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At The Methodist Conference

At the Methodist Conference, on Monday afternoon, Rev. Thomas Hicks was reappointed treasurer of the Contingent Fund.

The Children's Fund Committee reported a balance on hand of \$347 and recommended that the assessment be the same as last year, with the addition of Gaspe and Cape Ozo, at 25¢ each.

Rev. George F. Dawson, for the Supernumerary Fund Committee, reported receipts \$2,207, and recommended an assessment of \$3,200, the same as last year.

Dr. Palmer, submitted the report of the Educational Committee. The receipts for the year were \$1,731.05. Expenditures included \$200 for students' fees and \$400 for summer supply.

The Parsonage Aid Committee was reappointed with Rev. John A. Jves as secretary-treasurer.

Rev. C. G. E. Flemington presented the report of the Sustentation Fund Committee, of which Rev. W. Harrison, D. D., had been elected chairman.

Rev. W. A. Bess, secretary of the N. B. & P. E. Island-Sunday School Association, urged interest in the Interdenominational Teachers' Institute to be held next year.

The committee on religious education in the public schools was continued for another year.

A memorial referring to the war was unanimously adopted, as follows:

"Considering the very anxious times through which the British Empire, of which we form a part, is now passing, owing to the fierce war in which it is now engaged, and in which many of our sons are fighting for the defence of home and country, we desire, as a conference composed of ministers and laymen, to express our sincere sympathy with its men engaged for our defence, and pledge ourselves to support the interest of our nation, which we believe to be along lines of honor and advancement of righteousness among nations."

No action was taken on the communication from the Tax Reform League of Eastern Canada.

Rev. Charles Flemington was reappointed secretary of the Sustentation Fund.

At the evening session, Rev. J. H. Hazlewood, D. D., Toronto, Field Secretary of the Department of Social Service and Evangelism, delivered an eloquent address on Social Service and Evangelism in the Methodist Church.

Miss Winter, a representative of the Deaconess' Home and Training School, Toronto, delivered an interesting address on the work mapped out for the members, and gave a detailed account of their duties, and the good resulting from their efforts.

The Laymen's Association of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island held their last session on Tuesday, when plans for the year were acted upon.

The following officers were elected: A. C. M. Lawson, president; Colonel F. S. Moore, P. E. Island, vice president; P. W. F. Brewster, secretary; treasurer, Messrs. Lamont, Sampson, Kingston, McLoon and Melone.

The following is the final draft of the stationing committee: ST. JOHN DISTRICT.

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DIED. MONTGOMERY—At Bedell, June 7th, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Montgomery, aged seven months and ten days.

Mr Murray O Scribner. Malden, Mass, June 8.—Mr. Murray O. Scribner died today at the Malden Hospital of stomach trouble and other complications. He was born in Woodstock, N. B.

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War News.

Petrograd, June 11.—Suddenly assuming the offensive, the Russian forces in Galicia, south of Lemberg, have defeated the Austro-German forces upon the Dniester River, capturing 6,500 men, 188 officers, 17 cannon and 49 maxim guns.

Official announcement of the Russian victory in Galicia was made by the Russian war office to-day.

The Austro-German army of General von Linsingen has been driven back across the Dniester by the Russians, and the Austro-German drive against Lemberg from the south has been checked.

The official statement says: "The Austro-Germans have been driven back to the right bank of the Dniester. We captured seventeen cannon, 49 maxims, 188 officers and 6,500 men."

Geneva, June 11.—A despatch to the Tribune from Innsbruck, in the Austrian Tyrol, purports to give details of Russian successes in the Galicia campaign. They say:

The Russians bombarded the Austrian positions near Stanislaw to Berlin, on the left bank of the Dniester. They have driven the Austrians across the river, making a large number of prisoners. The Austrians have also

been obliged to fall back across the Dniester at Bukasowice. The Russians stopped the advance of an Austrian column marching on Kufomes. The action was fierce and the losses heavy on both sides.

London, June 11.—The Daily Mail correspondent at Petrograd telegraphs that in addition to 1,000,000 German troops pressing towards Lemberg, on the west there were 300,000 moving against the Dniester line in the hope of attacking the city simultaneously from the south. He calls attention to the greatness of Germany's forces on all fronts, and says that nowhere on the Galician front or in Poland do the Germans appear to be short of men or munitions. In the Shavli district, where the Russians have been gradually driving the Germans back, the forces have been increased to about 180,000 men.

The hope cherished by optimistic observers that the German government already has drawn upon all her reserves is illusory, says the correspondent. Out of nine million available Germans and six million available Austrians, he says, not more than three million as yet have been put even temporarily out of action. It is true, he adds, that their losses have been heavy and that even the best troops show signs of occasional exhaustion, but the gaps are filled immediately and the line presses on. The correspondent does not represent the Russian position as serious in the face of Germany's great war strength, and asserts that it is not nearly so alarming as that of France and England last September. When the pressure ceases the Russians will quickly recover Galicia, but at present it is difficult to maintain a stand in the face of the heavy German guns.

