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HORRORS ACCUMULATE

Commenting on the report submitted by former Ambassador Bryce on the Belgian horrors, The New York Herald says:

"The American people know James Bryce. When the committee of which he is the head finds the German military authorities guilty of deliberate fiendishness in the occupation of Belgium the verdict carries conviction. "The world has had a surfeit of horror poured out by the exemplars of 'kultuur.' From many sources have come reports which bore the earmarks of truth concerning the atrocities committed in the name of 'military necessity,' but the world has hoped for the self-respect of mankind, that they were marked by exaggeration.

"With the sinking of the Lusitania and now the judicial findings of the committee which acted under the leadership of the author of 'The American Commonwealth,' hope has vanished.

"Military necessity! To what a pinnacle of infamy are raised the directing minds who have used that phrase to justify to themselves the crucifixion of infants, the violation of women, the slaying of the venerable and the mutilation of harmless youth. "What soldier untainted by Kaiser madness can read Bryce's measured and solemn condemnation of the acts of Germany in Belgium and not blush for the stain?

"What answer can civilization make to itself for the presence of such an ulcer?

"And the futility of it—the belief that 'rightfulness' would break the spirit of a proud and free people!"

A report of the able and illuminative address of Sir George E. Foster delivered at St. Paul's church on Saturday evening, will be found in another part of this issue and will repay a careful perusal. The arm chair critic has been somewhat in evidence during this war, as in all wars, and questions have been asked as to why the British army and navy did not wade in and accomplish more. Sir George dealt with this feature very effectually.

Sir George Foster, on the occasion of his last visit to Fredericton, when he spoke at the Alumni Society's dinner, declared that members of parliament were 'harrassed by an enormous correspondence and hounded by a patronage seeking which was simply damnable.' If this is true of a private member what must it be in the case of a cabinet minister. Sir George was not in Fredericton one hour on Saturday before the patronage seekers were on his trail.

The St. John Globe has arrived at the conclusion that there has been a 'deal' in connection with the recent political debacle in Manitoba. The Globe had a similar pipe dream with respect to the Dugal charges in this province last year.

Sir George Foster spoke in the Kirk on Saturday evening under the auspices of the Fredericton Ministerial Association. There are some members of the Borden cabinet whom an organization composed of clergymen would not ask to speak for them. Hon. Bob Rogers, minister of public works, is one of them.

Sir George Foster thinks that if people want to get away from graft in public life at Ottawa they should cut it out in private life. There is a good deal in that, too. Most of the grafters who now operate at Ottawa and Fredericton were in private life when the Liberals were in power and should have remained there.

DIED THIS MORNING.

Mrs. Flora Davidson, wife of Alfred Davidson of this city, passed away at her home, 363 DUNDONALD STREET, this morning, aged fifty-six years, after a lingering illness. She is survived by her husband, one son, Alexander, of this city, and two daughters, Mrs. H. E. Dunphy, residing in Alberta, and Mrs. Herbert Leslie of Fredericton. The funeral will take place at 2.30 Tuesday afternoon, Rev. A. F. Newcomb conducting the service, assisted by Rev. Dr. MacDonald. Interment will be made at the Rural cemetery.

CENTENNIAL OF METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

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superintendent and secretary.

PRESENT SCHOOL

The present officers are:—Superintendent, J. J. Weddall; Assistant, Charles D. Young; Secretary, Cecil H. Burt; Treasurer, Robert J. Baxter; Librarian, George S. Clarke. The secretary's book shows a total enrollment at the present time of over five hundred, with an average attendance last year of two hundred and fifty-six, fourteen greater than in the previous year. The total amount of money raised was \$650 during the year of which \$473 was used for school purposes. The school contributes \$165 to the general Missionary Society.

MORNING SERVICE

There was a large congregation at the eleven o'clock service. A large platform had been built at the front of the church, and the Sunday school children formed the choir. There was tasteful decorations of palms and potted plants and roses, and at the two sides hung the portraits of former officers, L. A. Wilmet, George A. Perley, S. D. MacPherson and Martin Lemont. The singing was a more ambitious nature than had been formerly attempted by a Sunday School choir, the anthem being a two part chorus by Mendelssohn. The preacher was Rev. R. W. Weddall of St. Andrews, a brother of the superintendent, and former pastor of the church. His text was 'Lay Up for yourselves treasures in Heaven,' his subject being 'the investment of influence.' He spoke of the noble work done by the officers and teachers of the Sunday School for a hundred years, and how the influence of their labors and example had gone throughout the world, and had accomplished great things for the cause of God.

AFTERNOON

In the afternoon an open session of the school was held, a varied program of recitations and songs being presented by the more youthful scholars, and reports being given by the officers. Great interest was manifested as the treasurer read the report of the contributions towards missions by the various classes, and there was great applause when two of the classes, those taught by Mrs. Lemont and Mrs. Squires, were announced as having raised over \$25.00 each. There was also a brief address by Rev. Mr. Weddall.

EVENING SERVICE

The evening service took the form of a platform meeting. The pastor, Rev. Thomas Marshall presided, and there were addresses by the superintendent, the visiting clergymen and Mr. J. M. Lemont. The music was a mixed choir, consisting of the regular choir, and the Sunday School children. The superintendent presented the facts given above in regard to the history of the school, and its present condition. Mr. J. M. Lemont, spoke of the great lack in the New Brunswick public school system, owing to the absence of religious teaching from the curriculum, and made an appeal for added support to the Sunday school work, on the ground that it was helping to meet a deplorable lack in our educational system. Rev. Mr. Weddall referred feelingly to the men and women who had been prominent in Sunday School work in Fredericton since the day he was ordained in that very spot many years ago. He wished the Sunday school still greater success during the next century of its history.

