred of those who have lately joined the church and who have been seeking Christ assembled at Mr. Gibson's residence on Saturday night, and after a prayer and praise service lasting about an hour, enjoyed themselves socially. Refreshments were served, and all went home with a warm place in their hearts for the kind and generous host and hostess.

The revival has effected Fredericton. Said the proprietor of a well-known barroom in this city, "The mill has ground poorly this week. They have a Christ over in Marysville that has played the devil with business." When Mr. Gibson was told of

this, he said it was the best compliment that Marysville has yet received.

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April 9, 1894

The Marysville Revival

Rev. W. Lodge baptized two and received nineteen into the Marysville Methodist church on Sunday. 189 have been taken into the church during the special services. Others are to be taken in next Sunday.

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Nov 14, 1895

The Revivals

The Meeting Last Night Unusually Interesting

Previous to last evening it was supposed that the Methodist church was crowded to its utmost capacity, but it has been shown that there was room for more. There seemed not to be an unoccupied foot of space excepting the forward ends of the aisles. The people realized that there was only one more night to listen to these addresses, and they have done all that is possible to hear them. . . . During the offering Mr. Harrison pleased those present by rendering "The Lost Chord," the solo "Papa come this way" being then sung by Mr. Crossley. Rev. Mr. Hunter prefixed his address to the people by paying a tribute to the worth of Mr. Alex. Gibson, saying that next to being a preacher he would prefer to be in such a position as that gentleman. . . . (Long article)