GENEVA via Paris, June 11.—An Allalbach despatch to the Tribune says: "The Italians began their march against Corizia on the morning of June 8, when the first detachments were near the city the Austrian artillery opened fire and heavy masses of infantry which were thrown forward forced the Italians to fall back several times.

"Italian artillery posted east of the city opened great gaps in the Austrian ranks, but up to the morning of the 9th neither side had gained a decisive advantage. The Austrians lost from 8,000 to 1,000 men. Corizia is overflowing with wounded, who are being cared for at private houses because of a lack of hospitals."

LUGANO, Switzerland, June 11.—Information has been received from Italian sources that Italy has made an agreement with her allies as to the extent of her offensive campaign. According to this information, which lacks official confirmation, the Italian government has undertaken to conduct operations of a character which will compel Austria and Germany to bring up and keep engaged an army of 1,000,000 men.

Italian operations have not been carried to the point necessitating the use by the central empires of an army of such size, but it is expected the development of the Italian campaign, beginning with heavy fighting along the Isbrozo River, will compel Italy's opponents to reinforce their armies largely. Immediate Italian objectives are Trieste and Villach, the provincial capital of Carinthia.

London, June 11.—The official eyewitness with the British headquarters in the field sends an account of the recent fighting in Blanden, under date of June 8. He says:

"Earley on Thursday the enemy fired a couple of mines in front of Cuinchy, on the Bethune-la-Basse road. One charge was entirely ineffective; the other blew up about thirty yards of our trenches, and inflicted a few casualties. It was a spasmodic effort on the part of the Germans, and was not followed by an infantry attack. The damage done to our defences was soon repaired.

"During the day our anti-aircraft guns hit a hostile aeroplane, which came down close behind the German line. That night, on a section of the front which we had gained by an operation starting on May 16 in the neighborhood of Givenchy, we attacked and captured a trench of the German first line, 200 yards in length, taking 48 prisoners. At dawn on Friday morning the enemy counter-attacked in force, and our infantry withdrew to its original line.

"According to unconfirmed reports, the Germans near Souchez are now using incendiary rifle ammunition. The bullets are said to be filled with sulphur, which ignites upon the discharge of the rifles and continues to burn during its flight, thus increasing the severity of the wound."

London, June 11.—"Where Germany once had a marked superiority in man she now has a superiority in ammunition, an advantage she will press to its fullest. The only way for the allies to avert disaster is to equip themselves, and to do this Great Britain must stand behind David Lloyd-George, as minister of munitions as one man. Moreover, if he is not given a free hand, he may resign."

Sir William Robertson Nicoll thus sums the situation as he sees it in the current number of the British Weekly, one of the best known journals in England. Sir William is the editor of the publication, and in addition he is a close friend of the head of the newly created ministry of munitions. He writes:

"We say with certainty that the next three months of the war will be extremely critical one for the allies, the superior strength of Germany in munitions of war has given her a second great opportunity of which she will take full advantage.

"Our nation passed through the first crisis of the war without half comprehending the danger. It will not be possible for her to pass through the second crisis without being aware of it. The sooner she is aware of the better. It is only in the light of full knowledge that she will be able to turn the difficult corner where the path skirts the precipice, in the assurance that all will be well for us in the sum of things."

BELGIAN ORPHAN FUND

Mr. Daniel Mullin, Belgian Consul for New Brunswick, has received from M. Ed. Pollet, Consul General for Belgium, London, who is the Chairman of the Belgian Orphan Fund, a letter in which he is requested to give the Fund the largest publicity, and stating further that all subscriptions in his district can be sent to the Belgian Consul for New Brunswick. Mr. Mullin is also requested to form local committees under his patronage. A similar letter has been addressed to the other Belgian Consuls in Canada.

The Belgian Orphan Fund is under the high patronage of the King and Queen of the Belgians. Mr. Mullin recognizes the splendid response which has been made all over New Brunswick for the relief of the Belgians, and on behalf of the Belgian people cordially thanks the subscribers to that fund. He now appeals for aid for the little orphan children whose fathers have died so bravely in defense of their homes and firesides, and trusts that the generous spirit which has already been manifested for Belgian relief will prompt a ready response for this worthy cause.

All subscribers to this Fund can send their remittances to Mr. Daniel Mullin, Belgian Consul for New Brunswick, who has opened a subscription list in his office in the Pugsley Building, St. John, N. B., and at drugstores in different parts of the City: North End, South End, East End and West End, also in Fairville. It is proposed by the Belgian Consul to open a special account in the Union Bank of Canada for the Belgian Orphan Fund, where all moneys received will be deposited until remitted, from time to time, to the Belgian Consul General in London. All subscriptions will be acknowledged promptly through the public press.

The Dispatch has received a subscription list for the Belgian Orphan Fund from Mr. Mullin, and will receive subscriptions for the Fund, acknowledge same through "The Dispatch" and remit to Mr. Mullin.

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