The collections for Sunday school purposes during the day amounted to fifty-two dollars.

The Sunday school orchestra, which has been in training under Miss Hazel Palmer for the past two years, rendered effective service, and the work of Prof. Harrison and Miss Torrens in the musical training of the children was much appreciated by all who attended the services.

WAR DESPATCHES

HAS A RELAPSE

Athens Greece May 17—King Constantine of Greece who is suffering from pleurisy, suffered a relapse to-day and his condition is regarded as very critical.

ALLIES MAKE PROGRESS

Paris, May 17—The official statement reports continued gains for the Allies in the region of Labasse and Ypres. An advance of nearly a mile into German line northwest of Labasse announced.

LEAVING FOR FLANDERS

R. S. Barker today received a cable from his son Sergt. Theo. Barker of the 23rd Field Battery which said "Good by." This is taken as warning that some and perhaps all of that battery are leaving for Flanders.

The Manitoba upheaval seems to have knocked the fight out of those Tories who were calling loudly for a federal election.

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MEMORIAL TABLET

(Continued from page one.)

true minister of Jesus Christ was the noblest in the world and the most enduring. The enduring work of that minister of Christ was being memorialized. His was a deathless voice, which was speaking to the people of Fredericton.

SIR GEORGE FOSTER.

Rev. Mr. Wilson, introducing Sir George Foster, stated that when in the Southern States for his health and when it seemed as if his life was about to end, he named three men to look after his material effects. He outlived two of them. The third was Sir George Foster. No man knew Dr. McLeod of beloved memory, better than did Sir George.

Sir George, in opening his address, said that it, of course, was impossible for him to decline the invitation, mainly from the fact of a long and a rich friendship with the deceased. Sometimes a man has too much knowledge to say anything. However, what he hoped to do was to link together a little of the life that he knew.

This was not an occasion for mourning. Tears could be wiped away and MEMORIAL—TWO... regrets banished and attention given to pleasing retrospect.

The eloquent speaker who had preceded him had referred to the chimes of Fredericton. That reference brought up fond recollections. In 1865 he approached this city by one of the old river steamers to attend the University. The chimes of the Cathedral broke across the air of a September day and never had he heard a more beautiful sound. Since ever and anon he heard those bells.

While at the University for three years he met the elder McLeod, Ezekiel McLeod. His connection with the church began with a handshake from him. His association with the church was long and memories were pleasant. Before he left the University Rev. Joseph McLeod had assumed the pastorate. Two years later he returned to Fredericton to resume relations with him in that church.

Besides that there was association in the broader activities as a citizen, for Dr. McLeod was essentially broad minded and catholic. He was too broad to confine his work to the confines of one church.

AS A PREACHER.

Sir George said he always enjoyed Dr. McLeod's preaching for he was not a bookish man. The field from which he gleaned his sheaves was that of experience. He never over-emphasized doctrinal points. He preached from the Bible, his text-book, and from life the great commentator on the Bible. He was eminently a practical preacher.

Anyone who sat under his preaching felt the fervor of his prayer. His prayer equalled his preaching.

In the denomination of the Free Baptists Dr. McLeod was the leader of the younger section of the church when the speaker first began to attend conference. This was the section which had the advantages of the education which succeeded the period of the fathers and founders of the denomination. As leader of that section Dr. McLeod revered the older men and sympathized with the younger.

He was also an early convert to union and not a thoughtless convert. He worked for union to the best of his ability and the transmission between the two Baptist bodies came later. He always was strong for missions, both home and foreign. As a journalist he occupied a prominent position.

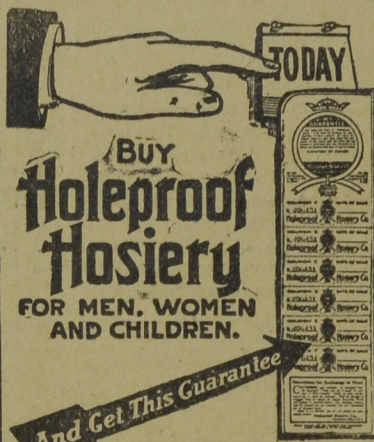
Dr. McLeod was also a social and temperance reformer. He was cut out for a great reformer. He had deep conviction through knowledge of his subject and fearless utterance.

IN PUBLIC LIFE.

In public life Dr. McLeod had a career which was short but significant. Duty compelled him to enter it. He set a high standard and made the people come up to it. He was a man of great worldly wisdom. He was not an aesthetic nor was he intended for the cloister. He was a great companion—even tempered and willing to do his share. He loved life. Pacifism was as distasteful to him as negation and his soul hated both. He was honest, true, loyal and thorough. He was sincerely itself. He ended his days with the admiration of many and the love of more.

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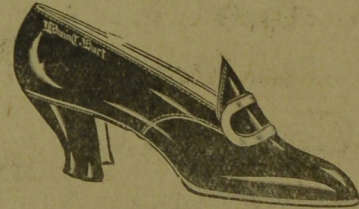
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